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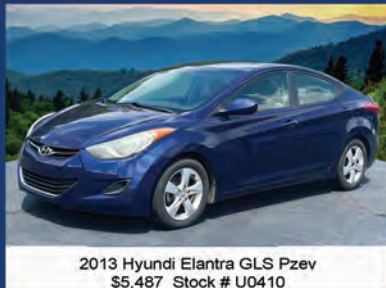
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Quote of the Week



"It's who we are. We've been doing this for thousands of years outside of modern practices."

Kelly Murphy, standing in front, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who is the new Center for Native Health cultural education specialist, speaks at a recent Mother's Gathering hosted by the Cherokee Doula Program. Note: The Quote is from a recent interview with the Cherokee One Feather. (Photo courtesy of Center for Native Health)

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challenges to support others”.

In addition to Tohi Edasdi, the Siquo Danvhna (“They are Living Again”) re-entry program is housed at the Center. For the past two years, the programs have been funded through the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) with Opioid Settlement Funds. The program has a partnership with the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority called the Wellness Connection.

Tohi Edasdi staff includes: Samantha Bradley, Western Regional director; Harold “Bumper” Smith, Western Regional supervisor; Marissa Bradley, Western Regional administrative assistant; Dino Griffin, Wellness Connection peer; Tristen “TriK” Long, Tohi Edasdi peer; Ronda Bradley, Tohi Edasdi peer; Kandace Griffin, Siquo Danvhna re-entry peer; and Fidel Raya, Siquo Danvhna re-entry peer.

“I feel that this is the community’s place of welcome,” said Samantha Bradley who related the program has served over 1,000 people in its first year. “That’s the first and foremost. It belongs to the community. We’re just here as peers to facilitate the space. We’re all certified peer supports, so all of us are in recovery from substances and/or mental health.”

She added, “When people come in with a need, our goal is to help fill the gaps.

I think there’s a misconception that we don’t have houseless people on the Boundary, when we do. They will come here. Whenever the sun rises, they walk down from Blue Wing. This is where they’re at until 4...I think this space has been able to help, in the daytime,



The Tohi Edasdi Recovery Community Center in Cherokee, N.C., shown in this photo taken on the morning of Thursday, Aug. 13, has been serving the community for over a year.

have somewhere for them to safely come.”

Some of the services offered at the Tohi Edasdi Recovery Community Center include: clothing, shoes, Narcan, laundry, gatherings, food, hygiene products, tents, transportation, and a safe place to be during the day.

Samantha Bradley spoke of the program’s successes. “We have full-circle moments. Kandace (Griffin) was a participant of ours when we first started our re-entry program. Marissa (Bradley) was her peer support. We worked with her. She went off and got her treatment and came back. And, now is working with us doing that same position that we were helping her with. So, she’s doing re-entry. To me, that’s a super success because we want to build a peer support workforce.”

Griffin commented, “Right now, it’s been four or five months now since starting into this role and having at least eight people wanting to go to treatment from jail. Even if they go to a 30-day

program and come out and go to the women’s home, or Oxford House in Asheville, or something, but they’re staying connected. They’re calling even after we helped them. I think that’s really cool because Marissa did that for me. So, being able to do it and being able to give back to the community and help somebody else is a big, important thing.”

Long said he is happy with how the program has been doing its first year. “It’s been building and building, coming together. We’re starting to get a lot of community involvement, people wanting to help how they can.

We offer all the recovery stuff. Then, I try my best to bring a lot of culture and tradition into the gatherings. I’m not an expert on it, but I know a good bit. I kind of grew up around it so I try to bring as much knowledge of that and tie culture in with recovery - try to be very interactive with it, get people thinking.”

He added, “It feels really good to have people come in here and

say, ‘man, I love coming here because I’ve never felt judged, I’ve never felt looked-down-upon’. It is a really peaceful place here. I think another one, too, is celebrating the little wins. We’ve got a lot of people that come through here that come in excited to tell us, ‘I passed my next GED test’ or ‘I got my license’.”

Samantha Bradley said, “My dream is continuing to do these programs, but, also, there’s a lot of opportunity...we’ve been talking about a grant where we can partner a mentor, an artist, with someone who’s trying to get into recovery, or is in recovery, but really wants that connection with some type of art. For me, my culture was not a part of my growing up so reconnecting changed everything for me.”

She noted they’re looking at diverse funding streams going forward to create more programming. “I foresee that it’s just going to continue to grow. We serve everyone. Everyone is welcome here.”

Ronda Bradley said they’ve already begun art projects aimed at aiding the recovery process. “We do beading. We do different art things. We’ve done heddle stitch. We’ve done daisy chains. Trick has done pottery paddles with us.”

Raya summed up the feelings felt by the staff during the first year. “I love my job. It’s rewarding whenever they call us and say, ‘Yo, I got the job’ or put you down as a reference, or anything like that... hearing their personal goals being achieved and reached. It’s very rewarding to see our community start to thrive again.”

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Police Commission holds August meeting; community members express concerns

By BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Police Commission monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 12 p.m. in the Ginger Lynn Welch Poke Salad Room. Secretary Israel Rodriguez (At-Large) presided over the meeting in the absence of Gahvsgi (Chairperson) Anita Lossiah (Elawodi, Yellowhill) and Taline Gahvsgi (Vice Chairperson) Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown).

Members present included Treasurer Kym Parker (At-Large),

Hillary Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.), Secretary Rodriguez, Regina Rosario (Aniwodihi, Painttown), Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove), and Rick Queen (Wayo-
hi, Wolfstown).

Guests present included One Feather Editor Robert Jumper, One Feather Reporter Brooklyn Bigmeat, Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) Chief Justin Wade, Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Chief of Police Carla Neadeau, CIPD Attorney Cody White, Cherokee Fitness Complex Member Services Rep. Chris Reed, and Chavella McCoy.

Previous meeting minutes were approved as amended to include last names of guests, with a motion by Norville seconded by Rosario.

McCoy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), presented a community concern to the commission. McCoy, who stated to have previous experience in law enforcement, expressed concern over a recent case involving her family member. McCoy said the case was ultimately dismissed, but she said she felt that a non-enrolled person had taken advantage of the Cherokee Tribal Court system by receiving a

50(b) protective order that McCoy felt lacked probable cause. McCoy felt there was no legal recourse to hold the individual accountable due to the person being non-enrolled. She said she is seeking a request for banishment of the individual.

Norville asked White if there was any expansion of tribal jurisdiction under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization that could apply in this case. White responded that he believed obstruction of justice could be a possible legal application of VAWA in a case like this. He said that tribal courts are continually trying

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cases to set legal precedents for VAWA. For example, White said a case was successfully prosecuted in Cherokee Tribal Court under VAWA for obstruction of justice for possession of a controlled substance in Cherokee jail by a non-enrolled person, which set a new precedent for VAWA in Cherokee Tribal Court.

Reed expressed a need for security at Cherokee Fitness Complex following an incident on July 28 involving a minor who felt threatened, which is an ongoing investigation. Reed said the complex is updating their security camera systems, but he would like CIPD officers to walk through the Complex.

Chief Neadeau said she would add the Complex to the list for patrol officers, but there are over

400 requests for patrol with only six patrol officers on shift. Chief Neadeau said she would set up a meeting with her officers and Reed to complete a safety assessment of the building to find problem areas and make suggestions for safety and security.

Chief Neadeau and White said there is a curfew imposed in Cherokee Code Sec. 7A-65 that prohibits any persons under the age of 16 to be on any public road or public space from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. By that curfew, Chief Neadeau said no minors should be in Cherokee Fitness Complex after 9 p.m., which Reed said is currently allowed in their policies. Reed said he has advocated that no minors be allowed in the Complex after 9 p.m., to no avail. Reed said he also advocated raising the age limit, as the cur-

rent policy says ages 14 and under must have a guardian, but 15 and up can be in the Complex without a guardian. He said the age limit was recently lowered from 16. Chief Neadeau said she agreed with Reed that the age restrictions should be raised.

The commissioners suggested that a permanent security position be created for the Complex. Reed said there were discussions about a position between Complex leadership and the Executive Office, but he does not know where those discussions stand, especially considering recent cost containment and hiring freezes.

Chief Neadeau provided her monthly report. She shared that they currently have three EBCI cadets in school. Johnson asked what the main drug issue is in the community, and Chief Neadeau and White said fentanyl.

Johnson said he enjoyed the recent Meet & Greet held by CIPD. Chief Neadeau said they are planning a Meet & Greet in Tutiya and Tsalagi Gadugi.

Rodriguez asked if CIPD used Flock cameras, which are AI-powered security cameras. Chief Neadeau said no, CIPD uses Verkada for their cameras. Chief Neadeau said the only AI used is facial recognition. White said Verkada cameras are also used by Cherokee Central Schools and most other local school systems. Chief Neadeau said their cameras have been integral in three homicide cases. Chief Neadeau said the only people who can access their footage are the Lieutenants on patrol and the investigators. Chief Neadeau said the company does not have access to the footage unless granted temporarily via a token given by CIPD.

Chief Neadeau's report was

accepted with a motion by Parker seconded by Johnson.

Wade provided the ALE report. Wade said they have one vacant ALE specialist position, an administrative specialist position, which will remain vacant due to cost containment. Wade's report was accepted with a motion by Johnson seconded by Rosario.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m. with a motion by Parker seconded by Rosario.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 8 at 12 p.m. in the Ginger Lynn Welch Poke Salad Room.



1. Which team defeated the DeVry Hoyas 258-141 in January 1992 in the highest-scoring NCAA basketball game in history?
2. What barrier did Bernice Gera break at a minor league baseball game between the Geneva Senators and the Auburn Phillies in June 1972?
3. Name the St. Louis Blues player who had the tip of his left index finger severed from blocking a slapshot in a December 1990 game against the Chicago Blackhawks.
4. Reilly the Bona Wolf is the mascot of which New York university's athletic teams?
5. CBS Television City studio complex in Los Angeles was built on the site of which stadium that was demolished in 1952?
6. Name the Hungarian brothers who both became placekickers in the NFL in the 1960s.
7. In 1981, which boxer was mugged outside a Detroit bar and had \$45,000 in clothes, jewelry and gold teeth stolen from him?

Answers

1. The Troy State Trojans.
2. She became the first woman to umpire a professional baseball game.
3. Paul Cavallini.
4. The St. Bonaventure Bonnies.
5. Gilmore Stadium.
6. Pete and Charlie Gogolak.
7. Leon Spinks.

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Timber Committee discusses Hellbenders, harvesting plants, firewood, and more

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Timber Committee of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) met on Tuesday, Aug. 12 and discussed a variety of topics including the population of Hellbenders, harvesting various plants, firewood, and more.

