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Signs for the times

EBCI to redesign
gateway signage to
better reflect history
and culture

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The
signs welcoming people to
the lands of the Eastern
Band of Cherokee Indians will be
getting a facelift soon.

Dinilawigi passed Res. No.
274, submitted by Ugviyuhi
(Principal Chief) Michell Hicks,
during its regular session on
Thursday, Aug. 6. The legislation
authorizes Ugviyuhi Hicks to
“designate the appropriate tribal

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This sign welcomes visitors to the Qualla Boundary entering the tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from U.S. 441. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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departments, including Cultural Resource departments, Cherokee Language programs, Executive Public Relations, Commerce, and other relevant programs to collaborate in the development of signage concepts that are historically accurate, culturally appropriate, visually welcoming, and representative of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for both present and future generations.”

The whereas section of the legislation, which was passed unanimously, outlines the reason for the desired change to the signage. “The Qualla Boundary is the homeland of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, comprised of lands painstakingly reacquired through the determination and sacrifice of Cherokee ancestors and held in trust for the Tribe, representing the perseverance, resilience, and self-determination of the Cherokee people; and the existing gateway signage was designed for another era and no longer fully reflects the history, culture, governmental maturity, Cherokee language, or sovereign status of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

It continues, “The signs welcoming residents and visitors onto the Qualla Boundary should accurately represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as a sovereign tribal nation while honoring the rich history, living culture, and legacy of the Cherokee people.”

During discussion on the legislation on Thursday, Ugviyuhi Hicks commented, “I think it is time to really exert sovereignty into the signage. I think it is time to restate who we are.”

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep.



This sign welcomes visitors to the Qualla Boundary entering the tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Newfound Gap Road in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Shennelle Feather commented, “I love this piece of legislation. I appreciate it so much, and I love that you’re including community input.”

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill said, “I love the idea that we are moving away from the term reservation since that is not the history of our land.”

She added that a lot of products use the terms ‘Reservation’, ‘Rez’, and ‘Rezzy’. “We should be mindful of how we use that going forward.”

Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee Co.) Rep. Adam Wachacha said he supports the legislation and made it clear that the Qualla Boundary includes Tutiya and Tsalagi Gadugi which will be included in this gateway signage project.

Res. No. 274 further states,

“The Office of the Principal Chief shall compile and review the community input and naming suggestions previously submitted through the Cherokee One Feather regarding gateway signage and use that feedback in developing proposed signage verbiage. The proposed signage language shall be developed in collaboration with the appropriate tribal programs and present to Tribal Council for review and approval within 90 to 120 days of the adoption of this resolution. Upon completion of the design process and consultation with the appropriate federal and state agencies, the Principal Chief shall present the proposed gateway signage concepts and any necessary agreements to the Tribal Council for review and consideration before implementation.”

Res. No. 274 concludes by

“I love the idea that we are moving away from the term reservation since that is not the history of our land.”

- Kolanvyi (Big Cove)

Rep. Lavita Hill

stating, “While the purpose of welcoming visitors remains unchanged, the story we tell has grown. As visitors enter the Qualla Boundary, the gateway signs should reflect not only where they are, but who we are, a sovereign Tribal Nation whose homeland, history, culture, language, and future continue to thrive.”

Dinilawigi passes Ord. No. 184 prohibiting caging of bears

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 6, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed Ordinance No. 184 (2026) "...amending Chapter 19 regarding caging bears on Tribal lands." The ordinance prohibits the caging of bears on the Qualla Boundary of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). The ordinance change was originally submitted by Mary Crowe, an EBCI tribal elder from Elawodi (Yellowhill).

The ordinance passed with a motion by Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill seconded by Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shenelle Feather. Taline Gahvsgi (Vice Chairman) and Elawodi Rep. David Wolfe, Kolanvyi Rep. Venita Wolfe, Aniwodihi (Painttown) Reps. Shannon Swimmer and Michael Stamper, Wayohi (Wolf-town) and Widagalinidigv (Big Y) Reps. Bo Crowe and Mike Parker, and Hill and Feather voted to pass. Gahvsgi (Chairman) and Tsis-

gwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle, Tsisgwohi Rep. Boyd Owle, and Tutiya (Snowbird) and Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee Co.) Reps. Adam Wachacha and Michael Smoker opposed.

A motion to table by Rep. Boyd Owle seconded by Rep. Wachacha failed to pass, with Reps. Stamper, Wachacha, Smoker, Owle and Owle voting to table.

The ordinance was previously tabled on May 7. The ordinance passed as amended on Aug. 6, with changes to the ordinance that can be read here. The floor amendments were submitted by Reps. Bo Crowe and Parker.

The amended ordinance reads in part, "...The Tribe hereby declares that keeping bears in captivity for public or private entertainment or profit is an outdated practice and contrary to the Tribe's interest in preserving and protecting wildlife and natural resources. Therefore, the practice of keeping bears in captivity on Tribal lands for public or private entertainment shall be phased out

during the two-year period beginning September 1, 2026, and ending September 1, 2028, as further provided in this section."

Mary Crowe said, "I appreciate the floor amendments that you have presented...looking at this you're asking for a two-year phase out. Like I told folks I've talked with and agreed to submit this resolution, at the end of the day it's prohibiting the caging of bears, and we've heard that it needs to stop."

Mary Crowe advocated for the prohibiting of the caging of bears, citing Cherokee traditional stories and ceremonies: "WHEREAS caring for and living with and among our native bears has a long and storied tradition; and WHEREAS the bears were the first to meet in council in their townhouse under Kuwohi, the mulberry place (Mooney, Myths of the Cherokee p. 250); and WHEREAS the bears are transformed Cherokee of the old clan of the Ani-Tsaguhi, and their chief

is the White Bear, who lives at Kuwohi near the enchanted lake of Atagahi, to which the wounded bears would go to be cured of their hurts (Mooney p. 264); and WHEREAS under Kuwohi the bears hold dances every fall before retiring to their dens for the winter (Mooney p. 264); and WHEREAS being really human, they can talk if only they would, and once a mother bear was heard singing to her cub in words which the hunter understood (Mooney p.264)..."

The phase out requires that "On or before November 1, 2026, all persons who keep bears in captivity for public or private entertainment shall identify and register each specific bear with the Cherokee Animal Control Department." After Sept. 1, 2026, no new or additional bears can be substituted or used to replace existing bears.

On and after Sept. 1, 2028, it will be prohibited for any person to keep bears in captivity on Tribal lands.



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EBCI reverses decision and decides to remain in NCAI organization

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Seven months after voting for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to (EBCI) leave the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians), Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) has approved legislation for it to remain in the organization.

Dinilawigi voted unanimously to approve Res. No. 273 (2026) during its regular session on Thursday, Aug. 6 for the EBCI to remain in NCAI. This vote reversed the decision made when Dinilawigi voted unanimously to approve Res. No. 96 (2026) during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 8 that approved the EBCI to

leave the tribal organization after its current dues run out on Sept. 30.

Res. No. 273, submitted by Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Mitchell Hicks states, “Since Res. No. 96 (2026) was passed and ratified, EBCI leaders and NCAI leaders have met and discussed concerns and priorities; and the EBCI Tribal Council and Principal Chief have jointly determined that withdrawing from NCAI at this time would not be advantageous to the EBCI or to other federally recognized tribes that are NCAI members. This resolution expresses the authority and desire of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to maintain its membership in NCAI.”

During discussion on Res. No.

273 on Thursday, Paxton Myers, EBCI chief of staff, noted, “We are in full support of this...NCAI did come here and met with us and listened to our concerns, took those concerns back, and have made drastic steps to implement some of our changes that we wanted them to implement.”

He said NCAI has agreed to review the membership of other state recognized groups. “I think we need to present to NCAI some further clarification on the Southeast Caucus in general when they have the Annual Meeting in October to remove those state groups from the Southeast Caucus – put them in another Caucus or whatever they want to put them in and allow only federally recognized tribes in the Southeast Caucus. That way, we get the control back of that Caucus and have a voice again in NCAI.”

For context, a search of the current NCAI tribal directory lists the following state recognized groups identifying as having Cherokee ancestry:

- Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama in Haleyville, Ala.
- Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama in Falkville, Ala.
- Four Winds Tribe, Louisiana Cherokee in Rosepine, La.
- Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee in Cumming, Ga.
- United Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation in Guntersville, Ala.

There are 13 members of the Southeast Caucus with 7 being federally recognized.

On Thursday, Ugvwiyuhi Hicks commented, “They are making progress as it relates to changing some of the stipulations around state recognition and how that impacts, especially the Southeast Caucus. I think we need to stay at the table.

I think we’re got to keep ourselves at the table. Let’s continue to push what we think is right. The Eastern Band has created a reputation in Indian Country which I think is very positive...I think we continue to keep that momentum moving forward.”

Res. No. 96 discussed the frustration that led to the EBCI wishing to leave the organization to begin with. It states in part, “...the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians supports the mission of NCAI, but the Tribe is discouraged by the shifting priorities of NCAI.”

It continues, “NCAI has moved away from serving the interests of federally recognized tribes which it was founded to serve and that have a trust relationship with government-to-government status with the United States of America; and the interests non-federally recognized groups often diverge significantly from the interests of federally recognized tribes, and the divergence harms federally recognized tribes and diminishes their sovereignty.”

The One Feather reached out to NCAI on the names of the state-recognized groups that have been removed recently but has not heard back by press time.

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Dinilawigi votes to finalize conveyance of Fort Butler Park to EBCI

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

The Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) approved legislation authorizing EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks to finalize a recent conveyance of Fort Butler Park to the EBCI from the Town of Murphy, N.C. Dinilawigi approved Res. No. 275 (2026), submitted by Ugvwiyuhi Hicks, by a vote of 11-0 {Dinilawigi Gahvsgi (Chairman) Jim Owle absent} during its regular session on Thursday, Aug. 6 granting that authorization.

The Town of Murphy Board of Commissioners passed a resolution on July 6 to convey the Fort

Butler Park to the EBCI.

Res. No. 275 states, "Fort Butler served as the military headquarters of the Eastern Division of the U.S. Army when that Division was instructed to carry out the forcible removal of the Cherokee people in 1838, and it was at Fort Butler that the Cherokee people were detained before being forcibly removed from their ancestral homelands on the Trail of Tears. During the early summer of 1838, over 3,000 Cherokees were marched from Fort Butler on the Unicoi Turnpike to Fort Armistead in Tennessee and from there to camps near present-day Charleston, Tenn."

During Thursday's meeting, Ugvwiyuhi Hicks said he is very

thankful to the Town of Murphy for the conveyance of the property to the EBCI. "This parcel does not represent the entire Ft. Butler parcel, historically. It is a portion of it...There's additional work to be done. But, this is a start to hopefully correcting some historical wrongs. So, I'm in full support, of course, of this legislation and I do appreciate all the research that our staff has done, and Dr. (Brett) Riggs and Robin Swayney as it relates to this particular parcel of land."

Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee Co.) Rep. Adam Wachacha commented, "Ft. Butler is more than a military site. It symbolizes the federal government's enforcement of the removal policy while also reminding us that Cherokee culture and community survived in these mountains despite those efforts."

Res. No. 275 further states, "The resolution (Town of Murphy) states that the land should be conveyed to the EBCI without consideration for the use by the EBCI as it may deem proper. On July 15, 2026, the Town of Murphy recorded a warranty deed at Book 1805, Page 941, Cherokee County Register of Deeds, conveying the property to the Eastern Band of

Cherokee Indians."

This occurred at no cost to the EBCI.

Following the Town of Murphy's resolution last month, Murphy Mayor Tim Radford said in a statement, "This is an important step for our community. Fort Butler is tied to a painful chapter in Cherokee history. While the park is located in Murphy, I believe the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians should have the opportunity to care for this site and share its history in their own voice."

The more I thought and prayed about it, the more it made sense. This is not Murphy stepping away from its history. It is about recognizing that history honestly, showing respect, and placing stewardship of this important place with the people most directly connected to its story."

According to the Town of Murphy's resolution, the land was conveyed to the Town of Murphy from the Tarheel Investment Company, Inc. on Sept. 1, 1925.

Originally named Camp Huntington, it was renamed Fort Butler in 1837 after Benjamin Butler, U.S. Attorney General under President Andrew Jackson.

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Campaign financing and inheritance law among five new ordinances introduced

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Five new Ordinances were introduced in Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) during its regular session on Thursday, Aug. 6. Each one was subsequently deemed read and tabled, and they will sit for 25 days before being acted upon. Ord. No. 250, submitted by the EBCI Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC), seeks to amend Cherokee Code Sec. 18B-205 regarding budget, accounts, reports, and audits required of the TABCC.

The whereas section of the ordinance states, “Subsection (f) of Sec. 18B-200 states the TABCC ‘shall be and shall act independently and autonomously from the Principal Chief, Tribal Council, the Tribal Gaming Commission, and the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise. No prior or subsequent review by the Principal Chief, Tribal Council, the Tribal Gaming Commission, or the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise shall be required or permitted, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.’”

It continues, “It is necessary to amend Cherokee Code Chapter 18B by amending Cherokee Code Sec. 18B-205 to ensure the separation of financial records and duties of the Tribal ABC Commission from the Tribe and to remove duplicative personnel language.” The ordinance seeks to amend Sec. 18B-205(c) to read as follows,

“Budget. The Commission shall establish a budget for the support and operations of the TABCC, pay salaries and other expenses, within the limit of funds available to it, which is to be included in budget requests submitted annually to Tribal Council and subject to Tribal Council approval. The Commission shall adopt Fiscal Management policy by modifying the Tribe’s Fiscal Management Manual as a guide and implementing such policies and procedures to be effective for the needs of the TABCC. Additionally, all bank accounts and financial accounts of the TABCC shall be held and managed by the TABCC.”

The ordinance also seeks to completely strike Sec. 18B-205(d) entitled ‘Application of the Tribe’s personnel policy’.

