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Humbly working

Tribal member to
receive prestigious
historic preservation
award

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

Dr. Beau Carroll, a member of
the Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians (EBCI), is set to receive
a prestigious award honoring his
work with historic preservation.
He has been selected to receive
the Historic Preservation Leader-
ship Award from the Association
of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and
Museums (ATALM) at the Inter-
national Conference of Indigenous
Archives, Libraries, and Museums

see **AWARD** page 4



Dr. Beau Carroll, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is set to receive a prestigious award honoring his work with historic preservation. He is shown presenting at the Kuwohi Demonstration Day at Kuwohi in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on Sept. 9, 2025. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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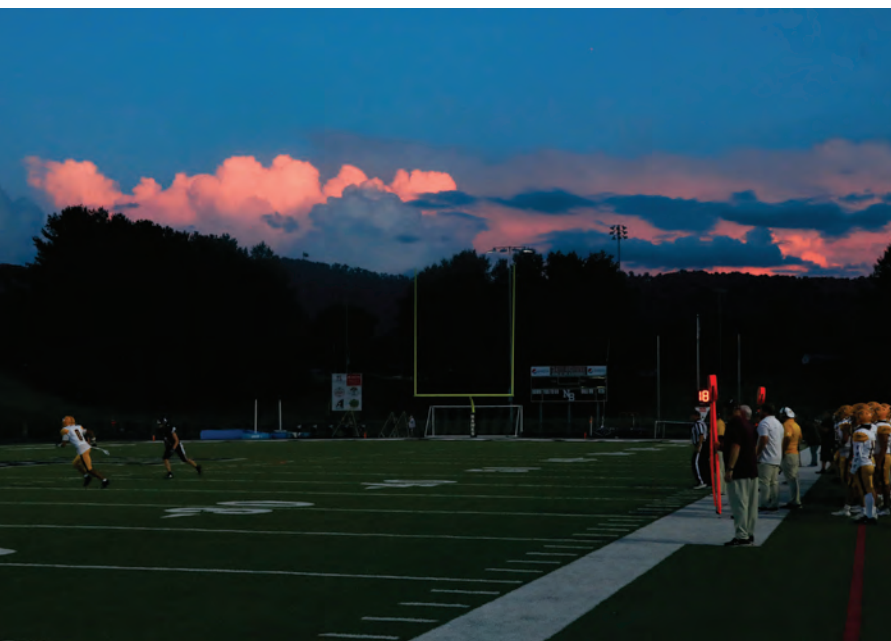


Image of the Week:

The clouds showed some beautiful colors in this photo taken from the sidelines of a football game at North Buncombe High School in Weaverville, N.C. on Friday, Aug. 21 as the Tsalagi Anitsvvasdi (Cherokee Braves) took on the N. Buncombe Blackhawks. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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AWARD: From front page

being held in Spokane, Wash. on Sept. 21-24.

Dr. Carroll, who serves as the director of the EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office, commented, “I was honestly surprised. I don’t really think about awards or recognition when we’re doing this work. A lot of what we do happens quietly, and some of the most important work we do is stuff that people will probably never hear about.

It means a lot to me, especially because of what the award represents. I’ve spent most of my career trying to protect Cherokee places, our ancestors, and the things our people have entrusted us to protect. But I also know I didn’t get here by myself. I’ve had a lot of good people around me, people who taught me, trusted me, and gave me opportunities. Even though my name is on the award, I don’t look at it as something I accomplished by myself.”

When asked what are some things he is most proud of regarding the work the THPO office does, Dr. Carroll noted, “The first thing I would say is that I’m proud of my staff. I don’t want to take credit for work they did. I contributed, and part of my job is supporting them and making sure they have what they need to do their jobs, but they deserve the credit for what they’ve accomplished.

One of the biggest things this

past year has been continuing to bring our ancestors home. Most recently, our team brought home 418 ancestors, 1,286 associated funerary objects, and 2,484 un-associated funerary objects from Harvard. There was an incredible amount of work that went into making that happen, particularly from our NAGPRA staff, and I’m extremely proud of them.”

He added, “At the same time, the staff has continued handling Section 106 consultation, protecting Cherokee archaeological and historic places throughout our ancestral homelands, responding when ancestors are discovered, working with museums and other institutions, and just keeping up with an incredible amount of work that comes through our office.

I’ve contributed to a lot of those things, but they aren’t my accomplishments. They’re our team’s accomplishments. I work with a really good group of people, and I’m proud that I get to be part of that team and support the work they do.”

Walter Echo-Hawk, ATALM Board of Governors chairman, said in a statement, “The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums is proud to recognize individuals whose work strengthens heritage through the Guardians of Culture and Lifeways Awards. Their tireless efforts ensure that ancestral knowledge, languages, and traditions continue to thrive

for future generations. We are deeply honored to celebrate their contributions.”

Dr. Carroll’s award is part of ATALM’s Guardians of Culture and Lifeways Awards. Other recipients include:

- Archive Leadership Award: Dr. Alexandria Gough, archivist at Choctaw Cultural Center in Calera, Okla.
- Community Impact Award: Arvid E. Miller Library & Museum, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans
- Future Cultural Leader Award: Martina Minthorn, a member of the Comanche Nation, director of the Comanche Nation Historic Preservation Office in Lawton, Okla.
- Honored One Award: Elysia Poon, executive director of the Indian Arts Research Center School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, N.M.
- Legacy of Leadership Award: Susan Feller, founding president/ chief executive officer of ATALM in Oklahoma City, Okla. (ATALM relates this is an annual award presented posthumously.)
- Library Leadership Award: Maile Loo-Ching, executive director of the Hula Preservation Society in Kaneohe, Hawai’i
- Museum Leadership Award: Angela Neller, a Native Hawaiian, curator of the Wanapum Heritage Center in Ellensburg, Wash.
- Tribal Leadership Award: Nita

Battise, a member of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, serves as Tribal Council Chairwoman for the tribe located in Livingston, Texas

In 2012, Dr. Carroll received the Outstanding Scholar Award from the College of Arts and Sciences Anthropology Department at Western Carolina University (WCU). He received a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology, archaeology, and Cherokee Studies from WCU that same year. He received a doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) in archaeology from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville in 2025.

Dr. Carroll’s doctoral dissertation is entitled “We Have Come to Turn It: Merging Archaeological Practices with the Cherokee Concept of Duyudvi (‘the right way’ or ‘the right path’).” His dissertation abstract states, “As the lead archaeologist for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, I examine colonial legacies within the field and propose ways to allow for meaningful change through Indigenous-led collaborative work that incorporates community-based research and culturally grounded interpretations.”

It adds, “When Cherokee language expertise, traditional knowledge, and first-hand accounts are combined within cultural resource management, a more meaningful way to practice Indigenous studies emerges.”

Peregrine falcons soar

Reintroduction results in remarkable comeback in the Smokies



"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"



August Planning Board meeting held

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—The Planning Board of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) monthly meeting was held on the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 17.

T.W. Saunooke, director of construction management for Qualla Housing, provided project updates:

The survey has been completed for the Whitetree Court project, which will hold 56 housing units and 7,000 sq. ft. of retail space. Grade stakes are set, and they are beginning filling and compaction to lift the site and get the grade to start the foundation. The general contractor is set to be mobilized on site around Nov. 1.

The Macedonia Road general contractor is preparing for paving. The rental application process is set to begin Oct. 1. There are 12 units, nine two-bedroom/two-bath, and three two-bedroom/two-bath. Saunooke said rental applications must be submitted per property, rather than submitting one rental application for all properties.

