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The Way We See
The World returns
for its fifth year

By ANN TOINEETA
One Feather Intern

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Way We See The World, presented by the Museum of the Cherokee People, is back for its fifth year and will be held on Friday, Aug. 7 in the Council Fire Ballroom at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This event "is a free, community-centered event spotlighting Indigenous self-representation in the current media and cultural landscape," according to the museum's description. Free tickets can be reserved via Eventbrite.

Information per the organizers states, "2026's event invites audiences to be inspired and laugh

out loud with two moving short documentaries, a short romantic comedy, a live DJ set, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and art market."

The following films will be featured:

"Ahyoka" (2026), directed by Schon Duncan (United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians), "is a portrait of Ahyoka Youngdeer, Cherokee culture bearer, teacher, and two-spirit activist. Through her own life story, woven together with a traditional Cherokee story about crooked-faced children left in the woods and their return to community, Ahyoka traces how exclusion from school, family, and her own people, was never written into Cherokee values. It was imported. An elder's story reveals what was always true: she was never the problem. Through her journey, DᎠᏍᏔᏅ reminds Cherokee

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Loren Waters, a Cherokee Nation citizen, is shown introducing her film, "Tiger", at the 2025 The Way We See the World event presented by the Museum of the Cherokee People. (Photo courtesy of the Museum of the Cherokee People)

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Tsalagi Uwoduhi (Beautiful Cherokee)

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

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people that Keetoowah is a lifeway. And we must live it.”

“Women of the Stony Shore: Shinnecock Kelp Farmers” (2026), directed by Nathaniel Cummings-Lambert (EBCI), “follows a multigenerational coalition of Shinnecock women who use kelp farming to counter ecological damage to the waters surrounding their traditional homelands. The film documents the full arc of the growing season: seedlings cultivated in aquarium tanks each fall, transferred to anchored ocean lines in December, and harvested the following spring. Throughout the growing season, we meet the six women behind this regenerative aquaculture initiative

and learn how their work draws pollutants from the bay’s waters while exercising sovereignty and reclaiming a practice rooted in centuries of Shinnecock seaweed harvesting.”

“Julie Takes A Walk” (2026), directed by Frankie Pedersen (Lis-tuguj Mi’gmaq First Nation) and Shea Vassar (Cherokee Nation), is a romantic comedy. The film’s logline reads, “When Julie shows up disheveled to a dive bar in the middle of nowhere, her connection with the bartender is a nice surprise.”

Additionally, there will be a sneak peak of Anthony Sneed’s (EBCI) new film, “Bastards of the Boundary: The Little Brother of War.”

There will be a comedy set by

Zebediah Nofire (Cherokee Nation), who was recently added to the lineup.

The art market will feature works by the following EBCI artists: Katt Neff, Cleto Montelongo, Alica Wildcatt, Mona Taylor, Jakeli Swimmer, Amy Postoak, and Freida Saylor.

Shana Bushyhead Condill, who has been the executive director of the Museum of the Cherokee People since 2021, explained the purpose and meaning of The Way We See The World. She said that the event is an opportunity for Native American artists to represent themselves and their perspectives.

“It was sort of a moment to take a second and think about what we do as a museum and what our role is,” she said about the creation of the event. “What really came to the forefront for us was the importance of Native self-representation. It was important to really make that distinction about Native people representing ourselves instead of other people having representations about us.”

The Way We See The World offers a platform that allows Na-

tive artists to be seen and fights against the inaccurate depictions of Native Americans that have dominated traditional media.

“We’ve seen the statistics for what misrepresentations of Native people can do for Native youth. It’s not good, it’s harmful,” Condill said. “Shining a light, putting more Native-made projects out front, I think is really powerful, impactful, and shows our community it’s possible. We have a lot of talent in our community and in Indian country in general.”

The goal of The Way We See The World is to inspire Indigenous people to use their voices and let audiences know that Indigenous art and expression doesn’t have to look one way.

“We as Native people have a voice today and that is what this event represents,” Condill said. “You don’t have to only be in historic images that people have of us. A lot of people want to keep us in the past, so showing them what it looks like to be a Cherokee person in 2026 is so important.”

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CCS School Board holds July meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.— The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, July 20 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson at 5:05 p.m.

Tara Reed-Cooper led roll call. Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, secretary and Widagalinidigv (Big Y) rep.;

Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolf-town) rep.; Kenny Davis, Kolanvvy (Big Cove) rep.; Micah Swimmer, Aniwodihhi (Painttown) rep.; Heather Driver, human resources director; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; and Ashley Leonard, attorney.

Michael Stamper, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) rep., was absent. Melanie Lambert, vice chairperson and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) rep., was absent due to a death in her family.

The opening prayer was led by Davis.

Meeting minutes from their last meeting on June 29 were approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Toineeta.

The agenda was approved as

amended, pulling Policy 2340 Parliamentary Procedures for further review, and adding a discussion on the Paraprofessional Pathway Program.

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Toineeta. The following resolutions were approved from the consent agenda. Names will be unredacted after a two-week period to allow newly hired employees to give a two-week notice to their previous employer.

27-007 REDACTED is approved as the Facilities & Security Administrative Assistant for the next school year.

27-008 REDACTED is approved as the CES PE Teacher for the next school year.

27-009 REDACTED is approved as the ISS Teacher Assistant for the Cherokee High School.

27-010 Cherokee Central Schools Exceptional Student Services contract with Edmentum and Soliant be approved to provide services to students for this school year 2026-27.

27-011 REDACTED is approved as the PM Custodian for this school year.

27-012 REDACTED is approved as the Custodian for this school year.

27-013 REDACTED is approved as the CES Teacher for the next school year.

27-014 REDACTED is approved as the CES EC Teacher Assistant for the next school year.

27-015 REDACTED is approved as the CES Teacher Assistant for the next school year.

27-016 REDACTED is approved as the CES Music Teacher for the Cherokee Central School.

27-017 REDACTED is approved as the Varsity Baseball Head Coach for the Cherokee High School.

27-018 REDACTED is approved as the Varsity Boys Wrestling Head Coach for Cherokee Central School.

27-019 REDACTED is approved as the CES Pre-K Teacher for the next school year 2026-27.

27-020 Cherokee Central School HOPE Center contract services be approved to provide services for this school year 2026-27 in the following areas: Occupational Therapy, Audiology, and School Psychology.

27-021 REDACTED is approved as the Assistant Principal for the Cherokee Middle School.

27-022 REDACTED is approved as the Cafeteria and Personnel Manager for the Cherokee Central School.

In good news, Girty shared that through the leadership of Cherokee High School (CHS) Agriculture Teacher David Anderson, the school is reviving its Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter. Girty said FFA will be part of Career & Technical Education (CTE) programming. Girty said Anderson shared that his students were successful in his animal science course, which he said is a hard class with a difficult standardized test. Girty said she and Anderson are looking for areas around the CCS campus for a dedicated FFA field. Girty said she is impressed by the passion and expertise Anderson brings to his classroom, and she is excited to see what the FFA chapter will accomplish.

Girty also shared that she is planning a CCS Alumni Panel to discuss the Cherokee Core Values and hear the alumni experience on how the values were applied in their time as a student at CCS, and how they can be further applied for future students. Girty said the

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If you have seen or have information about Vincent Baptisto, contact the Gila River Police Department (520) 562-4511.

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panel will also include 1-hour long breakout sessions with cultural specialists like Cherokee fluent speaker Tom Belt, Dr. Brett Riggs, Roseanna Belt, and a growing list of other experts. She said the breakout sessions will include a range of topics from Cherokee language, Cherokee intellectual history and astronomy, Indian boarding schools, native plants, and more. She said she hopes the breakout sessions will be an ongoing program for Cultural Caring Days and early release workdays at CCS.

CCS Finance Director Dr. Debora Foerst and CBC Finance Director Rhonica Via shared the financial report. There were no major updates, except the School Resource Officer (SRO) Invoice. The Board voted to approve the invoice with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Swimmer. Chairperson Thompson said she remembered signing an MOU with Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) that deemed funding for some of the SROs would be provided by the Office of the Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief). She said she remembered that occurring under former Ugvwiyuhi Richard G. Sneed's administration. Girty said she would look into that, but the only MOU she had found was one from 2021 that did not state any funding would come from anywhere else.

An update to the job description for the Career and Technical Education Curriculum and Instructional Management Coordi-

nator was approved with a motion by Davis seconded by Reed-Cooper.

Girty shared information with the board regarding the courses of study for students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The courses of study are: 1) Future Ready, which is a high school diploma, where students will complete the standard NC high school curriculum, earn at least 22 credits, take all the required courses and electives, and receive accommodations and specialized instruction if needed through an IEP or 504 plan. 2) Occupational Course of Study (OCS) high school diploma, where the student will complete modified academic coursework, earn at least 22 credits, take all the required courses and electives, receive accommodations and specialized instruction if needed through an IEP, and complete work experience. 3) OCS graduation certificate, where the student will learn through modified academic standards, develop communication, independent living, employment and daily living skills, receive highly individualized instruction, and learn in smaller classroom settings designed to meet individual needs.

Girty said the course of study is a decision made with the IEP team, including the parent or guardian, to choose a course of study "that best matches the child's strengths, needs, and future goals." Girty said the courses of study are made standard by the North Carolina Department of

Public Instruction.

Attorney Ashley Leonard shared information regarding service animals for students. Leonard said if a student has a service animal and it is readily apparent as to why, such as a student with a seeing eye dog, you cannot ask that student about their service animal. If a student has a service animal and it is not readily apparent as to why, you can ask the student, and if the student does express need for the service animal, for example as a diabetic alert dog, then the school cannot remove the animal. The school cannot take care of the animal; it is the student's responsibility to take care of the animal, such as to clean up after the animal. Special arrangements can be made if the student is unable to care for the animal.

Updates to policies 3225-4312-7320 Technology Responsible Use, 4307 Disciplinary Action for Exceptional Children/Students with Disabilities, 4342 Student Searches (drug dog), 5071-7351 Electronically Stored Information Retention, 7010 Indian Preference, 7130 Licensure, were approved.

Updates to policies 4130 Discretionary Admission and 4120 Domicile or Residence Requirements, were held for closed session.

Heather Driver introduced the Cherokee Central School System Paraprofessional Pathway Program. The program is "designed to create a sustainable pipeline of qualified instructional support personnel by preparing high

school students for employment as paraprofessionals within the local education agency upon graduation." Driver said the program is a way to address staffing shortages by developing a local workforce pipeline and providing employment opportunities for CHS graduates. The Board approved the program with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Swimmer.

Davis shared that he looked into getting State Champion road signs for the 2024, 2025, and 2026 Lady Braves Varsity Basketball Champions. He said the board has two options: 1) The green and white reflective state road signs 2) BIA road signs that can be customized. Davis said his contact is CDOT Transportation Planner Trace Lambert.

Girty announced that the NCHSAA Men's and Women's Wrestling Regionals will be held at CCS this year.

The Board approved donations for the families of James Wayne Maney and Mark Steven Lambert who passed away recently.

Toineeta said her community club appreciated the statistics report provided by Girty and CHS Principal Craig Barker detailing the successes of CHS students.

The Board entered closed session at 7:03 p.m.

The next meetings are scheduled for Aug. 3 and Aug. 17 in the Central Office Board Room at 4:45 p.m.

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Timber Comm. discusses environmental grants, water quality, and forestry updates

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Timber Committee of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) met on Monday, July 20 and discussed various topics including environmental grants, water quality, and forestry updates.

Michael LaVoie, EBCI Natural Resources Department director, spoke on a 2025 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant received by the

EBCI. “This was a \$5 million grant from the EPA that has allowed us to create more sustainable energy infrastructure and clean transportation objectives. A big portion of this has involved the Boys Club, and they are continuing to move forward on the construction of a microgrid. This microgrid system is going to be powered by solar and set up a battery bank to fuel the 21 electric school buses that we have. That’s all, hopefully, providing a really important reduction in the particulate air matter our students are exposed to.”

He said part of the grant funded solar panels at the Cherokee Council House, the TOP (Tribal Operations) Building, and the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program (KPEP) building. “I’m hopeful those types of projects will help create examples and

help move the community forward to seeking out these types of sustainable energy projects in the future.”

The grant also funded 20 EV (electric vehicle) charging stations. “Ten are going to be associated with the Cherokee Central School complex. Then, an additional 10 are going out through the community. We’ve been working with a community group called the Air Care Collective to help identify where these are going.”

Cherise Maples, EBCI Natural Resources Dept. environmental resources manager, said the community EV charging locations will be at the various community buildings, the Cherokee Cinemas & More movie theatre, and in upper Soco by the falls.

LaVoie spoke about the program’s monitoring of several

animal populations. They just completed the sixth year of monitoring bear populations through hair samples looking at genetics to gain information on population total and density and movement. To date, 132 samples have been collected and are currently being processed.

He noted that surveys seeking Hellbenders have been done at five sites with no animals detected. They plan to do the surveys again in August.