In speaking about Hellbenders, Mike LaVoie, EBCI Natural Resources Department director, commented, “We’re confident that they’re still in the river system... we’re developing a broader resto-

ration plan around both the river and its inhabitants. There are different options from improving habitat to possibly bringing in animals. That’s an option as well.”

Doug Reed, EBCI Natural Resources fisheries and wildlife manager, spoke about several animal surveys. “We did our sixth year of our bear hair snare. We got 132 samples of those so that data is actually being processed right now. We did the hellbender sites. We had five of those. We did not see or find a hellbender within that.”

He said they will be doing an-

other dive to look for Hellbenders at the end of August. “We actually do need people to volunteer for it because we’re short-staffed. The more people we can get, the better area we can cover.”

LaVoie went on to discuss water topics and noted the EBCI has been awarded “roughly \$1.7 million” in grant funding from the Natural Resource Conservation Service for seven other stream projects.

Dinilawigi approved a resolution during its regular session on Jan. 8 that recognizes the inherent rights of Longperson. The resolution states, “In Cherokee tradition, the waterways are known as the Longperson, a living, conscious being whose head begins in the mountains and whose feet stretch to the sea. The Longperson is a sacred presence, offering life, guidance, healing, and protection to our people.”

Part of the resolution involved the creation of the Rights of Nature Task Force.

During Tuesday’s meeting, LaVoie said that four subcommittees have been created within the Task Force including: legal/policy focus, health focus, community development focus, and education focus.

He noted, “We’ve had three meetings so far, three monthly meetings that started in May. We’ve done a lot around discussion of what this project means and the goal, really, is to develop a report out to tribal leadership to really inform how we can implement Rights of Long Person for

the community’s sake.”

Reed also gave a short report on the ponds in Kolanvyi (Big Cove). “Temperatures are up, but it’s enough now. We’re ok right now. I do want to remind people, please do not return fish. Once you catch them, do not return them back into the ponds. And do not leave your stringers. Over the past three weeks we’ve found like eight stringers full of dead fish just laying there. If that continues, we may stop stocking that for a little bit until we get cooler weather.”

Josh Parris, EBCI Natural Resources forestry program manager, gave an update on the greenhouse project at the Thomas Valley Road site in Jackson County. “Hopefully within the next couple of months we’ll have those structures up and we’ll be able to start fitting them out.”

He said they are moving forward with a wood burning system to heat the greenhouse units and the program has received the funding for the river cane development from the Center for Disaster Philanthropy.

Parris commented, “Now we have an additional \$100,000 for development of river cane-specific growth for a couple years on that, which is something we need. And, it’s needed regionally with forest management practices with multiple different agencies - Resource Commission, Forest Service, North Carolina Forest Service. So, it’s hitting at a good time. Our concern is going to be, can we produce it and do we have the capacity of people to do that when it comes?”

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He said his program has participated with the Community Wildfire Preparedness Program (CWPP) to identify needs and work on a wildfire preparedness plan for the Qualla Boundary and Tutiya (Snowbird). “We, as the Tribe, currently, as far as wildfire response, do not have that - that’s with the BIA. But, we are in there and we are informing what the Tribe needs from a natural resource perspective on that.”

Parris added, “We want to provide firewood to the community with these actions. And, we actually have a Lickstone unit that’s 2.5 acres that has been marked for the timber to be cut off of that. But, this is not to harvest timber. This is to regenerate forests in between two of the wildlife openings on Lickstone Ridge...We

want the rest of that wood to be utilized by the community. Where that is, is pickup truck possibility of getting there. It is not quality enough to put large equipment on to pull stuff out. So, the plan with that, specifically...they can contact our office. They can contact me. We can tell them exactly how that’s marked, what you can cut, and what you can’t cut. It’s pretty simple...We would be happy with an opportunity if people want to cut their own trees. We don’t have an issue with that. But, there will be a point where we will put the trees down and the firewood will be available at that point.”

Avery Weatherly, EBCI Natural Resources conservation outreach coordinator, gave an update on the sochan harvesting season in the Great Smoky Mountain Na-

tional Park for EBCI tribal members.

“This year, we had 35 total permits given out. We can have up to 50 given out. So, 35 is an increase from last year. We also had 11 harvests this year that were reported. That’s also an increase from last year. Additionally, there were around 10 bushels harvested in total this year.

From the start of this permit, which was in 2019 to now, there have been a total of 51.5 bushels of sochan harvested. That equals to about 478 gallons. So, that’s pretty cool.”

Weatherly said there were some permit changes this year that will continue going forward. “The main change that happened, which is relevant to the community, is that there’s no need to repeat the permit orientation anymore...you can just come up to my office, and I will get you printed out a permit and you can be on your way.”

She went on to say, “At the beginning of this permit, there was more detailed monitoring - you submit your harvest report which says where you harvested, how much you harvested, you put some flags to show which patches you harvested from. Then botanists would go and monitor the health, how much was taken...but, over time, they found that our traditional harvest methods have had no impact at all on the population and has had no impact at all on the health of those harvesting sites.”

Tommy Cabe, EBCI Natural Resources forest resources specialist, spoke about the ramp population noting, “The latest report they said last week was that they are declining in the Forest Service landscape. So, again, another reason why it’s critical for us to understand our life ways with these

plants and to share that with our community and show the community how the science has merged with our cultural practices.”

Dinilawigi Taline Gahvsgi (Tribal Council Vice Chairman) David Wolfe asked, “Have you all considered doing your own little project of maybe taking some seed and starting to grow your own? And not let anybody know where it’s at and just see how long it takes to establish a patch?”

Cabe replied, “We’ve considered it...but when you do something like that, you really want to insulate it from impact. And, typically, a ramp takes around seven years to go from seed to actually sprouting out. Then, they’re really tiny. I don’t think that it would be worth what we would have to invest in that.

The quickest thing to do is just to continue demonstrating our harvest treatments. Because, now there’s harvest plots on the Park that they’re watching our harvest treatments have minimal impact on. And, that’s been done in the Forest Service. As far as us trying to propagate them in a wild setting, there’s a lot of factors that could impact that so you won’t get a good reading on it...it’s hard to secure those sites.”

The Timber Committee is chaired by Wayohi (Wolfstown) Rep. Bo Crowe. He was present at Tuesday’s meeting along with Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill, Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennelle Feather, Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee Co.) Rep. Adam Wachacha, Aniwohihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer filling in for Aniwohihi Rep. Michael Stamper, and Dinilawigi Taline Gahvsgi Wolfe filling in for Dinilawigi Gahvsgi (Tribal Council) Chairman Jim Owle.

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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

New this week

There are no new bills this week.

Bills with recent action

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 acknowledgement to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.

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

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

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

This bill would "direct Federal land management agencies of 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.



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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 Reservations Act of 2025). This bill would amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 “to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts and self-governance agreements with Indian entities to administer the food distribution program on Indian reservations”. Introduced: June 12, 2025 by Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.) and Rep. Frank Lucas (R-Okla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture on June 12, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 2160 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This bill seeks the same as H.R. 3255 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025. Introduced: June 25, 2025 by Sen. Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.)
Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 25, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4276 (To amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act). According to congress.gov, this bill amends the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act “to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”. Introduced: July 2, 2025 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai’i)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources as well as the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 2, 2025. This bill was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, and a hearing was held in that Subcommittee on Nov. 19, 2025.

Senate Bill 2211 (Special Diabetes Program Reauthorization Act of 2025). This bill seeks to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. For both programs, it seeks funding in the amount of \$160,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Introduced: July 8, 2025 by Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-Maine)

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

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993). The text of the legislation states, “Subsection (d) of section 7 of the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–116), is amended by striking ‘; however, in no event may an individual be enrolled as a tribal member unless the individual is a lineal descendant of a person on the final base membership roll and has continued to maintain political relations with the Tribe.’.” Introduced: July 16, 2025 by Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs on Sept. 4, 2025, and a hearing was held on this legislation in the subcommittee on Sept. 9, 2025. A Committee mark-up session was held on Feb. 11, 2026, and it was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent. It was reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 2, 2026 and was placed on the Union Calendar that same day. The bill was passed by a voice vote in the House on June 2, 2026. It was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 3, 2026.

H.R. 4596 (McCarren-Walter Technical Corrections Act). This bill would “amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with

respect to the right of members of federally recognized Indian Tribes in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States”.

Introduced: July 22, 2025 by Rep. Timothy M. Kennedy (D-New York)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 22, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

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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 acknowledgement 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, Chris-

topher Columbus, who helped to discover this great land.”
Introduced: Oct. 10, 2025 by Rep. Michael A. Rulli (R-Ohio)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Oct. 10, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Resolution 450. (A resolution expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October 2025 as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples and their shared history and culture).
The resolution states, “Columbus Day does not currently provide an opportunity to reflect on the stories and perseverance of the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that are now part of the United States; and where, prior to western contact, Indigenous Peoples lived and flourished in the lands that are now part of the United States for thousands of years”.
Introduced: Oct. 14, 2025 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)
Action: This resolution was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Oct. 14, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

House Resolution 809 (A resolution expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October 2025 as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples and their shared history and culture).
This House resolution is identical to S. Res. 450 (above).
Introduced: Oct. 14, 2025 by Rep. Norma J. Torres (D-Calif.)

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

Senate Bill 3041 (Tribal 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 Koot-zaduka’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 authorizes 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 Nutri-

tion 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.”
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

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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 Committee and the House Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 25, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3994 (PRIME Meat Processing in Indian Country Act). This bill aims “to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to authorize tribal meat inspection under that Act by tribal personnel”. In the title, PRIME means “Promoting Regulatory Independence, Mastery, and Expansion”.
Introduced: March 4, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 4, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 4179 (AI/AN Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act). This bill seeks “to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require that equitable distribution of assistance include equitable distribution to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations”.

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

H.R. 8048 (AI/AN Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act). This bill seeks “to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require that equitable distribution of assistance include equitable distribution to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations”.

Introduced: March 24, 2026 by Rep. Adelita S. Grijalva (D-Ariz.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce on March 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 4276 (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Modernization Act of 2026). This bill would simply “reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996”. It is an identical bill to

H.R. 8092.

Introduced: March 26, 2026 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 8092 (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Modernization Act of 2026). This bill seeks “to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996”.
Introduced: March 26, 2026 by Rep. Troy Downing (R-Mont.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services on March 26, 2026. A hearing was held in this Committee on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

H.R. 8658. (Indian Health Service Emergency Claims Parity Act). The full text of this bill was not available by press time.

Introduced: May 4, 2026 by Rep. Mike Kennedy (R-Utah)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on May 4, 2026. It was referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Activities on May 12, 2026. A hearing was held in that subcommittee on July 15, 2026, and it was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent.