Ord. No. 251, submitted by Aniwodihhi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper on behalf of Janet Arch, seeks to amend “Cherokee Code Chapter 28 regarding the spousal inheritance of possessory holdings to create consistency within the Cherokee Code”.

The whereas section of the legislation states, “Chapter 28 governs the inheritance of real and personal property of enrolled members of the Tribe, and Section 28-1 states that the Tribe adopts North Carolina laws of inheritance for intestate succession and mandates that spouses be included as an heir. Section 28-4 provides more express guidance for the spousal inheritance of possessory holdings by stating that enrolled member spouses only receive a life

estate in possessory holdings of their deceased spouse.”

It continues, “This diminishes the inheritance that enrolled members would inherit from their spouses after building the assets throughout their lives and provides for less inheritance than would be allowed under North Carolina law, and Chapter 28 should be amended to provide consistency within the Cherokee Code, clearer direction for the Tribe in probating estates, and provide appropriate protections for enrolled members to inherit the assets that they should from their spouses.”

Ord. No. 252, submitted by Sky Sampson, EBCI secretary of community, education, and recreation services, seeks to create a Committee of Aging and Disability in the Cherokee Code.

The whereas section of the legislation states, “It is in the best interest of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to modernize and update official terminology to reflect respectful and inclusive language by replacing the term ‘handicapped’ with ‘disabled’ and ‘elderly’ with ‘aging’; and the programs and tribal members will benefit by establishing the Committee on Aging and Disability within the Cherokee Code to ensure consistency, transparency, and accountability in programs that serve the aging and disabled populations of the EBCI.”

The ordinance seeks to establish Cherokee Code Sec. 117-44 (Committee on Aging and Disability). The purpose under this

section states, “The purpose of the tribal programs under the Committee’s purview shall be to provide emergency and supportive services to eligible tribal members who are aging or disabled, thereby promoting health, safety, dignity, and welfare.”

Ord. No. 253, submitted by Cruz Galaviz, director of Tribal Realty Services, seeks to create Cherokee Code Chapter 47C “establishing Tribal Realty Services in the Cherokee Code”.

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

It continues, “Tribal Realty Services include Realty Services, Geographic Information Systems, and Surveying; however, Tribal Realty Services has not been recognized or authorized in Cherokee Code. The proposed ordinance would create Chapter 47C in the Cherokee Code, establish Tribal Realty Services, and authorize Tribal Realty Services to promulgate rules and regulations to establish standards for the office such as recording standards for documents that affect interests in

tribal land, procedures for public record requests, document standards, and indexing standards.” Ord. No. 254, submitted by Ani-wodihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer, Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennelle Feather, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill, and Kolanvyi Rep. Venita Wolfe, seeks to amend the EBCI’s Election Ordinance (Chapter 161) to require transparency in campaign financing in EBCI tribal elections.

The whereas section of the legislation states, “Transparency in the sources of funding for tribal political candidates is not currently contained in Chapter 161 but is central to full transparency and government accountability; and voters have a right to know who is funding tribal political candidates and political contributions should

be publicly disclosed.”

The ordinance seeks to add a new section to Cherokee Code Section 161 entitled Transparency in Campaign Financing.

Proposed subsection (a) sets the tone for the campaign financing reports. “Candidates to become or remain an officer of the Tribe (Principal Chief, Vice Chief, Tribal Council) are required to file a report to the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics, in accordance with this section, detailing any gift, donation, or contribution received for the purpose of campaign activities and campaign-related expenses.”

The proposed subsection (b) outlines when a report would be filed. “A report is required for any gift, donation, or contribution in excess of \$50.00 received by the

candidate, and/or their agent, campaign organizer, campaign manager, or any other individual or organization acting on the candidate’s behalf.”

Proposed subsection (c) states the following be provided in the report: contributor’s name, contributor’s city and state of permanent residence, contributor’s principal occupation, and total amount contributed.

Proposed subsection (d) states, “Anonymous gifts, donations, or contributions in excess of \$50.00 must be reported to include the total amount received.”

The proposed ordinance also allows for public availability of the reports. Proposed subsection (f) states, “Campaign Financing Reports are due to the (EBCI) Office of Internal Audit and Ethics within

14 business days following the election.” Subsection (g) follows, “Once submitted to the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics, all Campaign Financing Reports are public records and are to be made available upon request.”

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Dinilawigi authorizes tribal programs to apply for five grants totaling \$2.2 million

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) has authorized several tribal programs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to apply for a total of five grants that would benefit the EBCI community.

Each of the five resolutions passed were submitted by Brandi Claxton, EBCI secretary of treasury, on behalf of the respective tribal program. They were approved unanimously as part of the consent agenda during the regular

session of Dinilawigi on Thursday, Aug. 6.

Res. No. 264 authorizes the EBCI Tribal Foods Distribution Program to seek a \$655,419 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) program.

The whereas section of the legislation states the grant “will provide USDA approved foods to low-income households and elders residing on Indian reservations, or designated areas nearby..”

It further states, “The EBCI will contribute a grant match in

the estimated amount of \$163,855 from the General Fund.”

Res. No. 265 authorizes the EBCI Tribal Foods Distribution Program to seek a \$100,000 grant from the USDA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation program to “provide nutrition education to FDPIR participants”. There is no grant match required.

Res. No. 266 authorizes the EBCI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DVSA) Program to seek a \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women “to support victims/clients with transitional housing supplies, legal assistance, and youth services”. There is no grant match required.

Res. No. 267 authorizes the EBCI Family Safety Program to seek a \$235,000 grant from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Child Abuse Prevention in Migrant and Tribal Communities program “to support community-based initiatives to strengthen families, enhance child well-being, and prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs”. There is no grant match required.

The whereas section of the legislation states, “The Family Safety Program will utilize this funding to build protective factors that help children, youth, and families build resilience and develop

skills, characteristics, knowledge, and relationships that reduce risk and promote positive outcomes, while sustaining and expanding evidence-informed practices to prevent child abuse and neglect.”

The legislation states that if the grant is received, the EBCI “will contribute a grant match in the estimated amount of \$125,000, consisting of \$62,500 from General Fund and \$62,500 from In-Kind”.

Res. No. 268 authorizes the EBCI Family Safety Program to seek a \$375,000 grant from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Kinship Navigator Programs: Replication and Tribal Adaptation program “to increase the number of tribal child welfare agencies that replicate and implement an evidence-based Kinship Navigator Program rated as promising, supported, or well-supported by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse”.

The whereas section of the legislation states, “The Family Safety Program requires funding to implement and operate a Title IV-E Kinship Navigator Program, and this funding opportunity will provide resources to establish and sustain evidence-informed practices that support kinship caregivers, strengthen family stability, and prevent child abuse and neglect.”

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CCS School Board holds August meeting, discusses first day back for teachers and staff

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the evening of Monday, Aug. 3, the Cherokee Central Schools Board of Education met in the Central Office Board Room. Chairperson Jennifer Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, secretary and Widagalinidisgv (Big Y) rep.; Melanie Lambert, vice chairperson and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) rep.; Kenny Davis, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) rep.; Micah Swimmer, Aniwodihi (Painttown) rep.; Heather Driver, human resources director; and Consuela Girty, superintendent. Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; and Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolftown) rep., had an excused absence. Michael Stamper, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) rep., was absent.

Davis led the opening prayer.

The previous meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Davis. Athletic Director Kelsey Jackson attended the meeting to answer questions posed by Reed-Cooper regarding coaching contracts and stipends. Reed-Cooper wanted clarification on the process for determining coaching contracts and stipends. Jackson said there are several factors, including whether the coach has prior college coaching or playing experience in the respective sport, and if the coach is under a 1-year, 2-year, or 3-year contract. Jackson said only head

coaches in the high revenue sports, football and basketball (men's and women's), receive a 3-year contract. Jackson said they follow the policies that have been set by the school board.

Jackson shared that she wants to have a Booster Club store this year, but she needs Booster Club officers.

In good news, Girty shared that the Cherokee Cultural Professional Learning Series, which was held on the morning and afternoon of Aug. 3 to kick off the school year for CCS teachers and staff, was successful. Girty said her goal was 10 presenters, and with the help of Kathi Littlejohn, they were able to have 40 people and 25 sessions, which allowed teachers and staff to attend two 1-hour sessions.

She said the series included a panel with CCS alumni, as well as various presentations on Cherokee history and culture. She said she received positive feedback from her staff. Davis was able to attend and shared that he was impressed as well.

The agenda was approved as amended, with Driver adding a walk-in Cherokee Middle School assistant cross country coach position, and Girty adding ARPA funding usage adjustments.

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert. Swimmer expressed his opinion about the hiring process for Cherokee language teachers. Swimmer said he would like to see the interview panel include Cherokee speakers who can ask

language-specific questions of the candidates to assess their language skills.

The following resolutions were approved from the consent agenda. The names will be unredacted after a two-week window for new employees to inform former employers.

27-023 The contract renewal for Frontline Technologies for 2026-27 is approved in the amount of \$42,688.48

27-024 Cherokee Central Schools be approved for renewal of Achieve 3000 Literacy Program for SY 2026-27 in the amount of \$52,125.00

27-025 REDACTED is approved as the Cherokee Middle School ELA Teacher.

27-026 REDACTED is approved as the CHS Administrative Assistant for the next school year.

27-027 REDACTED is approved as the SPED Teacher for the Cherokee Middle School.

27-028 REDACTED is approved as the School Psychologist for the Cherokee Central School.

27-029 REDACTED is ap-

proved as the CMS Cherokee Language Teacher for the Cherokee Central School.

27-030 REDACTED is approved as the CMS Cherokee Language Teacher for the Cherokee Central School.

27-031 REDACTED is approved as the Instructional Facilitator for the next school year.

27-032 REDACTED is approved as the Curriculum Instructional Management Coordinator for the next school year.

27-033 REDACTED is approved as the 8-Hour Food Service Worker for the next school year.

The board approved an employee medical leave request.

The board approved the ARPA funding usage adjustment walk-in. The board also approved REDACTED as the Cherokee Middle School Cross Country Assistant Coach.

The next meetings will be held Aug. 17 and Sept. 8 in the Central Office Board Room at 4:45 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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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

Senate Bill 5132 (A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008). The full text of this legislation is not yet available. The title currently states, “A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow for dual enrollment in the supplemental nutrition assistance program and the food distribution program on Indian reservations.”

Introduced: July 23, 2026 by Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on July 23, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Bills with recent action

There has not been recent action on any of the bills we’re following.

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.

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.

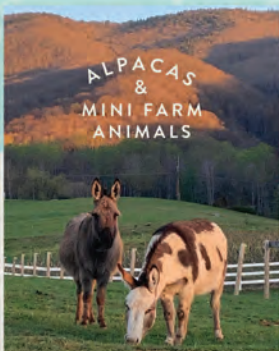
Introduced: May 7, 2025 by Rep. Hillar J. Scholten (D-Mich.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 7, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that

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

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

H.R. 3956 (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reser-

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

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

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

Senate Bill 2160 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025).

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

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

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

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources as well as the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 2, 2025. This bill

was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, and a hearing was held in that Subcommittee on Nov. 19, 2025.

Senate Bill 2211 (Special Diabetes Program Reauthorization Act of 2025).

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

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

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

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993).

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

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs on Sept. 4, 2025, and a hearing was held on this legislation in the subcommittee on Sept. 9, 2025. A

Committee mark-up session was held on Feb. 11, 2026, and it was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent. It was reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 2, 2026 and was placed on the Union Calendar that same day. The bill was passed by a voice vote in the House on June 2, 2026. It was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 3, 2026.

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

This bill would “amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of 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.

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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 re-

ferred 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 War-rant 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 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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on Nov. 20, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 6285 (Native Arts and Culture Promotion Act).

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

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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 Natural Resources on Nov. 20, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian

Affairs on Feb. 3, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Small

Business on Feb. 5, 2026, and a mark-up session was held on Feb. 11, 2026 where it was reported favorably (24-0 vote). 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 Com-

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 organiza-

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 bill also states, “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in coordination with

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

Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court

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

Arch, Richard W.
- No Liability Insurance (April 25, 2026). VD, other.

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika L.
- DWLR (June 27, 2026). Dismissed without leave.

Brown, Charity C.
- Fail to Secure Passenger under 16 (May 23, 2026). VD.

Calhoun Jr., James P.
- Fail. Wear Seat Belt - Rear Seat (July 18, 2024). Guilty/responsible.

Castillo, Christopher B.
- Fail. Wear Seat Belt - Rear Seat (July 10, 2025). No Contest/responsible.

Charley, Leon Q.
- Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (July 5, 2026). Guilty. 30 days, credit for 1 day served, suspended 12 months unsupervised probation.

Colindres, Orlen A.
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (July 11, 2026). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Dunston, Lois E.
- Failure to Yield (July 22, 2026). Guilty/responsible.

Esquivel, Mario L.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (July 11, 2026). Dismissed due to successful mediation.
- Assaulting by Pointing Gun (July 11, 2026). Dismissed due to successful mediation.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (July 10, 2026). Dismissed due to successful mediation.

Fuller, Daniel R.
- DWLR (May 12, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

George, John C.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 27, 2024). Guilty/responsible.

Gonzalez, Jacinta H.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 5, 2026). Dismissed due to successful mediation.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Feb. 5, 2026). Dismissed due to successful mediation.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 28, 2026). Dismissed due to successful mediation.

Howard, Raymond E.
- Hit/Run Leave Scene Prop. Dam. (May 5, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Fail to Report Accident (May 5, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Jones, Karen L.
- Child not in Rear Seat (June 20, 2026). Guilty/responsible.

Laforce, Hannah
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 4, 2026). Guilty. 5 days, credit for 3 days served, Date of Release July 9, 2026.