The general contractor is ready to mobilize for the 19 individual housing lots off Olivet Church Road.

The Coopers Creek environmental assessment has been submitted for review to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the hydraulic analysis has been completed.

There are 16 three-bedroom/two-bath

single family units in 8 duplex units planned at Whittier School, each around 1450 to 1500 sq. ft.

The Emma Taylor Road environmental assessment has been submitted for review to BIA for 23 individual house lots.

The Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Loop land swap was approved by the Housing Board and must be submitted to Lands Acquisition for approval before coming before Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) for approval.

John Nelson, manager of Facility Management, provided updates on three major projects:

The orthodontics office remodel is 35 percent complete. The drywall is hung, and most of the electrical is roughed in. The plumbing is also roughed in. The orthodontics office equipment is scheduled to arrive on Sept. 25.

The Old Aniwordihi (Painttown) Community Gym project is 75 percent complete. The drywall is hung and paint will be applied. Old Cherokee Mechanical #3 is undergoing a checklist for the Housekeeping Department to get moved in. The block work is complete.

Rebecca Bowe, manager of Project Management, provided updates:

For the Cultural Grounds project, all water is complete, and sanitary and sewer is starting this week.

They have opened bids for the Family Enrichment Intellectual and Development Disabilities (IDD) Center at the Old Dialysis Building. They have received three responsive bids. They have a groundbreaking scheduled for Aug. 26.

They have opened bids for the Veterans Cemetery. They have one responsive bid.

The Junaluska Memorial Site bids open Aug. 28.

Construction of the Evidence Building is 85-90 percent complete. A tentative ribbon cutting is planned for the end of September.

The Firestation 3 ribbon cutting was postponed due to weather, and they are working on a new date.

Tyler Blankenship, director of Infrastructure, provided updates:

The Treatment Facility at Rough Branch is 85 percent complete.

Aniwodihi Rep. Shannon Swimmer asked Blankenship to clarify the timeline and day shifts for the Acquoni Road project.

Blankenship said day shifts are preferred for the project because the depth at which the employees are working is 20-22 feet underground, which is dangerous at night even with lights due to blind spots. Blankenship said the lights also get in the way of their equipment. Blankenship said they are also working near a live gas line. He said safety is the top priority.

Regarding timeline, Blankenship said the project was supposed to start in February, but due to acquiring easements and rights-of-way for the state road, the project was delayed to now.

Blankenship said he is grateful to Cherokee Indian Police Department for assisting in the road closure for the Johnson Arch Road project.

Sean Ross, Secretary of Commerce, was not present to give an update. Sky Sampson, Secretary of Community, Education & Recreation, was not present to give an update.



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and EBCI tribal program/entity links

Kituwah, LLC. project updates

By BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT

One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Below is an update for the businesses and projects of Kituwah, LLC., a business conglomerate owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). This information was pulled from the Kituwah, LLC. website. The One Feather reached out to Kituwah, LLC. for any additional project updates or comments, but they said the article accounted for all updates.

The Clarion Pointe, owned by the EBCI and operated by Kituwah, LLC., is open and running as of March 2026 at 185 Tsalagi Rd., Cherokee, N.C.

Cherokee Cinemas & More! located at 91 Sequoyah Trail, Cherokee, N.C., has several completed upgrades including bathroom renovations, zero-gravity heated recliners, flooring, lighting, sound-baffling curtains, and reserved seating kiosks.

The 407: Gateway to Adventure, 200 acres of land in Sevierville, Tennessee, with a Buc'ee's Travel Center and Courtyard by Marriott, is open for commercial leasing. NAI Koella RM Moore is the commercial leasing representative for The 407. They are welcoming inquiries from "family entertainment, specialty retail, entertainment and attractions, destination restaurants, hospitality, wellness and lifestyle, outdoor recreation, and experiential concepts."

Learn more about Kituwah, LLC. at their website.

Tsalagi Uwoduhi

(Beautiful Cherokee)

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

Submit clear, high resolution photos of plants, wildlife, or landscapes to us at

Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com.

Photos must have been taken on EBCI tribal lands on the Qualla Boundary, Tutiya (Snowbird), or Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee Co.).

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August Editorial Board meeting held

By BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT
One Feather Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Editorial Board of the Cherokee One Feather held their monthly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 20 in the Ginger Lynn Welch Poke Salad Room. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Members and staff present included Brooklyn Brown Bigmeat, chairperson; Dawn Arneach, vice chairperson; Robert Jumper, editor; Sheyahshe Littledave, executive appointee; Mahala Bird, public relations assistant for the Office of the Principal Chief; and

Tina Laws, interim subscription clerk.

Guests included Jolene Sneed, Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) employment educator; Mary Hartbarger, CCS occupational course of study and special education teacher; and Jayden Bradley, Cherokee High School senior.

Assistant Editor Scott McKie Brings Plenty was absent from the meeting.

The Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) appointed board seat has yet to be filled.

The only item on the agenda was a vote regarding the proposed amendments to the One Feather's artificial intelligence (AI) usage policy submitted by Brings Plenty. The amendments were, "2. The Cherokee One Feather will not accept any flyers for dissemi-

nation that are knowingly AI-generated."

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Littledave moved to table for further discussion, stating that determining "knowingly AI-generated" content would require an outlined review process. The move to table died on the floor.

Jumper raised concerns that by rejecting AI content sent to the One Feather by tribal programs, the One Feather could risk delaying critical dissemination of information.

Jumper moved to kill the proposed amendments. Bigmeat seconded the move to kill. Those

present voted unanimously to kill the proposed amendments.

The One Feather policy regarding AI will remain the same, which reads as follows:

"E. Policy on Usage of AI (Artificial Intelligence)

1. The Cherokee One Feather will not use AI (artificial intelligence) in any of our work products (articles, photos, graphics, etc.)"

Littledave said communication could be shared tribal wide that encouraged programs to reach out to EBCI Communications for graphic design assistance in creating program flyers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m. The next meeting is Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. in the Ginger Lynn Welch Poke Salad Room.



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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 Nutrition Act of 2008). This is a “bill

to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to ensure Tribal consultation and representation under the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.
Introduced: Nov. 20, 2025 by Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on Nov. 20, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 6285 (Native Arts and Culture Promotion Act). This bill would amend the American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Culture and Art Development Act Section 1521 to add the following subsection (c), “(2) For any grants made with respect to Native Hawaiian art and culture, the members of the governing board which is required to be established under paragraph (1) shall (A) include Native Hawaiians and individuals widely recognized in the field of Native Hawaiian art and culture.”
Introduced: Nov. 21, 2025 by Rep. Jill N. Tokuda (D-Hawai’i)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce on Nov. 21, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 6206 (Protect Culturally Sensitive Information Act). According to the bill, the main purposes are, “(1) to protect the confidentiality of culturally sensitive information provided by Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Entities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations to the federal government;

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(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.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Aug. 10-16, 2026**

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

Martin, Brandon Keith – age 43
Arrested: Aug. 10
Released: Aug. 10
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Palano, Tiffany – age 36
Arrested: Aug. 10

Released: Aug. 13
Charges: Driving While Impaired,
Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Wachacha, Melvin – age 56
Arrested: Aug. 10
Released: Aug. 13
Charges: Simple Assault

Watty, Ryan Keith – age 30
Arrested: Aug. 10
Released: Aug. 10
Charges: Simple Possession
Schedule II Controlled Substance
(two counts)