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

the Secretary of the Interior”.

Introduced: May 21, 2026 by Rep. Jeff Hurd (R-Colo.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 21, 2026. It was further referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs on June 3, 2026. A hearing was held in that subcommittee on June 9, 2026.

Senate Bill 4976 (Native Children’s Commission Implementation Act of 2026). This bill seeks “to improve outcomes for Native children by empowering tribal communities, strengthening families, and increasing access to critical services”. The bill would establish the Advisory Committee on Tribal Juvenile Justice which would “provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator, the Attorney General, and Congress on all matters relating to juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and system improvement with respect to tribal youth”.

The bill also states, “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, shall conduct Tribal consultation and, after conducting that consultation, complete a study on the number and status of cases involving Native American missing children and youth, including the scope and context of those cases that are connected to juvenile justice system involvement, child welfare system involvement, and non-custodial parent abduction, including domestic violence, sexual assault, homicide, drug activity, stalking, and human trafficking.”

Introduced: July 14, 2026 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: This bill was referred to

the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 14, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

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ALASKA

Alaska Republican U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski has announced that the U.S. Department of Education “is expected to award \$41.3 million in grant funding through the Alaska Native Education Program to 26 Alaska grantees.”

• *Alaska Beacon*

CALIFORNIA

The Fort Mojave and Chemehuevi Indian Tribes are suing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) over the Mojave Ground-

water Bank project, “a plan to pump billions of gallons of groundwater from under the Mojave Trails National Monument.”

• *Indian Country Today*

MINNESOTA

Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, a member of the White Earth Nation, has won the Minnesota Democratic U.S. Senate primary, defeating her Republican opponent, Angie Craig.

• *Native News Online*

NEBRASKA

The Fourth U.S. Circuit of Appeals in Chicago, Neb. has “sided with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and ruled it will not revisit previous decisions that cleared the way for the tribe to bring home the remains of two boys who died

at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania more than a century ago.”

• *Indian Country Today*

NEW MEXICO

The Navajo Nation has secured a USB flash drive that contains confidential Navajo veteran records “after concerns about a potential data breach were raised during a Monday meeting of the Legislative Branch’s Health, Education and Human Services Committee.”

• *Native News Online*

OREGON

The Sam McCracken Youth Project (SMCYP) has appointed Kathy Baird, Charles W. Galbraith, and Mary Hiratsuka Mazilo to its Board of Directors. The SMCYP is “a Native-led nonprofit dedicated to advancing the mental, physical and cultural well-being of Native youth.”

• *Native News Online*

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The U.S. Senate has confirmed

Mark Cruz, a member of the Klamath Tribes, “to be the next Indian Health Service director under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.”

• *Indian Country Today*

CANADA

Former Miss Universe Canada and member of the Enoch Cree Nation, Ashley Callingbull called out two 2026 Miss Universe Canada contestants, Karisa Haverkamp and Jasleen Kaily, for cultural appropriation due to outfits they wore during the pageant’s national pageantry costume competition in Windsor, Ont.

• *CBC*

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Paulina Alexis, a member of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, and Crystle Lightning, a member of the Enoch Cree Nation, will star in “Anna Pigeon”, a new mystery drama premiering on USA Network.

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Villagomez, Valentin – age 25
Arrested: Aug. 3
Released: Aug. 4
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Walkingstick, Kory Duane – age 27
Arrested: Aug. 3

Released: Aug. 6
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Beck, Jackie Lynn – age 48
Arrested: Aug. 4
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
Charges: Writ for Swain Co.

Lanning, Heidi – age 33
Arrested: Aug. 4
Released: Aug. 4
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Mills, Michael Slade – age 32
Arrested: Aug. 4
Released: Aug. 4
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer

Bradley, Ronald Albert – age 43
Arrested: Aug. 5

Released: Aug. 5
Charges: Probation Violation

Crowe, Joel Daniel – age 45
Arrested: Aug. 5
Released: Aug. 6
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts); Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (two counts); Reckless Endangerment (two counts)

Smith, James Cassidy – age 39
Arrested: Aug. 5
Released: Aug. 8
Charges: Violation of Exclusion Resolution and Order, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Swayney, Raymond Neal – age 41
Arrested: Aug. 5
Released: Not released as of report

date (Aug. 10)
Charges: Exploitation of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult, False Pretenses, Larceny

Swimmer, William Edward – age 64
Arrested: Aug. 5
Released: Aug. 5
Charges: Filing a False Emergency Report

Thompson, Johnathan David – age 18
Arrested: Aug. 5
Released: Aug. 5
Charges: DWI; Providing Alcoholic Beverage to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage by Person under 21 years of age

Calhoun, Jennifer Ann – age 61
Arrested: Aug. 6

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Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
 Charges: Grand Larceny, Accessory After the Fact, Simple Possession of Schedule IV Controlled Substance

Cruz, Jusino Kevin – age 30
 Arrested: Aug. 6
 Released: Aug. 6
 Charges: Temporary Hold

Driver, Darrell Lee – age 41
 Arrested: Aug. 6
 Released: Aug. 7
 Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Martin Jr., George David – age 44
 Arrested: Aug. 6
 Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
 Charges: Fraudulent Use of a

Credit, Debit, or Bank Card (15 counts)

Smith, John Patrick – age 42
 Arrested: Aug. 6
 Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
 Charges: Grand Larceny

Taylor, Derrick Kyle – age 34
 Arrested: Aug. 6
 Released: Aug. 7
 Charges: Probation Violation

Teesateskie, Brian Elliot – age 50
 Arrested: Aug. 6
 Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
 Charges: Simple Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts)

Wachacha-Crowe, Maritsa Stepha-

nie – age 28
 Arrested: Aug. 6
 Released: Aug. 6
 Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts); Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minor (two counts); Reckless Endangerment (two counts)

Walkingstick, William Guy – age 54
 Arrested: Aug. 6
 Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
 Charges: Probation Revocation

Wolfe, Jasmyn Tiandra – age 29
 Arrested: Aug. 6
 Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Chaves, Cheri Christensen – age 37
 Arrested: Aug. 7
 Released: Aug. 8
 Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer

Harlan, John Francis – age 71
 Arrested: Aug. 7
 Released: Aug. 7
 Charges: Larceny, Second Degree Trespass

Henry, Andrew James – age 49
 Arrested: Aug. 7
 Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
 Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders, Resisting Public Officers

Ledbetter, Cameron A. – age 24
 Arrested: Aug. 7
 Released: Aug. 8
 Charges: Hold Until Sober

Locust, Richard Fred-Hawk – age

24
 Arrested: Aug. 8
 Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Smith, Charles Thomas – age 58
 Arrested: Aug. 8
 Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
 Charges: Disorderly Conduct; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer; Probation Revocation

Taylor, Carson Riley – age 22
 Arrested: Aug. 8
 Released: Aug. 8
 Charges: Hold Until Sober

Wachacha-Crowe, Maritsa Stephanie – age 28
 Arrested: Aug. 8
 Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 10)
 Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Lossiah, Shelby Mae – age 28
 Arrested: Aug. 9
 Released: Aug. 9
 Charges: Simple Assault

Wilnoty, Joseph Cory – age 40
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 Charges: Assault on a Female



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Brandi Lambert, seated, and Madison Leatherwood are shown with their children at a recent Mother's Gathering hosted by the Cherokee Doula Program. (Photos courtesy of Center for Native Health)

“It’s who we are”

Cherokee Doula Program continuing to grow

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Doula Program has been operating for over a year and is working diligently at bringing back a traditional practice aiding mothers and babies.

In January 2025, The Center for Native Health (CNH) was selected to receive a \$500,000 grant, provided by the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and supported by the

Spirit Aligned Leadership Program, to establish a doula program for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

The Cherokee Doula Program is known as Dinineladi dinisdelvhido “those who care for the pregnant ones”. The doulas completed training from Zaagi’idiwin (mutual love) Full Spectrum Indigenous Doulas organization. According to WebMD, “A doula provides emotional and physical support to you before, during, and after your pregnancy and childbirth. Doulas aren’t medical professionals. They don’t deliver babies or provide medical advice or medical care. Doulas assist and advocate for the birthing parent.”

“I think it’s going great,” said Onita Bush,

an EBCI tribal elder and Cherokee first language speaker from Tutiya (Snowbird) who works with the program. “I’m just glad it’s coming back to our tribe. It’s been gone for so long. It’s finally coming back and it’s finally getting done. We’re on our way to having this historical event coming back to all of us. It has been forgotten and it’s coming back. I’m happy to see it coming back.”

Lori Sanders, an EBCI tribal member, serves as one of the program’s three current doulas along with Brittany Hampton and Brandi Lambert. She noted, “I’m always gushing about this. It’s just the best thing ever. There are different seasons for everything that I’ve done and this just is perfect for me now. It’s

fantastic. I have it in my tank to give. I can drop everything in a second. It's been fantastic. I've had some really young moms - grateful. I've been so grateful because they're just winging it - no clue. So, it's just wonderful to be there for extra support.

It's just nice to have another voice to be able to talk to about your concerns, questions, get another outside person's point of view who's seen it a few times already, who has experience in lots of different situations that can happen. It, I have found, helps to kind of calm mom down."

Currently, a total of 23 mothers have received doula support through the program and doulas have supported 15 births.

Sanders said the benefits of a mother having a doula are undeniable. "I'm always interested in listening to what they want, what they need, what they're afraid of. I'm really into it and telling them my experience in my past labor and deliveries that I've been into. And, it takes a little bit of the anxiety off of everyone else in the room that's participating. The hospital staff is very appreciative of us because I end up being a little bit of a go-between. Then, the mom is very much more relaxed."

Kristina Hyatt, an EBCI tribal member who is the CNH relational health program director, commented on the benefits of having a doula. "The mental health aspect of it, just being a person there to offer encouragement. One of the things we have tried to incorporate is positive affirmations in the Cherokee language that our doulas can also share with the moms. Then, the physical aspect of it, too. When they're in the room with the mom about to give birth, they've learned different tips and tricks



Kristina Hyatt, an EBCI tribal member who is the Center for Native Health relational health program director, is shown working with her son, Nygel, at a recent Mother's Gathering hosted by the Cherokee Doula Program.

to help make them more comfortable."

She said they are planning another doula training before the end of the year. "We are seeing a need for more. We have a partnership with the NFP (Nurse Family Partnership) Program...they are still referring moms over to us. And, those are moms that they feel need some additional support beyond what their nurse home visitors provide."

Kelly Murphy, an EBCI tribal member, is the new CNH cultural education specialist.