They are also doing bat acoustics surveys to better understand that population. “We do have threatened and endangered bats here and a responsibility to work within the Endangered Species Act to make sure those populations are protected.”

Maples spoke about water quality monitoring mentioning

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“We’re still monitoring and we’re still working to address any spot where we might see exceedances. We’ve been talking about signage at those places where people recreate. We had hoped that we would have had signs up by now, but the delivery is pending and we’ll have them up as soon as we can.”

She added, “Having an exceedance doesn’t necessarily mean that it’s unsafe for everyone to enter the water. It is meant to inform. We don’t want to have exceedances and not share that information.

If someone is immunocompromised or very young, very old, or might be more susceptible than others - if you have any reason to want to know that information, we want to share it. Because the citizens out in the waters of North Carolina have that benefit. We want equal benefit for folks that are recreating on the Qualla Boundary.

In general, we have some of the cleanest waters in the state - if not the cleanest waters in the state. And, fishing should really not ever be a concern. Fish don’t carry ecoli. It’s generally still ok to fish.”

Rainee Tetreault, EBCI Natural Resources water quality supervisor, said the EBCI Water Quality Program has received an award from N.C. Health and Hu-

man Services for its monitoring. “We partner with PHHS and all that data goes to them. So, this is something we’ve been doing since 2020 when COVID came out. I have the award, but I want to say that it’s not just for me. It is a team effort for sure.”

Josh Parris, EBCI Natural Resources forestry manager, spoke about a new project at the Thomas Valley Road site in Jackson County. “We’re actually building a greenhouse and shed there now to re-up that site so that we can get back in production. Very pleased about that. Additionally, we just received word on Friday of the receipt of a \$100,000 grant from the Center for Disaster Philanthropy that will fund additional greenhouse facilities. That is originally structured to do river cane production and river restoration, but it will be a crossover facility, too.” He then spoke of two forestry management areas – Lickstone Ridge and Jenkins Creek.

On the first, Parris commented, “We have marked trees on those new, early successional areas that are on the ridgeline between two wildlife openings to thin out that area for oak regeneration and basically resetting of that forest. We’ve marked trees we want to save in there and marked boundaries. We’re going to go in and remove those trees relatively soon. The trees saved in there are the obvious ones - white oaks, large white oaks were saved, hickory of any size were saved, and there were a few red oaks and cherries that were good size in there that were kept.”

He said no timber has been cut yet, and they plan to create an alert process for artisans to harvest what they want. Then, it will be open for firewood harvesting.

On Jenkins Creek, they are planning different restorative activities for the regeneration of oak and hickory. He said they plan to add prescribed burns to get back a better mix of species.

“Fire is recommended in both of these plans, quite significantly. We have conducted fire on Lickstone.”

David Rowland, EBCI Natural Resources hatcheries supervisor, gave a report on his program.

“We’re in a rough time of year right now. The water temperatures are getting high and flow is pretty low which depletes the dissolved oxygen. So, we’re trying to keep the ponds open as long as possible, but we’re seeing a few mortalities right now...we don’t want to lose our fish, but we want to keep the ponds going for our anglers. As long as we can keep them in there, we’re going to keep them stocked. But, if conditions get too bad, we’ll have to suspend stocking.”

He said they are meeting with an engineering crew to install a water recirculating pump, an oxygenation system to supplement oxygen in places, and an updated solids and wastes system.

The Timber Committee is chaired by Wayohi (Wolfstown) Rep. Bo Crowe. He was present for Monday’s meeting along with: Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill, Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper, Eladowi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennelle Feather, Dinilawigi Taline Gahvsgi (Tribal Council Vice Chairman) David Wolfe, and Kolanvyi Rep. Venita Wolfe. Dinilawigi Gahvsgi (Tribal Council) Chairman Jim Owle and Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee Co.) Rep. Adam Wachacha were absent.

114th Cherokee Indian Fair



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Wednesday, Oct. 7



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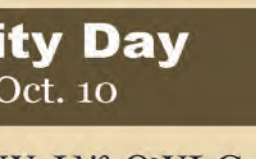
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Planning Board holds July meeting

By ANN TOINEETA
One Feather Intern

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Planning Board met at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 20 in the Tribal Council House.

T.W. Saunooke, interim director for construction management at Qualla Housing, was first in the meeting to give project updates. The AIA contract for the Whitetree Court project in Aniwodihhi (Paint-town) has been approved and entered into Munis for approval. The project is on the agenda for this month's Business Committee meeting scheduled for July 28. General contractors will be ready to move forward once a contract is put in place. They are looking to do grate and elevation stakes the first week of August and ground breaking the first week of September.

For the units on Macedonia Road in Wayohi (Wolftown), permanent power is complete and water and sewer is being connected. 95 percent of the sidewalks are complete and all HVACs are scheduled to be installed the week of July 28. The estimated time of completion is 3 to 4 weeks. Their goal is to have the units leased by Oct. 1.

General contractors are ready for Business Committee approval for Hyatt Cemetery in Whittier, N.C. The environmental assessment was completed and the HUD RROF release of funds was submitted on July 20.

The environmental assessment for Cooper's Creek, which is near Bryson City, N.C., will be submitted to the BIA on Aug. 4. They've also completed the hydraulic analysis. This work is being incorporated into the overall design of the project.

The Whittier school project is currently doing site planning and budgetary review and the geotech analysis.

Emma Taylor Road in Tsi-gwohi (Birdtown) has a preliminary estimate of 23 individual house sites. The environmental assessment has been submitted to review by internal agencies and will be returned in approximately two weeks. Once it is returned, they will submit it to the BIA.

The land swap for the Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Loop project is ready to be presented to the Housing Board for approval. After it's approved, it will be brought to Lands Acquisition and then to Tribal Council. Edwin Taylor, secretary of housing, addressed concerns about accessing the graveyard near the land swap and said that the project will allow families to have better access to it.

Tyler Blankenship, director of operations and public facilities, provided project updates and answered questions about the construction on Acquoni Road in Elawodi (Yellow Hill). He stated that because of the depth of their construction, it is too hazardous to work at night. He also said that their anticipated start date for this construction was in February, but because of a hold up with the state, it was delayed until now. Dirt has been removed from the John Crowe Fields to the Acquoni Road project. Kolanvyi Tribal Council Representative Lavita Hill requested more signage around the detour

route.

A Sennebogen will be moved to Whitewater Landing in Elawodi to address the amount of dead trees. They will also be looking into safely removing a dead tree limb hanging on a phone line over Whitewater Drive.

Zack Hicks, director of operation support services, provided updates on the Ginger Lynn roof in Elawodi. They are currently trying to allocate funds for a roof replacement. Hicks explained that the cost of building a completely new building would be exponentially more than replacing the roof. He also announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Fire Substation 3 in Kolanvyi on July 23.

Rebecca Bowe, manager of EBCI project management, provided updates for multiple projects:

Construction on the cultural grounds in Elawodi is 15 percent complete. They are continuing fill activities and waterline installation. Foundations for the restroom facilities will be starting this week.

The design for the fairgrounds in Elawodi is complete and the archaeological contract has been approved. They are currently waiting on permits and coordination with THPO.

At the old elementary school site in Elawodi, they are waiting to hear back about the grant application that was submitted in March. They will soon begin preliminary planning for parking, restrooms, and food trucks.

At the Snowbird Cultural Language site, they are doing site feasibility studies and conceptual floor plans.

The Nvdayeli Trail in Elawodi is complete and the work on signage should start this week, which will be about a 30-day pro-

cess. Once it is complete, they will schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony.

They have applied to Jackson County for permits to start land disturbance for the meat processing facility.

A grant has been submitted for the multipurpose building and they are waiting to hear back before moving forward.

The design for the archives collection facility is 30 percent complete. They've gone through a RFQ and contractor selection to find a construction manager at risk.

The design for the veterans' cemetery in Wayohi is complete and they've submitted and reviewed it with the grant agency. The project is out to bid and will be accepting bids Aug. 11.

They are currently planning and designing the veterans' facility. They are 30 percent done with programming.

The Raven Fork Dam Restoration in Kolanvyi is under construction. It is around 30 percent complete.

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NCDOT confirms official length and status of Cooper's Creek Road

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
One Feather Reporter

RALEIGH, N.C.—The One Feather sent a request for information from the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding State Road (SR) 1355 Cooper's Creek Road in Tsalsdoni (Bryson City).

Our inquiry relates to the One Feather article published July 20 titled, "Tribal member fights for access to possessory land." We asked NCDOT to confirm whether or not SR 1355 was a public road that was 3.6 miles long.

The length of the road is an important detail, as explained in the July 20 article, because Cooper's Creek Road leads to Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) member Scott Welch's possessory land. A portion of the road, and consequently Welch's property, is currently blocked by a gate owned by Cooper's Creek Trout Farm owner Gerry Laschober. Laschober argues that the public road ends at his gate and becomes private. NCDOT maintains that the public 3.6 mile-long road extends past his gate

to Welch's property.

This was the response from District Engineer W. Cody Weddle, which confirms that their records indicate that the road is in fact public, and 3.6 miles long.

"Regarding this inquiry, the July 20 article references Department records that identify the official length of SR 1355 (Coopers Creek Road) as 3.60 miles from its intersection with US 19. NCDOT has no record of any modifications to the official road length for this public road."

Roads Commission holds July meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Roads Commission monthly meeting was held on the morning of Monday, July 20 in the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) House. The meeting was called to order by Gahvsgi (Chairman) and Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. David Wolfe.

Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT) Planner Nathaniel Trace Lambert provided the CDOT report.

Lambert said Darcel Collins, transportation

specialist from the Federal Highway Administration, came to Cherokee for a final walk-through on Tsali Enola Bridge.

CDOT will be replacing culverts in Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County), Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Housing, and Kolanvyi (Big Cove).

Chris Ledford, manager for Cherokee Water & Sewer, provided updates for the Johnson Arch Road and Acquoni Road projects. Ledford said sewer is finished on Johnson Arch, but they are waiting to pass final inspection and then tie all the services onto it. There is 25 percent of the waterline that still has to be laid and then passing inspections and doing the tie-ins for the water. Ledford said this will be an all-night project working with Tribal Construction to get out of the main road and get the road paved back.

Ledford apologized for any inconvenience and traffic delays from the Acquoni Road project. He said this is an important project for infrastructure. He said they are trying to get past the three main crossings by the end of Friday. He said once they get past the crossings it will turn into a single lane for traffic, and then the work schedule will be modified to work night shift.

He added that they plan on not working during the first day of school for Cherokee Central Schools to ease school traffic.



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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

The One Feather provides 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 with recent action

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: March 26, 2026 by Rep. Troy Downing (R-Mont.) Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services on March 26, 2026. A hearing was held in this Committee on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

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 Com-

mittee 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. A hearing was held in the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 15, 2026.

Bills we’re currently watching

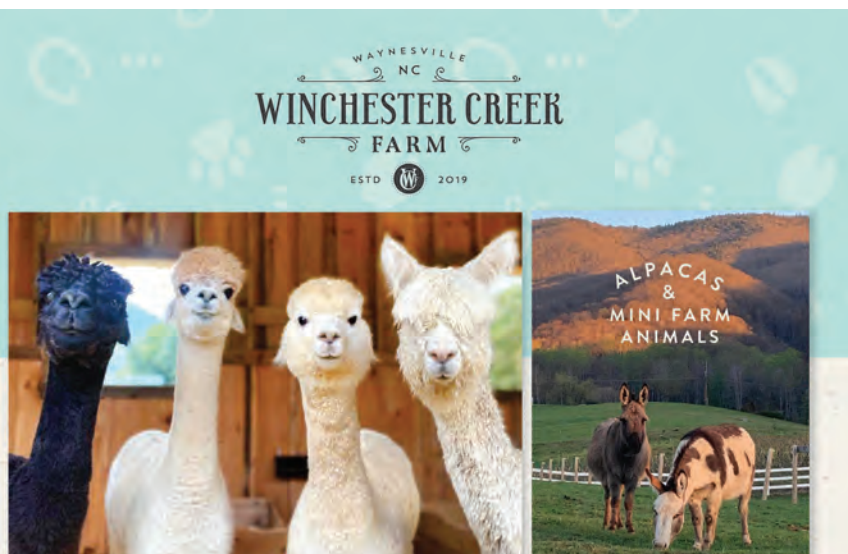
H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Re-acquisition Act). This bill would place 76 acres of land in eastern Tennessee into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Included in that land are the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial sites. Introduced: Jan. 7, 2025 by Rep. Charles J. “Chuck” Fleischmann (R-Tenn.) Action: This bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Feb. 4, 2025. It was received in the Senate the next day and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act). This bill would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies. According to Congress.gov, “Among other duties, the Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly

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

H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act). This bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State. Introduced: March 27, 2025 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai’i) Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Committee on Natural Resources on March 27, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

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



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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 Subcommittee on Federal Lands on June 3, 2025, and a hearing was held in that subcommittee on June 10, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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 Masato (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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

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

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

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

Senate Bill 2160 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This bill seeks the same as H.R. 3255 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025).

Introduced: June 25, 2025 by Sen. Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.)