Arch, Cheslie – age 36
Arrested: Aug. 11
Released: Not released as of report
date (Aug. 17)
Charges: Possession Schedule I
Controlled Substance

Gould, Kenneth – age 42
Arrested: Aug. 11
Released: Aug. 11
Charges: Public Intoxication

Radford, Hunter Allen – age 26
Arrested: Aug. 11
Released: Aug. 13
Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor

Taylor Sr., John Phillip – age 60
Arrested: Aug. 11
Released: Aug. 12
Charges: Providing or Possessing
Contraband, Simple Possession
Schedule II Controlled Substance
(two counts)

Tsatoke, Isaac David – age 22
Arrested: Aug. 11

Released: Aug. 13
Charges: Public Intoxication

Collins Jr., Samuel Andrew – age 46
Arrested: Aug. 13
Released: Aug. 13
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Crow, Timothy Ryan – age 36
Arrested: Aug. 13
Released: Not released as of report
date (Aug. 17)
Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor

Smith, Amy Michelle – age 47
Arrested: Aug. 13
Released: Aug. 13
Charges: Hold Until Sober

White, Heather Michelle – age 31

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Arrested: Aug. 13
Released: Aug. 14
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Dicks, Tailun Brauada – age 26
Arrested: Aug. 14
Released: Aug. 14
Charges: Resisting, Delaying,
Obstructing Officers; Resisting
Lawful Arrest

Dorman, Nicholas – age 26
Arrested: Aug. 14
Released: Aug. 14
Charges: Temporary Hold for
Swain Co.

Taylor, Jordan Michael – age 36
Arrested: Aug. 14
Released: Aug. 15
Charges: Public Intoxication

Zepeda, Michael Ray – age 53

Arrested: Aug. 14
Released: Aug. 14
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or
Obstructing Officers; Communi-
cating Threats, Criminal Mischief
to Property

Lossiah, Brent James – age 34
Arrested: Aug. 15
Released: Aug. 16
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Sullens, Carolyn – age 53
Arrested: Aug. 15
Released: Aug. 15
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Wahnetah, Sandy Welch – age 61
Arrested: Aug. 15
Released: Not released as of report
date (Aug. 17)
Charges: Child Abuse in the Sec-
ond Degree

Cucumber, James Everette – age
31
Arrested: Aug. 16
Released: Not released as of report
date (Aug. 17)
Charges: Public Intoxication, Pro-
bation Violation

Lopez, Dylan Espiritu – age 22
Arrested: Aug. 16
Released: Aug. 16
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Pevia, Anthony Ryan – age 39
Arrested: Aug. 16
Released: Aug. 16
Charges: Temporary Hold for
other County

Welch, Charles Patrick – age 48
Arrested: Aug. 16
Released: Not released as of report
date (Aug. 17)
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Canton man sentenced on sex charges

Submitted by Office of District
Attorney Ashley H. Hornsby,

43rd Prosecutorial District

District Attorney Ashley H.
Hornsby announced a Canton man
will spend as much as 75 and-a-
half years in prison for sexually
assaulting a child.

This week, a Haywood County
Superior Court Jury found Phillip
Leon Hewlett, 43, of Canton, guilty
of two counts statutory sexual of-
fense with a person 15 or younger
and two counts of indecent liber-
ties.

Canton Police Department
Detective Megan Taylor began an
investigation following a May 5,
2025, report.

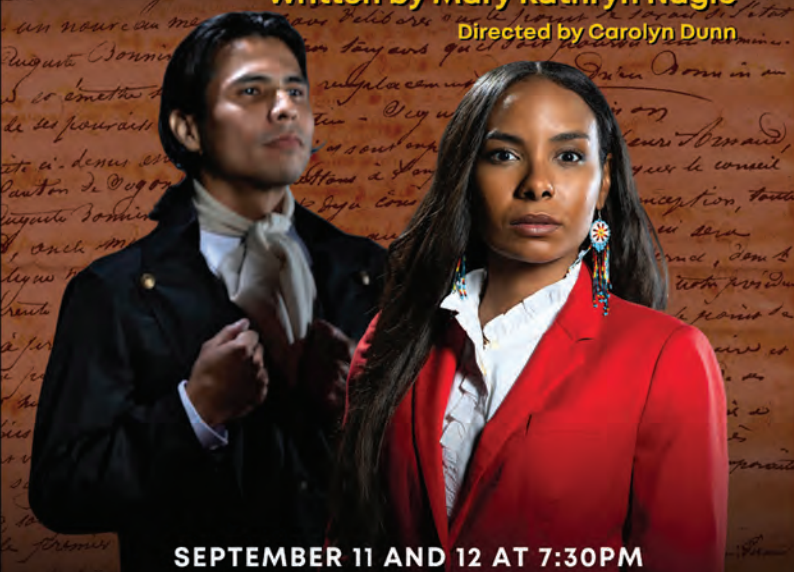
Superior Court Judge Gary
Gavenus ordered Hewlett to serve
a minimum of 53.33 years. Hew-
lett's actual time served will be
based on his behavior while incar-
cerated, but North Carolina law
mandates he must serve his entire
minimum sentence.

Assistant District Attorney
Kate Robinette prosecuted the
case.

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FOOTBALL

Cherokee outlasts N.Buncombe in 2OT thriller

Photos by Scott McKie B.P.
One Feather Asst. Editor

WEAVERVILLE, N.C. – The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) defeated the North Buncombe Blackhawks 66-60 in a double overtime thriller at N.Buncombe High School on the evening of Friday, Aug. 21. Cherokee's Kingston Welch rushed 27 times for 208 yards and 6 touchdowns including the game-winner in double overtime.

The scoring summary was done by One Feather staff, and the following statistics were provided by Cherokee High School Athletics. Note: There are no time stamps on the scoring summary due to the fact that the N. Buncombe High School scoreboard was not working during the game.

Scoring summary

1st Quarter

- Cherokee: Drallen Ledford 53-yard run. Point-after good by Jonattan Escobar. Cherokee 7 N. Buncombe 0.
- Cherokee: Kingston Welch 5-yard run. Escobar kick good. Cherokee 14 N. Buncombe 0.
- N. Buncombe: Lucas Kever 32-yard pass to Elias Otis. Point-after good by Noah Hinch. Cherokee 14 N. Buncombe 7.

- N. Buncombe: Kever 25-yard pass to Otis. Hinch kick good. Cherokee 14 N. Buncombe 14.

2nd Quarter

- N. Buncombe: Kever 26-yard pass to Otis. Extra point no good. N. Buncombe 20 Cherokee 14.
- N. Buncombe: Hinch field goal good. N. Buncombe 23 Cherokee



Cherokee's Noah Watty (#2) intercepts a pass in the end zone in double overtime. This led to the Anitsvyasdi being able to score and secure the victory.

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3rd Quarter

- Cherokee: Tsula Howlingcrane runs the opening kickoff back 94 yards. Two-point conversion good by Welch. N. Buncombe 23 Cherokee 22.
- Cherokee: Dillon Beam 24-yard run. Escobar kick good. Cherokee

29 N. Buncombe 23.

- N. Buncombe: Kyngston Denson 33-yard run. Point-after good by Hinch. N. Buncombe 30 Cherokee 29.
- N. Buncombe: Kever 1-yard run. Extra point no good. N. Buncombe 36 Cherokee 29.