"I'm bringing the language and culture into it. The doula training that we do is Indigenous. It's an Indigenous doula training, so that's what we're trying to bring into it - the positive affirmations in Cherokee, just more of that. Not only language but culture, too."

She said the doula program is operating Indigenously. "It's who we are. We've been doing this for

thousands of years outside of modern practices. It's worked, so I'd like to find what it used to be and bring it back to do that."

Murphy said they have started a Mother's Garden at Kituwah - the Mother Town of the Cherokee. "This is the first year we've done it...it's shaped like a mother. She's got a baby on her back. So, around that we've planted things that are good for mom and baby. Bull nettle has just kind of taken over it right now. It's everywhere. But, I really appreciate that because if anybody reaches out for that need, we can just go and grab it. We've got cabbage in there. That's always good for breastfeeding...my plan for next year is for it to be bigger and for there to be events there to get moms and families involved."

Hyatt said the program has also been hosting monthly Mother's Gatherings. "There's been a lot of moms - even dads will come out to that. So, really, it's called a

mother's gathering, but anyone is welcome to come - anyone a part of that support group. We all are just very grateful to be a part of the Center for Native Health because what we do is fill the gaps."

Information from the Center for Native Health states, "The Cherokee Doula Program emphasizes:

- Traditional Cherokee practices in pregnancy, birth, and postpartum care
- Support for families across the journeys to motherhood, including birth, postpartum, and grief
- Language and cultural integration, including Cherokee songs, stories, and food traditions
- Community connection, through Mothers Gatherings, and pairing doulas with families to walk beside them in supportive ways

For more information, contact the Center for Native Health at (828) 708-8748 or visit: <https://www.centerfornativehealth.org>

Making the right changes

Brian Marsh is trying to better Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort one step at a time

By ANN TOINEETA
One Feather Intern

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Brian Marsh has been in the gaming industry for 30 years, managing properties from Missouri to Tennessee and getting them on track to success. Now, he is the senior vice president and general man-

ager of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.

While Marsh originally started out as a firefighter in Reno, Nev., he transitioned to working in casinos full time. He helped open the French Lick Resort & Casino in French Lick, Ind. and rebranded the Lumière Place casino in St. Louis, Mo. into the Horseshoe casino in addition to other projects. Nearly two years ago, Marsh was asked to come to Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.

"I knew throughout the years how formidable and how important this property was to Caesars and Harrah's and how much revenue was generated out of these

properties," he said. "When they said, 'are you interested?' It was very easy for me, internally, to say yes."

One value Marsh has learned over the years is the importance of staying in touch with and helping employees on the frontline. He believes this connection is vital to being a good general manager. Whether it's washing dishes at Amici or cooking in the employee dining room, Marsh steps in to help where he can.

"I am a big believer in building individuals up and building teams and allowing those individuals to take credit for things that are happening," he said. "I just hap-



Brian Marsh is the senior vice president and general manager of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. (Photo courtesy of Harrah's Cherokee Casinos)



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open to be the person that can keep things wired together...I try to be very present and on the frontline. I want people to know I'm here. I want to hear from an employee who's having a bad day. I may not be able to solve their issues, but I want that employee to know that they have a sounding board, and they have a family here without making it too weird for them. The leaders that were able to make that connection that influenced how I am today, that was one thing that I felt was so important."

This openness also extends to his marketing strategy, which is to simply try everything. While marketing is the hardest part of what he and his team do, being open to trying new things allows them to have the flexibility to make changes. Switching gears when some-

thing isn't working can make a big difference when it comes to getting customers to come back or stay another night at the casino.

"We have to stop doing things that don't work and we have to try other things," he said. "Leaders are afraid of that because they feel that that is failure. I look at that completely differently. If something's not working, the failure is not identifying that it's not working and not affecting change and going a different direction. A failure is not recognizing that this path is wrong and doing something about it. It's a legacy that I think is important. It's not about me, it's just what this property is all about: maintaining the culture of who this property represents."

During his time at Harrah's Cherokee, Marsh has worked on

big projects like the rebranding of Wicked Weed into the Soco Smokehouse with a new section dedicated to chicken called The Coop and the rebranding of Brio Italian Grille into Amici Italia. There are also smaller fixes he has worked on to create a better environment for customers like relighting the seven trees in the casino's grand entry way.

"The fun part about being a leader in one of these roles is that you're not doing the same thing every single day," he said. "There's always something new to tackle. It's like a Rubix Cube- you figure out one side and then the other side's messed up, so you have to go to the other side and figure out how to get both sides in line. If you walk into this role and you expect everything to be perfect, you are going to fail."

Marsh's work focuses on the whole experience of the casino as a resort, not just the gaming portion, and ensures that every corner of the casino is filled with some kind of game or shop. After making some changes in the casino's grand entry like relighting the trees and moving around some slot machines, Marsh noticed a difference in activity.

"There is so much activity, sound, music, and people," he said. "There's dancing and it now is something when you walk in from the casino garage, parking lot, and the front entrance- you end up converting right there and the activity makes you feel like you've arrived. That's the stuff that you have to be able to do on a regular basis. Those are the physical changes that we're going to continue to make."

At the end of the day, what is most important to Marsh is his family. He has six daughters: a

former Navy pilot who now flies for United Airlines, a doctor who works at the Mayo Clinic, a veterinarian who's also in the Army Reserves, two attorneys, and a scientist with a dual degree in biology and chemistry. Marsh credits his daughters for teaching him about the different pressures women have to face in their lives and the power of never giving up on overcoming struggles.

"It really helped me make sure that I had a clear understanding that every individual has value in their own way and it doesn't matter who they are, where they come from, what gender they are, and what their beliefs are," he said. "Everybody is an individual and I learned that from my daughters and from my wife. To this day, every single thing I do, I always reflect back, 'Okay, is the decision I'm making going to be biased anyway?' If it is, I need to figure it out. My kids are a huge part of my life. I've always said, who needs boys when you have girls like mine."

Marsh is extremely passionate about adding value to this casino, a place that is so important to the Cherokee people. He describes himself as being very competitive and is motivated by future competing casinos to work hard every day.

"That's why I get up every single day," he said. "I haven't worked this hard since I was in my twenties. It's because there's so much to do here. There are so many good things that we can continue to take and do differently...I truly believe that we've got a good four, five, six years here of continual change that will continue to position us appropriately so we can always compete. That's my job and, respectfully, I owe the Cherokee people that."

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THANKYOU LETTERS

Thank you to HELP Program

Bob and I would like to thank Leroy Waldroup and Nihi Toineeta, from the HELP program, for working until 10 p.m. on Aug. 13, installing a water heater for us.

We appreciate you and the jobs you do day or night.

Bob and Rita Driver
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

Thank you to Cherokee Historical Association

On behalf of the Lloyd Arneach Sr. family, we would like to thank the Cherokee Historical Association and “Unto These Hills” outdoor drama for including our dad in this year’s program. He truly loved being in the Drama in his youth and then returning in his later years. We attended the Drama this past Saturday night, Aug. 15, and were pleasantly surprised to see a nice write-up about him in this year’s program. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Lloyd Arneach Jr., Dawn Arneach, Cheyenne Arneach, Landon French, William Arneach, Sam Arneach, and Sandra Arneach



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Celia Ann Smith (Cec)

Celia Ann Smith (Cec), 35, of Cherokee, went home to be with her dad Monday, Aug. 10, 2026. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of Kim Jackson of Cherokee and the late James Edward Smith.

In addition to her father, she was also preceded in death by one brother, Davey Smith; one sister, Belle Smith; grandparents, Charlie Smith, Frank Jackson, and Elizabeth Jackson; two aunts, Sissy Maney, and Gwendolyn Conseen; and three uncles, Perry Jackson, Gary Jakcosn, and Abe Queen.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her fiancé, Omar Yanez; children, Tawodi Biddix, Taige Biddix, Jaylah Biddix, Ryn

Smith all of the home; one sister, Ceana Jackson of Cherokee; three brothers, James (Bud) Smith of Cherokee; BJ Smith of Robbinsville, and Kev Jackson of Cherokee; one grandmother, Lucille Smith of Cherokee; aunts, Lula Jackson, Rose Jackson, Jennifer Jackson, Nonie Jackson, Bessie Bigmeat, Paulette Smart, and Angie Smith; two nieces, Lila Belle, Esme Jackson; and two nephews, James (JJ) Smith, and Nicolai Corpening.

Funeral services were Thursday, Aug. 13 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at the Taylor Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Nick Swayney, Roy Bradley, Drevan Calhoun, Adam Brown, George Burgess, Charlie Burgess, Omar Yanez, and Kenny Maney.

Honorary Pallbearers were Tawodi Biddix and Taige Biddix.

Merlina Joshua Sneed

Merlina Joshua Sneed passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 10, 2026, in Cherokee, N.C., surrounded by her family. She was born on April 5, 1954, in Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, to Yens and Melisda Lepot, being the ninth of eleven children.

She grew up in Pohnpei where she met her husband of almost 50 years, the late Herbert Sneed Sr., while he served overseas with the US Navy. They lived and traveled across the US, then settled in Cherokee with their five children.

Known as Merly to many, she

had an unwavering love for her children and was steadfast in them receiving an education. She was a homemaker who loved to sew, cook, and can vegetables from her and Herb's garden. She also enjoyed camping, traveling, and especially spending time with her children and grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband; her grandson, Shane Sneed; her parents; three sisters: Elisa, Modoko, Mercina; and four brothers: twin boys at birth, Lorenzo, Alek.

She is survived by her children Robert (Jaclyn), Herb Jr., Bo (Bobby), Michelle (Ray), and Nena (Zach); grandchildren Alisha, Dorian (Nick), Shay, Jaisa (Justin), Drew (Nick), Talon (Tony), Kamea (Michael), Johnny, Carter, Brynn, Monroe; great-grandchildren Marlie, Ian, Rogue, Oscar, Damon, Max, Hazel; two sisters Rosemina and Serlina; and one brother Semes.

Pall Bearers are Henry Hamusten, Kevin Smith, Loren Smith, Hawley Hamusten, Harley Hamusten, and Hector Hamusten.

Services were held on Saturday, Aug. 15 at Crisp Funeral Home in Bryson City. Graveside burial followed at Shane Sneed Memorial Garden.

A grateful and heart-filled thank you to Tsali Care Center, Four Seasons Hospice, Buford and Jessie Smith, Hill and Sandy Sneed, Jesse Sneed, clergy and healthcare workers that gave her great care and respect, and the late Sisters Roberta and Virginia

of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Cherokee who she was blessed to have as mentors.

Marcia Owle

Aug. 24, 1958 – Aug. 12, 2026

Marcia Owle, 67, passed away unexpectedly following a tragic automobile accident. Her sudden passing leaves a deep sense of loss for her family, friends, church family, and all who knew her.