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

time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993). The text of the legislation states, “Subsection

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(d) of section 7 of the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–116), is amended by striking ‘; however, in no event may an individual be enrolled as a tribal member unless the individual is a lineal descendant of a person on the final base membership roll and has continued to maintain political relations with the Tribe.’” Introduced: July 16, 2025 by Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs on Sept. 4, 2025, and a hearing was held on this legislation in the subcommittee on Sept. 9, 2025. A Committee mark-up session was held on Feb. 11, 2026, and it was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent. It was reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 2, 2026 and was placed on the Union Calendar that same day. The bill was passed by a voice vote in the House on June 2, 2026. It was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 3, 2026.

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

This bill would “amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of federally recognized Indian Tribes in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States”.
Introduced: July 22, 2025 by Rep. Timothy M. Kennedy (D-New York)
Action: This bill was referred

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

H.R. 4750 (To extend federal recognition to the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia).

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

H.R. 4712 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act).

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

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

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

Affairs on July 24, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 2564 (Tribal Gaming Regulatory Compliance Act).

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

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

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

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

Committee for this bill as of press time.

House Resolution 666 (Supporting the goals of Overdose Awareness Day and strengthening efforts to combat the opioid crisis in the United States).

This House resolution states in part, “The House of Representatives (1) recognizes Overdose Awareness Day (reporter’s note – it is usually Aug. 31, but a specific date is not listed in the resolution) in the United States; (2) commits to advancing the passing bipartisan policies that reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorders and overdoses; and is dedicated to collaborating with states, localities, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, health care providers, patients, and families to support a comprehensive system that promotes prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery from opioid use disorder.”

Introduced: Aug. 29, 2025 by Rep. Lori Trahan (D-Mass.)

Action: This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Aug. 29, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this resolution as of press time.

H.R. 5144 {Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County, Virginia Federal Recognition Act}.

This bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.
Introduced: Sept. 4, 2025 by Rep. Jennifer A. Kiggans (R-Va.)
Action: The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 4, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that

Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 5257 (To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust). The full title of the bill states “To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian Tribe that was federally recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust”. Introduced: Sept. 10, 2025 by Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) 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: Sept. 11, 2025 by Rep. Jennifer L. McClellan (D-Va.) 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: Sept. 17, 2025 by Sen. John W. Hickenlooper (D-Colo.) 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: Sept. 18, 2025 by Rep. Paul Ruiz (D-Calif.) 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: Oct. 10, 2025 by Rep. Michael A. Rulli (R-Ohio) 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: Oct. 14, 2025 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) 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: Oct. 14, 2025 by Rep. Norma J. Torres (D-Calif.) Action: This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Oct. 14, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3041 (Tribal Warrant Fairness Act). This bill would “allow the U.S. Marshals Service to assist in certain tribal criminal matters”. Introduced: Oct. 23, 2025 by Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.)

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 received in the House on June 15, 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: Oct. 24, 2025 by Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-Calif.) 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

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assistance...”

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

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

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

Senate Bill 3236 (A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008). This is a “bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to ensure Tribal consultation and representation under the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.

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

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Agri-

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natu-

ral 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). The bill was passed by the House by a voice vote on June 23, 2026. It was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship on June 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

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

H.R. 7627 (Tribal Conservation Priorities Inclusion Act). This bill aims “to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource

concerns”.
Introduced: Feb. 20, 2026 by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture on Feb. 20, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3945 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act). This bill aims “to ensure that federal laws that enable federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to access firearms apply to Tribal law enforcement agencies”.
Introduced: Feb. 26, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3946 (Tribal Firearm Access Act). This bill seeks “to allow members of federally recognized Tribes to use their tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer”.
Introduced: Feb. 26, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

H.R. 7699 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act). This bill aims “to ensure that federal laws that enable federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to access firearms apply to tribal law enforcement agencies”.
Introduced: Feb. 25, 2026 by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 25, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3994 (PRIME Meat Processing in Indian Country Act). This bill aims “to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to authorize tribal meat inspection under that Act by tribal personnel”. In the title, PRIME means “Promoting Regulatory Independence, Mastery, and Expansion”.
Introduced: March 4, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)
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: March 24, 2026 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
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: March 24, 2026 by Rep. Adelita S. Grijalva (D-Ariz.)
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: March 26, 2026 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
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. 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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**CIPD Arrest Report for
July 13-19, 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 the onefeather.com.

Panther, James Marlon – age 45
Arrested: July 13
Released: Not released as of report date (July 20)
Charges: Probation Violation

Wood, Danny Russell – age 33
Arrested: July 13

Released: July 13
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Fuller, Jamie Morgan – age 27
Arrested: July 14
Released: July 14
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Collins, Ozzy Daniel – age 25
Arrested: July 15
Released: July 15
Charges: Probation Violation

Little, Shalina Lynn – age 24
Arrested: July 15
Released: Not released as of report date (July 20)
Charges: Failure to Appear, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Wolfe, Terrance Russell – age 28

Arrested: July 15
Released: July 16
Charges: Public Intoxication

Colindres, Orlen Ariel – age 20
Arrested: July 16
Released: July 16
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Martin, Jordyn – age 23
Arrested: July 16
Released: July 17
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors; Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts)

Taylor, Salvador Hugo – age 34
Arrested: July 16
Released: July 16
Charges: Probation Violation

Vaughn, Chelsea Ray – age 29
Arrested: July 16
Released: Not released as of report date (July 20)
Charges: Reckless Endangerment, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Burgess, Samantha Louise – age 35
Arrested: July 17
Released: Not released as of report date (July 20)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V, Drug Paraphernalia, Probation Violation

Vaughn, Richard Alan – age 37
Arrested: July 17

Released: July 18
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Watty, Stephan Eugene – age 38
Arrested: July 17
Released: July 20
Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property, Probation Violation

Cucumber, Ashton Graham – age 20
Arrested: July 18
Released: Not released as of report date (July 20)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Henson, Andrew Chase – age 26
Arrested: July 18
Released: July 18
Charges: Hold Unti Sober

Lossiah Jr., Kirk Wilson – age 36
Arrested: July 18
Released: July 19
Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property

Bradley, Ronald Albert – age 43
Arrested: July 19
Released: July 20
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Owle, Chloe Layne – age 18
Arrested: July 19
Released: July 19
Charges: Simple Assault, Reckless Endangerment, False Imprisonment, Criminal Conspiracy, Criminal Mischief to Property

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FOOD SAFETY REMINDER: CYCLOSPORA

1 CURRENT OUTBREAK

Public health officials are investigating cyclosporiasis cases and outbreaks in several parts of the United States. One identified outbreak has been linked to shredded iceberg lettuce served at some Taco Bell locations in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia. Certain iceberg lettuce products from Taylor Farms de Mexico have been recalled. Consumers should check current recall information and avoid eating recalled products.

2 NORTH CAROLINA UPDATE

North Carolina public health officials are monitoring elevated cyclosporiasis activity this summer. No specific food has been confirmed as driving the elevated activity, and the reported cases do not currently appear to be connected to the Taco Bell outbreak. Lettuce, parsley, and cilantro have been commonly reported by people who became ill, but investigators have not confirmed that any of these foods caused the illnesses. State and local public health partners are continuing to monitor and investigate reported cases.

3 EBCI UPDATE

No cases of cyclosporiasis have been reported in the EBCI community at this time. EBCI Public Health & Human Services is continuing to monitor the situation closely and will share updates as needed.

4 WHAT IS CYCLOSPORA?

Cyclospora is a microscopic parasite that causes an intestinal illness called cyclosporiasis. People can become infected by eating food or drinking water contaminated with the parasite. Cyclospora must spend time in the environment before it becomes able to infect someone, so it is unlikely to spread directly from one person to another.

5 WHY ARE CASES MORE COMMON IN SUMMER?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers May 1 through August 31 the annual U.S. cyclosporiasis season because most cases acquired within the United States are reported during this period. The reason for this seasonal pattern is not fully understood. Cases can occur at any time of year, and previous outbreaks have often involved contaminated fresh produce.

6 PROTECT YOURSELF YEAR-ROUND

Safe food-handling practices are important throughout the year and are especially worth remembering during Cyclospora season:



- Check current food recalls and avoid eating recalled products.



- Wash your hands with soap and water before and after preparing fruits and vegetables.



- Rinse fresh produce thoroughly under clean running water before eating, cutting or cooking.



- Produce labeled "prewashed" does not need to be washed again.
- Scrub firm produce, such as melons and cucumbers, with a clean produce brush.
- Cut away damaged or bruised areas.
- Keep fresh produce separate from raw meat, poultry, seafood and their juices.
- Refrigerate cut produce within two hours.

Washing produce can reduce the risk of Cyclospora and other foodborne illnesses, but it may not remove all Cyclospora parasites. Continue following recall notices and updated food-safety guidance from public health officials.

7 KNOW THE SYMPTOMS

Symptoms usually begin about one week after exposure. The most common symptom is watery diarrhea. Other symptoms may include:

- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss
- Stomach cramps or bloating
- Increased Gas
- Nausea
- Fatigue

Symptoms may last several weeks and can improve and then return. Contact a healthcare provider if you develop persistent or recurring watery diarrhea.



***Information current as of July 20, 2026.
Outbreak and recall information may change as
investigations continue.**

This Week in Native News

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ARIZONA

The Navajo Nation Judicial Branch is welcoming the passage of Resolution CJY-33-26, "legislation that authorizes significant investments in justice infrastructure and other major capital projects across the Navajo Nation."

• *Native News Online*

NEW MEXICO

A bipartisan group of congressional lawmakers are seeking to "expand the 2025 federal Radiation and Exposure Compensation

Act to include more communities sickened by historic nuclear tests and production."

• *Source New Mexico*

Deb Haaland, a member of the Pueblo of Laguna and Democratic nominee for governor of New Mexico, has agreed to participate in a live televised debate against Republican candidate, Gregg Hull.

• *Native News Online*

Dozens of tribal leaders gathered at the U.S. Capitol on July 22 to protest the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) proposal to reduce mining protections around Chaco Culture National Historical Park in New Mexico.

• *Source New Mexico*

NEW YORK

Notah Begay III, a professional golfer who is Diné and of the San Felipe and Isleta Pueblos, has been named the 2026 recipient of the Payne Stewart Award.

• *Indian Country Today*

OKLAHOMA

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has completed the U.S. Department of Interior's Oral History Project in Tulsa, Okla. after more than two years of traveling across Indian country.

• *Native News Online*

WASHINGTON

The Swinomish and Squaxin Island Tribes of Washington and environmental groups are suing the federal government over changes made to the Endangered

Species Act, arguing they "defy scientific research" and open up wildlife to destruction.

• *Washington State Standard*

WASHINGTON, D.C.

U.S. Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i), vice chair of the committee, have introduced the Native Children's Commission Implementation Act (S. 4976), "bipartisan legislation designed to improve the health, education, safety, and overall well-being of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children."

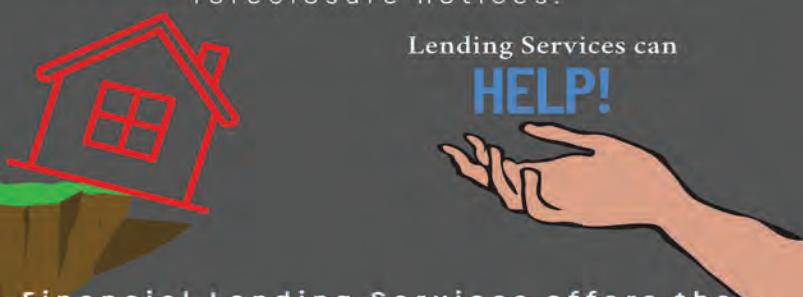
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Cherokees in the Revolutionary War - July 1776

By BARBARA R. DUNCAN

(Note: The Cherokee syllabary in the title translates as: Aniyvwiya Degohusdi Dunadvnele'i Didanohego'i, "We are telling some things Cherokees did.")

Founding fathers plan genocide and removal for the Cherokees. Two nations fight against each other - both seeking freedom. Cherokees go to war. Family betrays family. It's July 1776 in the Cherokee homeland.

On July 4, 1776, Thomas Jefferson read aloud to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia:

...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness...

However, in listing Americans' grievances against King George III, Jefferson continues:

[The King] has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages...

On July 5, 1776, General Griffith Rutherford wrote to the North Carolina Council of Safety. He suggested that Carolina and Virginia coordinate efforts against the Cherokees, saying that there would be "no Doubt of a Finel [final] Destruction of the Cherroce Nation."

Several of the council agreed, saying, if they were not Christians, their aim should be "...to extinguish the very race of them and scarce to leave enough of their existence to be a vestige in proof that a Cherokee nation once was," adding that "would be perhaps no more than the blood of our slaughtered countrymen might call for."

On July 24, W.H. Drayton wrote to Continental [American] commanders, as they planned to send expeditions from Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina to invade Cherokee territory.