Lossiah, Jiah A.
- Fail. Wear Seat Belt - Rear Seat (Feb. 14, 2024). Guilty/responsible.

Lossiah, Anthony C.
- Disorderly Conduct (July 21, 2026). PJC. 12 months PJC, pay court costs.
Ornelas, Arturo C.
- DWLR Impaired Rev. (Nov. 5, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Owle, Carolina A.
- Compulsory School Attendance (April 24, 2026) Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Compulsory School Attendance (Oct. 1, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Rabassa, Victor
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 23, 2026). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness.

Reed, Mackenzie
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (May 11, 2026). Guilty. 6 months, suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation.

Rich, Cody J.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 26, 2025). Guilty. 30 days, credit for 7 days served, 9 months supervised probation.

Rickman, Patrick L.
- Domestic Violence and Dating

Violence (Oct. 10, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Santoyo, Ana M.
- No Operator's License/Driver's License (Oct. 10, 2023). Guilty/responsible.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 21, 2024). Dismissed without leave.

Sequoyah, Kieran S.
- DWI - Level 5 (June 30, 2025). Guilty. 60 days, suspended, 3 months supervised probation, obtain SAA, 24 hours community service.

Smith, Nathan K.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 18, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 22, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Public Intoxication (June 18, 2026). Guilty.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 18, 2026). Guilty.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 22, 2026). Guilty. 6 months, credit for 43 days served, suspended 12 months supervised probation.

Stapleton, Lance
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 4, 2026). Guilty. 9 days, credit for 4 days served, Date of release July 12, 2026.

Stephens, Evangeline W.
- Reckless Driving to Endanger (June 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Open Cont. After Cons. Alc. 1st (June 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- DWI - Level 5 (Nov. 15, 2025).

Guilty per plea. 60 days, suspended, 3 months supervised probation, obtain SAA, 24 hours community service.

Vaughn, Richard A.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 17, 2026). Guilty. 30 days, credit for 1 day served, suspended 6 months unsupervised probation.

Vaughn, Chelsae

- Reckless Endangerment (July 9, 2026). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Wachacha, Alexis B.

- DWOL Not Impaired Rev. (Jan. 14, 2026). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Walkingstick, William G.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Sept. 29, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Weapons Offense (Jan. 16, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- DWI - Aggravated Level 1 (Jan. 16, 2026). Guilty.
- Probation Revocation (Jan. 19, 2026). Admitted. 120 days, run concurrent with other sentences.
- DWI - Aggravated Level 1 (Sept. 29, 2025). Guilty. 3 years, suspended 3 years supervised probation, special condition serve 240 days. Date of release April 3, 2027.
- Probation Revocation (Sept. 30, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Walkingstick, Christopher R.

- Unsafe Passing Oncoming Traffic (Feb. 9, 2026). VD.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Feb. 9, 2026). Guilty. 30 days, suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation.
- Reckless Drug. - Wanton Disregard (Feb. 9, 2026). Dismissed

upon further investigation.

- Driving While Impaired (Feb. 9, 2026). Dismissed upon further investigation.

Walkingstick, Norman R.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (April 30, 2021). Guilty.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Oct. 27, 2021). Guilty.

Ward, Dakota J.

- Aggravated Sexual Abuse (Jan. 1, 2018). Dismissed per plea.
- Abusive Sexual Contact (Jan. 1, 2019). Dismissed per plea.
- Kidnapping (Jan. 1, 2018). Dismissed per plea.
- Abusive Sexual Contact (Jan. 1, 2015). Dismissed per plea.
- Abusive Sexual Contact (Jan. 1, 2015). Dismissed per plea.
- Aggravated Sexual Abuse (Jan. 1, 2016). Dismissed per plea.
- Kidnapping (Jan. 1, 2016). Dismissed per plea.
- Kidnapping (Jan. 1, 2017). Dismissed per plea.
- Abusive Sexual Contact (Jan. 1, 2018). Dismissed per plea.
- Abusive Sexual Contact (Jan. 1, 2017). Dismissed per plea.
- Aggravated Sexual Abuse (Jan. 1, 2017). Dismissed per plea.
- Abusive Sexual Contact (Jan. 1, 2016). Dismissed per plea.
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Jan. 1, 2015). Guilty.
- False Imprisonment (June 1, 2009). Guilty.
- False Imprisonment (Jan. 1, 2019). Guilty.
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Jan. 1, 2019). Guilty.
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (June 1, 2009). Guilty.
- False Imprisonment (Jan. 1,

2015). Guilty.

- False Imprisonment (Jan. 1, 2015). Guilty.
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Jan. 1, 2015). Guilty. 5 years, credit for 188 days served. Date of release Jan. 2, 2031. Register as Tier 1 sex offender. 50D protective orders for all victims.

Ward, Brandon L.

- Unsafe Movement (June 17, 2026). Guilty/responsible.

Watty, Kevin R.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Aug. 2, 2023). Guilty/responsible.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Aug. 16, 2023). Voluntary Dismissal.

Welch, Juliann R.

- Communicating Threats (July 26, 2026). Dismissed, other.

Wolfe, Tyler D.

- Assault on a Female (March 8, 2025). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness.

Wolfe, Daliyah L.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) May 29, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Driving While Impaired (March 14, 2026). Dismissed upon further investigation.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (May 29, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- No Liability Insurance (Nov. 19, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Cancl/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (Nov. 19, 2025). Dismissed per plea.



1. How many wins by knockout did LaMar Clark have on Dec. 1, 1958, in a boxing tournament in Bingham, Utah?

2. Name the ESPN college basketball announcer who exclaimed "Send it in, Jerome!" after the Pittsburgh Panthers' Jerome Lane shattered the backboard with a slam dunk in a 1988 game vs. Providence.

3. Pitcher Juan Marichal, the first foreign-born player inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, hailed from which country?

4. Johan Kriek won the 1981 Australian Open men's singles tennis title representing South Africa, then successfully defended his championship in December 1982 playing for which country?

5. Which longtime goaltender for the NHL's Washington Capitals, nicknamed "Olie the Goalie," won the Vezina Trophy in 2000?

6. In the 2003-04 NBA season, which team set the record for holding opponents to under 100 points for 38 consecutive games?

7. Who caught the famous "4th and 26" pass from Donovan McNabb in the fourth quarter of the Philadelphia Eagles' overtime win over the Green Bay Packers in a January 2004 NFC divisional playoff game?

Answers

1. Six.
2. Bill Raftery.
3. The Dominican Republic.
4. The United States.
5. Olaf Kolzig.
6. The Detroit Pistons.
7. Freddie Mitchell.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
July 27 – Aug. 2, 2026**

The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.

Logah, Shyqwan – age 34
Arrested: July 27
Released: July 27
Charges: Temporary Hold

Esquivel, Mario Luis – age 51
Arrested: July 28
Released: July 29
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (two counts), Assaulting by Pointing a Gun

Burke, Lisa Elaine – age 53
Arrested: July 29
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 3)
Charges: Violation of Court Order

Reed, Tamara Ann – age 32
Arrested: July 29
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 3)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Reed, Samuel Enoch – age 36
Arrested: July 30
Released: July 30
Charges: Larceny

Edmundo, Meza Mestiza – age 34
Arrested: Aug. 1
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 3)
Charges: Failure to Obey Lawful Order of the Court, Offensive

Touching

Reed, Samuel Enoch – age 36
Arrested: Aug. 1
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 3)
Charges: Probation Violation

Alvarez, Diamond Tallulah – age 23
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Aug. 2
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Duncan, Daniel Dewayne – age 30
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Aug. 2
Charges: Hold Until Sober

English, Andrew Ronald – age 39
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Aug. 2
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Finke, Taylor Anne – age 29
Arrested: Aug. 2

Released: Aug. 2
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Hornbuckle, Brittany – age 34
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Aug. 2
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Long Jr., Henry Allen – age 35
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 3)
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release (two counts)

Munoz, Isaac Rene – age 38
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Aug. 2
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Taylor, Alan Curtis – age 45
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 3)
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Peregrine falcons soar

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This Week in Native News

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ARIZONA

The Navajo Nation will be partnering with Flock Safety “to deploy automated license-plate readers across its 27,000-square-mile territory in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.”

• *Indigenous TV*

CALIFORNIA

The California Legislative Native American Caucus honored “six Native leaders whose work strengthened Tribal communities, advanced Native rights, and preserved In-

digenous cultures during the 2026 California Native American Cultural Day on Monday, Aug. 3.”

• *Native News Online*

MICHIGAN

The Michigan Supreme Court has overturned a key permit authorizing Enbridge Energy’s proposed plan to “relocate a four-mile segment of the Line 5 pipeline into a tunnel beneath the Straits of Mackinac,” marking a victory for the Bay Mills Indian Community and other Tribal Nations seeking to protect the Great Lakes.

• *Native News Online*

MONTANA

The Great Falls City Commission has approved a plan for the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians “to build a large affordable housing

development on land that was once home to the Indigenous poor in Great Falls.”

• *Montana Free Press*

WASHINGTON

Avangrid, an energy developer, has withdrawn its “longstanding permit application to build industrial-scale solar on a site sacred to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Confederated Tribes and bands of the Yakama Nation.”

• *High Country News*

WASHINGTON & OREGON

Tribes in the Pacific Northwest are being devastated by wildfires. As of July 30, “the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation are all facing evacuations.”

• *Underscore Native News*

WASHINGTON, D.C.

During a bipartisan Senate Committee on Indian Affairs roundtable titled, “Tracking Prediction Markets’ Exponential Growth: Tribal Implications and Beyond”, tribal leaders urged Congress to prevent online prediction markets from becoming something “that threatens tribal sovereignty, gaming revenues, and the regulatory framework established under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).”

• *Native News Online*

WISCONSIN

A federal appeals court has “agreed with a Western District of Wisconsin opinion that the pipeline, Line 5 operated by Enbridge Energy, was trespassing on 12 miles of land within the boundaries of the

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, an Anishinaabe tribe in northern Wisconsin on the shores of Lake Superior.”

• *Indian Country Today*

CANADA

Seven members of the St. Catharines Athletics box team, four of whom are members of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, “were told the day after securing a spot in the Final Six Championship that the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) would not allow them to compete because they live in the United States.”

• *CBC*

The Cross Lake Band of Indians in Manitoba, Canada are suing Manitoba Hydro, the province, and federal government after the nation was “hit by a power outage that led to evacuations and damaged infrastructure.” The suit alleges Manitoba Hydro and the government have been negligent “of warnings the community’s power line was ‘old and vulnerable.’”

• *CBC*

MISC.

The Native Forward Scholars Fund will be directing a gift of \$50 million from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott towards supporting Native students.

• *Native News Online*

Three Indigenous candidates won their Democratic primaries on Tuesday, Aug. 4: Sean McCann (Potawatomi Nation) for Michigan’s Fourth Congressional District, Melissa Perron (Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians) for Michigan House of Representatives in District 107, and Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin) for Kansas’s 3rd Congressional District.

• *Indian Country Today*

EBCI TRIBAL HOUSING FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

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

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FOOTBALL

Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi are ready to get season rolling

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) opened their 2017 campaign at the North Buncombe Black Hawks – a game they would win 36-10. That team went on to win the 2017 1A State Championship. This year, the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi open their campaign at North Buncombe – just saying.

“Summer has been great,” said T.C. Guyer, Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi head coach. “Honestly, it’s been a pleasant surprise with everything – number-wise, the effort, the drive that they have, the willingness to listen, the willingness to learn, to get out there and do what we ask. We were asking a lot more of them than a lot of them have ever done in their football career.”

Coach Guyer said he is especially excited about the player’s work ethic and attitudes. “It’s a lot more than they’re used to, but they’ve jumped at it. They’ve been eager. They’ve been willing to learn and they’re just grabbing it by the horns and rolling with it, which is a great thing to have. You can tell there’s excitement. There’s guys stepping up big time for us.”

Zaynon Taylor, senior offensive and defensive lineman, commented, “I think we’re going to be much better than we were last year. Our coach knows what he’s talking about. We’ve got a totally new system from last year. The difference from this year and last year is everybody’s got faith. Everybody’s got faith in the system, the coaches, everything. So, I think



Cherokee’s Zaynon Taylor (#51), then a junior, gives an anetso (stickball) challenge call prior to the start of a game at Hayesville on Oct. 3, 2025. Taylor, a senior, is ready for this year’s campaign. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

we’re going to have a pretty decent season.”

As a senior, he is ready for the challenge. “I’ve always been sort of a leader, but especially my senior year I’ve got to take accountability, get everybody together, and make sure we’re all on the same path as one. We’ve been looking good in practice. We’re all

set for this season. We’re all locked in for this season.”

Dawson Panther, senior quarterback, said he is also very excited about the season. “The way we’ve been working this summer, I feel like it’s all just going to fall in line. And, with our coach having our back and building confidence in us, and we have confidence in him,

I think we’re going to go a long way.”

He said a major difference this year is the strength of the team bond. “Last year, we weren’t really playing with each other. We were just kind of playing for ourselves. We weren’t really worried about anybody else. But, this year, we’re all playing for something, not play-



Ray Kinsland Stadium, sitting empty on the morning of Friday, July 31, is ready for some memories to be made this season.

ing for just ourselves...it's everybody, the whole team."

Noah Watty, senior wide receiver and defensive back, noted, "Our practices have been a lot different than the last three years I've been here in high school. Everybody just wants it this year, basically. With our coach coming in, we trust him and everything, and we're just ready to go."

When asked what he's most excited about for this season, Watty replied, "Really getting to have

one last ride with my boys. I've been playing with this group since I was probably in peewees. To go out with this group, I wouldn't have it any other way."

I asked Taylor what the team's goal was for this season, and, without hesitation, he said, "State championship. That's what we're set on. We want that ring."