A lifelong musician and educator, Marcia served for many years as a church organist and pianist, sharing her musical gifts through worship and countless special occasions. She also dedicated her life to teaching, working in public schools and homeschooling her daughter, Leslie.

Marcia was giving, thoughtful, strong-willed, and never afraid to speak her mind. She cared deeply for those she loved and freely gave her time, talents, and support. She had a personality that could fill a room and a presence that will not easily be forgotten.

She is survived by her husband, Freeman Owle; her daughter, Leslie Owle (Phillip); and her sister, Cheryl Myers (Bill), along with extended family, friends, and her church family.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 20 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home.

Though her passing was sudden, Marcia leaves behind a lifetime of memories, lessons, love, and music.



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COMMENTARY

Gag at a bear, swallow an elk; matters of faith and tradition

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

We hear a bunch about traditional values when it comes to, well, most everything. Many have different perspectives on what that means. Very much like language, ask one language expert about a word or a phrase, and you are sure to find another language expert to say, “That is not the way we would say it.” The same is true of many of what we call Cherokee traditions. Many of our traditions are passed down orally. If you have ever played the gossip game where you line up people and whisper a

sentence to one another down the line, you know that by the time the last person announces the sentence, there is little chance that the sentence will sound anything like what it started as in the beginning. Try as we might, we simply fail to memorize sentences, language, and tradition as they were originally seen or conveyed. I’m not saying it’s wrong. I’m just saying we get really heavy-handed when it comes to tradition.

The bear cage ordinance passed in the most recent session of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) and is set to be ratified into law {Ord. No. 184 (2026)}. If you are familiar

with the format of resolutions and ordinances, you know that a justification, or “whereas”, is put forth, and then a solution or execution, a “therefore”, is put forth. In most cases, the “whereas” section justifies the resolutions proposed in the “therefore” section.

In this case, the “whereas” is based on quotes from a book, “Myths of the Cherokee” by James Mooney, which is actually an extract of a larger annual report of the Bureau of American Ethnology. Mooney, a man of Irish heritage, spent time with the Cherokee people in the late nineteenth century, documenting his interactions and

observations from around 1887 through 1990, and then did periodic follow-up visits to tribal lands through 1900 (history.hanover.edu). He would have been interacting with the Eastern Band of Cherokee people roughly a generation after the Cherokee removal effort (May 25, 1838, through 1839). It was likely that he spoke to people who could relate stories from the perspective of a mother, father, grandmother, or grandfather who had directly experienced the pain, fear, and anger that were brought to their land by his people.

I was gently reminded by the staff today that we must not have



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blindens on when speaking of faith and tradition. In the whereas section of the bear caging ordinance, the author points out the cultural and spiritual significance of bears to Cherokee people. At first read, some of the statements as fact could certainly be considered provocative, particularly when you consider that those statements were references from a book written by a non-Indian working for a federal government entity, no matter how well-intended that documenter might have been. And having talked to our tribal elders a time or two while in service to the community, I was told that when the federal representatives would come to the Qualla Boundary to document us and our behavior, and because there was still lingering distrust of that government, our

people would be less than serious and truthful when giving these non-Indians interviews.

Still, when someone expresses their faith and belief, it is important to respect that faith. We all subscribe to a spiritual belief, and most of them require some amount of faith, or trusting in something that you cannot simply prove. My particular faith believes that, at a certain time in history, a snake and a donkey spoke. It is really not that far to jump to believe that bears with human characteristics have a sacred place in Cherokee culture and tradition. They are certainly a part of the modern interpretation of culture and spirituality.

So, we weigh the facts, what we consider to be the truth, and what we are willing to take on faith. And that happens every day of our lives

with many things in our lives. It is clear from the eight “whereas” statements in Ord. No. 184 that the author of the legislation believes that bears are sacred and deserving of reverence and special treatment. It is also clear that the author believes that bears “caged or held in captivity for the purposes of exhibiting the bear to the public” should be treated as sacred and that caging them is definitely not reverent or treating them as sacred animals. That is a matter of personal belief and faith, and not for me to argue for or against.

We sell a portion of our culture and tradition every time we allow an outside entity to use our culture for their gain. We sell a portion of our culture and tradition when we take the words of our elders and use them for personal gain, and when we allow others outside of our tribe to appropriate them. In this instance, in the debate over caging bears, I am not the one to judge what is ethical. I know. Many of you have already got your black robes on and are looking down from the bench. Good for you. But when someone tells me that an animal would die without the care they provide, I must at least pause to consider that before moving on to seeking bans. Keep in mind that we are the same tribe that told Bob Barker and Company to pack up and move on when they sought to tell the tribe how to deal with this issue, and he told us to do it basically in the same fashion we are doing it now.

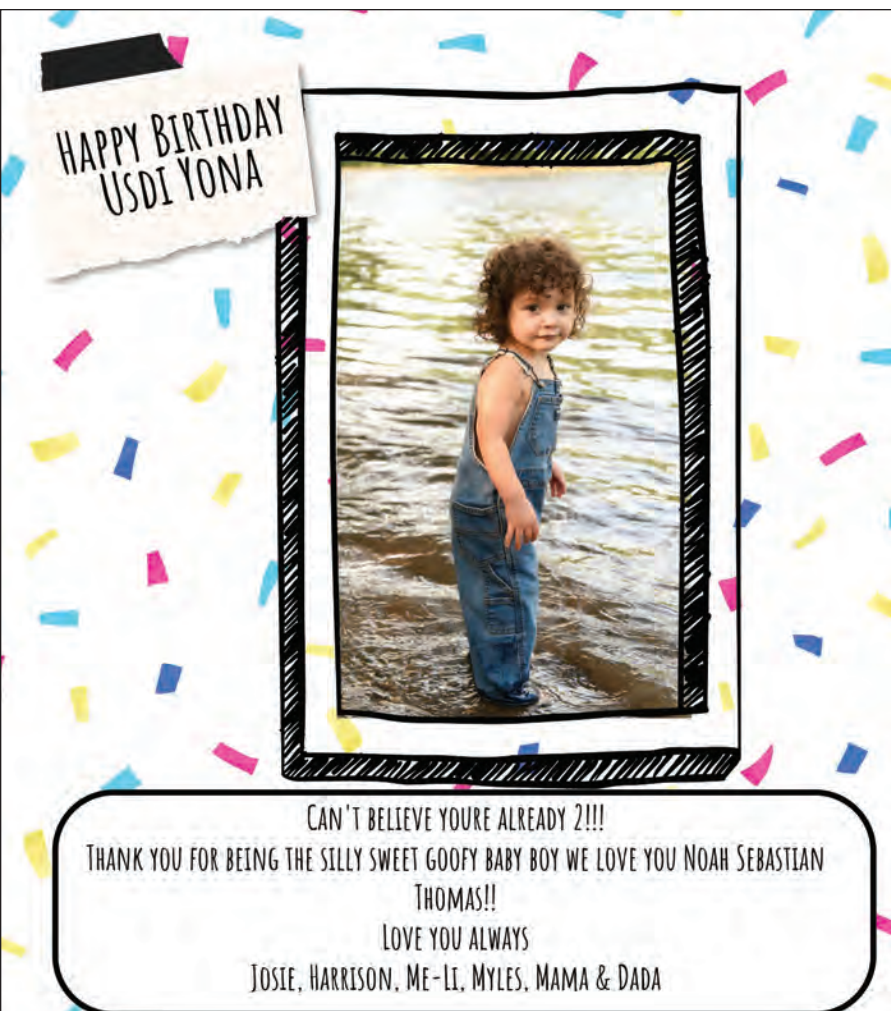
So, one of my challenges is knowing that, while we are appalled at the thought of bears in small enclosures for the entertainment of the public, we have no qualms about putting a bullet in them (or an elk for that matter) for comparatively the same rea-

son. The only word that would be missing from recreational hunting and a bear zoo is the word “public”. Both are entertainment. It has been decades, if not centuries, since any of us has had to hunt for our food. Do we eat the meat from a kill? Sometimes. Do we use the hides for clothing from a kill? Sometimes. But mostly, we count the “points” on antlers and mount the heads to put in our man...or woman...cave.

In my mind, I keep going back to Dr. Barbara Duncan’s response when asked if we, as Cherokee people, ever hunted elk for sport. She said, “I have no knowledge of Cherokees ever hunting anything just for sport. That would go against traditional values and customs, according to what Cherokee people have told me and what scholars and observers have written”.

One of the whereas statements in Ordinance 184 says that caging bears “is a relic of the past and needs to be remedied”. Maybe so. But we really do mince words when we say we want to be traditional by getting rid of what we imply is a tradition.

I’m not saying Ord. No. 184 is bad law. Again, if it were a trial in court and I were on the jury, I am afraid I would cause a hung jury. While I am 100 percent a proponent of ethical treatment of all animals, big and small, I still think the jury is out concerning what that constitutes. And ethically, I think the tribe should look at all its laws that fly in the face of tradition if it is going to look at one. It is like the old saying about the mother who saw a dirty spot on her child’s face. When she took a wet cloth and cleaned the spot, she realized that the rest of the child’s face was dirty too.



Unbelievable

Part 1 of 2

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

Scripture reference: James 1:5-8, Proverbs 2:6, Genesis 3:1

Not accepting God's word as the truth and disobeying His commands were man's original sins, which remain true today. Discounting and denying the power or Word of God by explaining away miracles and biblical stories is a slippery slope that has invaded our society, even into our religious doctrine and discipleship training.

Many stories in God's word are described as fantastic. Some are hard to conceive as believable even by Christians. Right there. That's the problem. Satan had Eve doubt God's word and commandments,

leading her and Adam to sin. Disbelief is a lack of faith. In this case, it led to sin and the downfall of man. This is our battle as Christians and as disciples leading others to Christ. Are you ready for the hard questions about your belief in God's Word? Can you defend God's Word when you encounter others who disbelieve?

Do you know the simple story of Adam and Eve in the Garden – the fall of man? First of all, it's not as simple as it reads. I believe the story in its entirety. Read Genesis 3 to refresh your memory of man's downfall through a lack of faith to believe God's Word.

According to The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language – 5th Edition, the definition of fantastic is 1. Based on or existing only in fantasy, unreal. 2. Strange or fanciful in form, conception, or appearance. 3. Unrealistic; irrational. Interest-

ing how we use the word fantastic all the time in a context of favor towards a concept, place, or object. The Grand Canyon was fantastic. That banana split was fantastic. That story about Noah's Ark was fantastic. Be careful of what you say and what you mean.