4th Quarter

- Cherokee: Welch 2-yard run. Two-point conversion good by Welch. Cherokee 37 N. Buncombe 36.
- Cherokee: Welch 7-yard run. Escobar extra point good. Cherokee 44 N. Buncombe 36.
- N. Buncombe: Denson 54-yard run. 2-point conversion good by

Keeper. Cherokee 44 N. Buncombe 44.

- Cherokee: Welch 7-yard run. 2-point conversion good by Welch. Cherokee 52 N. Buncombe 44.
- N. Buncombe: Keever 25-yard pass to Otis. 2-point conversion good by Keever. Cherokee 52 N. Buncombe 52.

OT

- N. Buncombe: Denson 3-yard run. 2-point conversion good by Collier Laughinghouse. N. Buncombe 60 Cherokee 52.
- Cherokee: Welch 10-yard run. 2-point conversion good by Welch. Cherokee 60 N. Buncombe 60

2OT

- Cherokee: Welch 8-yard run.

Game Statistics

PASSING: Cher - Dawson Panther 1-4, 53 yards, TD; Dillon Beam 0-4, INT. (No stats reported for N. Buncombe.)

RUSHING: Cher - Kingston Welch 27 carries, 208 yards, 6 TDs, long of 58; Dillon Beam 9 carries, 67 yards, TD, long of 27; Nashoba Tushka 1 carry, 11 yards; Kaden Cucumber 1 carry 0 yards, Fumble; Dawson Panther 2 carries, -11 yards. (No stats reported for N. Buncombe.)

RECEIVING: Cher - Drallen Ledford 1 reception, 53 yards, TD. (No stats reported for N. Buncombe)

KICK RETURN YARDS: Cher - Tsula Howlingcrane 2 for 112 yards, long of 94, TD; Kingston Welch 2 for 72 yards, long of 53; Noah Watty 1 for 14 yards; McKyan Panther 1 for 4 yards. (No stats reported for N. Buncombe.)

DEFENSIVE STATS: Cher - Drallen Ledford 10 tackles, 2 tackles for loss, 1 sack, 5 pressures; Siah Teesateskie 9 tackles, .5 tackles for loss, INT, 1 caused fumble; Levi Trampler 8 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, .5 sack, 1 pressure; Cain Welch 7 tackles; Dillon Beam 6 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, 3 pressures, 1 fumble recovery; Kyitan Johnson 6 tackles, 1 blocked PAT; Colin Lossie 6 tackles; Greyson Ledford 5 tackles, .5 tackles for loss, 1 pressure; Zaynon Taylor 4 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 sack, 1 pressure; Tsula Howlingcrane 4 tackles, Kaden Cucumber 4 tackles; Trenten Larch 3 tackles, Noah Watty 2 tackles, INT; Jeron Martens 2 tackles; Joe Saunooke 1 tackle, .5 sack; Preston Roach 1 tackle, 1 pressure; Spencer McCoy 1 tackle; John Gloyne 1 tackle; Aiden Larch 1 tackle; McKyan Panther 1 tackle; Nashoba Tushka 1 tackle; Nakai Pheasant 1 tackle; Sonny Foalima 1 tackle; Johnny Long 2 pressures. (No stats reported for N. Buncombe.)

KICKOFFS: Cher - Jeron Martens 8 for 364 yards, long of 53. (No stats reported for N. Buncombe.)

PUNTS: Cher - Siah Teesateskie 3 for 86 yards, long of 35. (No stats reported for N. Buncombe.)

EXTRA POINTS: Cher - Jonathan Escobar 4-4 PAT; Kingston Welch 4 2-point conversion runs



Cherokee's Kingston Welch, shown scoring a 10-yard touchdown in overtime, rushed 27 times for 208 yards and 6 touchdowns including the game-winner in double overtime.

CROSS COUNTRY

Results from Union County Season Opener meet

One Feather Staff Report

BLAIRSVILLE, Ga. – The Cherokee High School varsity cross country teams participated in the Union County Season Opener at Meek's Park in Blairsville, Ga. on Wednesday, Aug. 19. Other teams competing included: Georgia Cumberland Academy (Ga.), Gilmer High School (Ga.), Johnson High School (Ga.), Rabun County High School (Ga.), Swain Co. High School (N.C.), Towns Co. High School (Ga.), Tri-County Early College (N.C.), Union

Co. High School (Ga.), White Co. High School (Ga.), and Woody Gap High School (Ga.). Following are the results, per milesplit.com, showing the top seven finishers in each event and all Cherokee finishers:

Girls

- 1 – Carly Black, White Co., 21:25.54
- 2 – Ella Schwartz, Gilmer, 22:40.86
- 3 – Kinley Jones, Rabun Co., 23:04.16
- 4 – Jennifer Garcia-Garcia, Gilmer, 23:13.17
- 5 – Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee, 24:52.01
- 6 – Elizabeth Hilson, Rabun Co., 25:28.27
- 7 – Tessa Schurter, Union Co., 23:35.65
- 23 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 28:23.40
- 33 – Angelica A-kwi-na, Cherokee, 30:34.72
- 62 – Makeena Armachain, Cherokee, 37:02.84

Boys

- 1 – Aiden Cline, White Co., 18:16.93
- 2 – Maddux Oakey, Union Co., 18:21.77
- 3 – Andrew Nushtayev, Union Co., 18:39.28
- 4 – Konnor Sosebee, White Co., 18:54.32
- 5 – Reid Murphey, White Co., 18:54.58
- 6 – Ander Faulkner, Union Co., 19:14.92
- 7 – Oliver Hillman, Union Co., 19:19.30
- 23 – Vincent Walker, Cherokee, 21:18.64
- 44 – Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 23:17.31
- 45 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 23:19.70
- 65 – Marek Brown, Cherokee, 24:36.85
- 75 – Trae Drakeford, Cherokee, 25:17.11
- 80 – Chaz Martens, Cherokee, 25:52.85
- 83 – Sean Schultz, Cherokee, 26:15.37
- 104 – Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 30:54.64
- 106 – Jae McMillan, Cherokee, 32:41.64
- 111 – Kody Smith, Cherokee, 43:28.59

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Male Age: 95

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Date of last contact: January 24, 1963

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Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Thomas was last seen at 0300 hours when he went aboard the vessel Trojan in King Cove. Searches of the area were unsuccessful in locating him.

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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.
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“Your nation is your family”; Sovereignty Play coming to Cherokee

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
One Feather Reporter

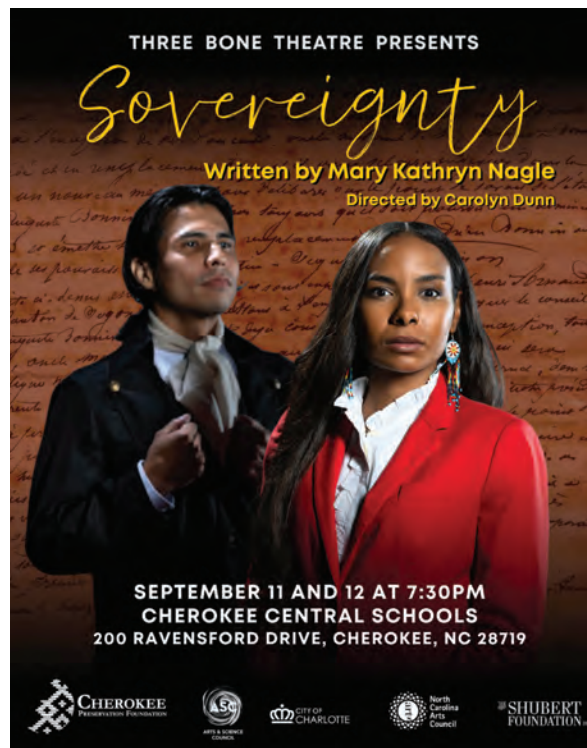
CHEROKEE, N.C. – “Sovereignty”, a play written by Cherokee Nation Citizen Mary Kathryn Nagle that explores the impact of the Indian Removal in present-day, is coming to Cherokee Central Schools Sept. 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Three Bone Theatre is presenting the show, which is directed by Carolyn Dunn and stars Cherokee Nation Citizen Mvnte July as Chief John Ross and Billie Merritt as Sarah Ridge Polson. Yona Wade, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), was a cultural consultant for the show, and EBCI member David Jumper was a Cherokee language coach.