Coach Guyer said, "That's one thing we're really trying to get to them. This work that's put in in January of last year - February,

March, April, May, all this summer work - it's not just to play until October...we want to start building to that expectation to where Cherokee High School is playing late into November, December, getting to the state championship, finals, fourth round, all that stuff. So, that's always going to be my expectation."

One thing about it, the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi are ready. Coach Guyer noted, "We're here to play football. We don't care who gets

off that bus, who is on the on the other side of the line when we play. We're going to give it everything we've got. We're going to make sure they know they played Cherokee High School when it wraps up."

Taylor said it best, "Honestly. I'm ready to hit somebody else."

Good luck Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi! Have a great season.



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and EBCI tribal program/entity links



Bernice Bottchenbaugh cuts out fabric for a chemise in her class at the Qualla Boundary Public Library makerspace on Aug. 6.
(BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT/One Feather photo)

A Day in the Makerspace

Bernice Bottchenbaugh's chemise class at Qualla Boundary Public Library

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On Thursday, Aug. 6, Bernice Bottchenbaugh, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Kolanvyi (Big Cove), taught a chemise class at the Qualla Boundary Public Library. The library hosts many traditional craft classes in their makerspace taught by members of the community, from Cherokee woven belts to trade shirts and twine bags.

The chemise class began at 8 a.m. and

lasted until 4 p.m. with lunch provided. Amy PostOak, library aide, said participants are selected via lottery system, but they do hold spots for those running for Little, Junior, Teen, Miss, or Senior Miss Cherokee, so contestants have an opportunity to learn and make their regalia for the pageants.

There were a range of Cherokee women in the chemise class of varying ages and walks of life, including youth, elders, and two young women who plan to run in the pageants. Sewing experience was required to sign up for the class, but Bottchenbaugh made sure to teach each person individually at their own pace.



Cherokee One Feather Reporter Brooklyn Brown Bigmeat poses in her finished chemise. (Photo by Amy PostOak).

The class began with each participant selecting their fabric, which was provided by the library. The library also had all necessary tools and materials in their makerspace, like sewing and serger machines, so that participants need only show up and learn. The library accepts donated materials if you have craft supplies that you would like to donate to the makerspace.

Bottchenbaugh provided an easy-to-follow pattern that was specific to individual measurements. Next was surging the fabric, which a few women said was their first experience using a serger. A serger is useful for trimming and sewing the edge of your fabric to prevent fraying and give a polished look.

After surging the fabric cuts, the sewing began. The chemise is fairly simple to piece together, but it takes time and patience to make sure everything connects for a nice fit. Bottchenbaugh suggested gussets and gores, diamond and



Cherokee women work on their chemises in a class taught by Bernice Bottchenbaugh at the Qualla Boundary Public Library makerspace on Aug. 6. (BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT/One Feather photo)

triangular shaped fabric inserts, to make sure the chemise fit comfortably.

After piecing together the chemise and feeding through elastic for the neckline and sleeves, Bottchenbaugh provided pre-made bows to sew on the middle of the neckline and sleeves for a final touch.

Bottchenbaugh said a woven belt and traditional jewelry pairs nicely with the chemise. Everyone walked away from the class with a completed chemise, many finishing before 4p.m.

"I like the results when everyone tries the finished dress and is so happy and satisfied. That's why I do what I can when asked to share whatever I know. Everyone was so pleasant and admired each other's dress," Bottchenbaugh said.

"The interest of traditional sharing is important."

Follow Qualla Boundary Public Library on Facebook to stay up to date on available classes. PostOak said there are classes planned for the fall.



Bernice Bottchenbaugh, left, and Marvel Welch pose after Welch finished her chemise in Bottchenbaugh's class at the Qualla Boundary Public Library makerspace on Aug. 6. (Photo by Amy PostOak, library aide)

Cherokee Water reveals exclusive can for Red Clay State Historic Park's 2026 Cherokee Cultural Celebration

By ANN TOINEETA
One Feather Intern

Cherokee Water has revealed its exclusive water can for the 2026 Cherokee Cultural Celebration at Red Clay State Historic Park in Cleveland, Tenn. which took place Aug. 8-9.

The design of the can was created by Taylor Young, a park interpretive ranger II, and was originally made for shirts sold at Red Clay Historic Park. The design features a chickadee sitting atop a guitar with a thistle on either side. The chickadee and thistle are native to Tennessee and the guitar represents Agalisiga Mackey Music, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation who performed Cherokee songs at the event. The can also features a short history of Red Clay and explains the park's cultural ties to the Cherokee people.

Pamela Sneed, EBCI director of enterprise development, explained that their relationship with Red Clay began after they brought Cherokee Water cans to last year's Cultural Celebration as a new way to promote them.

"We took a lot of canned water down there and they bought every bit of it. We only took cans, we didn't take any bottles because we're trying to promote the sustainability of aluminum. It's better for the environment," she said. "You can recycle aluminum as many times as you want. You can barely recycle plastic once and it starts losing its integrity. We're not trying to take away from the bottled waters, but we're trying to offer another item for the tribe."

Inspired by Red Clay's cultural significance to the Cherokee people, they decided to make a specialty can exclusive for this year's Cultural Celebration. It was important for this design to be on a can because it has more space available to display the historical information.

"We can put our stories, our legends, our history on these cans so it's not just that they're pretty, and that they look good, and that it's cool to have a can of water, but it also tells our story," Sneed said. "You can't put much on a



Cherokee Water has revealed its exclusive water can for the 2026 Cherokee Cultural Celebration at Red Clay State Historic Park in Cleveland, Tenn. (ANN TOINEETA/One Feather photos)

water bottle as opposed to a can."

After last year's success, Sneed hopes that this can will inspire both locals and tourists to visit Red Clay and learn more about its history.

"We got a really good reception from everybody and they invited us back and we'll continue to go back," she said. "We need exposure, we need to let people know that we're here, and that this is a product of the Eastern Band. I'm excited to see everybody's reaction over this one."

Sneed is extremely proud of the work they've done on this can and is looking forward to expanding the business in the future.

"It's so much fun when we get the cans back because you can have the artwork, but when you get it on the can, it's just so much

better," she said. "It lets our visitors read about us when they're drinking a can of water. What we want them to do is collect them and then they can have the history on the side of the can. A lot of people hear about Red Clay, but do they really know the significance of Red Clay? Maybe if a local gets one, they can read about it and say, 'let's go check out Red Clay.' It allows more people to be aware of us and these Cherokee people in our history. It kills a lot of birds with one stone- It looks good, it makes money for the tribe, it's a marketing tool, and it's a history tool."

Any leftover cans from the Cultural Celebration will be sold to the ranger station at Red Clay.

First Floor Highway releases powerful new single, “Bring the Ruin”

By ANN TOINEETA
One Feather Intern

First Floor Highway, Albuquerque’s “Indigenous inspired rock band,” is back with their new single, “Bring the Ruin” just three months after the release of their debut album, “Under the Sun”. The band, which consists of lead vocalist Jordan O. James, guitarist Daniel Coburn, bassist Joey Monaco, and drummer Dan Sandweiss, is bringing an alternative-country-rock sound to the Indigenous music scene.

Released on July 13, “‘Bring the Ruin’ is a song about people who know they’re terrible for each other but can’t quite stop coming back, and a reckoning that sometimes the only way forward is through the ruin itself. Equal parts introspective and defiant, the single reflects the resilience, hope, and determination that have become hallmarks of First Floor Highway’s songwriting,” according to the band’s press release.

Jordan O. James, a member of the Grand Portage Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe who has lived in New Mexico since 1994, explained what the process for making the song was like. “‘Bring the Ruin’ was originally created by Blood for Soil, a Native American band fronted by a Diné artist named Dale Deforest. James adapted the song by rearranging the lyrics and writing a new third verse.

“We kind of built a whole new song around the idea of the lyrics from that original song,” James said. “We completely rewrote the tune and completely evolved it from scratch. It was a really nice way to pay homage to another Native American band while not being a cover.”

Though the band typically writes the music for their songs first instead of the lyrics, they are very open to new ideas and experimenting. All the members work together to create their music.

“If something has legs, we’ll all come together and work on it. If something doesn’t quite jell, but it’s a really good start to something, we’ll put it on the back burner and maybe check out the vibe at a later time,” James said. “The interesting thing about this tune



Jordan O. James, a member of the Grand Portage Band of the Minnesota Chippewa, is the lead vocalist for Albuquerque-based First Floor Highway. (Photo by Rachel Jump)

is that it was written in reverse from how we normally do things.”

“‘Bring the Ruin’ is First Floor Highway’s first song to feature their new lead guitarist, Daniel Coburn. James described Coburn as not only an amazing guitarist who has added a new sound to the band, but also a great guy to be around. Coburn’s sound is a steppingstone in the new direction the band is going.

“We specifically asked him to join the band because he just has a really amazing alternative-country-rock twang about his guitar playing,” James said. “We thought that would really complement this kind of Middle of the Road-Tom Petty rock and roll thing that we do. ‘Bring the Ruin’ is definitely the biggest thing that’s pointing where we’re going next as far as the band because his guitar playing and his guitar work really represents a slight pivot in what we’ve been doing.”

In the lyrics of “Bring the Ruin”, First Floor Highway draws on memes about Native dating. The song reflects both the humor and sadness that comes with joking about toxic relationships.

“There’s a ton of really funny memes about when winter is coming and we start talking about ‘shack up season’ or ‘you can tell a rez girl really loves you by how mean she is to you,’” James said. “The lyrics to this song really tapped into the creative spirit of what those comments are about Native life in the modern world. Even though the lyrics themselves don’t really have anything specific that’s Indian about them, they’re kind of telling this foundational story about the Indigenous experience. It was what’s simmering underneath a song.”

First Floor Highway does not just put out music; they are also passionate about being a part of the growing conversation about modern Native American art. They support other Native American bands by organizing shows for them to play together and encouraging other Native artists to join the movement.

“If there’s anyone out there that’s ever trying to figure out how to get started, how to get music released, how to express themselves creatively, and just take part in this Indian art conversation, you can always reach out to me because I’m happy to be part of the community and help others try to figure out how to get their voice out into this conversation as well,” James said. “Yeah, we’re a band, we’re creating sonic art, we’re putting our vision out there, what we want to say and how we want to sound, but we’re also trying to build community at the same time and then create a platform for other people who also want to take part in this conversation.”

Stay tuned for First Floor Highway’s next singles, “Way More Rezy” coming out in August and “Mary Ann” coming out in September. The band is also consistently playing shows in the Southwestern region of the U.S. with many of them being in New Mexico.

“Bring the Ruin” is available on all streaming platforms and can be downloaded for free at www.1stflrhwty.com.

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- *Submissions must be received by August 15
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- *Artwork will be used at the event and will feature the artist information
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Thank you from the family of Sissy West

The family of Sissy West would like to thank Big Cove Baptist Church for allowing us to have her services there this past February. Thank you, Pastor Brandon Harrell and Kenny Davis, for officiating. We would also like to thank those who came out to sing, those who brought food,

everyone who sent flowers and the free labor team. Along with Crisp Funeral Home and their team for all that they did. The family is very grateful to everyone who came to support us during such times. It's not easy to let your mom go, or your niece, or granddaughter so Sgi from the bottom of our hearts. Sissy was a character, and the biggest Duke fan ever! She was loved by her kids, family, and friends. Sgi Nigada



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Zander Bull Moses Escobar-Oocumma

Zander Bull Moses Escobar-Oocumma, infant son of James Escobar and Makailah Oocumma, went home to be with the Lord Monday, Aug. 3, 2026. He was born Aug. 2, 2026. Although he was only here for a short time, he was cherished and loved every moment. He was one of the greatest blessings God ever gave to us.

He was preceded in death by great grandmother, Joyce (Peggy) Oocumma; great grandfather, Jimmy Page; great grandmother, Rosa Emelia Escobar; great great grandfather, John Bull Standingdeer; and great great grandmother, Mary Standingdeer; and great

grandfather, Gary Toineeta.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his big sister, Adalyn Roberson; grandparents, great grandparents, aunts and uncles.

A graveside service was held Friday, Aug. 7 at Birdtown Cemetery. Rev. Max Cochran officiated.

Henry M. Dover

Henry M. Dover, 77, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late David Miller and Lula Bell Murphy Dover. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his two sisters, Lillian Dement, Dolly (Hazel) Kirkland; and, one brother, William Jesse Lee Dover.

Henry was a US Army Veteran serving in the 25th Infantry. He spent two tours in Vietnam. He was a very dedicated husband, father, papaw, and brother to all of his loving family. He was a man of great faith.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Susie Dover; children, Rachel Dover (Zombie), Wayne Dover, and Katie Dover; special ones that he held close to his heart and always included them as one of his own, Lena Dover, Justin Manning, Donna Hardison (John) and their daughters, Kayla Hardison, and Felicia Hardison, Daniel Myers and Jerry Woolverton; his beloved fur babies, Dori, Udsti, Sebastian, and McKenzie; grandchildren, Evie Manning, Joe Owle, Cody Owle, Danny Lambert, Drew Lambert, Samantha Dover, and Alyssa Dover; great grandchildren, Zoey Manning, Jace Manning, Morgan Lambert, Annalise Lambert, Colten Lambert, Raelynn Bryson, Annistyn Owle, Walker Owle and Grayson Graves; sisters, Shirley Page (Richard), and Betty Dover;

and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held Monday, Aug. 10 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel.

Brandon (Smalls) Kyle Sampson

Brandon (Smalls) Kyle Sampson, 29, of the Birdtown Community, crossed over to be his with Dad on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026. Born Nov. 14, 1996, to Shakira (Miss Bea) Sampson and No-Quisi (Star) Sampson, he was the light and joy of everyone who came to know and love him.

Brandon attended Cherokee High School, where he was a proud member of the JROTC program, graduating in 2016. He was an avid gamer who loved playing online games with his best friends. He was also a loyal team member of Holiday Inn Express in Cherokee. He will be remembered for his kind spirit, warm smile, and the love he shared with his family and friends.