Recently, while studying for an adult Sunday school lesson, I used a published study text from a widely used and well-known curriculum for churches across America. In the passage where Jesus performed a miracle for a lame man who couldn't get into a pool before others because he was crippled, the text explained away the story in the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible that the pool probably had a spring under it that caused the water to stir occasionally. The reason the pool stirred was written in the verses as an angel stirred the pool, and the first to enter the pool, Bethesda, upon

being stirred, was healed. Read it for yourself in the KJV or NKJV, John 5:4. Do you suppose all these people around the pool were there because they might get healed or that they knew if they were the first in the pool, they would be healed? How was the pool stirred? What did the Bible say? What do you think? Test yourself.

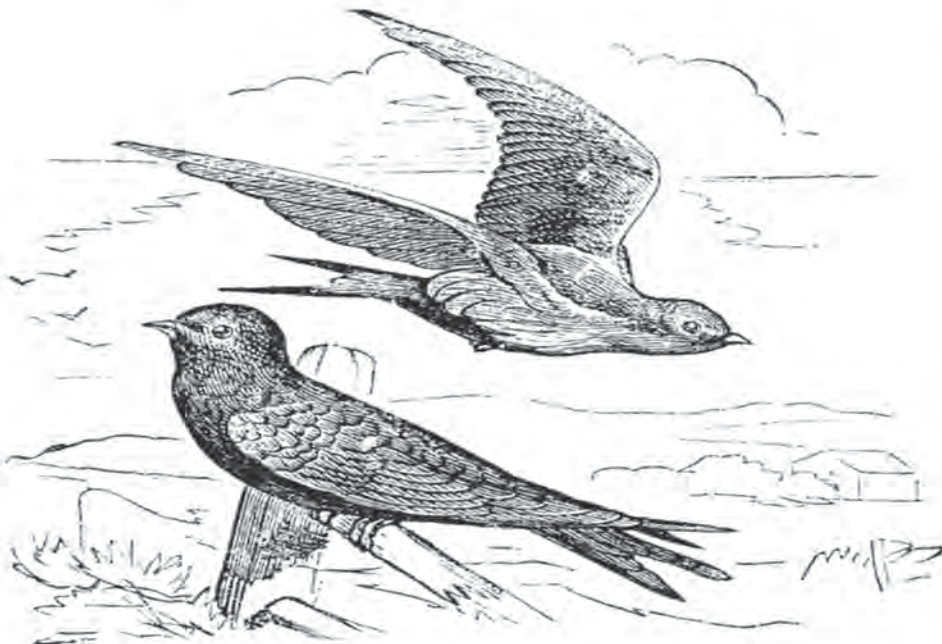
Lord, God, and Father, thank You for revealing how easy it is to doubt or try to explain in human terms what we can't understand. Speak to us through the Spirit to know Your works as a mystery and help us to understand and accept how powerful and capable You are. With all that, help us understand that our ways are not Your ways, and Your will is far above our imagination. We praise You for the mighty God You are. Thank You for loving us and giving us all good things.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Do not curse the king,
even in your thought;
Do not curse the rich,
even in your bedroom;
For a bird of the air
may carry your voice,
And a bird in flight
may tell the matter.

— Ecclesiastes 10:20 —





TIGER



The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

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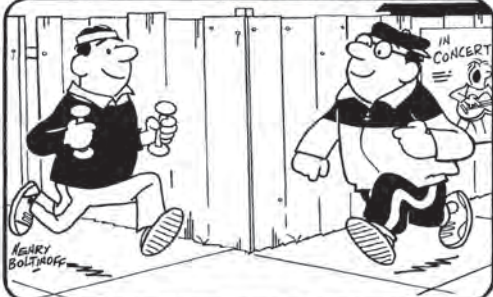
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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HOCUS - FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels



Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Poster is smaller. 3. Weight is missing. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Line in sidewalk is moved. 6. Leg is moved.

King Crossword

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| 5 Blessing | 23 Latin ballroom | 53 Boston squad, |
| 6 Actress Lucy | dance | for short |

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1. TELEVISION: Which musical instrument does Leonard play in "The Big Bang Theory"?
2. MUSIC: In what year did the Woodstock music festival take place?
3. MOVIES: Which horror movie features a character named Ellen Ripley?
4. HISTORY: When did the French Revolution begin?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is carpaccio?
6. U.S. STATES: How many states border Mexico?
7. GAMES: How many wooden blocks are in the game of Jenga?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest mountain chain in the world?
9. ART: Who painted the "Mona Lisa"?
10. MATH: How many sides does a hexagon have?

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

1. Cello; 2. 1969; 3. "Alien"; 4. 1789; 5. Thinly sliced raw meat or fish; 6. Four; California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas; 7. 54; 8. The Andes in South America; 9. Leonardo da Vinci; 10. Six

"IT'S TIME FOR GUTTER MAINTENANCE"

6 REASONS TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GUTTER MAINTENANCE

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

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

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

**PREVENT
EROSION & MOLD**



1. Roof Damage

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

2. Wood Fascia Damage

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

3. Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios

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

4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

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

5. Slip and fall

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

6. Prevent Mold

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

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

"DON'T TRIM YOUR GUTTERS"



"CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS"





Thinking About Building A Home?

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BUILDING HOMES TOGETHER

SITE INSPECTION APPLICATION	☐ Site Inspection application process begins at Tribal Realty by the property owner. ☐ The property will be inspected by five tribal departments and will be determined if site is buildable or not buildable.
PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER & RIGHT OF WAYS	☐ Surveying requests for approved buildable sites will be done by the Tribal Surveying dept. ☐ Property transfers will be done by the owner to the home buyer at Tribal Realty. ☐ The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes. ☐ All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.
PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION	☐ Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed, unless applicant is wishing to purchase a home. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender. ☐ Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter
INFRASTRUCTURE	☐ Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed. ☐ Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included. ☐ Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.
HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE	☐ Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. ☐ Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. ☐ After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. ☐ Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS	☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to \$50,000.00, and will request \$5,000.00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously. ☐ Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. ☐ Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. ☐ Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. ☐ The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. ☐ Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	☐ After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment. ☐ Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. ☐ Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. ☐ Lending Institution will contact client to “lock in” their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.
DPA funds – Off Trust Lands	☐ After loan approvals are received, Coordinator will send letter notifying lender the borrower has been approved for DPA and RBD funds and request closing attorney information. ☐ Coordinator will complete the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and to be signed at closing and recorded at Register of Deeds in the county of purchase. ☐ Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator. ☐ Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.
LOAN CLOSE	☐ Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing. ☐ Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed. ☐ Home construction may start after loan close. ☐ Client will begin working with Lender’s Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.
SITE PREP SCHEDULING	☐ Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure. ☐ If 1 acre or more will be disturbed during site prep construction, a SWPP (Storm Water Protection Plan) must be completed by our contractor before any work can begin.
SERVICES PROVIDED BY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW HOMES	☐ For qualified EBCI enrolled members residing on trust land, Infrastructure provides: ☐ Site Prep, Footers, Block Foundation, Block Underpinning, Vinyl Underpinning, Gutter System and Final Grade to prevent erosion.

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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

MANNA Foodbank Community Market. Aug. 20 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the Wolfstown 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

Revival. Aug. 23-26 starting at 6 p.m. each night at Acquoni Baptist Church, 722 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Speaker will be Brother Olin Williams, a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and Pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Bennington, Okla. Everyone is invited.

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From Darkness Into Hope. Sept. 10 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.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

10th Annual Cherokee Skate Jam. Sept. 12 registration opens at 8 a.m. competition starts at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Skatepark, 1036 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. For beginners, intermediate, advanced/open and best trick categories. Info: Text (828) 736-6170 or 736-2698

3rd Annual Shrednanigans. Sept. 19 from 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. at BCO Cherokee, 516 Tsalagi Blvd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Music, food, games, bike show, relay, prizes, Fire Mountain prize hunt, bounce house, foam party, shuttles to Fire Mountain. Free admission. Info: on Facebook -7 Moons MTB

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.

ation 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

GWY DhVhWY JLOJLWJ TS **tsalagi aniwonisgi didandadisi iga (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day)** ceremony. Nov 24 at 10 a.m. at the Cherokee Speakers Place. Join to honor and remember the Cherokee speakers whose voices, wisdom, and dedication have helped preserve and sustain language for future generations.

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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 PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

SŌHi AD RVLLWJ DŌWYL



Walter Edward White, left, a 3-year-old Siamese, and **Winston D. Pheasant**, a 1-year-old pure Siberian Forest Cat, live with humans Sophie Wood and Cohen Pheasant in Ela, N.C.



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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.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be careful not to allow the backers of a new financial “deal” to pull the wool over the Lamb’s eyes. It could hold fewer plusses and more negatives than you were first led to believe.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It’s a good idea to finish all incomplete tasks so that you can devote your attention to next week’s projects. The weekend could hold surprises for romantic Fernandas and Ferdinands!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A workplace suggestion you made a while ago that you might’ve forgotten could come back with a request to turn it from an idea to a reality. Meanwhile, your social life picks up considerably this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Someone from the past could return with an intriguing opportunity for a future project. By all means, check into it, but don’t neglect your current responsibilities.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keeping your claws sheathed and using good humor to counter someone who’s bad-mouthing the Big Cat isn’t easy. But it’s the best way to avoid more problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace situation could improve if you’re less critical and more supportive of those who are, after all, trying to do their best. Let them know that you’re there to help when necessary.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

28719. MC: Catcuce 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. No. 250, TABCC budgets, accounts, reports, and audits

see **EVENTS** next page

22) A new job offer might not carry all the benefits that you’re seeking. Make sure that you know what you’re entitled to, what’s off the table, and what’s negotiable before you make a decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A social obligation that you’d rather get out of could hold some surprisingly positive aspects. Why not go and see it for yourself? Also, a family member makes a curious request.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Before tackling a new project awaiting you at home or on the job, take time out for some much-deserved pampering to help lift your spirits and restore your energy levels.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your social calendar begins to fill up more quickly than you expected, which is great. You deserve to enjoy some good fun after so much time spent on serious matters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A domestic situation continues to improve, thanks to all the tender, loving concern that you’ve shown. A colleague makes a questionable move that you might want to check out sooner rather than later.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A sudden turn in a romantic relationship calls for both a rational and passionate response. Keep the love level high, but also find out why the problem arose in the first place.

BORN THIS WEEK: You often set high standards for others. But to your credit, you also set the same expectations for yourself. You’d be an excellent coach or mentor.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

New clinical trials at the VA

The VA has started two important trials.

The first trial, titled “Psilocybin Intervention for Veterans Overcoming Treatment-Resistant Depression,” is to determine the effectiveness as well as the safety of a compound that’s used to treat depression and post-traumatic stress disorder: psilocybin.