July is excited to return to Cherokee, previously starring in the Unto These Hills 75th Anniversary. “I am so happy when I’m there, and then I get so sad when I leave,” July said. “This is an honor, really. It’s an honor for me to play John Ross...Unto These Hills really broke it down for me. I had Matthew Tooni (EBCI member) there to help me. I had a lot of locals there who said, ‘Hey man, we know you’re from Oklahoma but come learn this with us and we’ll teach you what you need to know here.’ I felt so happy that Matthew Tooni and them were able to really expose me to what I needed to know. That was when I really had that first thought of, ‘I am a Cherokee Nation citizen doing what I love and telling a story about my people.’”

July said that realization has become a life goal for platforming Native voices and stories.

“I have dreams of being on Broadway, but I want to push it further than that. A lot of people want to sort of pave their own way with Native American theater behind them, but I want to get there in the Broadway circuit, I want to get in where I fit in, and then I want to start producing. And that’s my goal because, yes, I can advocate for Indigenous theater all day, every day, but nothing’s going to happen until I am there on Broadway where somebody’s willing to give me a voice and a platform. That’s what I would like to do with what I’m doing



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now. And I know it might take some time, but guess what? They’re going to be reminded that we’re still here.”

Peaceful Warriors afterschool program to focus on yoga and its benefits

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The late B.K.S. Iyengar, known by many as “the father of modern yoga”, once said, “Yoga is the golden key that unlocks the door to peace, tranquility, and joy.”

The Peaceful Warriors afterschool program for children ages 7-11 will focus on yoga and its benefits. It will be held on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Cherokee Choices community/yoga room in Cherokee, N.C. The program will run from Sept. 9 to Oct. 28.

The program is being administered by Yolanda Saunooke, Cherokee Choices behavioral change specialist, who is a Yoga and Tai Chi instructor. Cherokee Choices is a program in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Public Health and Human Services Division.

Saunooke, an EBCI tribal member, commented, “There are so many benefits in yoga. It helps with stress, and kids are dealing with a lot of stress these days.”

She said yoga also has a physical aspect. “You do get stronger. You do get more flexible. It is also a confidence-booster.”

Saunooke said that yoga is a very fluid activity. “How I do a pose might be different than yours and that’s ok. It is just making you feel better in what you’re doing. It does help release stress with slow movement. Yoga can be as easy as you want it to be, or it can be as hard as you want it to be.

We focus with the sun salutations, and, for the most part, all of the kids can do those.”

She added, “There are two parts within the scope of yoga and that is the yamas which is how you act and behave out in this world and then the niyamas is how you act and behave to take care of yourself. I try to tie in our Cherokee Core Values with that to show that there is a similarity of how our culture and another



Yolanda Saunooke, Cherokee Choices behavioral change specialist, poses with Native-themed yoga pose posters that she uses in the Peaceful Warriors afterschool program. The artwork in the posters was done by Justin Reed, and the syllabary was provided by Tawodi Brown. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

culture look at life and take care of themselves in our world. That’s a big part of Cherokee, the harmony, Gadugi.”

The Cherokee Core Values, according to information from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, are as follows:

- Spirituality which creates a bond among Cherokee people in good times and bad and is a source of hope
- Group harmony in community and kin relationships and freely sharing and giving time, talent, and treasures
- Strong individual character with integrity, honesty, perseverance, courage, respect, trust, honor, and humility

Cherokees in the Revolutionary War - August 1776

By BARBARA R. DUNCAN

(Note: The Cherokee syllabary in the column title translates as: *Aniyvwiya Degohusdi Dunad-vnele'i Didanohesgo'I*, "We are telling some things Cherokees did.")

South Carolina militia begins invading Lower Towns. Cherokees fight for homeland and sovereignty.

In 1776, the Cherokee Lower Towns clustered along rivers that rushed down from the mountains: the Chattuga, Tugaloo, Keowee, and Broad, which create the Savannah River. On these head-

waters, towns were home to more than 500 warriors and three to five thousand Cherokees. Trading paths ran directly southeast to Charles Town, and northeast into Virginia. Until the Treaty of 1755, Cherokee territory had extended southeast almost to the coast.

The American campaigns of 1776, however, violated treaty lines. Patriot militia from Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina converged on the Cherokee Nation, intending to "extirpate" them completely or at least remove them beyond the Mississippi. Settlers had already violated those lines and had been warned to leave.

Cherokee policy was usually to pursue peace and to preserve lives. Tohi—peacefulness or harmony—was the most desirable condition. Cherokees went to war to revenge the death of Cherokees, taking revenge on the same number of their enemy as the number of Cherokees killed. Then tohi was restored. They did not go to war to wipe out other nations. James Adair, a trader who lived with them, said: "The Indians are not fond of waging war with each other, unless prompted by some of the traders: when left to themselves, they consider with the greatest exactness and foresight, all the attending circumstances of war." Often messengers negotiated peaceful solutions. Sometimes stickball games settled disputes. But once Cherokees decided on war, they were fierce and formidable.

Cherokees had received intelligence from the delegation of northern Indians about what the Virginians were doing, and they had accepted the wampum belts declaring war. They had reports from their own people who were hunting, trading, and traveling. British Indian agents among them provided news of Patriot plans. In July 1776, the Cherokees had about three thousand warriors, in about 40 towns, in a territory of more than 80,000 square miles (about the size of Kansas today.) The Patriots were planning to send six thousand men against them. Against greater numbers, Cherokees always used traditional strategies of surprise, ambush, fighting while retreating, and using terrain as a weapon. Their overall

policy—common among most tribes—was to preserve life. Every life was valued. A successful war leader protected Cherokee women, children, and elders and brought all the warriors home.

Cherokee warriors had already been raiding illegal

dollars, 100 pounds would be about \$25,000 dollars. Or, the soldiers could keep the Cherokee captives, along with any captured African-Americans, as their own personal slaves.

On Aug. 1, militia proceeded towards the Lower Towns. On the way, they burned Cameron's plantation, Lochaber, and took all his livestock and slaves. Cameron also had a Cherokee wife and children. Militia burned Essenecca (present-day Clemson SC.) Troops proceeded north to the ruins of Fort Prince George, which had stood empty since 1768, across the river from the town of Keowee, also deserted.

Williamson sent out Col. Leroy Hammond with a large group of mounted rangers to capture Cameron and Dragging Canoe, who were supposedly camping nearby. As Hammond and rangers were fording the river, Cherokees opened fire on them from the seemingly deserted town. Heavy fire killed a number of rangers and horses, and the surprised men were running when Hammond rallied them for a charge directly into the town. While the Cherokees concentrated fire on them, Williamson's other troops were able to escape.