Brandon leaves behind his loving mother, Miss Bea Sampson; his siblings, Jessa, Aydn and Elle Sampson; his maternal grandmother, Rose McCoy; his paternal grandmother, Tinker Sampson; his aunts, Jessica Lambert, Allyson Lambert, Gwen Wildcatt, and Harriet Sampson; his uncles, Leon Sampson and Delbert Sampson; as well as numerous cousins, extended family, and dear friends who will forever cherish his memory.

He was preceded by his father, Star Sampson; his maternal grandfathers, Little Bea Bradley and Rick Lambert; along with many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation was held Saturday, Aug. 8 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home with services immediately following. Interment followed at the Crowe-Littlejohn Cemetery.

Pall Bearers were Ry Sampson, Logan Teesateskie, Stan Ledford, Charlie Welch, Travis Ledford, and Jace Girty, among other friends and family.

Darrell Wayne Pyle

It is with great sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Darrell Wayne Pyle, age 66. Darrell was born in Trumann, Ark., to Eddie and Christina Pyle. He later moved to Greensboro, N.C., where he graduated from Paige High School with the Class of 1978.

A lifelong fan of the Arkansas Razorbacks and the St. Louis Cardinals, Darrell never missed an opportunity to cheer on his favorite teams. He worked in the construction industry for many years before relocating to Cherokee, North Carolina, where he and his wife became small business owners.

Above all, Darrell was devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Lynne Cooper-Pyle; his son, Craig Pyle; his daughter, Kelsey Stinson (Lucas); and his beloved grandson, Cooper Stinson. He is also survived by his parents, Eddie and Christina Pyle; his brother, David Pyle; his sister, Dana Trickey (Mark); along with many extended family members and friends.

Darrell will be remembered for his boisterous personality, his love for his family, his sense of humor, and the many friendships he made throughout his life.

In accordance with his family's wishes, there will be no public service. A private family gathering will be held to celebrate his life.



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News media need to have an impartial voice

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

For many years, your One Feather staff has been providing documentation of events in our community, in surrounding communities, in the state, region, and nation. No one outlet, especially with a total staff of five and only two of those routinely reporting, can physically cover all the happenings of interest to our community. To the best of our ability, we do get in items that you need to make decisions and to contact your elected officials when events and situations arise that will determine how you live in the community.

For example, our community is heavily invested in our youth, so you see a focus on school- and youth-sports-related materials in the One Feather publications. Tribal, federal, state, and local government actions are also of interest to the community, so you see a focus on legislative updates, executive actions, and judicial reports in the One Feather.

When it comes to tribal governmental reporting, you will not see a One Feather reporter interpret a report or draw a personal conclusion inside an article or a data release. Oh, you will surely find opinions in the One Feather offerings, but only in commentaries like this one, editorials, and letters to the editor. When reporting news to our community, it is an ethical responsibility not to bias an article. We simply document what is and let the reader make their own determination and draw their own conclusions.

A reporter or journalist simply gathers information in the form of text, audio, pictures, videos, interviews, etc., and processes it into an understandable format for public consumption.

In my opinion, the One Feather has a duty to the community and readership to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. And we balance that duty with a commitment to adhere to a specific ethical code set out specifically for journalists. The preamble to the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics says, "Members of the Society of Professional Journalists believe that public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy. Ethical journalism strives to ensure the free exchange of information that is accurate, fair, and thorough. An ethical journalist acts with integrity."

This organization and code stand on four pillars or principles, including: seeking truth and reporting it, minimizing harm, acting independently, and being accountable and transparent.

In our Cherokee Code, the government recognized the need for that independent voice even in a government-funded media outlet. It was our own elected officials who voted in Chapter 75-51, 52, and 53 of the Code, which says, "This article will be the Free Press Act of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It is imperative to have measures in place to ensure the freedom of press and to ensure the tribal publications have the autonomy and independence to report honestly and objective-

ly. The principles of free speech and free press, the rights of the people to assemble and petition for redress of grievances, shall not be abridged. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Free Press shall be independent from any influence and free of any particular political interest. It is the duty of the press to report without bias the activities of the Tribe, the tribal government, and any and all news of interest to have informed citizens."

Both the Editor and the Editorial Board of the Cherokee One Feather are bound by Code to maintain integrity when it comes to reporting to the EBCI community and readership. Section 75-57 says, "The staff shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit, receive or in any manner be concerned in soliciting or receiving any assessment, subscription, or contribution for any political organization, candidacy, or other political purpose. The staff shall not participate in any political campaign or be involved in any Tribal political activity, except to exercise their rights as citizens to express their individual opinion and cast their vote."

So, when it comes to articles in the One Feather, we are bound by law to provide, as Joe Friday used to say in the old television series *Dragnet*, "Just the facts."

Not only do we have a duty to be factual in our reporting, but we also must insist on truthful information from those wishing to provide data, events, and actions of individuals. While a letter or commentary submitter may express their opinions, they may not misrepresent data, events, and

actions or slander someone. All information submitted to the One Feather represented as fact must be sourced.

If an editor, publisher, or reporter allows their articles to be infected with their personal biases, they are no longer journalists. They are storytellers. They may as well be sitting at a bar with their buddies telling tales. Instead of documenting history, they end up telling historical fiction. Unfortunately, newsrooms are becoming slaves to economic and corporate interests. And their credibility as journalists representing a community suffers. In the end, only those readers with like beliefs will gravitate to a media outlet that espouses those beliefs. The rest of a community or readership will move on to attempt to find an unbiased outlet, or they will give up on news media altogether.

According to recent polling, communities and readers are doing exactly that.

Megan Brennan reporting for Gallup (news.gallup.com) says, "Americans' confidence in the mass media has edged down to a new low, with just 28 percent expressing a 'great deal' or 'fair amount' of trust in newspapers, television and radio to report the news fully, accurately and fairly. This is down from 31 percent last year and 40 percent five years ago. Meanwhile, seven in 10 U.S. adults now say they have confidence, (36 percent) say 'not very much' or 'none at all' (34 percent)."

As I have said in previous commentaries, news organizations become their own worst enemies

when they choose sensation over fact. And when an organization or a writer decides that its view or opinion of facts is more important than the facts themselves, the truth gets lost in supposition. I hold some passionate opinions on a variety of actions by governments and special interest groups. I know that if I leverage the tribal newspaper, skewing the facts to suit my beliefs, then I have become a political self-interest group and have violated my duty and the ethical code. And then I have given the community and readership a reason to distrust me and the newspaper.

By comparison, we are a small news organization. We don't have the regional resources that some outlets do. But we have a community and leadership that knows we will not mislead them based on any

political bias, whether that be for a politician, a government, or a special interest group. Reports we receive from the government are not altered by the One Feather (only children's names, information, and enrollment numbers are removed should they come in on a report). We transcribe information from meetings and put those reports out to the public. And when we cover stories that require interviews, those quotes are documented with attributions, so readers know who said what. We don't bully. We respectfully questions and give opportunity for comment. We don't suppose when we do not know. We gather news and report the facts without bias to the public, to the best of our ability. And that is what journalists do.

MISSING

Kenneth Marvin Brown

Enrolled with Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Height: 5'10" Weight: 160 lbs

Male Age: 39

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: July 9, 2026

Last Known Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: Kenneth was last seen in Tulsa, Oklahoma and may be experiencing homelessness.

If you have seen or have information about Kenneth Brown, contact Jack Hester, Case Support Specialist, Tulsa Police Department (918) 596-9143.

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2026 Cherokee Indian Fair Anetso Schedule

Monday, Oct. 5

- Teen - Kolanvyi vs Wayohi
Arrive: 3:30 p.m. - Ball up: 4 p.m.
- Men's - Kolanvyi vs Wayohi
Arrive: 4:30 p.m. - Ball up: 5 p.m.
- Men's - Wudeligr vs Tsisqwohi
Arrive: 5:30 p.m. - Ball up: 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

- Youth - Kolanvyi vs Wayohi
Arrive: 1:30 p.m. - Ball up: 2 p.m.
- Pre-Teen - Walelu vs Wayohi
Arrive: 2:30 p.m. - Ball up: 3 p.m.
- Men's - Walelu vs Wudeligr
Arrive: 4:30 p.m. - Ball up: 5 p.m.
- Men's - Tsisqwohi vs Wayohi
Arrive: 5:30 p.m. - Ball up: 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 8

- Elder's (at old CHS site)
Arrive: 1:30 p.m. - Ball up: 2 p.m.
- Pre-Teen - Wayohi vs Kolanvyi
Arrive: 3 p.m. - Ball up: 3:30 p.m.
- Men's - Walelu vs Tsisqwohi
Arrive: 4:30 p.m. - Ball up: 5 p.m.
- Men's - Wudeligr vs Kolanvyi
Arrive: 5:30 p.m. - Ball up: 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9

- Youth - Wayohi vs Walelu
Arrive: 2 p.m. - Ball up: 2:30 p.m.
- Pre-teen - Kolanvyi vs Walelu
Arrive: 3 p.m. - Ball up: 3:30 p.m.
- Men's - Tsisqwohi vs Kolanvyi
Arrive: 4 p.m. - Ball up: 4:30 p.m.
- Men's - Walelu vs Wayohi
Arrive: 5 p.m. - Ball up: 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

- Youth - Kolanvyi vs Walelu
Arrive: 1 p.m. - Ball up: 1:30 p.m.
- Teen - Wayohi vs Kolanvyi
Arrive: 2 p.m. - Ball up: 2:30 p.m.
- Men's - Wudeligr vs Wayohi
Arrive: 3 p.m. - Ball up: 3:30 p.m.
- Men's - Kolanvyi vs Walelu
Arrive: 4 p.m. - Ball up: 4:30 p.m.

Anetso age divisions:

Youth: Ages 6-9

Pre-Teen: Ages 10-12

Teen: Ages 13-17

Men's: Ages 18+

Elder's: Ages 50+

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Games will be played at the Unity
Field unless otherwise noted.



Should AI be used with the Cherokee language?

Submitted by Kristin Davin;
Alex Dornburg; and
Hartwell Francis, curriculum
director at Kituwah Academy

Generative AI is changing the way languages are learned and taught. New tools promise instant translation, personalized practice, and automated lesson creation, while platforms such as Duolingo now offer instruction in Hawaiian and Navajo. This raises a question. Should generative AI be used in teaching or learning the language?

At the Kituwah Celebration on

June 6, attendees answered this question. As part of a collaboration between EBCI Youth & Adult Education, New Kituwah Academy, and UNC Charlotte, we distributed a survey to understand the community's perspective on GenAI use. The results were compiled by Kristin Davin (kdavin@charlotte.edu), Alex Dornburg, and Hartwell Francis (hfrancis@ebci-nsn.gov).

91 people responded, including elders, Cherokee speakers, and other enrolled EBCI members and Cherokee language learners. Opposition to the use of generative AI in the teaching of Cherokee outweighed support by a margin of

four to one.

Participants did see potential benefits. Generative AI could be used for “augmentative communication for people with communication impairments [and] produce a larger volume of possible language exposure and interaction,” one respondent wrote.

But those possibilities were overshadowed by concerns about distorting the Cherokee language, data sovereignty, and the environmental impact of data centers. “Language is an inherently human thing that should be kept as a human experience. There is no way for AI to comprehend or interpret that human experience correctly. Also, it’s rude to use AI when real, human speakers exist. AI is disrespectful,” another respondent wrote.

These concerns crossed age groups and levels of experience with generative AI. The most common written concern involved the environmental costs of data centers. As one respondent wrote, “The negative impacts that GenAI has on our environment considerably outweigh any potential positive impact that GenAI could have.”

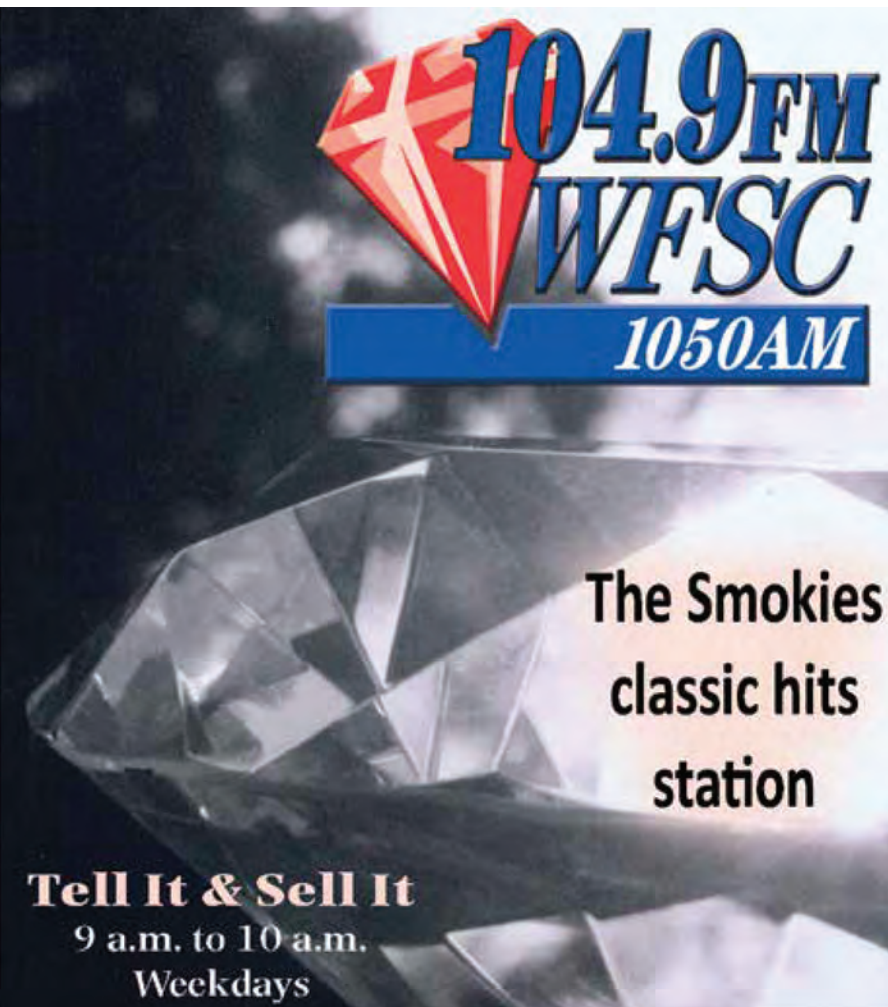
Participants also repeatedly raised the question of who owns the language. Respondents noted that content entered into AI systems may be used to train future

models, with respondents suggesting that sharing language through these systems risked placing community knowledge in the hands of outside companies. “The programs are for PROFIT, they learn as you feed them then teach what they’ve learned, all while charging a subscription.”