And now a word to the wise...It is expected you make smooth work as you go—that is you cut up every Indian town—and that every Indian taken shall be the slave and property of the taker; that the nation be extirpated, and the lands become the

property of the public. For my part I shall never give my voice for a peace with the Cherokee Nation upon any other terms than their removal beyond the mountains.

And in Virginia, Jefferson agreed:

I hope the Cherokees will now be driven beyond the Mississippi and that this in the future will be declared to the Indins as the invariable consequences of their beginning a war.

In the meantime, at Chota in the Overhills, the Cherokees also were planning for war. Dragging Canoe made clear that this was not a war against white people.

We consider you to be the same as ourselves... If any of you choose to join the war, I will be glad, but I will not insist on any of you going. Those who do not go, however, will

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be expected to furnish the warriors with ammunition and supplies.

The Cherokees held their war council on the night of July 8. Secrecy was crucial to their success. Nanyehi (Nancy Ward) was serving the black drink as part of ceremony. She was one of the Beloved Women of Chota, niece of Attakullakulla and cousin of Dragging Canoe. Immediately after the council she instructed Isaac Thomas, a trader, to carry a message to the Wataugans describing the Cherokee strategy and timing. He arrived at Watauga the morning of July 11th.

At this time, the settlers had not built any fortifications, even though the Cherokees had made it clear that they were there illegally and needed to leave or be forcibly evicted. Cherokee leaders had sent letters through their Indian agent, and the governors of Virginia and North

Carolina had also instructed settlers to leave.

On receiving the news from Nanyehi, however, they frantically began building log blockhouses and palisades as places that men could defend and women and children could take refuge. John Sevier wrote immediately, on July 11th, to Virginia to get reinforcements and ammunition. Without these preparations, the Wataugans would not have been able to withstand the Cherokee attacks.

Dragging Canoe and the war leaders had planned a three part attack for July 20, targeting three settlement areas. They didn't know they had been betrayed.

The Raven of Chota led about two hundred warriors against settlers in Carter's Valley, the farthest west of the illegal white settlements. Houses, fields, Carter's store, and

several forts had been built in this valley parallel to the Holston River and the Great Warpath. The Raven and his warriors raided far up the valley and into Virginia. They did not have a large military engagement, but destroyed farmsteads and outlying settlements before returning home.

Abram of Chilhowie led about two hundred warriors against the Watauga and Nolichucky settlements. The Cherokees failed to take Fort Lee/Watauga because of Nanyehi's warning, but besieged it for twenty days. While returning along the Nolichucky, they captured two prisoners and brought them to Chota. There, Nanyehi used her power as Beloved Woman to save Lydia Bean from being burned at the stake, saying she wanted her to teach Cherokee women how to make butter. Bean was later returned to her home, and Nanyehi became known as the Pocahontas of Tennessee.

Dragging Canoe led warriors against Eaton's Fort at the Long Island of the Holston. This short, bloody engagement became known as the Battle of Island Flats, the first battle of the Revolutionary War in the west. About 170 militia under Captain James Thompson, plus white settlers, decided to leave the fort and meet Dragging Canoe and about 200 or more Cherokees on the flats in front of the fort. Cherokees were in a wedge formation with Dragging Canoe in the center and crescent lines of warriors along the flanks, a traditional Cherokee tactic.

When the Cherokees emerged from the woods, a number of militiamen, including one of their officers...broke ranks and ran for the safety of the fort. When Dragging Canoe saw the whites running, he was sure of victory. "The Unakas are running," he cried, "Come and scalp

them."

Some of the whites, though, hid behind trees and fired on the Cherokees who had emerged into the open. Dragging Canoe was shot in the right leg. Little Owl, his brother was shot. Rifle and musket fire turned to hand to hand combat. Battle was over quickly, and the Cherokees withdrew, leaving fourteen dead behind. The white men scalped and mutilated the Cherokees' bodies. Four whites were killed.

Dragging Canoe immediately split his forces into small parties and raided northwards, far into Virginia. They surprised, ambushed, and defeated enemies before retreating into familiar terrain, where they were impossible to pursue. They took eighteen scalps and much plunder, and returned to Chota victorious.

But the militias were on their way. In late July, Colonel Samuel Jack led about 200 Georgians and burned the Cherokee mother town of Tugaloo. Colonel Andrew Williamson was on his way with a much larger force...

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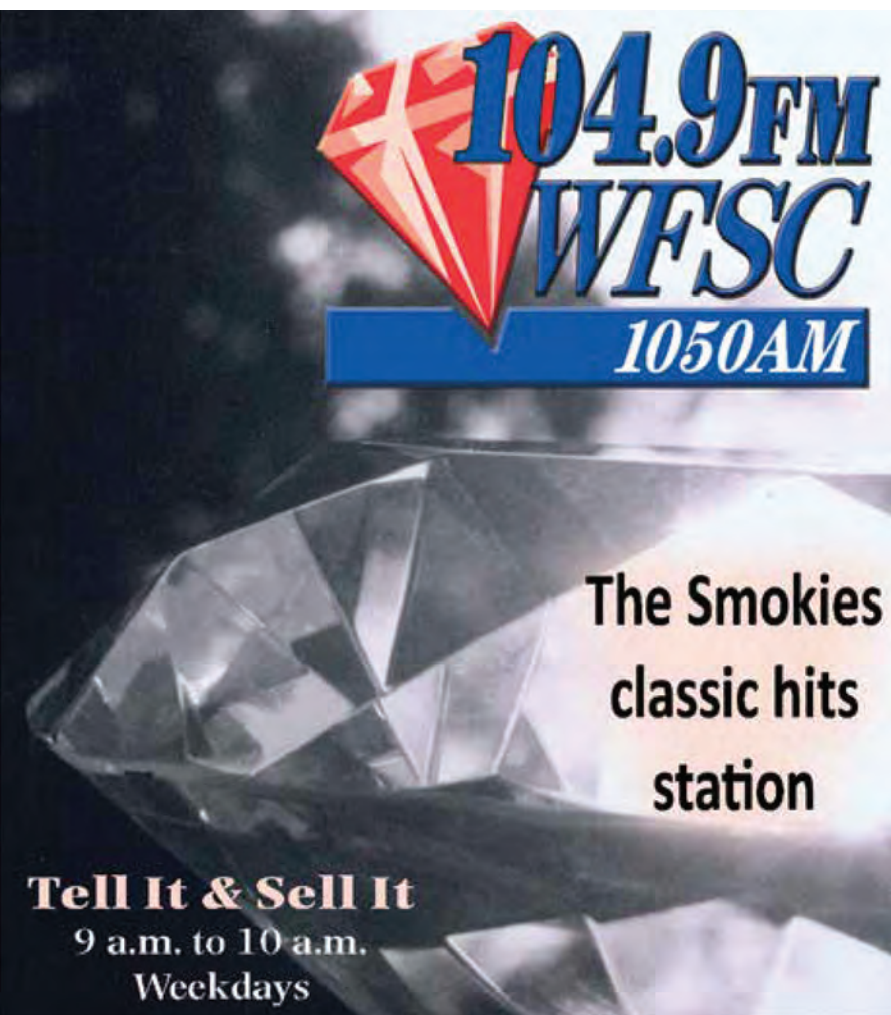
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Jerry "Jinx" Francis Parker

Jerry "Jinx" Francis Parker, 74, passed away peacefully on July 15, 2026. Born in Cherokee, N.C., on Aug. 8, 1951, Jerry lived a big life - and lived it on his own terms. He graduated from Cherokee High School, and from there went on to build a life that took him to wild places and brought him into contact with more people than most of us could ever hope to meet.

Jerry served his country in the United States Army from 1971 to 1974, a period that would come to define much of who he was. He served as a doorgunner with the Ghost-Riders in the Republic of Vietnam, flying into some of the most dangerous situations imaginable to evacuate the wounded

and bring his fellow soldiers home. On May 8, 1972, Jerry distinguished himself through an act of extraordinary courage in the field. According to his official commendation, he demonstrated exceptionally valorous actions while serving as a doorgunner in a utility aircraft. Jerry was awarded the Air Medal with "V" Device for Heroism while Engaged in Aerial Flight in the Republic of Vietnam, presented by the President of the United States. His military honors also included the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Marksman Badge (M-16), and the Aircraft Crewman's Badge. Those who knew Jerry knew that his time in Vietnam never really left him. It shaped his fearlessness, his loyal-

ty, and his instinct to look out for the people around him for the rest of his life.

Back home, Jerry became a dedicated entrepreneur and a very successful businessman, with an uncanny ability to see opportunity where others didn't. He played a significant role in the development of what is now the Cherokee Historical District, turning visions into reality in multiple places over the course of his career and building a legacy of real estate accomplishments that few could match. Outside of business, Jerry dedicated a large portion of his life to wild places and hound dogs. A lifelong, committed "dog man," he loved to hunt and spent countless hours in the field with his dogs and his closest friends. He was an adventurer at heart, always ready

for the next trip, the next story, the next place to explore.

Jerry was preceded in death by his sons, Brock and Brandon Parker; his mother, Frances "Bobie" Parker; his father Jerome Parker; and a heck of a lot of good dogs.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Andrews Parker; daughter-in-law, Alexis Wiley Parker and his cherished granddaughter, Emi; his daughter, Ginger Southards (Marty); his brother, John Parker; his bonus-son, Forrest Parker; his grandson, Trevan Parker; his sister-in-law, Judy Carpenter(Ron); and brother-in-law, Jon Andrews(Tammy); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry's infectious personality touched many people throughout his life. He was surrounded by a circle of extremely special friends



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(some of whom have passed): Everett Reagan, German Vivas, Chad Jones, Brian Spivey, Chris Deats, Jeremy Price, Russell Fox, Dave Wilson(D), and Dan Reagan(D).

Celebration of Life

Everyone is welcome to join Jerry's family for a Celebration of Life on Aug. 8 (his 75th birthday) from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Park-er Mill, 612 E Hampshire Blvd, Whittier, NC 28789.

Memorial Donations

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in Jerry's memory. support.woundedwarriorproject.org

Alice Mae Lewis

Alice Mae Lewis, 95, of Cherokee, passed away Monday, July 20, 2026, at Cherokee Indian Hospital after a period of declining health. She was the daughter of the late Will and Sarah Partridge Catt and the wife of the late Kenneth Lewis Sr. She was also preceded in death by her son, Kenneth Lewis Jr., her brothers, Paul, David, Robert, Jesse, and Douglas Catt; and her sisters, Sara Owle, Ethel York, and Mary Catt.

Surviving is her sister, Salle Siweumtewa, and many nieces and nephews.

The Family received friends Friday, July 24 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Betty's Place/ Cherokee Cancer Support.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mark Steven Lambert

Jan. 26, 1970 - July 18, 2026

Mark passed peacefully on the evening of Saturday, July 18, 2026 at Tsali Care Center. He was

affectionately called Uncle Fluff by his family and Cliff by his many friends. He was someone that could make you laugh and enjoy the moment you were in. He was an avid Cherokee Braves, Duke Blue Devils and Raiders fan.

Mark is the son of the late JD and Mary Fuller Lambert of the Birdtown Community. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Will and Rick Lambert and his nephew Kobe Toineeta.

Mark is survived by his companion of 29 years, Sherry Welch. Together they raised Kristen "Stinker" Welch (Edy), Anthony "Zig" Welch (Lauren), Ashley Sessions (Dustin), Juliann Welch and Jadan Welch; grandchildren Preston, Ava, Lyla and Lawson Davis, Kaley Locust, Kimberly, Emily and Naomi Welch, Juddy Johnson, Carson Ledford and his special baby girl, Liana Ledford; sister Denise Ballard; brothers Buddy Lambert (Debbie) and Lumpy Lambert (Tia); nieces Melanie, Jessica, Allyson, Livia, Brandi, and Brianna Lambert, Amanda Smoker, Miss Bea Bradley and Trista Welch; nephews Michael, Logan and Charlie Lambert and Neil Owle; aunts Carol Long, Brenda Grady and Anona Lambert.

Pallbearers include Michael Lambert, Tso Smith, Neil Owle, Kaleb Smoker, Daniel Fuller, Roger McCoy, Rick Maney, Zig Welch, Dustin Davis, Preston Davis, Charlie Lambert, and Roy Bradley.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 23 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Brother For-man Bradley officiated with burial in the Mose Owl Cemetery.

Franklin George Hornbuckle

Franklin George Hornbuckle, 53, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Satur-

day, July 18, 2026.

He was the son of the late Wilena Olivia Crowe. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his son, Sebastian Edward Hornbuckle; and his brother, Ronnie Ray Hornbuckle, Jr.. George worked as a drywall construction worker, and handmade everything at home, and taught his daughter lessons she will never forget.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn Melton Hornbuckle; and his daughter Sumer Violet Hornbuckle of Sylva.

There was a family gathering to celebrate George's life Friday, July 24 at the residence of Ruby Melton, at 8 Native Lane, Sylva.

Longhouse Funeral Home was in charge of cremation service for Mr. Hornbuckle.

Carolina Angel Owle

Carolina Angel Owle, 31, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C.