By Aug. 8, Williamson claimed to have burned Brass Town, Cheowee, Estatoe, Jocassee, Keowee, and Sugar Town. Each town was surrounded by hundreds of acres of cornfields, gardens, and orchards. Storehouses held food harvested for the winter. Women, children, and elders had already gone to live safely in the woods until danger was past. Patriot troops burned houses, burned or tramped fields, took food for their provisions and cut down orchards. They attempted to take scalps and

prisoners. At the same time, Cherokee warriors were watching them, sniping at them, killing isolated soldiers, stealing

CIHA seeks community input on name for EBCI IDD/Autism Enrichment Center

Submitted by Cherokee Indian
Hospital Authority

CHEROKEE, N.C. — Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) is inviting community members to help shape the identity of the new EBCI IDD/Autism Enrichment Center by submitting suggestions for its official name.

The Enrichment Center is being developed to provide opportunities, resources and support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and autism within the community. As the center prepares for its next chapter, CIHA wants its name to reflect both the purpose of the facility and the people it will serve.

“Community feedback is incredibly important because this center belongs to the people and families it is being created to support,” said Candy Ross, assistant IDD director for CIHA. “We want the name to be meaningful, welcoming and representative of the individuals who will spend time here, while also reflecting who we are as a Cherokee community. Hearing directly from our community will help us create an identity for the center that people can feel connected to and proud of.”

Community members are encouraged to submit names or concepts that reflect inclusion, belonging, growth, connection and the mission of the Enrichment

Center. Suggestions selected for further consideration will also help guide the development of the center’s future logo, informational materials and other visual branding.

As part of the naming process, the selected concept will be submitted to the Cherokee Speakers Council for appropriate translation into the Cherokee language, further

Sequoyah Birthplace Museum to present the Cherokee Fall Festival

Submitted by
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

VONORE, Tenn. - The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Tennessee's only tribally-owned museum, will host its 35th annual Cherokee Fall Festival on September 12-13 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day.

Visitors will have the opportunity to step back in time to experience Native American food, Cherokee arts and crafts demonstrations, music, and dance. In the museum, they will be demon-

strating an 1800's Acorn Printing Press. A blacksmith will be doing on-site demonstrations in the shop both days. Other demonstrations and displays will include Cherokee life in 1700's and a Civil War encampment doing living history demonstrations. There will be infantry, cannon and calvary demonstrations in a battle at 2 pm portraying Thomas' Legion Battle of Motley Ford.

Visitors will be able to meet and talk with Cherokees from the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina. Special entertainment will be provided by the Warrior Dancers of Ani-Kituhwa who are the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians official ambassadors. Check out our reconstructed 1800's dog-trot log cabin.

There will be free Cherokee name cards and kits available for children. Traditional Indian Fry

bread and Indian tacos, and other food and drinks will be sold.

This event is funded in part by Tennessee Arts Commission Rural Arts Program Grant, and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians and The Cherokee Nation. Support the Arts with Specialty License plates from TN ARTS Commission.

Tickets Adults are \$10, children 13-18 years old are \$5 and children 12 and under are free. Family rate for \$25 (2 adults and 2 children 13-18) also available.

Info: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum at (423) 884-6246

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With great appreciation,
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OBITUARIES ᏊᏏᏏᏗᏰᏍᏔᏰ

Mary Jane Craig Letts

Mary Jane Craig Letts, 89, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2026, at Tsali Care Center in Cherokee, N.C., after an extended illness.

Mary Jane Craig Letts was born on Nov. 20, 1936, and was the daughter of the late Don and Bertha Craig of Cherokee. She was the devoted wife of Ray Don Letts and the loving mother of Bradley B. Letts. She was an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. She was born and raised on the Cherokee Reservation, attended the Cherokee Indian School, and graduated from Cherokee High School in

Dodge for 30 years after his retirement he returned to live in Cherokee N.C.

He was an avid bowler and bowled several 300 games at Textile Lanes in Belmont, N.C. After returning to Cherokee, he continued his bowling with the Senior Games.

Gene was loved by his family and friends and will be missed.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the Tsali Care Center for taking such good care of Gene. Special thanks to, Mary, TK, Shelly, Paige, Cherish, Kinsey, Joel, Chad, Lisa, and Sunshine and her two sons John Anthony, Glen Tahquette, and also Four Seasons Hospice.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Aug. 19 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Harley Maney

officiated with burial at French Swayney Cemetery located on the Big Cove Loop Rd, Cherokee, N.C.

Pallbearers were Trace and Hunter Lambert, Joshua Hall, Ward Hughes, Alvin Swayney, and Derek Tahquette.

Ruth Eldean Tooni Lossiah

July 17, 1949 – Aug. 17, 2026

Ruth Eldean Tooni Lossiah, 77, of the Big Cove Community, went home to be with the Lord after a short illness. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Russell and Geneva Cucumber Tooni.

She was a member of Straight Fork Baptist Church. She also played softball and enjoyed her home and family. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by

her children, John Russell and Carla; brother, Russell Tooni, Jr.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Jack Lossiah; grandchildren, Kyle Lossiah, Falon Crowe, John Russell Lossiah Jr.; 10 great grandchildren; brother, Norman Tooni; and her niece, Jessica Tooni and nephew, Steven Armachain.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 21 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Rev. Harley Maney officiated with burial in the Tooni Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Malakai Tooni, Jayden Tooni, James Martinez, Delbert Ross, Xavier Armachain, and other family.

Douglas Eugene Ashe

Douglas Eugene Ashe, 65, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026, at his residence after a brief illness, surrounded by his loved ones.

Douglas was born on Dec. 26, 1960, in Asheville, N.C., to the late Jack and Evelyn Smith. He was a graduate of Emmanuel Baptist University and the owner of Ashe Flooring Company. He enjoyed fishing and spending time outdoors. In addition to his parents,

he was preceded in death by his brothers, James Smith and David Ashe.

Douglas is survived by his wife, Laura Ann Ashe; five sons, Douglas Ashe, Daniel Ashe, Brian Ashe, Edward Nock and Matthew Nock; and two daughters, Jessica Link and Ashley Nock. He is also survived by his three brothers: Wade Smith, Jackie Smith, and Jay Smith; his sister: Scarlett Daugherty; and his grandchildren: Aidan Browder, Layla Ashe, Scarlett Ashe, Mason Ashe, Ely Nock, Jullian Nock, Amber Nock, Bellarose Nock, Michael Link, Cody Smith, Callie Lawrence, Felicity Lawrence, Octavia Nock, and Liam Nock. In addition, he is remembered by many nieces and nephews.

He will be missed by all who loved and knew him.

The family will receive friends beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Long House Funeral Services in Cherokee, N.C.

Long House Funeral Services in Cherokee, N.C., is in charge of arrangements.



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COMMENTARY

More on the importance of free speech

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

It is amazing how quickly and easily we (yes, I am lumping humanity together; my apologies if you are offended) move to a mentality of suppressing free speech when we fear the message/messenger or disagree with it or them. I am not talking about vulgar or hateful speech; just an opposing viewpoint.

The One Feather does dozens of survey questions each year,

along with an open forum for the community to exercise their free-speech privilege, as given in tribal law, to voice their opinions about issues that affect the tribal community. We also, as much as possible, open social media posts for the community and readership to comment on their opinions, well, on whatever the One Feather posts. Those opportunities are there to provide a level platform for those wishing to share their thoughts on any subject of their day and to provide a take on issues that impact all our days.