One alternative view was raised, suggesting the development of a generative AI model by community members and hosted on tribal servers. One respondent wrote, “I think if the tribe wishes to continue to use AI for generating language material, it should be from our own servers we own and an AI model we’ve trained. Not to create a giant data center like those used by Microsoft and Google, but one that is monitored on a smaller scale by our own people.”

What is clear from this survey is that the path forward remains uncertain, and the choices along with it belong to the community. We are now asking you directly: Should generative AI be used for teaching and learning Cherokee? We invite you to share your views. We are also seeking individuals interested in being interviewed on this topic. If you would like to participate, please reach out. We hope to promote deeper conversations related to the ethics and safety of AI use.

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(<https://preacherspurs.com>)

Scripture references: Isaiah 55:11, Lamentations 3:22-23, Mark 9:38-40

Often, when I read a different translation, a concept becomes more apparent to me. Not to brag but to make my point, I have read the Bible from the Table of Contents to Maps several times. The last four times, I purposely read a different translation to gain the experience and flavor of each. I became excited to read stories and illustrations, gathering information I hadn't fully grasped in previous reads, but that happens when reading the same translation over again. When I run into something that makes me question whether that was accurately meant or written, I compare the adopted standard, KJV, and others to see how they translated the same referenced text. I have an app on my phone that makes comparisons of up to eight translations of my choosing, verse by verse. The media form of these translations is undoubtedly for ease and speed of comparison and contrast. I have never become suspicious or disagreed with what was meant or written. I have perceived slight changes in word choices, but the meanings didn't change what was intended to be said from His Word. Each translation has become more meaningful as the Spirit within me teaches. The slight changes in words or rearrangements of words did not change the context for me; conversely, those contexts became clearer. I found this incredibly comforting about the texts within important scripture, which are the fundamental foundations of our Christian beliefs in Christ and our salvation. During this research, and unless I read a more fulfilling translation, I have decided on the best translation – I like. I'm not even going to tell you what that translation is; you find yours as you are led to – with prayer.

“It is of Jehovah's loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because his compassions

fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

I love this verse. I have several verses that are meaningful and become favorites to memorize or recall when needed. If you care to see what I mean about different translations and have access to a computer and the Internet, I suggest you go to <https://www.biblegateway.com/>. Choose your favorite translation, pick a favorite verse or entire passage, and read it in different versions. Begin with the most accepted favorites, and then, if you have the time, choose a few others you remember. Biblegateway.com has several translations to choose from and has become my 'go-to' resource to find, read, and copy different script translations as I'm working. Suppose you are disappointed or uncomfortable with the translation. There is no harm, no foul, and best of all, no cost. I'm not a Bible bookseller, and I have no intent to tempt you into something you might consider unworthy. Once you find the translation of your choice and, after research and prayer, buy it in hard copy. Read it daily. If you get anything out of this Spur, get this: read God's Word daily.

If you begin and are blessed, as I have been, by reading a mixture of translations in God's Word today, I will consider this discussion a success. Lastly, consider the following verse about reading different translations and their

creations. I don't think the narrative compares apples and oranges, but it directly correlates to this conversation. We each work towards sanctification to receive knowledge and wisdom from God and the Spirit.

“John said unto him, Teacher, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followed not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man who shall do a mighty work in my name, and be able quickly to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us.” Mark 9:38-40

In conclusion, the 'Ah-Hah!' moment that eventually changed my mind about translations became this: the more I learn about my loving God, the more I love Him, and the more I know about my gracious God, the more I fear and understand Him. I've concluded that it must be within God's will. I know that I don't know all I want to know. But I also know all I need to know. The most important thing to me is to read my Bible daily. It has changed my life. Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your perfect, everlasting Word. Thank You for how You speak to us through Your Word, Your Son, and Your Spirit. Thank You for revealing the mysteries of Your being and how You love us, protect us, and think of us. God, You are beyond description in greatness and understanding. Thank You for helping us draw closer to You and Your glory. Amen



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The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

— Acts 17:30-31 —

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Benefits/Fundraisers

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

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvvi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits.
- Aug. 22 at 5 p.m., travel fundraiser sponsored by Mariah, Totsie, and friends
- Oct. 17 at 5 p.m., Annual Jesse Welch Memorial Turkey Shoot sponsored by family

EBCI Community Events

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

MANNA Foodbank Community Market. Aug. 20 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the Wofltown Gym 27 Long Branch Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Stop by for free grocery staples, produce and other perishables from MANNA Foodbank. Info: (828) 359-6939

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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.

Elk in the Smokies. Oct. 9 and 17, from 12: 30 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Oconaluftee Visitor Center 1194 Newfound Gap Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Features a naturalist ramble in the during the height of the elk rut, when these iconic animals are most active. Info: (865) 436-7318 or smokieslife.org

EBCI Community Regular Meetings

NAIWA (North American Indian Women’s Association, Inc.) Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any

American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman, 18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe/Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

Cherokee Cultural/Historic Events

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

6th Annual Cherokee Winter Social. Jan. 30, 2027 from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Sports and Recreation Complex 1212 Birdtown Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. MC: Catcuze Tiger. Everyone welcome. Traditional dress encouraged. All Cherokee Dance groups welcome, bring your rattles and drums. Nikki’s Frybread will be set up. Info: CherokeeWinterSocial@gmail.com

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Meetings

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

Work Session on Tabled Ord.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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SŌHĭ AD RVLTŌJ DŌŌYL

Presh, age 2, lives in Wayohi with humans Marcus Moss and Sheldon Tsalai who said that Presh was a feral cat. He used to be very wild and scared of anything that moved. After awhile, he got used to us and wanted to start coming inside the house. Long story short, Presh is now the king of the roost. He is very loving and playful, sweet as can be, to us.



No. 159, Tribe's law on assignment of possessory holdings. Aug. 11 at 1 p.m.

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 210, defining different types of ownership of a possessory holding. Aug. 11 at 2 p.m.

HIP Committee (closed meeting). Aug. 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Roads Commission. Aug. 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Timber Committee. Aug. 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Planning Board. Aug. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Committee. Aug. 13 at 1 p.m.

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 250, TABCC budgets, accounts, reports, and audits required. Aug. 13 at 2 p.m.

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 226, amending the statute of frauds in Cherokee Code Chapter 22. Aug. 17 at 9 a.m.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Despite your Arian penchant for wanting to tackle a problem head-on, you might want to take a little more time to see how a current situation develops. It could surprise you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking on the role of peacemaker in a disruptive environment is a challenge, but you can do it. Just continue to have the same faith in yourself that so many others have in you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although your work schedule keeps you busy, you should make time to start preparing for an important upcoming family event that you'll want to celebrate in a special way.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Home is where the Moon Child wants to be early in the week. But by week's end, a chance to travel raises your excitement level — and that of the lucky person who gets to go along.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to be a copycat when dealing with someone who uses unfair or even unkind methods to reach a goal. As always, do the right thing the right way, and you'll win in the end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An offer could have many good things attached to it that aren't apparent at first glance, including a chance to move into another career area. You might want to check out its possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) With responsibilities surging both

in the workplace and in the home, it's important to prioritize how you deal with them. Be patient. Pressures will begin to ease starting early next week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A positive reaction to a suggestion could indicate that you're on track for getting your message to the right people. Devote the weekend to catching up with the special people in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new attitude from those in charge could make things difficult for you, unless you can accept the changes without feeling as if you're being pressured into doing so.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters once again dominate much of the week. But don't neglect your workplace duties while you deal with them. An offer to help could come from a surprising source.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A difficult workplace situation begins to ease, but there are still matters that need to be dealt with before it's fully resolved. There's also a more positive turn in domestic relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Don't let yourself be rushed into making a decision about an intriguing financial arrangement. Asking questions and checking it out now could pay off in a big way later on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You might have a tendency to be more than a bit judgmental, but others understand that it comes from a warm, loving heart.

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by Freddy Groves

The VA OIG catches more scammers

Once again, the VA Office of Inspector General has nailed fraudsters who are determined to steal benefits and cash from the VA.

A pair of scammers, one of them incarcerated, cooked up a scheme to defraud seriously ill veterans. Specifically, the jailbird would call VA medical centers and impersonate VA employees to get info on veterans, including names and phone numbers. Then, with his scammer pal, they would call a veteran to get banking and credit card info for the alleged purpose of depositing COVID stimulus checks. Armed with that info, the jailbird was able to pull funds into his commissary and phone accounts. The pair was nailed on 26 counts of fraud and had harmed 60 veterans. They managed to pull the scam on over 30 VA medical clinics. The conspiracy to commit wire fraud and wire fraud are both good for 20 years in prison, with identity theft adding two more years each.

Then there was the non-veteran who applied for benefits and claimed he had both the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. While there is no central location with a list of all those who've received a Purple Heart for VA employees to check, once an application is made for benefits, the facts would show up on a DD-214. This scam is getting the fraudster four years in prison.

Then there was the Department of Homeland Security employee who faked an application to get a VA-backed mortgage. This was a veteran who should have known better. The fake documents said he had a 100% disability rating and received monthly disability benefits. Both lies. There was no disability rating and no monthly benefit. Not knowing the docs were faked, the lender issued a mortgage for \$478,000 with the VA giving loan guarantee backing. This scheme could be good for 30 years in prison.

I hate to think of the money that would be lost and the number of veterans defrauded if we didn't have the VA OIG to investigate these things.

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Tracking the source of pet's food allergies

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My cat "Starlight" has terrible skin allergies, and I haven't been able to pinpoint the cause. She does not have fleas — I give her a monthly topical treatment and keep the house clean. She's an indoor cat, so environmental allergies may not be a problem, according to my veterinarian. Could she have a food allergy? — Blake W. in Syracuse, New York

DEAR BLAKE: A food allergy is a possibility, and you should loop in your veterinarian regarding your concerns. That way you can work together to try to eliminate potential problem foods.

Like humans, dogs and cats can have an allergy to many kinds of food. That includes carbohydrates, including wheat or soy, and proteins like beef, chicken, lamb, fish or dairy.

Ilana Halperin, DVM, of UC Davis Veterinary Medicine explains that in order to pinpoint the allergy, they have owners eliminate any protein or carbohydrate that their pet has eaten in the past. This often means feeding a specialized meal made with hydrolyzed protein, which the immune system is less likely to react to. Treats and flavored chews are also off the menu. This testing phase lasts about eight to 12 weeks.

It's very important to keep your pet on this strict diet for the entire period. Giving them a treat or table scraps could set off the immune response, and your pet's allergies will come roaring back.

The results of an elimination diet may be inconclusive. Pets, like humans, can be allergic to a combination of allergens — food and dust mites (environmental), for example. Testing will take time as you and the vet work together to eliminate potential causes of your pet's allergies and zero in on the problem food or other allergen that is making them uncomfortable.

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

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Pow Wow Listings

107th Annual Crow Fair. Aug. 12-17 in Crow Agency, Mont. Emcees: Ruben Little Head, Darrin Old Coyote, Sylvan “Buzzy” Covers Up, Dale Old Horn, Robert “Corky” Old Horn. Host Drums: Thursday – Youngs Creek. Friday – War Paint, Wolf Bear. Saturday – Night Hawk Jrs., War Paint. Sunday – Black Whistle, War Paint. Info: (406) 970-5379, www.crowfair.org

Chief Kahkewistahaw Pow Wow. Aug. 14-16 at the Bernard Bob Memorial Pow Wow Grounds in Kahkewistahaw First Nation, Saskatchewan, Canada. Emcees: Chris Scribe Daniel, Sangrey Rising Sun Kaysaywaysemat. Info: Cory Alexson (306) 270-6073

Grand Ronde Contest Pow Wow. Aug. 14-16 at Uyxat Pow Wow Grounds in Grand Ronde, Ore. Emcees: Howie Thompson, Marty Thurman. Host Drum: Mountain Kree. Invited Drums: Bad Nation, Milepost 30, Bad War Cloud, Meskwaki Nation, Little Bear. Vendor info: (503) 879-2037

Neyaashiinigmiing Annual Traditional Pow Wow. Aug. 14-16 at Cape Croker Park in Wiarton, Ontario, Canada. MC: Beedahsiga Elliot. Host Drum: Snake Island. Co-Host Drum: Little Soldier. Invited Drums: Chippewa Travelers, Chippewa Hill, Bedaabin. Info: Tracy (519) 379-9071 or email to powwowcoord@nawash.ca

44th Annual American Indian Council Pow Wow. Aug. 15-16 at Centennial Hall North at the Boone County Fairgrounds in

Lebanon, Ind. MC: LeRoy Malatierre. Host Northern Drum: Little Whirlwind. Host Southern Drum: Iron Bear. Info: (765) 894-1913 or email to Indianaaic@gmail.com

13th Annual Celebrating the People Pow Wow. Aug. 15 at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center lawn venue in West Valley City, Utah. MC: Tyson Shay. Host Drum: Spring Creek. Info: NativeAmericanEvents801@gmail.com
Celebration of Native American Culture Pow Wow. Sept. 19 in Union City, Tenn. MC: Al Santos. Host Northern Drum: Young Buffalo Horse. Host Southern Drum: Southside. Info: ademaris@discoveryparkofamerica.com

Support Groups

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

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

Cherokee Cancer Support Group, potluck dinner with a speaker the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Betty’s Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd, Cherokee, N.C. Anyone is welcome to attend the potluck. The group provides educational and emotional support to clients and families of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians members with cancer.