Psilocybin is a mushroom, more commonly known as “magic mushrooms,” that converts to psilocin in the body, altering brain activity. Its use as a solution to mental health conditions that haven’t responded to previous treatment is hoped to bring relief to sufferers.

The trial will compare two different dosages and study how they affect depression levels, PTSD and side effects. They will be held at five different VA locations: Birmingham VA Health Care System, Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center, VA Portland (Oregon) Health Care System, Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center and VA Puget Sound Health Care System.

The other new trial will take a diabetes drug, semaglutide, a GLP-1 receptor agonist, and explore its use as treatment for alcohol use disorder. Semaglutide appears to affect the rewards part of the brain. Researchers took their clues from a prior study that concluded that GLP-1 helped with alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, nicotine and opioid use disorders, following study participants for up to three years.

There are over 400,000 veterans who’ve been diagnosed with alcohol use disorder, and GLP-1 has been shown to reduce the rate of emergency hospital visits, hospitalizations and other adverse outcomes. The goal of the trial is to determine whether it can reduce alcohol use disorder in veterans.

The study (“Cessation or Reduction of Alcohol Consumption in Veterans”) will be held at 18 VA medical centers starting with an initial enrollment of 600 veterans. Participants will either receive a placebo or semaglutide shot every week for 24 weeks while researchers track the outcomes.

To learn about participating in either trial, contact your nearest VA medical center or look for the trial by name at ClinicalTrials.gov.

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Environmental allergies affect pets and people

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: The vet says my dog “Wyatt” has hay fever and should be kept inside the house when pollen counts are high. She also says my cat “Snowball” is allergic to something inside the house. Does that mean she has to stay outside? Sign me — Confused in Crystal Lake, Illinois

DEAR CONFUSED: Dealing with pet allergies can be frustrating and confusing. But don’t toss the cat outside yet.

Allergic reactions caused by pollen, dust and other things in the environment (known as atopic dermatitis) are more common in pets than many owners realize. But they can be managed with a veterinarian’s help.

Symptoms of hay fever and other environmental allergies can include frequent sneezing; irritated, runny, itchy eyes; a runny nose; scratching much more than usual; and even a rash on the paws or face. Dogs may frantically lick between their paws to ease the itching. Excess scratching can cause sores and hot spots on a pet’s skin, which can get infected.

Vets diagnose atopic dermatitis by its symptoms and common factors, like the time of year they occur. You can help with this by writing down everything you notice about your pet, including symptoms, behavior and their daily activities.

They’ll create a treatment plan based on the severity of symptoms. Steroids may be prescribed short-term to reduce inflammation. Antibiotics or antifungals will clear any secondary infections caused by scratching and chewing. Longer-term treatment may include allergy shots (hyposensitization, a type of immunotherapy), medication to reduce immune response and omega-3 supplements. These can all take a few months to be effective, so your pets may need additional treatment for acute symptoms in the interim.

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

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required. Sept. 1 at 1 p.m.

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 226, amending the statute of frauds in Cherokee Code Chapter 22. Sept. 1 at 2 p.m.

Pow Wow Listings

Potawatomi Trails Traditional Social Pow Wow. Aug. 21-23 at Shiloh Park in Zion, Ill. MC: Ronnie Preston. Host Drum: Iron Bear. Info: www.facebook.com/potawatomipowwow

Table Mountain Rancheria Pow Wow. Aug. 21-23 at Table Mountain Resort Casino in Friant, Calif. MC: Rick Yazzie. Host Drums: Shaky Town, Red Hoop. Info: (559) 316-6399, powwowcommittee@tmr.org

3rd Annual Gathering of the Seasons Pow Wow and Smoke Dance Competition. Aug. 22 at the Seneca Arts and Learning Center in Salamanca, New York. Emcees: Halsey Jimerson, Vernon “Duey” Longboat. Host Drum: Elks Blood. Smoke Dance Singer: Alan Dowdy. Info: (716) 945-5035, Chelce.Finch@sni.org

Rama First Nation Pow Wow. Aug. 22-23 at the John Snake Memorial Grounds in Rama First Nation, Ontario, Canada. Emcees: John “Meegwans” Snake, Biindigegizhig Deleary. Info: ramapowwow@ramafirstnation.ca

Zhiibaahaasing 30th Annual Pow Wow. Aug. 22-23 at Zhiibaahaasing Pow Wow Grounds in Zhiibaahaasing, Ontario, Canada. Info: Bobbissue Kells-Riberdy (705) 283-3963,

bobbissue@zhiibaahaasing.org

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

Centennial Celebration. Aug. 23--29 call for times of the different events at the John C. Campbell Folk School 1 Folk School Rd., Brasstown, N.C. 28902. The John C. Campbell Folk School will conclude its centennial celebration with Appalachian Heritage Week inviting the community to experience a week of music, dancing, history, craft, and storytelling. Throughout the week, visitors are welcome to enjoy concerts, presentations, community dances, and social gatherings held across campus, including special programs in the Keith House Community Room. Info: (828) 837-2775 x 114 or folkschool.org

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

Tennessee Valley Wrestling. Sept. 12, doors open at 6:30 p.m., belltime 7 p.m. at Boys and Girls Club at 280 Campbell Rd., Benton, Tenn. 37307. Mid-South tag Tea, Championship match, random challenge champion Christopher battle, bring the whole family for an action -packed night. Info: Facebook – Tennessee Valley Wrestling

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 migration. 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 decorative 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

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CHEROKEE WORDS OF THE WEEK

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CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Commu-

nity 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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hosea (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which gospel does not contain the Olivet prophecy? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
3. The prophecy of Obadiah is basically about what nation? *Shem, Edom, Tabor, Nebo*
4. Who said, "Rabbi" and kissed Jesus? *Alexander, Mark, Mordecai, Judas*
5. David was what relation to Boaz? *Brother, Son, Grandson, Great-grandson*
6. Who was Nun's son? *Jehoshaphat, Joshua, Zacchaeus, Meshach*

ANSWER: (1) Old, (2) John, (3) Great-grandson, (4) Judas, (5) Brother, (6) Joshua

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Moments in time

• On Aug. 31, 2005, the World Music Awards honored Destiny's Child as the best-selling female group of all time, having sold more than 50 million records globally, including four No. 1 hits and 10 top-10 songs on the Billboard Top 100.

• On Sept. 1, 1917, American soldier Stull Holt wrote a letter home in which he described some of his battlefield experiences on the Western Front in Verdun, France. The most arresting part of his missive recounted being struck by a shell containing poisonous gas, which he likened to "the extreme terror of the man who goes under in the water and will clutch at a straw."

• On Sept. 2, 1945, Vietnamese communist Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam's independence from France hours after Japan's surrender in World War II, though it would take another 30 years for his vision of a united communist Vietnam to become a reality.

• On Sept. 3, 1935, professional bowler Andrew Varipapa, considered by many "the greatest one-man bowling show on Earth" for his trick shot artistry still emulated by modern bowlers, set a record of 2,652 points in 10 games.

• On Sept. 4, 476 A.D., Romulus Augustulus, the last emperor of the Western Roman Empire, was deposed by Odoacer, a German barbarian who declared himself the king of Italy, presaging what many historians consider the fall of the Roman Empire.

• On Sept. 5, 1957, New York Times writer Gilbert Millstein delivered a rave review for "On the Road," the second novel by a Columbia University dropout Jack Kerouac. As his girlfriend, writer Joyce Johnson, quipped to a reporter, "Jack went to bed obscure and woke up famous." Though he wrote a total of more than 25 books, "On the Road" remains his most noteworthy.

• On Sept. 6, 1651, King Charles II of England, after losing the Battle of Worcester and his attempt to reclaim the British throne, disguised himself by cutting his hair, staining his skin with walnut oil, donning peasant clothes, and spending a day hiding in an oak tree while searchers passed beneath him, before eventually making a successful escape to France.

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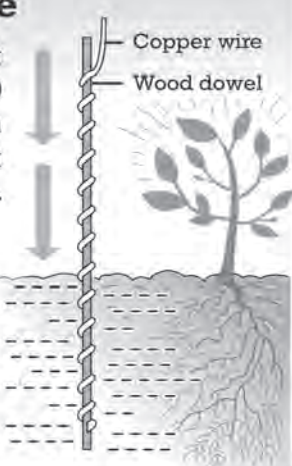


Electroculture

Though this concept was first written about more than 120 years ago, with claims of success in accelerating plant growth, it was not further studied seriously in western culture.

In 2023, the Academy of Sciences in Beijing compared regular pea plants to pea plants that were exposed to an electrical field. The electrified pea seeds germinated faster, and later produced higher yields.

Sources: www.greenmatters.com
www.nature.com/articles/s43016-021-00449-9



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Meeting 6 p.m. Pastor Merritt Youngdeer (828) 788-6614

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

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

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday

evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7 p.m., Monthly business meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Brandon Harrell (828) 777-4923

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

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

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 960 Old

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

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- On average, it takes between 12 to 14 dates before couples will trade house keys.
- In 1915, the Kansas legislature introduced a bill that would make it a misdemeanor for a woman under age 44 to wear lipstick because it would "create a false impression."
- The rocket frog can jump more than six feet by releasing energy it stores in its tendons.
- While several companies claim to be America's oldest soft drink brand, including Moxie, Dr Pepper, Vernors Ginger Soda and Hires Root Beer, all of which were created in the late 19th century, the inventor of carbonated water was Swedish chemist Joseph Priestley, in 1767.
- The Grand Canyon is so large that it can be seen from space.
- When language barriers caused confusion during international soccer tournaments, English referee Ken Aston was inspired to create the yellow and red card system while sitting at a traffic light. The cards were introduced at the 1970 World Cup.
- Ancient Romans sent slaves into the mountains to collect snow that they flavored with fruits and juices to create their own version of ice cream.
- Sunlight hitting Earth for one hour contains more energy than the world uses in a year.
- In 2013, the Chicago Sun-Times laid off 28 of its full-time photographers and trained its reporters to take their own iPhone photos.
- Bees contribute to more than \$15 billion worth of crops every year through pollination.
- Wagyu beef, generally held to be some of the world's best, usually comes from cows raised in Japan with such luxuries as massages, a better diet and longer lifespans.
- Studies have shown that mice have dropped dead after breathing some new carpet fumes.

Thought for the Day: "One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warnings." — James Russell Lowell

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Vase-vine Leatherflower is a perennial vine native to the north, central, and eastern United States and blooms from spring to fall. This plant feeds many forms of wildlife. The flowers attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. Butterfly, moth, and fly larvae feed on its foliage and stems. Additionally, birds will eat the seed heads. This plant is a great example of how vital ecosystem diversity is for our forests.

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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 Naza-

rene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast

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

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church.