Over the years, I have learned to take feedback from commenters with a grain of salt. And I know many of you have done so as well. It is one thing to intelligently, politely, and respectfully disagree

with someone's opinion. But for some, that is just not good enough. Some readers resort to name-calling, berating, insulting, degrading, threatening, and racism.

The One Feather is a tribal media outlet. It is specifically the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' media outlet. Our duty is first to the tribal community, on and off the Qualla Boundary, the members of our tribe. We do encourage those who are not members of our tribe to contribute their thoughts and content to the One Feather. While the past has taught us that we have reason to be wary of those outside the tribal family, we also have gained great benefit from the many people not of our tribe who have dedicated time, intellectual and material resources, and their

love to the tribe. Some have given so much of themselves to our community that they've been bestowed the title of honorary member by our tribal government. There are some folks not of our blood who give mind, body, and soul to the betterment of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Whether we agree with opinions or not, or with the person sharing those opinions, all may contain something that we may use to better our day-to-day lives. Just like human blood, human brains and hearts all look and pretty much function the same, even though each may be fed by facts and come up with differing conclusions.

Many media outlets have become gossip mills with agendas set by owners and editors. To be fair,



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it is not altogether their fault. It is ours to a large extent. We have become so used to feeling like we must be entertained in everything we consume that we coax media outlets into “sprucing up” the news, sometimes to the extreme of embellishment. We, as a readership, are so conditioned to be focused on sensationalism that our buying habits lean toward publications with flashy content and conspiracy theories. Like birds, we gravitate to shiny things.

Because of this mentality, the good, happy, but mundane stories get little play and the big, ugly, tragic stories make front-page, headline news. It is much more difficult for a reporter or editor to sell their product with a children’s pool party than with a huge political scandal. Not only is this

sad commentary on the state of journalism, but on society itself. It has long been my practice to gather as many different media outlet resources as possible. Particularly in the age of social media, I feel I must test every piece of information that comes my way, or at least those I have an interest in. I know from experience that my Facebook friend and his favorite source for information are likely just as biased as some of the mainstream media has become, or more so. So, in the absence of firsthand knowledge, we must do our own research.

When governments and entities withhold information “for your own good”, it is my opinion that we, individually, should press for answers. Not because we think someone is doing bad things, but

because we can’t know if someone is doing bad things if we aren’t allowed to see. Outside the Qualla Boundary, governments have “sunshine laws”. Without those, it sets the environment for public and media conjecture. And conjecture, as a community, we will.

One of the side effects of having free speech is that some of that speech is true, some of it is partially true, and some of it is fabrication. And in a world where we want information in seconds that used to take days to retrieve and organize into an understandable and accurate article, we tend to believe Uncle Joe’s Traveling News Media Dog and Pony Show rather than tried-and-true, authentic reporting, based on whether the information fits our particular narrative, we as consumers of information must be more diligent than ever before as we seek what to believe.

Here is a fundamental difference between a right and a privilege. A privilege is something that someone else allows you to do or have. A right is something that you do or have that no one can take away. You own it. Such is opinion. It is not something the government, the media, or your best bud can take from you. They can get mad. They can threaten. They might even incarcerate you or use violence. And while they might succeed in making you suppress your opinion, you will still have it.

We do polls or surveys at the One Feather. At one time, that ability was not available. Nor was

there much sharing of community opinions in a tribal-wide or world-wide forum. Maybe a few letters to the editor made it in print, but even internet access was restricted to the paper. Many times, those polls reveal an important societal challenge we all face together, which is the fear of being ostracized or retaliated against for having an opinion that is contrary to an individual or group dominating an online conversation. We do our best to make our online environment open and safe for everyone to share their thoughts on a topic, but we are not always able to catch or address those who would rather stifle opposing opinions instead of understanding them.

This is even more reason for us to step up and speak our minds on issues. While being silent may be the way of least resistance, silence gives the false impression of acceptance of a particular viewpoint. People at the One Feather and in tribal government have fought to open this forum, given to you as a privilege in Chapter 75 of the Cherokee Code. We shouldn’t take it for granted, and we should speak up at every opportunity. The One Feather is a conduit to and from the community and to the world outside the Qualla Boundary. Community members and readers are welcome and encouraged to speak to each other, and the One Feather is a resource—your resource to exercise your free speech.

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A

Confirmation hearing for George S. Wolfe Jr. to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs

**Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 8:30 a.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.**

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A.
Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date.

**The final date for public comment will be
Tuesday, Aug. 25.**



**EBCI Tribal ABC Commission
(828) 788-4261**

Unbelievable

Part 2 of 2

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

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

Recently, my wife and I took a brief vacation and drove to Kentucky to visit and tour The Ark Encounter and The Creation Museum. If you ever get a chance to go, I highly recommend it. Within both the Encounter and Museum, the authors displayed many examples where the Bible says this and the world or science explains something else. Many times, science supported the biblical event. You can research their websites

or go here (“Answers in Genesis - YouTube” n.d.) to find several other supports about the Bible vs. science. They will help you change the fantastic into the awesome.

The point of this message is this. Question whenever you hear anyone ‘splain’ away Biblical accounts to the stories written in God’s word. Noah’s Ark, Moses parts the Red Sea, Adam and Eve, the creation, talking donkeys, stirring waters, casting out demons, raising the dead, healing the blind, etc. Whenever someone thinks it’s fantastic, tell them it’s not unbelievable. Have faith to believe God’s Word. Where do you stop if you don’t believe one story over another? Will you cherry-pick what to believe in the rest of God’s Word? James says in 1:5-6

“But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who

giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed.”