The group can provide financial assistance for fuel, lodging, and transportation and also can assist with mastectomy items, 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

Third Thursday Music Series. Aug. 20 from 6 p.m. – 8p.m. at the Appalachian Women’s Museum 100 W Hometown Pl., Dillsboro, N.C. 28725. Featuring Murphy Campbell a contemporary clawhammer banjoist rooted in the influences of the Toe River valley, Murphy has developed a playing

style that speaks to those familiar and unfamiliar with old time. Info: friends@appwomen.org

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

Music on the Porch. Sept. 5 from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Appalachian Women’s Museum 100 W Hometown Pl., Dillsboro, N.C. 28725. Headliner is Julie Odell followed by Savannah Page, The Cherokee Language Choir, Susan Pepper and Lee Knight. Also will have the Dillsboro Smokeshow BBQ Competition. Info: friends@appwomen.org

Look Rock Hawk Watch. Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. meet at the Foothills Parkway West Overlook 7210 Flats Rd., Tallassee, Tenn. Seasoned birdwatchers and casual bird enthusiasts alike can witness the spectacle of fall migration. Info: (865) 436-7318 or smokieslife.org

Ecological Illustration Workshop. Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. meet at the Sugarlands Visitor Center 107 Sugarlands Visitor Center Loop rd., Gatlinburg, Tenn. Walk along the Fighting Creek Nature Trail area of the park near Gatlinburg. Artists of all skill levels are invited to sharpen their observational skills hosted by this year’s Steve Kemp writer and illustrator in residence, Laurie McDowell. Info: (865) 436-7318 or smokieslife.org

Blue Ribbon Country Fair. Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

at Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center 123 Cromwell Dr., Townsend, Tenn. 37882. Watch living historians demonstrate open-hearth cooking, spinning, weaving, wood turning, and blacksmithing. Get up close with quality livestock. Browse vendors and demonstrators who bring genuine old-fashioned country charm to everything they do. Info: (865) 448-0044

Monarch Butterfly Tagging & Education. Oct. 3 and 7 from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. meet at the Great Smokies Welcome Center 7929 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Townsend, Tenn. 37882. This will give participants a chance to join local conservation efforts to track the monarch butterfly population during its expected annual mi-

gration. Info: (865) 436-7318 or smokieslife.org

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

Cherohala Skyway Festival. Oct. 24 from 10a.m. – 5 p.m. by the Charles Hall Museum 122 Bank St., Tellico Plains, Tenn. 37385. Special Josh Graves music tribute. Free admission. Hand-made items from many talented crafters and artisans. Vendors offer everything from paintings and photographs, pottery, floral arrangements, wood crafts and turnings, doll clothes, dolls, toys, jewelry, candles, soap, and deco-

orative accessories. Lots of kids activities. Food trucks onsite. Info: (423)253-8000

Forest Bathing Guided Walk. Oct. 30. From 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. meet at Oconaluftee Visitor Center 1194 Newfound Gap Rd Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Walk along the Kephart Prong Trail on the North Carolina side of the park near Bryson City and Cherokee, slow down and reconnect with nature this immersive experience is designed to highlight the restorative benefits of spending time in the forest. Info: (865) 436-7318 or smokieslife.org

Grandma Gatewood's Walk. Nov. 4 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the Great Smokies Welcome Center 7929 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Townsend, Tenn. 37882. Explores

the inspiring story of the first woman to solo hike the Appalachian Trail in 1955. Info: (865) 436-7318 or smokieslife.org

Aunt Liddy Monologue. Nov. 12 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the Great Smokies Welcome Center 7929 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Townsend, Tenn. 37882. Introduces audiences to Lydia Kear Whaley, a midwife, healer and Civil War widow who lived in Sugarlands from 1840 to 1926. Info: (865) 436-7318 or smokieslife.org

Regal Raptors & Short-eared Owls. Nov. 30 from 1 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Cades Cove Orientation Shelter, Cades Cove Loop Rd., Townsend, Tenn. 37782. experience an evening of “owl-ology” where participants will learn about these remarkable birds of prey. Info: (865) 436-7318 or smokieslife.org

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.

Widagalinidigv (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

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During the annual Talking Trees Children's Trout Fishing Derby, EBCI Natural Resources stocks 1,000 lbs of trout into the trout pools for young anglers. The pools are then refilled with fish every 15 minutes for the duration of the event. Alayna Morgan, co-stewardship assistant contractor, is shown at this year's event held on Aug. 1.

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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

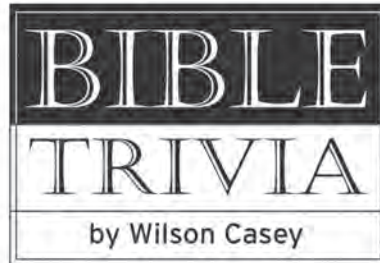
Acquoni Baptist Church. 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning

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



1. Is the book of Agrabah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. By Roman reckoning what time of day did Jesus meet the Samaritan woman at the well? *Daybreak, Noon, Midafternoon, Dusk*
3. On the island of Patmos, to whom was the book of Revelation given? *John, Paul, Matthew, Luke*
4. Who hid 100 prophets in two caves and supplied them food and water? *Solomon, Philemon, Obadiah, Hosea*
5. On what day did God create the sun, moon and stars? *3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th*
6. The Semites were descended from Shem, the son of whom? *Moses, Noah, Paul, Jacob*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Noon, 3) John, 4) Obadiah, 5) Fourth, 6) Noah
Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscribersite at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Moments in time

• On Aug. 24, 1572, King Charles IX of France, influenced by his mother, Catherine de Medici, ordered the assassination of Huguenot Protestant leaders in Paris, which launched a widespread stream of murders resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands of Huguenots all across the country.

• On Aug. 25, 1875, merchant navy captain Matthew Webb became the first known person to successfully swim the English Channel, in 21 hours and 45 minutes. Hailed as a national hero, a triumphal arch was erected in his honor in his hometown and The Daily Telegraph called him "probably the best-known and most popular man in the world."

• On Aug. 26, 1873, the first free kindergarten in America was started by Susan Blow in Carondelet, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri.

• On Aug. 27, 2007, Michael Vick, a star quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons, pleaded guilty to a federal felony charge related to running a dogfighting ring. Four months later, he was sentenced to 23 months in federal prison.

• On Aug. 28, 1963, acclaimed gospel singer Mahalia Jackson helped turn Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech at the March on Washington into one of American history's most famous orations when she instructed him to "tell them about the dream, Martin" from behind the podium on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, prompting him to put aside his notes and improvise the entire next section of it.

• On Aug. 29, 1982, Swedish-born actress and three-time Academy Award winner Ingrid Bergman died of cancer on her 67th birthday. Best known for her role as Ilsa Lund opposite Humphrey Bogart in "Casablanca," Bergman had stirred up an international scandal three decades earlier by bearing a son with Italian director Roberto Rossellini, to whom she wasn't then married.

• On Aug. 30, 2023, West Point announced that an archaeologist had taken a second look at an 1828 time capsule, opened in an earlier livestream and believed to be empty, and discovered valuable coins and a medal under sediment at its bottom.

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A logo for "The Garden Bug" featuring a stylized bug and the text "The Garden Bug" in a decorative font.

Planting in early fall

When the earth is still warm but the air is getting cooler, leafy greens (such as spinach, kale, lettuce and arugula) and root vegetables (like carrots, radishes and beets) thrive. Later on, when the temperatures drop below freezing, the greens will have a noticeably sweeter taste, and the root crops will improve in flavor and tenderness. Early-fall planting of trees, shrubs and other perennials helps their roots anchor firmly, access nutrients, and prepare for winter dormancy. — Brenda Weaver

Source: www.epicgardening.com

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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 Bryson City Road in the 3200 Acre Tract. (828) 538-0301

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

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

Cherokee Bible Church. Olivet Church Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Pastor Randy Miller 497-2286

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

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

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Ser-

see **EVENTS** next page

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The Statue of Liberty's thumbnail is more than a foot long.
- During an attempt to use electrocution to kill the turkey meant for his Christmas dinner party, Benjamin Franklin accidentally shocked himself so badly that all of the blood temporarily drained out of one of his hands.
- Fred and Wilma Flintstone were the first married couple to be portrayed as sharing a bed on television.
- The Rainbow Group, a government-funded organization in Amsterdam, hires alcoholics to clean litter from city streets and includes beer as part of their payment.
- NASA defines an astronaut as someone who has flown 50 miles above sea level.
- A rare condition known as "exploding head syndrome" can cause people to hear loud bangs, crashes or explosive noises while drifting to sleep. Researchers believe the phenomenon is generally harmless, if alarming.
- The sun and moon appear to be the same size because the moon is 400 times smaller but also 400 times closer.
- Some scorpions rub their legs together to "sing" like crickets. However, while crickets aim to attract mates, scorpions make the sound to warn away predators or rivals.
- The longest recorded pickleball rally, held on Oct. 10, 2021, consisted of 16,046 shots and was launched by players Angelo and Ettore Rossetti to help increase awareness of children under age 5 who die of preventable causes.
- Some of the earliest universities in the world were Sumerian scribal schools, which were created soon after 3,500 B.C. and called eduba, which possibly meant "house of tablets."
- The first known reference to the word baseball was in a 1744 publication "A Little Pretty Pocket-Book," by children's publisher John Newberry.

Thought for the Day: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." — *Winston Churchill*

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CHEROKEE WORDS OF THE WEEK

Creek
amageyv
(ah-mah-gay-yuh)
D & FB

Dragonfly
wadaduga
(wah-dah-doo-gah)
G LSS

August
galoni
(gah-low-knee)
S G h

Blackberry
nugatli
(new-gah-tee)
A S C

Sunset
nvda wudeligvi
(nuh-dah woo-dey-lee-guh-ee)
O L SGET

Scan the QR code below to hear audio pronunciations of these words



EVENTS: From page 43

vice 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

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

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

Rev. Beverly Parker-Reece

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

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

Echota Baptist Church. 1274 Birdtown Road. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Service:

11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service: 6 p.m. Pastor David Hall (828) 508-1906

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Conference Center. Full season starts Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-round services – church online live streamed from the 24/7 church channel, Embassy TV <https://embassytv.net> Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Will Chambliss, Thursday Night Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Wednesday services 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stewart. Search Grace Bible Church NC on Facebook. Check the page as some Wednesdays there are no services. Also, Sunday worship service is live-streamed.

Grace Community Church of Cherokee. 320 Highway 441 N., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday

Morning Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Rock Springs Baptist Church.
129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thom-

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

Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday
Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday
Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday
Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Visitors
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
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Send your flyers/info to Dawn at
dawnarne@ebci-nsn.gov or to
Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com



REFLECTION INSPIRATION

GOLF Tournament Driving Out Violence Fundraiser

Hole-in-One Prize: \$10,000

Smoky Mountain Country Club
1500 Conley's Creek Rd. Whittier, NC

Sunday, October 11th
Tee time: 9 AM

Entry Fee:

- \$160 per player
- \$640 per team of 4

Registration includes:

- Hole-in-One entry
- Lunch will be provided

Prizes & Awards:

- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Prizes To Be Determined
- Raffle Draw - Tickets \$5 or 5 for \$20
- Special Awards - Longest Drive, Closest to the pin, Best Team Name

Hole-in-One Prize: \$10,000

- FREE Rider Coverage for Multiple Hole in One Contest Winners
- Bonus Hole in One Prizes for Additional 3 Par 3s with Hole in One Contest Coverage
- Standard Prizes - Valued at \$500 for the below items:
 - Vertical Charcoal Smoker
 - Bushnell Rangefinder & Garmin GPS Golf
 - Watch
 - UHD Smart TV
- Also, each Player will receive:
 - FREE Golf Club Offer - Can Redeem a Free Hybrid or Wood from Armory Golf (only paying tax and shipping)
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Send your photos and info to us at:
Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

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EMPLOYMENT



Kituwah Technologies LLC
has the following jobs available:

Low Voltage Cable Technician III

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 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.

Low Voltage Cable Technician I

A Low Voltage Cable Technician installs and tests low-power systems like security, fire alarms, data networks (Cat5/6, Fiber), and AV/home theaters, cable pulling, termination, troubleshooting, documentation, and ensuring code compliance, often working in residential, commercial, or data center

settings. Follow safety protocols (OSHA) while working with specialized low-voltage (<50V) wiring

Job Requirements

- 2+years of experience in cable repair and installation (preferred, not required)
- High School Diploma

Anyone interested should submit resumes, request the job description, and application to Kristin Smith at kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com or at the Kituwah G3 Office (Across the Street from Waffle House) between the hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday-Friday. **8/19**

CLASSIFIEDS

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Adult paddle board w/ paddle new \$75, Medium green egg grille& smoker like new \$75, Long buffet table 8' \$20, (3) 30" tables \$8, Ethan Allen Cherry finish excellent condition 50w x 65 high value \$1,900 now \$599, Dining room set 8 upholstered chairs pecan finish brand new 38 w -69 long 16" insert \$1,500. Will do layaway on bigger items. Call to see (828) 226-0994 **8/26**

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-025

Notice to Creditors and

Debtors of:

Dawn Cline

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Constance Cline
253 Soggy Hill Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Pamela Sue Sneed
102 Bauer Farm Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-060

**Notice to Creditors and
Debtors of:**

Howard Vincent Sneed

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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 pay-
ment to the appointed fiduciary(s)
listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Qualifications

Legal Services
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Tribal Gaming Commission
Purpose: The Cherokee Trib-
al Gaming Commission (TGC) is
seeking Statements of Qualifica-
tions from qualified attorneys and
law firms interested in providing
legal services to the Commission.