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

Cherokee United Methodist Church.

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

Cherokee Wesleyan Church.

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

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads.

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

Echota Baptist Church. 1274

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

Ela Baptist Church. 4450 Ela

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87

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

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Connected: Cherokee Artists in Relation to Place & One Another

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

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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Mission. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m. in English and 6 p.m. in Spanish. Pastor Fr. Victor Ameh, MSP. (828) 373-0068, or

www.stjosephbryson.org

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

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

Rock Springs Baptist Church. 129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m. Pastor Greg Morgan

497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MISSING

Samson Nisswih Raphael

Enrolled with Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians

Height: 5'11" Weight: 230 lbs

Male Age: 30

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: May 29, 2026

Last Known Location: Peshawbestown, Michigan

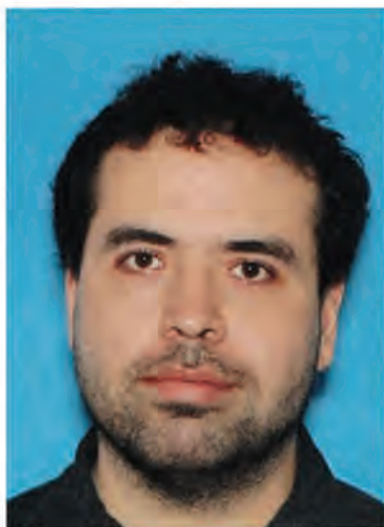
Circumstances of Disappearance:

Samson Raphael was last seen around

May 29, 2026 departing the Mobil gas station in Peshawbestown, MI on foot wearing a white shirt, either khaki or blue jeans, and black shoes. At the time he went missing, his hair was described as "long and curly".

If you have seen or have information about Samson Raphael, contact Special Agent Nicholas DePlonty, Bureau of Indian Affairs (612-725-4500).

Source: Namus.gov



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Kituwah Technologies LLC
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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**

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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

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Dawson Adam Wilnoty

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

Savannah Wilnoty
PO Box 1720
Whitter, NC. 28789

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-025

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Dawn Cline

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Email: HRRecruitment@onespaworld.com

Constance Cline
253 Soggy Hill Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Pamela Sue Sneed
102 Bauer Farm Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
9/2

Reyna Solis
P.O. Box 45
Cherokee, NC. 28719
9/9

CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122
umaney@ebci-nsn.gov 8/19

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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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-063

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Patricia Ann Panther

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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 Qualified 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,

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 questions or comments, please contact Diamond Brown in CIHA Administration at (828)-497-9163, ext. 6403. 8/19

Bid for Contractors

Please be advised that Qualla Enterprises LLC, an Equal Opportunity 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, updating existing panels and wiring,

see **TRADING POST** next page



Kituwah Global Government Group LLC
has the following jobs available:

Director of Business Development

GENERAL FUNCTIONS: The Business Development Director is responsible for developing and executing strategic growth initiatives that expand the Company's customer base, increase revenue, and strengthen market presence. This role identifies, pursues, and captures new business opportunities while maintaining strong relationships with existing customers, strategic partners, and industry stakeholders.

For organizations operating in the government contracting sector, the Business Development Director leads the identification, qualification, and pursuit of federal, state, local, commercial, and tribal opportunities. The position works closely with executive leadership, capture managers, proposal teams, contracts, and operations to develop winning growth strategies and achieve long-term business objectives.

PROPOSAL DIRECTOR

GENERAL FUNCTIONS: The Proposal Director is responsible for leading the organization's proposal development function for federal, state, local, and commercial government contracting opportunities. This position oversees the end-to-end proposal lifecycle, ensuring the timely development of compliant, compelling, and competitive proposals that align with customer requirements and the Company's strategic growth objectives.

The Director will collaborate with executive leadership, business development, capture managers, pricing, contracts, subject matter experts, and operations personnel to develop winning proposal strategies while ensuring compliance with all solicitation requirements, including FAR, DFARS, agency-specific instructions, and applicable regulations.

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.



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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 advised that all attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information, contact Charles Bryson at 828-788-5494. **8/19**

INVITATION TO BID

Re: August 2026 Residential Remodeling Advertisement
The Cherokee Housing Indian 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 additional 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 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**

BIDS

State of North Carolina
Department of Transportation
Raleigh, NC

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be September 15, 2026, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2.
(C205206) ONSLOW; (C205203) WAYNE; (C205233) WAKE; (C204349) WAKE, DURHAM; (C205204) JOHNSTON; (C205234) ROCKINGHAM;

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ment of Transportation, Telephone
919-707-6925.

Department of Transportation, Mr.
Patrick Norman, PE., Chief Engi-
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Kituwah Technologies LLC has the
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General Manager

Reports to: Senior Director of Professional Services - KG3
FullTime/ Exempt

General Functions: The General Manager provides strategic leadership and operational oversight for the Company's commercial technology, security, and electrical divisions. This executive-level position is responsible for driving operational excellence, ensuring project profitability, maintaining exceptional customer satisfaction, and leading the growth of technology solutions across commercial and government sectors. The General Manager oversees all aspects of security system integration, commercial electrical services, low-voltage systems, structured cabling, audiovisual solutions, access control, video surveillance, intrusion detection, fire alarm coordination, and emerging technologies. The position works closely with business development, estimating, project management, field operations, and executive leadership to achieve organizational goals while ensuring compliance with all applicable codes, regulations, and safety standards.

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

JV Girls Head Basketball Coach

**K-6 Teacher Assistant (Multiple) - Must have 48 Completed
College Hours or submit ParaPathway exam for a
reading/writing and mathematics.**

**K-6 Special Education Teacher Assistant (Multiple)- Must have
48 Completed College Hours or submit ParaPathway exam for
a reading/writing and mathematics.**

**K-6 Self-Contained Teacher Assistant - Must have 48
Completed College Hours or submit ParaPathway exam for a
reading/writing and mathematics.**

Interim Elementary Teacher (SY 2026-2027)

7-8 Special Education (Inclusion) Teacher

7-8 Language Arts Teacher

9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant

Food Service Worker 6 Hour Full-Time

Part Time Food Service Worker

Substitute Teachers



Job Opportunities



Closing Sunday, August 23, 2026

1. Special Ops Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
3. Air Quality Specialist - Office of Environmental & Natural Resources - Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
4. Grounds Maintenance – Public Works – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
5. Land Records Specialist – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. 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

EBCI Human Resources Mon- Fri 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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(2) Snowbird Teachers - \$31,800 - \$39,750 per year with benefits

(1) Cook - \$31,800 - \$39,750 per year with benefits

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(2) Residential Counselor - Part Time - \$17,00 per hour; no benefits

AGELINK CHILDCARE

(1) Teacher - 431,800 - \$39,750 per year with benefits

BUS/TRUCK

Internal Posting - Bus & Truck Manager - \$79,500 - \$90,100 per year with benefits

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(1) Grant Coordinator - \$47,700 - \$53,000 per year with benefits

CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES

(1) Skilled Carpenter - \$31,800 - \$39,750 per year with benefits

(1) Carpenter Helper - \$18,020 - \$23,850 per year with benefits

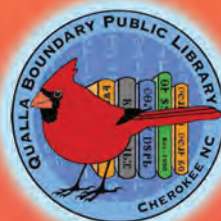
Contact: For more information, please contact Charlene Wolfe at 828-359-5516.

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Sept 10



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NEW POSITIONS

Cook – Tsali Care Center
Housekeeper – Tsali Care Center
Behavioral Health Consultant Supervisor
RN Emergency Department – Night Shift - \$10,000
Hiring Bonus
Medical Technologist
Food Service Worker - CIHA

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mental Health Therapist - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
(Cherokee Central Schools, Child and Family –
Snowbird, Dora Reed, Family Safety, Family Intensive
Treatment, Medication Assisted Treatment, Kanvwo-
tiyi)
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwotiyi
Targeted Case Manager –Adult Outpatient Services,
Family Safety
Behavioral Health Training and Development Coordi-
nator
Behavioral Health Consultant I
Behavioral Health Grant Coordinator

DENTAL

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

EYE CLINIC

Optometrist

CIHA FOOD & NUTRITION

Cook – Temporary

HUMAN RESOURCES

Learning and Development Specialist

MEDICAL

Psychiatrist
Physician and IM Rural Track Director

NURSING

Registered Nurse ED – PTI – Night Shift
Registered Nurse Emergency Department – Night
Shift – Temporary
License Practical Nurse – Primary Care - \$5,000
Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager – Float \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Primary Care Certified Medical Assistant or License
Practical Nurse
RN Inpatient – Nights - PTI
RN Inpatient – Dayshift – PTI
C.N.A Medical Clerk FT - \$3,000 Hiring Bonus
C.N.A Medical Clerk PTI
Telemetry Nursing Assistant – PTI
License Practical Nurse – TJCC - \$5,000 Hiring
Bonus
Nurse Resident/Intern
Specialty Services Registered Nurse - \$10,000 Hiring
Bonus

NUTRITION

Clinical Dietitian
Clinical Dietitian - Temporary

Radiology

Radiology Technologist I

TRIBAL OPTION

Tribal Option Medical Social Worker
Tribal Option Care Management Extender - IDD

TSALI CARE

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Certified Nursing Assistant – Night Shift – \$5000
Hiring Bonus
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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Cook Aide – Tsali Care Center

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Red Earth Festival winner

Margaret Littlejohn Wakefield, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Elawodi (Yellowhill), took first place in the adult art competition at the 2026 Red Earth Festival held Aug. 1-2 in Oklahoma City, Okla. She won with her mixed water media piece entitled "The Birds Come Dancing". She currently resides in Aiken, S.C. but has plans to return to Cherokee. (Photo contributed)

the GOOD STUFF

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

- * birth, engagement, and wedding announcements
- * awards or other accomplishments (both civilian and military)
- * and other areas of life such as finishing restoring an old car, building a new deck, etc.

Send your photos and info to us at:
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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.

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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.





*One of the families we serve said
before Hospice, they were just waiting
and now they are **LIVING**.*



Why Wait to Start Living?

Choosing Hospice Care as soon as the patient is given a life expectancy prognosis of 6 months or less, transforms the end-of-life experience from a period of overwhelming medical crisis into a time of comfort, dignity, and meaningful connection.

Benefits of Earlier Hospice Care:

-  **Better Comfort:** Teams manage symptoms including breathing issues, nausea, and anxiety early.
-  **Less Stress:** Families avoid rushed, hard choices during sudden medical emergencies.
-  **More Quality Time:** Patients enjoy meaningful moments with loved ones in familiar settings.
-  **Caregiver & Family Support:** Counselors and nurses help both the patient and the family and Respite Care is available at Elizabeth House.

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