Carolina was a graduate of Cherokee High School and a life-long resident of Cherokee. She was a devoted mother who loved her children dearly. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her mother, Deborah Zepeda; her maternal grandparents, Jose and Carol Pina; three sons, Eddie, Lio, and Angel Mitchua, of Weaverville, NC; one daughter, Evolet Mitchua; two brothers, Francisco Owle of Maggie Valley, N.C., and Juan Resendiz of Tennessee; and a sister, Mary Owle, of Waynesville, N.C. Additionally, she is survived by her uncle, Michael Zepeda, of Cherokee, N.C.; her cousin, Travis Zepeda; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Longhouse Funeral Home is handling the cremation service for Ms. Owle.



John William "Bill" Radford

John William "Bill" Radford, 79, entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on March 9, 1947, in Mooresville, N.C., to Albert and Lucille Radford, Bill spent much of his adult life in Florida before returning to the mountains of Western North Carolina approximately 15 years ago. A proud member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, he was grateful to spend his later years among the mountains he loved.

His greatest earthly blessing was his wife and lifelong best friend, Marcia Ervin Radford. Their story began when they were just ten years old. They later married and shared fifty-nine wonderful years together, celebrating their anniversary this past June. Through every joy and every hardship, they remained faithfully by one another's side. During his final

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illness, Marcia lovingly cared for him with extraordinary devotion, tenderness, and unwavering love, a reflection of the lifelong bond they shared.

Throughout his life, Bill wore many hats. He served his community as a firefighter and EMT during the 1970s. He worked as an electrician, commercial fisherman, home builder, and gifted craftsman. In his earlier years he created beautiful leatherwork, and in later years became well known for his handcrafted knives, carvings, and other works of art. His art bore his personal maker's mark, "Little Feather," a name familiar to those who admired his craftsmanship.

Above every occupation and

accomplishment was the title he treasured most: servant of Jesus Christ.

Bill loved the Lord with all his heart. He faithfully attended church for many years at Bryson City Church of God, where his church family became an extension of his own family. His faith was not merely something he professed. It was evident in the way he lived, the way he treated others, and the quiet confidence with which he trusted God through every trial and season of life.

If there was one quality that defined Bill, it was his generous spirit. He never measured life by what he could keep, but by what he could give. Whether it was his time, his talents, his encouragement, a helping hand, or something he had crafted with his own

hands, he found genuine joy in blessing others. He was deeply loved because he genuinely loved others, and countless lives are better because they were touched by his compassion, humility, and Christlike example.

Years ago, Bill received the precious gift of a liver transplant, for which he remained profoundly grateful. In recent months, he faced cancer with remarkable courage, dignity, and unwavering faith. Though his body grew weaker, his trust in God's promises never wavered. Even in suffering, his life continued to testify to the goodness and faithfulness of God. Bill is survived by his devoted wife, Marcia Radford; his son, David Radford and loving daughter in law, Marettta; his daughter by love, Janine Crisp, whom he and Marcia loved as their own; his grandson, Andrew Radford; his grand daughter-in-law, Jami; great grandchildren, Atticus, Andi Kate, and Ezra; his siblings, Terry Radford (Paula), Lindsey Radford (Judy), Robin Radford (Donna), and Tiffany Tsudi (Ryan); along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, treasured friends, his beloved church family, and his faithful companion, Sophie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Lucille Radford.

Those who knew Bill will remember his quiet wisdom, stead-

fast faith, artistic gifts, servant's heart, and unfailing generosity. While the beautiful things he made with his hands will remain treasured keepsakes, the lives he touched through his kindness, encouragement, and love for Christ will forever be his greatest legacy.

His family grieves his absence, yet they rejoice in the blessed assurance that his faith has become sight and that he is now forever in the presence of the Savior he loved so dearly.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (KJV)
His race is finished. His faith has become sight. Until that glorious day of reunion in Christ, he will be deeply missed, forever loved, and gratefully remembered.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 25 at the Bryson City Church of God. Pastor Marty Pressley and Kobus Appelgrijn officiated.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Kidz Praise at Bryson City Church of God, PO Box 621, Bryson City, NC 28713.

Cherokee History & Stories

by Kathi Littlejohn

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Juanita Wilson's fight against Pancreatic Cancer - thank you letter to the community and supporters

In April of 2023, I received a call from my mother, Juanita Wilson, who informed me she had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. It was safe to say our lives immediately changed, and I remember sitting in my truck at the bank not having a clue on how to respond. Anytime someone is diagnosed with cancer or a life-changing health event, it does something to you. It begins to make you realize how precious time and family really are. We tend to get wrapped up in our own personal worlds without realizing how short of time we really have

here on Earth, and prioritizing the people that should mean the most to us. I'm guilty of that myself.

Anyone who knows my mom knows how full of life she is. In her own ways she has made lasting impacts on people she has come across with over time and brings nothing short of joy to every table she sits at. While she is a full embodiment of joy and laughter, she is also a strong and fearless leader, who I will forever view as one of my life's greatest teachers. She will forever be my closest best friend. In February 2024, she got to ring the bell to celebrate going into remission after a grueling fight with chemo and getting as low as 80lbs. Some of the scariest moments I've witnessed. Fortunately, she was able to recover quickly, and we were hopeful her cancer days were

now behind her.

Last November 2025, we were handed the news that her tumor markers had elevated again, and we needed to begin chemo asap. This round has indeed been the toughest one yet. I had just bought a new house during that time, and eventually I took her in to be her main caretaker as I work remotely and could keep an eye on her. Being confined to bed for several months, struggling to eat, loss of everything- this was by far a test of time. Anyone who has been through chemo or watched their loved one go through chemo understands how hard it is.

However, I have to say this has also been a pivotal point for me in prioritizing what matters the most in life, and a large part of that is family. It's not just family in the sense of blood family, but the community. During this time we have received an overwhelming amount of support and love from the community, and abroad. I have shared our journey on Facebook, and every time Mom gets to see all the comments, messages, donations, etc., it fills her with joy, and let's her know how much people really do care about her.

Everyone's support instills hope and uplifts a day that may be struggling with painful neuropathy, or the mental struggles of making it through the day. While she is certainly a fighter by heart, even the strongest of us need that

extra and unexpected touch of love and support - which her community of supporters has shown daily and gracefully.

I cannot express enough how thankful I am for everyone who has been in our corner since the beginning, and to anyone who has been a part of our journey lately. It is seen, and it is appreciated. Right now we are preparing for surgery to hopefully have the tumor removed, and my main focus is ensuring her body is strong enough to endure the surgery and recovery, and that she has everything she needs to remain comfortable and get through this journey.

I also want to express my sincerest support to anyone else who is also battling cancer or a life-changing health event. Regardless of what you are going through, you are not alone; you will always have someone willing to be in your corner, and I will always welcome you to reach out if you ever need to vent or talk.

While there is certainly more I wish I could express, my hope with this letter is to express my sincerest appreciation to what you have all meant to our family, and your continuing support as we continue the fight. Just keep her in your prayers. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Wilson



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Thursday August, 6th 2026

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THE GOOD STUFF

Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby brings families together

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The late Doug Larson, who wrote a column for the Green Bay Press-Gazette, once noted, “If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there’d be a shortage of fishing poles.”

Each year, several thousand people who understand the important things in life – mainly time with family – gather for the annual Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby. There will be laughter and screams of joy at a trout rising up and taking a bait. There will be tears of those which got away. But, most of all, there will be togetherness.

This year's event, the 25th Annual, is set for Saturday, Aug. 1 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Island Park in downtown Cherokee, N.C. It is free and for children ages 3-11. You can register online at: <https://visitcherokeenc.com/events/talking-trees-childrens-trout-fishing-derby/> or in person on Friday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Welcome Center.

Organizers state that over \$20,000 in prizes will be given away including the grand prize – a Polaris RZR 150.

The Trout Derby is an official event of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and is facilitated by several tribal programs including: EBCI Natural Resources (which includes Cherokee Fisheries & Wildlife Management), Cherokee Fish Hatchery, EBCI Facilities Management, EBCI Division of Commerce, Cherokee Indian Police Dept., Cherokee EMS, Cherokee Fire Dept., and others.

Sponsors are an important part of the event and have been since its inception. This year's sponsors include:

- Golden Trout (\$10,000+): Vannoy Construction
- Rainbow Trout (\$5,000 - \$9,999): Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission
- Brook Trout (\$3,500 - \$4,999): S&ME, Inc.
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Scarlett Bradley, left, then-age 8, from Widagalinidigsv (Big Y), and Jessilyn Lambert, then-age 9, from Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), are shown at the 24th Annual Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby on Aug. 2, 2025. Both are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

• Brown Trout (\$500 - \$1,499): Granny's Kitchen; EW2 Environmental, inc.; Cherokee Enterprises; Smart Electronic Co. Inc.

The late Ted Hughes, English poet and writer, once said, “Fishing provides that connection with the whole living world.”

While not everyone who attends the Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby will catch a fish or go home with a prize, everyone who attends will gain a closer bond with their family and the natural world.



Najayden Choogie Teesatuskie, then-age 5, an EBCI tribal member from Kolanvyi (Big Cove), is shown at the 2025 event.

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Arguing in front of children: Is it okay?



By BROOKE BARRETT, LMCHC

Question: My husband and I argue in front of our kids sometimes. We end up yelling at each other before we even realize what's happening. I feel horrible about it afterwards and I worry we're messing them up. What should I do?

Most couples argue. Really. Before answering your question regarding children, I want to provide some information on healthy conflict since it's the foundation of what you are building from. Take a moment to reflect on the following statements by finishing the sentence:

"When my parents/caregivers argued they would..."

"I knew my parents/caregivers had forgiven each other when they..."

Whatever we grew up with often becomes our first idea of what conflict is supposed to look like.

Research suggests the average couple has about one to two

disagreements each week, and many have even more little disagreements over things like dishes, money, parenting, or whose turn it is to pick up dinner. The healthiest marriages aren't the ones that NEVER argue, they're the ones that know HOW to argue.

A lot of us didn't grow up seeing that.

Maybe the adults in your house yelled. Maybe they shut down and didn't speak for days. Maybe everyone acted like everything was fine while the whole house walked on egg shells. The good news? We can learn something different.

Here are a few simple "ground rules" for healthy disagreements:

- Remember you're on the same team. The problem is the problem, not your partner.
- Stick to one issue. Don't bring up every mistake from the last ten years.
- No name-calling, insults, or personal attacks.
- Take turns talking. Listen to understand, not just to respond.
- If emotions get too high, take a break. It's okay to step away for 20–30 minutes, as long as you come back and finish the conversation.
- Don't try to "win." Try to understand. There is no "winning" if one partner is silenced for the relationship to work
- Avoid Permanent Statements. Think sentences that start with "You never" or "You always" Instead, try "I statements".

You don't have to agree on everything. You just both need to feel heard.

One of my favorite ideas in therapy is something called Rupture and Repair.

A rupture is simply a moment when you hurt each other. Maybe

someone gets defensive. Maybe feelings get hurt. Maybe you snap after a long day.

Repair is what happens next.

It's the apology. The hug. The conversation after everyone has calmed down.

The, "I'm sorry. I shouldn't have said it that way."

Here's why that matters so much if you have kids.

Many parents try hard to make sure their children never see them argue. While it's important to protect children from screaming matches, threats, or cruel behavior, they actually don't need parents who never disagree.

They need parents who know how to make things right.

When children see healthy repair, they're learning one of life's biggest lessons. People who love each other can have hard moments and still come back together.

They learn that saying, "I'm sorry," isn't a weakness. They learn that forgiveness is possible. They learn that relationships don't have to end every time someone makes a mistake.

For many Cherokee families and honestly, many families in general we're also carrying generations of hurt that shaped how people communicated. Some families avoided conflict altogether. Others only knew how to express it through anger or toxic behaviors. Neither one teaches children what a healthy disagreement looks like. Healing isn't about never arguing. It's about showing the next generation a better way.

So, if your child overhears a disagreement, don't panic. What matters most is what they see afterward. Take the sentences I asked you in the beginning of the article. Go ahead, ask your trusted friends/relatives or children to an-

swer them and this will help give you an understanding of how you currently show up in conflict. Do they see two adults take responsibility? Do they hear someone say, "I was wrong"? Do they see kindness come back into the room? Those moments may teach them more about healthy relationships than never seeing conflict at all. Your children will probably forget what you argued about. They'll remember how you treated each other while you disagreed.

They aren't looking for perfect parents. They're looking for parents who show them that love is strong enough to repair what conflict can sometimes break. And maybe that's one of the greatest gifts we can give the next generation. Not a family that never has conflict, but a family that knows how to come back together after it.

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

***This column is for educational purposes only and is not a substitute for professional mental health advice, diagnosis, or treatment. If you are in crisis, please reach out to a licensed mental health provider or dial 911.*

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The Old, Old Story

Part 2 of 2

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

(<https://preacherspurs.com>)

Scripture reference: John 3:16-21, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:8-11

I often sang this song in church during my youth. Today's praise and worship songs do not carry the same fervor for me. The following are the words that reveal the essence of why and how we need to teach the Gospel. I can't write any more clearly and concisely than this lovely poem and song.