Areas of Service: Gaming Reg-
ulatory Law, Tribal Law, Licensing
& Compliance, Administrative
Proceedings, Enforcement Actions,
Policy & Regulatory Development,
General Counsel Services

Minimum Qualifications:
Licensed to practice law in North
Carolina and eligible to practice
before the Cherokee Courts.

*Minimum of five (5) years of
legal practice representing Tribal
governments, Tribal entities, or
Tribal regulatory bodies.

*Minimum of eight (8) years of
experience in gaming law, gaming
regulation, gaming compliance,
gaming operations, or representa-
tion of gaming regulatory agencies
and gaming enterprises.

*Demonstrated familiarity with
the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act
(IGRA), National Indian Gaming
Commission (NIGC) regulations,
and Tribal-State Gaming Com-
pacts.

*No actual or potential con-
flicts of interest that would impair
independent representation of the
Commission.

Submission Information: Submis-
sion Deadline August 21,
Questions Deadline August 19.

Request full RFQ Package
from Selena Herrera, Executive
Assistant, Cherokee Tribal Gaming
Commission,
sherrera@cherokeetgc.com

8/12

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT OFFICE

**Assignment of a Name for a
New Road**

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians Emergency Manage-
ment Office. On July 24, 2026 an
application to name a road was
submitted and approved to EBCI
Code of Ordinances Chapter 136A
ARTICLE II - UNIFORM STREET
ADDRESS AND ROAD NAMING
SYSTEM (Ord. No. 332-A, 10-
26-1998) that a certain new road
in the Wolfetown Community be

assigned the street name as de-
tailed below:

• The newly established Road on
Macedonia Road between Ernest
Sneed Road and Vandalie Road
shall be assigned the name Blue
Clay Drive along with its eventual
continuation.

Inquiries or appeals to this ac-
tion can be made to the Emergency
Management Office located at 282
Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee, NC
28719 during normal business
hours. **8/12**

Request for Qualifications

Subcontractors for Construction
Manager at Risk (CMAR) Project
Whitetree Court Apartment
Complex

GARANCO, Inc., serving as
the Construction Manager at Risk
(CMAR) for the Whitetree Court
Apartment Complex, is request-
ing Statements of Qualifications
(SOQs) from interested and qual-
ified subcontractors for various
scopes of work related to this
project.

Project Description:

The project consists of a 59
unit apartment complex with
approximately 7,500 square feet
of retail shell space. Construction
is expected to begin in Q4 of 2026
and duration of the project is ex-
pected to be 24 months.

Scopes of Work May Include
(but are not limited to):

- Sitework
- Concrete
- Masonry
- Structural Steel
- Carpentry
- Millwork
- Roofing & Waterproofing
- Doors & Hardware
- Windows & Glazing
- Drywall & Insulation

see **TRADING POST** next page



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

TRADING POST: From page 47

- Flooring
- Paint
- Elevator
- Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing (MEP)
- Fire Protection
- Landscaping & Irrigation
- General Works
- Final Cleaning

Submittal Requirements:

Interested subcontractors must request qualification forms by emailing nick@garanco.com or calling Nick Stanley at 336-368-2788

Important Dates:

RFQ Release Date: 8/5/26

SOQ Submission Deadline:

8/19/26

Prequalification Notifications:

8/28/26

Additional Information:

This RFQ is part of the prequalification process. Only prequalified subcontractors will be invited to bid when the construction documents are released. TERO participation is encouraged for this project. The CMAR and Owner reserve the right to reject any or all submissions, waive informalities, and select firms deemed most qualified. **8/12**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of Transportation
Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
The Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT) is seeking Statements of Qualifications (SOQ)

from qualified consulting firms to update the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The plan will guide future transportation investments within the Qualla Boundary and address transportation needs, safety, mobility, accessibility, economic development, land use, and community priorities.

Consultants should demonstrate experience in tribal transportation planning, LRTP development, transportation engineering, public engagement, GIS, federal transportation requirements, and Tribal Transportation Program projects. Active access to the Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS) and experience using RIFDS data for planning and project prioritization is required.

SOQs will be accepted until

10:00 AM ET on August 25, 2026. To obtain the full RFQ, contact: Uriah Maney, Engineer, Cherokee Department of Transportation, 680 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, umaney@ebci-nsn.gov. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, waive informalities, and negotiate with the most qualified firm.

8/12

Requests for Proposals
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
On Call Paving
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting Sealed Bid Proposals from Qual-

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August 20 - 1pm - 5pm

Harrah's CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT

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ified Firms to provide the following services: "On Call" paving for pavement repairs on Tribal Lands. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be August 26, 2026, at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Uriah Maney, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122 umaney@ebci-nsn.gov **8/19**

Requests for Proposals
 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Cherokee Department of
 Transportation
 680 Acquoni Road
 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
 Phone: (828) 359-6122
 Bridge Replacement, Bridge over
 Hornbuckle Creek on Hornbuckle
 Creek Road
 The Eastern Band of Cherokee
 Indians CDOT Office is requesting
 sealed Bid Proposals from Quali-
 fied Firms to provide the following
 services: Grading, Drainage, Pav-
 ing, Retaining Wall and Structure
 for the replacement of the existing
 bridge over Hornbuckle Creek on
 Hornbuckle Creek Road. The dead-
 line for submitting Bid Proposals
 will be August 25, 2026 at 10:00
 AM, EST. Please be advised that all
 TERO rules and regulations, Tribal

procurement policies, applicable
 state and federal rules, regula-
 tions and laws shall apply to the
 performance of any work awarded
 pursuant to this solicitation and to
 the procurement of work solicited
 through this advertisement. You
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 Proposals (RFP) and requirements
 for proposals through the CDOT
 Office. If you have any questions
 or comments, please contact Uriah
 Maney, CDOT Engineer at (828)-
 359-6122. **8/12**

Requests for Proposals
 Cherokee Indian Hospital
 Authority (CIHA)
 Project: Outpatient Child
 Behavioral Health Facility –
 Architecture & Engineering (A&E)
 Services

CIHA is requesting proposals/
 qualifications for the architectural
 and engineering services for the
 above mentioned project. The
 deadline for proposals is 8/27/26
 at 2:30pm.

You may request the full RFQ
 and bid requirements for proposals
 through the CIHA Administration,
 or TERO. If you have any ques-
 tions or comments, please contact
 Diamond Brown in CIHA Admin-
 istration at (828)-497-9163, ext.
 6403. **8/19**

Bid for Contractors
 Please be advised that Qualla
 Enterprises LLC, an Equal Op-
 portunity Employer, is soliciting
 Licensed Electrical Contractors for
 the project, "Dispensary Electrical
 Upgrade". This work will consist of
 constructing a new main electrical
 room with wiring and gear, up-
 dating existing panels and wiring,
 updating existing gear in multiple
 locations and coordinating new
 service to the building.

A mandatory Pre-bid will be

held September 1st at 8 am. Pre-
 bid meeting will be located at 91
 Bingo Loop Rd Cherokee NC 28719
 in the conference room. Be ad-
 vised that all attendees must be 21
 years of age or older.

For more information, contact
 Charles Bryson at 828-788-5494.

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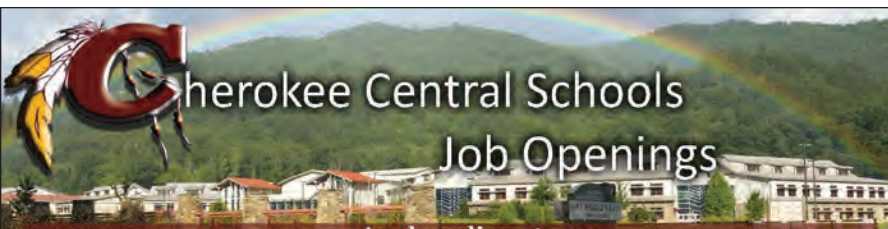
INVITATION TO BID
 Re: August 2026 Residential
 Remodeling Advertisement
 The Cherokee Housing Indi-
 an Division is seeking sealed bids
 from qualified TERO contractors
 to complete Residential Remodel-
 ing Services in Cherokee, NC.
 Pioneer-Tiny Home/Porch Build
 RTS-C303 Paint and Patch

Please contact CIHD for addi-
 tional information. Ernest Tiger,
 Property Manager, Qualla Housing
 Services, Cherokee Indian Housing
 Division, PO Box 1749, 687 Ac-
 quoni Rd., Office 828-359-6748,
 Cell 828-736-6922
ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov. **8/19**

Request for Proposals
 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Deb West Senior Center
 aka Tsali Manor
 145 Tsali Manor St, Cherokee
 North Carolina 28719
 Phone: (828) 359-6860
 Propane Services

The Eastern band of Cherokee
 Indians Senior Center is requesting
 sealed bid proposals from quali-
 fied companies who can provide
 the following services: propane
 sales, tank rentals, installation
 services, repair and maintenance
 costs for the 2026 heating season
 for eligible elders. The deadline for
 submitting bid proposals is August
 27, 2026, at 9:00AM, EST. Please
 be advised that all TERO rules

see **TRADING POST** next page



Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings

Apply online at
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or
www.ces-nc.org/apps/pages/human_resources for more information.

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

Attendance Coordinator/Advisor (GRANT FUNDED)
JV Girls Head Basketball Coach
K-6 Teacher Assistant (Multiple) - Must have 48 Completed College Hours
K-6 Special Education Teacher Assistant (Multiple)- Must have 48 Completed College Hours
K-6 Self-Contained Teacher Assistant (Multiple) - Must have 48 Completed College Hours
K-6 Severe & Profound Special Education Teacher
K-6 Permanent Substitute Teacher
Interim Elementary Teacher (SY 2026=2027)
7-8 Special Education (Inclusion) Teacher
7-8 Language Arts Teacher
Student Supervisory Support Specialist
9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant

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and regulations, tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request he

full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the Senior Center. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Monica Wildcatt, Manager, at (828) 359-6860. **8/19**

Accepting Applications
Cherokee Indian Housing Division
Housing will begin taking

applications Monday, August 17, 2026, until Monday, August 31, 2026, for the Blue Clay Drive housing units. First round of applications will be for EBCI enrolled members only. Then it will open to non-enrolled if not leased up.
2-bedroom, one level – 9 units
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Contact:
Sheila Brown, Housing Services Manager, sheibrow@ebci-nsn.gov, 828-359-6328
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1. Special Ops Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Air Quality Specialist - Office of Environmental & Natural Resources - Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
3. Child Advocate Coordinator – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) 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
9. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
10. Truck Driver/WWT Maintenance – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

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Services, Family Safety
Residential Technician - Female - Part Time with-
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dinator
Behavioral Health Consultant I
Behavioral Health Grant Coordinator

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Dental Assistant II
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Bonus
Dentist- Pediatrics - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus

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Registered Nurse Emergency Department – Night
Shift – Temporary
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Hiring Bonus
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Bonus
Clinical Care Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
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RN Inpatient – Dayshift – PTI
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C.N.A Medical Clerk PTI
Telemetry Nursing Assistant – PTI
License Practical Nurse – TJCC - \$5,000 Hiring
Bonus
Nurse Resident/Intern
Specialty Services Registered Nurse - \$10,000
Hiring Bonus

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Clinical Dietitian - Temporary

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"IT'S TIME FOR GUTTER MAINTENANCE"

6 REASONS TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GUTTER MAINTENANCE

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

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

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

**PREVENT
EROSION & MOLD**



1. Roof Damage

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

2. Wood Fascia Damage

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

3. Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios

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

4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

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

5. Slip and fall

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

6. Prevent Mold

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

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

"DON'T TRIM YOUR GUTTERS"



"CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS"





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McCoy starting master's program

Connor McCoy, left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), left for Utah State University, in Logan, Utah, last week. He will be studying for his master's degree in Indigenous Studies. Connor is the son of Dan (shown right) and Rosie McCoy who stated, "Needless to say, we are super proud of Connor's endeavors." (Photo contributed)



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Golf Champion

Cole Davis, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), won the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour - College Prep Series at Clemson University the weekend of July 25-26. He was +5 for the weekend (36 Holes of golf). He is 13 and an eighth grader at Cherokee Middle School. With this win and his previous win, Davis was invited to play in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Invitational at Grandover Resort in Greensboro, N.C. as well as the HJGT National Championship in Kissimmee, Fla. (Photo courtesy of Carmen Davis)



12U NAYO Champions

The Line Drive Elite 12U team, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, won the 12U Division championship at the 2026 NAYO Softball Tournament hosted by the Seminole Tribe of Florida on July 24-26 in Okeechobee, Fla. The team is shown, left to right, front row - Jazelle Bell, Elle Anna Daughtery, Mary Montelongo, Mika Bradley, Olivia Sampson, Hermione Sampson, Klara Jane Hernandez, Sangeli-na Hernandez, and Anna Watty; back row - Coach Brian Southards and Coach John Perry Sampson. (Photo contributed)



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10 years of service

Landon Galvtshi French, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Elawodi (Yellowhill), was given a Pendleton Blanket to commemorate 10 years of service as a teacher at New Kituwah Academy. He is starting his 11th year teaching at the school. (Photo by Luci French)



Mountain rainbow

With the rain still falling, this rainbow rose from behind a mountain in Aniwo-dihi (Painttown) in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 4. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Double rainbow

This double rainbow was spotted from Cherokee Cinemas & More in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 4. (Photo by Kierstyn McCoy)



Double rainbow

Tanasi Standingdeer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, poses at Whitewater Landing in Cherokee, N.C. with a double rainbow behind her on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 4. (Photo by Sadie Standingdeer)



Double rainbow

This double rainbow was spotted from Saunooke's Village in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 4. (Photo by K-Lynn Jackson)



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