*Tell me the old, old story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
Tell me the story simply,
As to a little child,
For I am weak and weary,
And helpless and defiled.*

*Tell me the story slowly,
That I may take it in,
That wonderful redemption,
God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often,
For I forget so soon;
The early dew of morning
Has passed away at noon.*

*Tell me the story softly,
With earnest tones and grave;
Remember I'm the sinner
Whom Jesus came to save.
Tell me the story always,
If you would really be,
In any time of trouble,
A comforter to me.*

Tell me the same old story

*When you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory
Is costing me too dear.
Yes, and when that world's glory
Is dawning on my soul,
Tell me the old, old story:
Christ Jesus makes thee whole.*

*Tell me the old, old story,
Of Jesus and His love.*

Everyone knows the song, but when was the last time you read all the verses? These are the basics. How often are they preached? Everyone thinks they are over-preached. I contend they are not. The Gospel is under-preached. Tell me the old, old story is ironic in the fact that the story never gets old. Jesus Christ, our Lord, is the

whole story.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. He that believes on Him is not judged: he that believes not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light came into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For everyone that does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his works should be reproved. But he

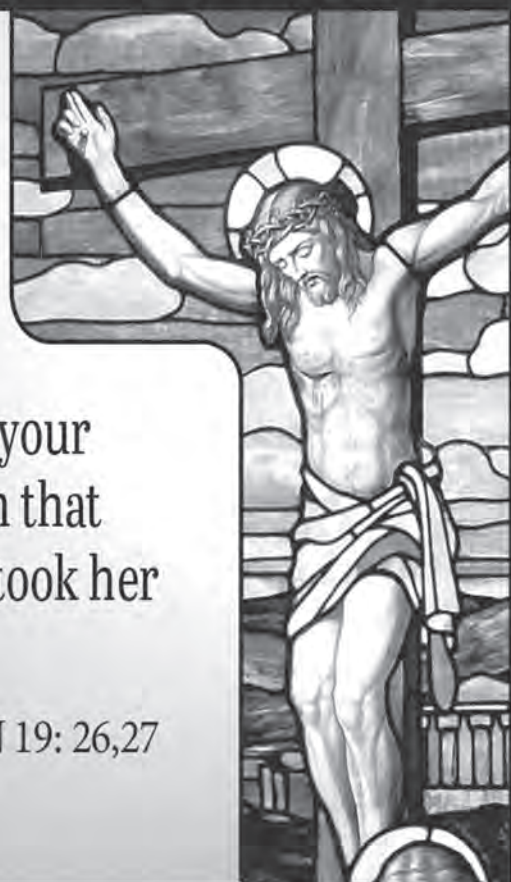
that does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God." John 3:16-21 Lord, God, and Father, let us not forget. Let us always remember who, what, and why we praise the Holy name of Jesus Christ, for You alone are worthy. Your story is eternal and gives life to those who hear it. Your story gives us faith, comfort, strength, and assurance. Without You, we are nothing, but with You, we are saved to eternal life. I need that reminder daily, and my prayer is that others need the Truth. Thank You, Lord. Amen.



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When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

— JOHN 19: 26,27

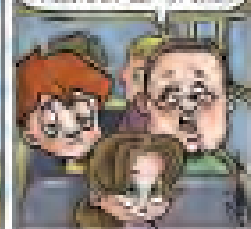


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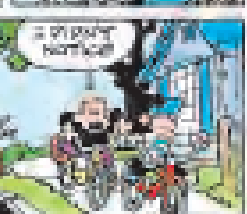
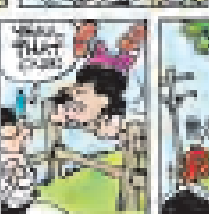
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The Spots



by Jeff Pickering

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between scenes.

by Dave T. Phillips

King Crossword

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- 17 Anita's companion
- 18 MSN rival
- 19 Acapulco native
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- 24 Collection
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- 26 "Bartle"
- 26 D.C. passer-by
- 28 Serious
- 32 Overlook
- 34 Inherited
- 36 "Little Caesar" role
- 37 Group spirit
- 38 Flag cleaner, briefly
- 41 Buddy
- 42 Fido's flight
- 44 Acute shoe
- 46 Bitter orange liqueur
- 50 French monarch
- 51 Unignited (abbr.)
- 52 All-important



- 56 Male deer
- 57 Notes after "do"
- 58 Bird (frail)
- 59 Harboring a prejudice
- 60 "I'm a idiot"
- 61 Napkin's perch
- 7 Rejoice
- 8 Custodian
- 9 Rocker
- 10 Sicilian voiceless
- 11 Vanna's "Wheel of Fortune" colleague
- 16 "No Fool"
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- 23 Droop
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- 29 Scripture-based
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- 31 Know-nothing
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Trivia test

by Bill Rodriguez

1. GAMES: What is the goal space in the board game Candy Land?
2. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries and territories border Spain?
3. TELEVISION: What are Captain Picard's two favorite catchphrases in "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What is brieche?
5. CHEMISTRY: Which metal has the highest melting point?
6. LITERATURE: Who is credited as the author of "The Odyssey"?
7. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to Acadia National Park?
8. MOVIES: What is the name of Domic's team in "A League of Their Own"?
9. COMICS: Who is the archenemy of the Fantastic Four?
10. SCIENCE: What is the thickest layer of Earth?

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

"IT'S TIME FOR GUTTER MAINTENANCE"

6 REASONS TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GUTTER MAINTENANCE

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

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

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

**PREVENT
EROSION & MOLD**



1. Roof Damage

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

2. Wood Fascia Damage

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

3. Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios

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

4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

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

5. Slip and fall

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

6. Prevent Mold

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

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

"DON'T TRIM YOUR GUTTERS"



"CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS"





Thinking About Building A Home?

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW AND YOUR DREAM HOME COULD COME TRUE

BUILDING HOMES TOGETHER

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.

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EVENT LISTINGS

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

Benefits/Fundraisers

Agelink Afterschool Fund-raiser. July 31 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Agelink Afterschool Building (Modular trailer), 61 Children's Home Loop, Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Each plate purchased helps provide a fun and memorable end of summer experience for the afterschool children. Info: (828) 359-5552

Cherokee Language BINGO Night. July 31 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Cherokee Speakers Place 1629 Speakers Pl., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Info: britwelc@ebci-nsn.gov

EBCI Community Events

2026-27 Kituwah Ways Adult Leadership Program accepting applications. Apply by July 30 by 4 p.m. Apply with Tara McCoy, RKLI P.O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC. 28719 or email tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com or in person at 171 Boys Club Loop, Cherokee, NC. 28719. Participants will deepen their understanding of Cherokee history and culture, while developing leadership skills. Info: (828) 359-5542

Smoky Mountain Youth Football Jamboree. Aug. 1 at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. Info: Janell Rat-tler (828) 736-3231 or Timmy Ray Smith 788-2793

Summer's Over CCS Back to School Bash. Aug. 6 from 2 p.m. – 6p.m. Cherokee Central School, 1968 Big Cove Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Come meet your teachers, explore your school, connect with community partners, and get

ready for an exciting new school year. Info: (828) 554-5117

NASA Softball Tournament. Aug. 6-8 at John Crowe Ballfields in Whittier, N.C. Info: Janell Rat-tler (828) 736-3231 or Timmy Ray Smith 788-2793

NAIWA Blueberry Festival. Aug. 15 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Community Activity Center 1416 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Blueberry pancakes, BBQ after 11 a.m., and baked goods. Sponsored by NAIWA. Info: (828) 736-5285

Cherokee Family Safety Program Ride. Aug. 29 register at 9 a.m. ride at 12 noon. Meet at 7923 Big Cove Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. All proceeds go to the Family Safety Program in Cherokee, N.C. Info: Thomas Wolfe (828) 269-8989.

From Darkness Into Hope. Sept. 10 from 3 p.m. – 7p.m. at the Oconaluftee Island Park US-441 N & Newfound Gap Rd S, Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Annual Mental health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event. Info: (828) 359-6180

Honoring Long Person. Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. meet at Peaches Squirrell Recreation Complex 1139 US-19, Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Share a meal, learn about river heritage, then head to the different parts of the Oconaluftee to clean. Info: facebook.com/HonoringLongPerson

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall coming to Cherokee. Oct. 7-12 at Burgess – Oocumma Veterans Memorial Cemetery 21 Longbranch Rd., Cherokee, N.C.

28719. The 51st Anniversary of the ending of the "Vietnam War". CO-hosted by the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post #143 and EBCI Cherokee Parks and Recreation Department.

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 in-

formation 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

Cornhusk Doll Workshop. Aug. 7 from 3 p.m. – 5p.m. at Red Clay State Historic Park. 1140 Red Clay Park Rd SW, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311. Learn to craft traditional

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

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Coco, a 1-year-old French Bulldog, lives in Aniwodihi (Painttown) with humans Colton and Hazli Toineeta.



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cornhusk dolls. Taught by EBCI Member Laura Walkingstick. Info: (828) 707-6122 or email Rezdoga-rtstudio@gmail.com

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.)

Minor's Fund Work Session. July 30 at 9 a.m.

Pow Wow Listings

Long Plain First Nation Competition Pow Wow. July 31 – Aug. 2 at the Long Plain First Nation Pow Wow Arbor in Long Plain, Manitoba, Canada. MC: Clifton Goodwill. Co-MC: Caleb High Eagle. Host Drum: Dakota Hotain. Info: No contact informa-

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A strong social whirl brings a new round of good times to fun-loving Rams and Ewes! Cupid's also busy aiming arrows at single Lambs who are hoping for a heart-to-heart encounter.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A romantic incident could take a more serious turn if the Divine Bovine considers meeting Cupid's challenge. Meanwhile, a professional opportunity is also about to turn up!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A bit of hardheaded realism could be just what the Twins need at this emotionally challenged time. Face the facts as they are, not as you want them to be. Good luck!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Many opportunities open up, but you need to be aware of their actual pros and cons. Check them all out and make your choice from those that offer more of what you seek.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A more stable situation begins, allowing you to feel more secure about making important decisions. Meanwhile, be sure to meet your project deadlines so that you can move on to other things.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations! A new personal relationship thrives as you learn how to make room in your busy life for this wonderfully warm and exciting emotional experience.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A new contact opens some doors. This is the good news. But there's a caution involved: Be sure to protect your rights to your work before showing it to anyone.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A former colleague might seek to resume a working partnership. Ask yourself if you need it. If "yes," get more information. If "no," respectfully decline the request.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good times dominate your aspect. So, why not have a party to celebrate a loved one's success? And do invite a special person you want to get to know better!

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The shy side of the Sea Goat soon gives way to your more assertive self. This should help you when it comes time to speak up for yourself and your achievements.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new period of stability will help you deal with some recently reworked plans. Once you get your current tasks done, you can devote more time to personal matters.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things are finally much more stable these days, so you can restart the process of meeting your well-planned goals with fewer chances of interruption or delay.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love being the brightest light wherever you are, and people love basking in your warmth and charm!

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by Freddy Groves

Applying for VA health care

I ran into a guy recently, a fellow veteran, who I hadn't talked to in years. And he was limping, badly. When I asked, he said he needed knee surgery and couldn't afford it.

I asked if he'd looked into VA health care, and he replied that he'd applied years ago and got nowhere with the VA, so he gave up.

Before we even left the store, I had my phone out and placed a call to the local VSO (veteran service officer). I got the two of them hooked up with an appointment and the VSO is going to walk my friend through all the paperwork.

It should not be this hard for a veteran to get health care.

A big problem is that many veterans tried to deal with the VA years ago, became frustrated and gave up, not realizing that things have changed.

If you were turned down for VA health care, apply again. The PACT Act has changed many things, including expanded locations for exposure to Agent Orange and two dozen new presumptive conditions. If you got hung up trying to get Community Care, try again. The rules are different now.

Or if you never had VA health care, sign up now. Go to the website (www.va.gov) and search for VA Form 10-10EZ. Check whether you're eligible for VA health care. Have your DD-214 handy and any other military paperwork you have. The online process takes about a half hour.

If you don't think you can handle the online application process yourself, look for a local VSO. See www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative. Or call the MyVA411 information line at 800-698-2411. They're open 24/7. You can also contact the American Legion near you or the DAV.

A VSO can do a lot of things for you: tell you about the benefits you're supposed to get, assemble documents, help with appeals and so much more.

Or call the benefits hotline at 877-222-8387 to ask about enrolling in VA health care by phone.

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Hot pavement is a danger to pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Walking around the farmer's market this weekend, I confronted several people who brought their dogs into the market despite clear signage saying pets aren't allowed. The reason for the sign is that the pavement is HOT! Summer temperatures regularly reach 90 to 100 degrees or more. All the dogs were limping and whining because the pads on their paws were burning! Please tell your readers to leave their pets at home and respect signs that say no pets. — **Jeremy C. in Denver**

DEAR JEREMY: Absolutely! Folks, please know that pavement on a hot summer day is 40 to 50 degrees higher than the air temperature. On a hundred-degree day, pavement can reach 150 degrees Fahrenheit. In seconds, that kind of heat can cause second- and third-degree burns on a dog's paws.

Add to that the issue of ignoring "no pets" signs. The venue put up that sign for good reasons. Failure to respect that sign puts the pet owner at risk of footing the bill for any damage or injuries their dog might cause. Good pet owners respect the rules.

In the meantime, test the pavement before taking your dog out on it. Put your hand on the sidewalk or even your bare foot. If it's uncomfortably hot for you, it'll be just as bad for your dog.

Walk pets in the early morning or late in the evening. Inspect their paws after every walk for tender spots. If your dog's paws sustain a heat injury, stand them in cool water or place a cool, damp pad on each paw — don't use ice. Take them to the emergency vet if you see blisters or your dog is visibly limping.

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

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36th Annual Oklahoma Indian Nation Pow Wow. July 31 – Aug. 2 in Concho, Okla. MC: Burl Buffalomeat. Head Singer: Richard Deere. Info: No contact information provided

58th Annual Menominee Nation Contest Pow Wow. July 31 – Aug. 2 at the Woodland Bowl in Keshena, Wisc. Emcees: Joey Awonohopay, Vince Beyl. Vendors Info: Mike Fish Jr. (715) 584-6667, mfishjr@mitw.org

Beaver Lake Cree Nation Competition Pow Wow. July 31 – Aug. 2 at the Beaver Lake Cree Nation Pow Wow Grounds in Beaver Lake Nation, Alberta, Canada. Emcees: Cliff Whitford, Ben Cardinal. Host Drum: Sound Child. Vendors Info: (780) 404-6640

Canupawakpa Dakota Nation Wacipi. July 31 – Aug. 2 at the Canupawakpa Dakota Nation, Manitoba, Canada. MC: Harold Blacksmith. Host Drums: Dakota Travels, Riverside Dakota. Info: No contact information provided

Rocky Boy Pow Wow. July 31- Aug. 2 at the Rocky Boy Pow Wow Grounds in Box Elder, Mont. Emcees: Elmer “Bannock” Rattlesnake, Jackson Tahuka Rolling Thunder, Daryl Wright. Host Drums: Southern Cree, Meskwaki Nation, Rocky Boy Agency. Vendor Info: Brandi Buffalo (406) 399-4605, Laurie Sunchild (406) 301-3949

54th Annual Indian Fair Days & Pow Wow. Aug. 1-2 at the North Fork Recreation Center in

North Fork, Calif. MC: Frankie Williams. Host Northern Drum: Spirit Ground. Host Southern Drum: Hummingbird. Info: (559) 877-2115, smmpowwow@gmail.com

67th Annual O-Sa-Wan Pow Wow. Aug. 1-2 at Plowman’s Park in Big Rock, Ill. Info: Linda (847) 721-3128, linda4709@comcast.net Friendship Pow Wow. Aug. 1 in Jean Lafitte, La. Host Drum: Mahil Trial. Info: Lisa Creppel (504) 994-7713

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Western N.C. and Beyond Events

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. Aug. 6 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. Dr. Susan M. Abram will present “The Battle of Horseshoe Bend: Cherokees in the War of 1812”. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

Connecting to Place II: Blue Ridge Craft Trails Invitation-al. Aug. 7 – Sept. 27 (Wednesday

through Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Mars Landing Arts Center in Mars Hill, N.C. The 20 participants are from the Far West region of Western North Carolina, representing seven towns and the Qualla Boundary: Franklin, Waynesville, Dillsboro, Bryson City, Cullowhee, Canton, Cherokee, Maggie Valley, and Brass-town. The artwork consists of different mediums including clay, fiber, metal, paper, and wood. This is free and open to the public. Info: (828) 747-7267, <http://MarsLandingGalleries.com>

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

Pistol Creek, Catch of the Day. Oct. 10 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Sam Houston Schoolhouse 3663 Old Sam Houston School Rd, Maryville, Tenn. 37804. Bring a lawn chair. Info: (865) 983-1550

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 Harrell (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

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Turk's-cap lily is a native perennial wildflower that blooms from July through August. These lilies can produce up to 40 flowers on a single stem, though it's more common to see just a few blooms at a time. They grow 2–6 feet tall, and their bright orange, downward-curving petals and nectar make them a popular food source for pollinators like butterflies and hummingbirds.

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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 Wor-

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Hwy 19 across from Happy Holi-

day 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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Samaria (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. When he had a vision, who said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean"? Adam, Reuben, Samson, Peter
3. From Acts 7, who was the first person martyred for his belief in Jesus Christ? Apollos, John the Baptist, Jehu, Stephen
4. Besides Jonah, which other prophet ministered in Nineveh? Nathan, Paul, Nahum, Philip
5. From 1 Kings 11, what was the number of wives of King Solomon? 3, 50, 100, 700
6. What is Yiddish for a small package or parcel? Mishna, Pesach, Peckel, Shiva

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Peter, 3) Stephen, 4) Nahum, 5) 700, 6) Peckel

Find expanded trivia online with Wilson Casey at www.patreon.com/triviaguy. FREE TRIAL!

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Moments in time

• On Aug. 10, 30 B.C., Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and the lover of Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, died by suicide — according to legend, by the bite of a poisonous snake — after her forces against Octavian, Rome's future first emperor, were defeated.

• On Aug. 11, 1984, President Ronald Reagan made a controversial quip while he tested a microphone prior to a scheduled radio address, saying, "My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes." His approval rating suffered a slight drop, but he went on to serve a second term.

• On Aug. 12, 1964, Charlie Wilson, part of the group responsible for the 1963 Great Train Robbery, one of the biggest thefts of its kind, escaped from the Winson Green Prison in Birmingham, England, with the aid of several men who broke into the facility for that express purpose. He was not recaptured until 1968.

• On Aug. 13, 1995, former New York Yankees star Mickey Mantle died of liver cancer in Dallas at the age of 63. At the time of his passing, he held many World Series records, including most home runs.

• On Aug. 14, 1585, England's Queen Elizabeth I refused sovereignty of the Netherlands to avoid a commitment to war with Spain, fearing financial losses and a dangerous precedent of supporting subjects in rebellion against their rightful monarch, Philip II of Spain.

• On Aug. 15, 2021, two weeks before American troops were set to officially withdraw from Afghanistan, Taliban leaders entered its capital, Kabul, and reclaimed power with little resistance. Video footage documented chaos during and after the withdrawal, including scenes of the Taliban celebrating with gunfire and frantic citizens chasing and clinging to departing American military planes.

• On Aug. 16, 1942, a Navy blimp flying over San Francisco Bay, searching for Japanese submarines, crash landed on a street in nearby Daly City. Though rescuers raced to the scene, they found only an empty ship, with no sign of its two pilots. Their disappearance remains unsolved.

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Anoles

Both the native green anole (*Anolis carolinensis*) and the non-native brown anole (*Anolis sagrei*) are small lizards found in the southeastern parts of the United States. They compete for food sources by preying on many of the same insects, such as crickets, moths and flies. A green anole can actually be either green or brown, and both species also have the distinctive pink-to-red dewlap they frequently display. However, brown anoles have more distinctive patterns on their skin. – Brenda Weaver

Source: www.nps.gov

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Embassy Christian Center
Church of God in Christ. 87
Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located
on the campus of Church of God
Gateway Campground and Con-
ference 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](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

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 ser-
vices 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stew-
art. 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

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

**Jesus is the Light Full Gos-
pel 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

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By Lucie Winborne

- Masculine features are more attractive to a woman during her ovulation cycle, while softer, nurturing-looking features are preferred at other times.

- NBC's "Saturday Night Live" has won more Emmys than any other TV show.

- The verb "lynch" is generally believed to have originated with Virginia landowner Charles Lynch, who during the American Revolution conducted unauthorized trials and punishments outside the formal court system.

- According to Greek mythology, the Milky Way formed when the goddess Hera spilled milk across the night sky.

- The irresistible desire to steal books is known as bibliokleptomania.

- In the popular 18th-century "Flying Boy" experiment, English scientist Stephen Gray harmlessly electrified a boy suspended by silk cords, astonishing audiences as the boy's hair stood on end and sparks flew from his nose.

- Multiplication tables are also called the “Table of Pythagoras,” after the Ionian Greek philosopher and mathematician.

- Chewbacca's voice in "Star Wars" was created by mixing the sounds of bears, lions, walruses and badgers.

- The University of Bologna, Italy, which was founded in 1088, is the oldest university in Europe. The term "university" was coined at its creation and it is still considered a leader in European university systems. Its notable alumni include Pope Innocent IX and Copernicus.

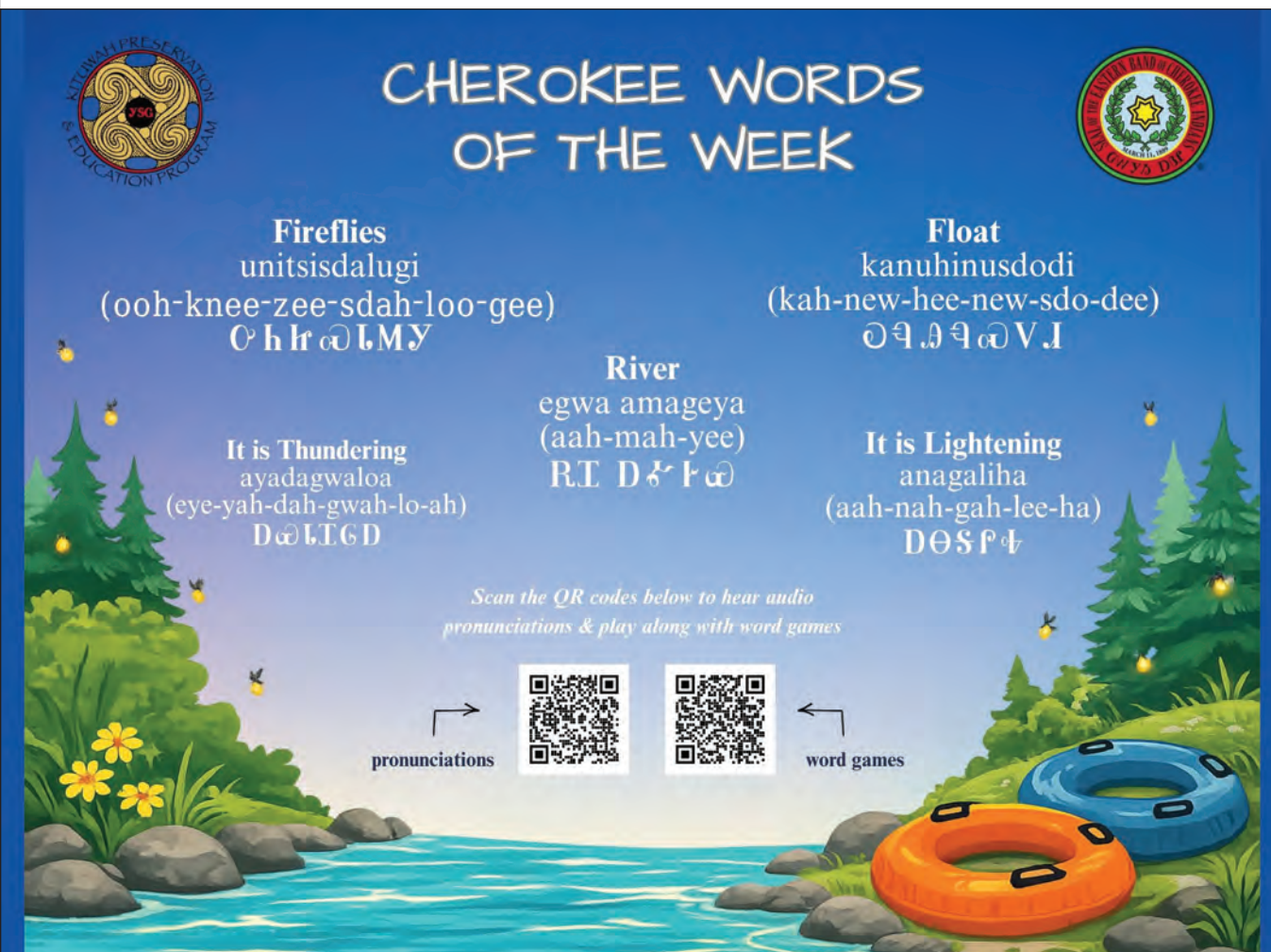
- The first acoustic guitars made hundreds of years ago had four, as opposed to six, strings.

- Doctors leave sponges and other medical devices inside of their patients about 6,000 times a year.

- Some critics theorize that zombies gnaw on humans because their warm flesh may have to do with a virus needing fresh DNA or some parasitic microorganism that receives a form of nourishment from live blood cells.

Thought for the Day: "In nothing do men more nearly approach the gods than in giving health to men." — *Marcus Tullius Cicero*

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Macedonia Baptist Church.

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

Newsong Church.

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

Old Antioch Baptist Church.

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

evening service 6 p.m.

Olivet United Methodist

Church. 811 Olivet Church Road. Sunday School 9am. Sunday Ser-vice 9:45am.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Cath-
olic Mission.**

82 Lambert Branch Road. Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m. in English and 6 p.m. in Spanish. Pastor Fr. Victor Ameh, MSP. (828) 373-0068, or www.stjosephbryson.org

The Peaks Church.

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

**Rock Creek Missionary Bap-
tist Church.**

240 Sherrill Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School

10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Rev. Ned Welch. Check our FB Page "Rock Creek Baptist Church" for the latest updates.

Rock Springs Baptist Church.

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

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace

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

Shoal Creek Baptist Church.

184 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., 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 meet-ings also. Interim Pastor – Harley Maney Jr.

Waterfalls Baptist Church.

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

Whittier United Methodist

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

Wilmot Baptist Church.

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

Wrights Creek Baptist

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

Yellowhill Baptist Church.

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

**Event listings are
FREE of charge.**

Send your flyers/info to Dawn at dawnarne@ebci-nsn.gov or to Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

PHHS Employee Spotlight



Amber Welch,
*Quality Improvement
Coordinator for Tribal
In-Home Care Services*

Education:

Master of Science in
Nursing (MSN) degree from
UNC Charlotte

Years at PHHS: 1

Community/Town:

Alarka/Bryson City

"Every day reminds me that health is more than healthcare - it's community, culture, family, and support. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve."

TRIBAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY INITIATIVES

EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility: Community Impact



We all eat. So whether you raise cattle, hunt bear, make jerky, need or want fresh, local food - this facility is for you.

“Who Can Use This Red Meat Processing Facility?” **Short Answer: Everyone!**

You do NOT need to be an EBCI Enrolled Member to schedule processing at this facility; Although we will hold a specific amount of processing appointments per week for Tribal Members.

Anyone will be able to Purchase Meat from our Facility and Retail Store!

Our meat donation program will be distributed to Tribal Members and their Families.

“Who is this Red Meat Processing Facility for? Who will Benefit?”



Farmers

By offering a USDA Inspected and Certified facility our farmers who run for-profit businesses will be able to process their meat in a timely manner and sell that meat to support their business. By offering a variety of value added kitchen processing options, farmers can also have their own recipes of jerky, sausage, patty blends and more - diversifying the products they can sell to make a living.



Hunters

Even though wild meat can't be sold, local hunters will have access to the same certified, safe facility that our for-profit farmers are using. This includes value added processing opportunities like turning your family's secret venison jerky recipe into food safe packaged portions - ready for holiday presents! We are exploring a Tannery too - so your deer hides can become rugs or leather.



Households

A lot of households live on old farmland, with fenced in pastures that now grow weeds. We hope these families will be interested in turning that pasture land back into grazing land, and grow a few cow or hogs for their family's personal consumption. This meat can then be processed at our facility and extension will be there to help along the way!



Local Food Buyers

It's no secret - we need more local, fresh food in our region. The lack of processing infrastructure means a lot of ranchers grow calves then sell them elsewhere - and food is leaving our mountains. Local food keeps more dollars in our economy, supports our neighbor's businesses, and travels less miles - reducing environmental impacts, preservative needs, and saving dollars.



Food Insecure Tribal Members

We will be implementing an optional Gadugi Fee to offset the customer's processing costs. All customers (hunters, farmers, and home growers) can donate cuts of their processed meat to the Tribe to cover some or all of the fees to process an animal. This way, everyone who wants to be more food sovereign in their food choices can participate regardless of cost barriers, and the Tribe can build a surplus of meat to donate to our community in case of a future emergency. This consistent source of meat for our “meat bank,” will be distributed regularly to tribal members needing help receiving fresh food.



Elders & Youth

Hunting has decreased among community members - meaning some elders no longer have access to the wild game they ate during their childhood. Alternatively, younger generations have never tasted some traditional meats. By having an accessible facility on Tribal Land we hope more Appalachian and Cherokee people will participate in making traditional meats a part of their diets - once again or for the first time!



Job Seekers

We're building a workplace that values and invests in its people by offering competitive pay and part to full-time, stable employment. We prioritize training and certification for meat cutting, food safety, and equipment use, work-life balance with daytime shifts and no feedlot or overnight animal care, a safe, respectful environment aligned with Tribal values and food sovereignty. Our goal is to create career pathways, not just jobs - building skills that support the community for generations.
 • We will probably start hiring in Fall of 2026 - keep an eye out if you'd like to apply!



All Tribal Members

More choices and more food is better for every community - but having traditional meats and meat grown by tribal members is another layer of true freedom and sovereignty for EBCI People. Reliable, accessible, safe, and humane meat as a part of our food supply chain means more resilience and less dependence on outside sources to feed ourselves. There can not be true sovereignty, without food sovereignty and this infrastructure is a big step for all Tribal members and the next seven generations to come.

Have more questions about our facility?



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

828 359 6939
876 Acquoni Rd.,
Cherokee, NC 28719



CLASSIFIEDS

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

For Rent

Two bedrooms, two baths, with a living room/kitchen combo. \$1,150 a month for a one-year lease. 1270-B Shoal Creek Rd. Whittier, NC. 28789. The first month's rent, last month's rent, and a security deposit. There is also a non-refundable pet deposit of \$500 per pet if applicable. Info: (470)602-9693. **7/29**

For Rent

One bedroom, one bathroom, with a loft, and a washer/dryer combo. Features full-sized appli-

ances (including a dishwasher) and a living room with high ceilings and an electric fireplace. \$1,150 a month for a one-year lease. 1159 Shoal Creek Rd. Whittier, NC. 28789. The first month's rent, last month's rent, and a security deposit. There is also a non-refundable pet deposit of \$500 per pet if applicable. Info: (470)602-9693. **7/29**

FOR SALE: New Adult Paddle Board w/ Paddle \$75.00, Like New Medium Green Egg- Grill & Smoker \$75.00, Long Buffet Table 8 feet \$1500.00,(3) 30" Tables \$800.00,Ethan Allen Cherry Finish 50w-65high Excellent Condition Value \$1900.00 Reduced \$599.00, Dining Room Set Brand New 8 Upholstered Chairs Pecan

Finish 38w-69 long with 16" insert \$1500.00 Call To See 828 226-0994 Will do layaway on bigger items. **8/5**

EMPLOYMENT



POSITION: Low Voltage Cable Technician III

SALARY: \$30.00 - \$33.00

REPORTS TO: Operations Manager

GENERAL FUNCTIONS: A Low Voltage Cable Technician installs, tests, and maintains low-power systems like security, fire alarms, data networks (Cat5/6,

Fiber), and AV/home theaters, reading blueprints, cable pulling, termination, troubleshooting, documentation, and ensuring code compliance, often working in residential, commercial, or data center settings. Configure devices, provide customer training, and follow safety protocols (OSHA) while working with specialized low-voltage (<50V) wiring

JOB SUMMARY:

- Read and interpret general system layouts from blueprints
- Ability to self-manage and follow concise instructions
- Able to communicate with colleagues and other supervisors
- Able to meet deadlines
- Able to meet contractor and customer expectations

•Produce a high quality of work Complete installation of a multitude of different systems including cabling, device termination, and programming.

•Responsible for installing, terminating and testing Cat6 Data, SM & MM Indoor & Outdoor Fiber Optic Cable.

•Install data racks, cabinets, cable trays, sleeves, patch panels, wire managers etc. in telecommunication rooms per BICSI standards.

•Install firestopping

•Removal and demolition of abandoned cables.

•Work from all size ladders, scaffolding, scissor/aerial lifts & bucket trucks.

•Terminate fiber optic cabling using connectors & fusion splicer.

•Ability to troubleshoot and repair damaged fiber

•Test and certify fiber installations using fluke OTDR and powered meter

Lead a team of peer professionally to get the job completed on time and on budget

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Email: HRRecruitment@onespaworld.com

Attend contractors/owners meetings and relay information to Project Managers

Daily reporting and job updates – written and/or verbal to supervisor.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- 5+ years commercial and/or industrial low voltage experience
- 2+ years supervisory experience
- Current BICSI, NICET, ESA & OSHA Certifications or the ability to successfully pass these are highly desired.
- Must Pass a Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen
- Possess a Valid Driver's License
- Have Reliable Transportation
- Must have own hand tools and basic testers
- Working knowledge of telecom, data & fiber networks
- High School Diploma

PHYSICAL DEMAND

- Routine office work
- While performing the job duties of this job, standing, walking, sitting, reaching, and bending are required.
- Must have manual dexterity, visual acuity, and be able to speak and hear.
- The employee may occasionally be required to lift up to 50 pounds.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

Accordingly, to protect the Confidential Information that will be disclosed during employment, the Employee agrees as follows: The Employee will hold the Confidential Information received from Kituwah LLC and its subsidiaries in strict confidence and will exercise a reasonable degree of care to prevent disclosure to others. Any breach may be grounds

for disciplinary action up to and including termination.

BACKGROUND CHECK:

All candidates are required to complete a background investigation. The results of the background investigation will be evaluated against the requirements of the position and as applicable to the federal, and state requirements. Candidates must be able to successfully pass all required background checks and for those positions subject to a 101-630 background check to ensure compliance with Public Law 101-630 "Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act."

7/29

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-056

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Sara Jane Lambert

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

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

Margarita Wolfe
437 Washington Creek Rd.
Cherokee, NC. 28719

8/19

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-055

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Dawson Adam Wilnoty

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

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

Savannah Wilnoty
PO Box 1720
Whitter, NC. 28789

8/19

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Notice of Intent to Repatriate

The National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution plans to repatriate the following to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Warren K. Moorehead collected human remains of a minimum of 30 individuals from the Willis Farm site, Christian County, Kentucky in 1903 and exchanged or gifted them to the Smithsonian in 1910 and 1927. The individuals sent to the Smithsonian all date to the Tinsley Hill phase (ca. 1300-1500 AD). Beginning around 1450 AD, large parts of the Cumberland River Basin, including Willis Farm, were depopulated with residents moving to live with other neighboring groups. These groups include Creek, Cherokee, Dhegiha Siouan, and Shawnee. Given this broader dispersal into neighboring groups, the human remains from the Willis Farm site have been found to be culturally affiliated with the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Alabama-Quassart

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Administration

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

Snowbird Child Development

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

Agelink Child Development

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

Children's Home

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

Service Department

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

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

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te Tribal Town, Cherokee Nation, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Kaw Nation, Kialegee Tribal Town, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Quapaw Nation, Shawnee Tribe, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Tribe of Florida, The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, The Osage Nation, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town of Oklahoma, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

For more information, please contact Matthew Sanger (646-670-6644) by July 31, 2026, Repatria-

tion Office, Smithsonian Institution, P.O. Box 37012, NMNH, MRC 138, Washington, D.C. 20013-7012. **7/29**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00pm, on Tuesday, August 25, 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 Junaluska Memorial Site Upgrades.

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 August 6, 2026 at 2:00 pm, beginning at the project site, 1 Junaluska Memorial Drive, Robbinsville, NC 28771. 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
7/29

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Water & Sewer Department, will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at the Cherokee

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OPEN POSITIONS



NEW POSITIONS

Fall Nurse Aide Student Training Program

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mental Health Therapist - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
(Cherokee Central Schools, Child and Family –
Snowbird, Dora Reed, Family Safety, Family Inten-
sive Treatment, Medication Assisted Treatment,
Kanvwtiyi)
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwtiyi
Targeted Case Manager – MAT, Adult Outpatient
Services, Family Safety
Residential Technician - Female - Part Time with-
out Benefits
Behavioral Health Training and Development Coor-
dinator
Behavioral Health Consultant I
Behavioral Health Grant Coordinator

DENTAL

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

EYE CLINIC

Optometrist

CIHA FOOD & NUTRITION

Cook – Temporary

MEDICAL

Psychiatrist
Physician and IM Rural Track Director

NURSING

Certified Nursing Assistant – Emergency Department
- \$3,000 Hiring Bonus
License Practical Nurse – Primary Care - \$5,000
Hiring Bonus
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 - \$3,000 Hiring Bonus
C.N.A Medical Clerk PTI
Telemetry Nursing Assistant – PTI
License Practical Nurse – TJCC - \$5,000 Hiring
Bonus
Clinical Care Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Nurse Resident/Intern
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Mingo Falls after the rain

Following several days of rain and thunderstorms, Mingo Falls, in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C., is shown on Sunday, July 26. (Photo by Alecia Ralston)



Job Opportunities



Closing Sunday, August 02, 2026

1. Adult Language Educator – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
2. Elementary Immersion Instructor – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
3. Academy Principal – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – CERS (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230)
4. Education Specialist – Higher Education – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
5. Member Services Representative – Cherokee Fitness Complex – CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
6. Grant Writer – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L13 \$50,669 - \$63,357)
7. Special Ops Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 12855
8. Commercial Property Specialist – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour)
9. Head Cook – Snowbird Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
10. Carpenter – Snowbird/Cherokee County Building Maintenance – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
11. Education Tutor/Grades 3-5 – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

Open Until Filled

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

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