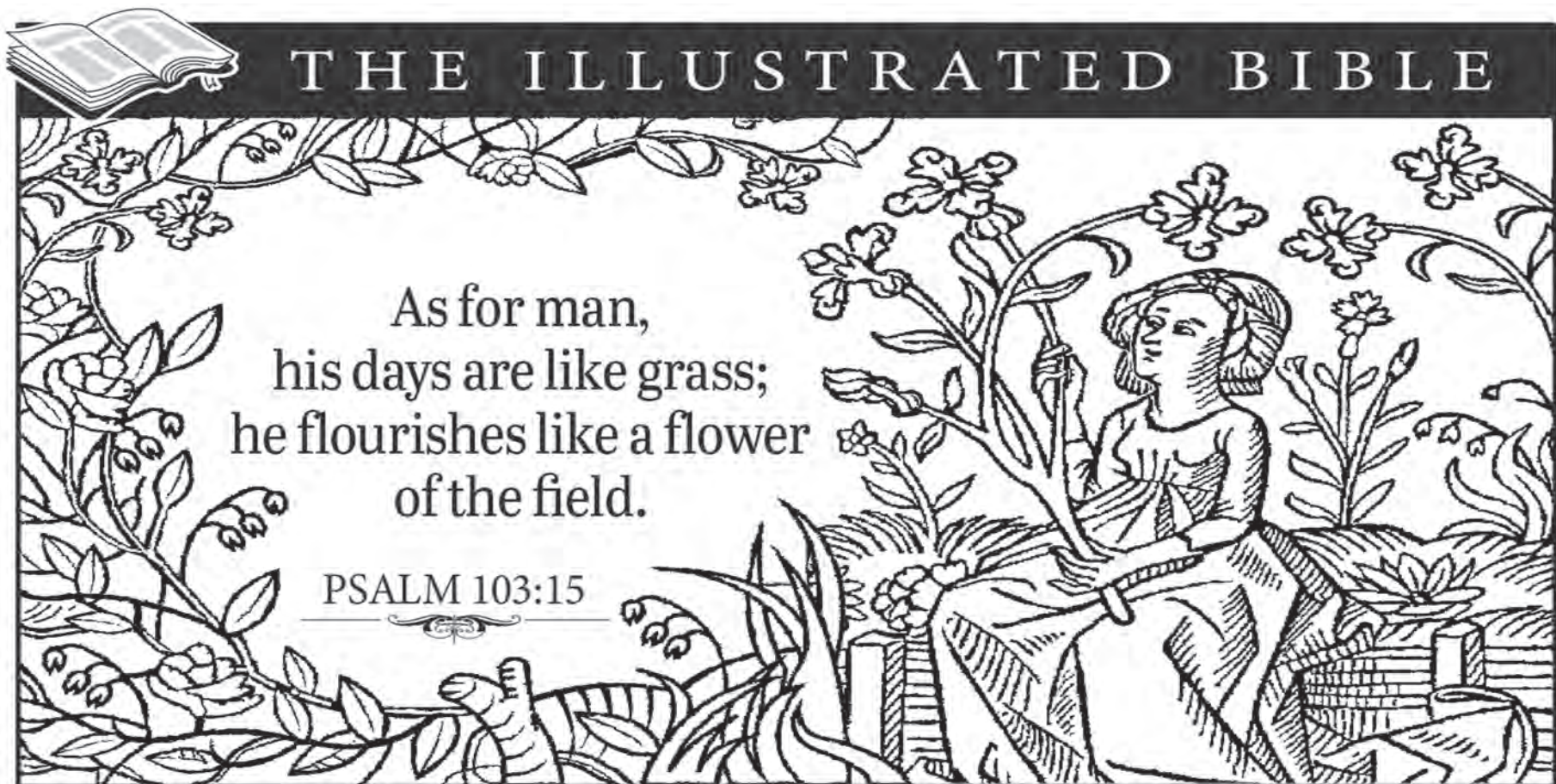
Don’t be that person. God’s Word is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 2:6 says, “For Jehovah giveth wisdom; Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding:”

Satan spoke to Eve. He made her doubt God’s words and commands. We are no different. The moral of the story is a question of faith. Do you believe it? Genesis 3:1 is a simple question of satan to Eve, but it set off man’s downfall. “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of any

tree of the garden?”

The story is the best example of a slippery slope. Eve doubted God’s command through satan’s pull on her desire to be like God. When we believe someone’s explanation that contradicts the Truth, we slide down that same slippery slope.

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.



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Amber Waves

UGH, I'M SO TIRED OF HAY AND PASTURE GRASS DAY AFTER DAY. I NEED A CHANGE.



OOH, HEY, TRAVIS, CHECK IT OUT. IT LOOKS LIKE THE NEIGHBOR ORDERED PIZZA.



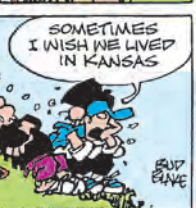
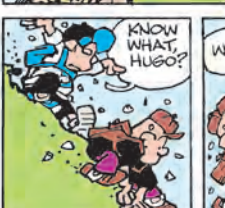
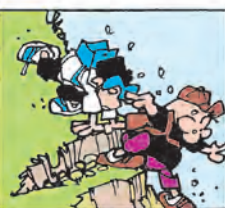
GEEZ, I WISH THE FARMER WOULD GET US SOME DEEP DISH WITH EXTRA CHEESE



YEAH, YOU HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BEING ON THAT PIZZA THAN GETTING ONE.



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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. Glass is larger. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Bow tie is missing. 4. Mug is reversed. 5. Arm is longer. 6. Label is missing.

Trivia Test Answers:
1. Elephant; 2. "Bonnie and Clyde," 1967; 3. The first Monday in September; 4. Interrobang; 5. Cambodia; 6. Pollux and Castor; 7. Hope; 8. South Korea; 9. William Henry Harrison; 10. "Treehouse of Horror"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Doves' home
- 5 Coach
- Parseghian
- 8 Beach crawler
- 12 Pizza cooker
- 13 Greyhound vehicle
- 14 — Martin (cognac)
- 15 Bread sellers
- 17 Sheltered
- 18 Hogwash
- 19 Thespians
- 21 Sheriff's star
- 24 Hold sway
- 25 Jealousy
- 26 Stalks for soups
- 30 Finale
- 31 Give it a go
- 32 Man-mouse link
- 33 Sets of prayer beads
- 35 Big gulp
- 36 Eyeglass frames
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- 53 Winter blanket
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- 11 Tournament passes
- 16 Caviar base
- 20 "Pinocchio" fish
- 21 "Cheers" order
- 22 Part of A.D.
- 23 Film formats
- 24 Point — Peninsula
- 26 Record holder?
- 27 "The Music Man" setting
- 28 Ireland
- 29 Droops
- 31 Small combo
- 34 Dahl of films
- 35 Marble cake patterns
- 37 Reggae relative
- 38 Vatican leader
- 39 Pundit's piece
- 40 TV journalist Lisa
- 41 Remain
- 44 Lennon's partner
- 45 Charged bit
- 46 Conceit
- 47 Plant seeds

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- 1 Corn core
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Shatner's "— War"
- 4 Vigor
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- 6 Regret
- 7 Military attacks
- 8 Moon cavity

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only mammal that can't jump?
2. MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "They're young, they're in love, and they kill people"?
3. HISTORY: When is Labor Day celebrated every year in the United States?
4. LANGUAGE: What's the name of a punctuation mark that combines a question mark and an exclamation point?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which country was called Kampuchea from 1975 to 1979?
6. ASTRONOMY: What are the names of the twin stars in the GEMINI constellation?
7. MYTHOLOGY: What is the only thing left in Pandora's box after it was opened?
8. FOOD & DRINK: Which country is associated with the fermented cabbage dish kimchi?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the first president to die in office?
10. TELEVISION: What are the Halloween episodes of "The Simpsons" called?

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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.
- Sept. 12 at 5 p.m., fundraiser for the Turkey Shoot facility
- Sept. 26 at 5 p.m., fundraiser for Big Cove Free Labor
- Oct. 17 at 5 p.m., Annual Jesse Welch Memorial Turkey Shoot sponsored by family

EBCI Community Events

Speakers Gathering. Aug. 28 at 12 noon at the New Kituwah Academy Field 60 Water Dam Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Potluck gathering, bring your favorite dish. Activities: marbles, blowgun, tug-of-war.

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

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.

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 Dhwōy ʡōʡʡ 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.

EBCI Community Regular Meetings

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

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

Cherokee Cultural/Historic Events

Fingerweaving Fridays. Every Friday in September from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. Bring a project you’re working on or select materials from the Museum’s supplies. Open to enrolled EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) mem-

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK
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Submit your pet to us at:
Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

Include the following:
Name, breed, age, human’s name(s), community/town



bers, EBCI parents and spouses. Registration is not required: just show up.

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

6th Annual Cherokee Winter Social. Jan. 30, 2027 from 5 p.m.

– 9 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Sports and Recreation Complex 1212 Birdtown Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. MC: 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.)

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) As tensions ease on the home front, you can once again focus on changes in the workplace. Early difficulties are soon worked out. Stability returns as adjustments are made.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new romance tests the unattached Bovine's patience to the limit. But Venus still rules the Taurean heart, so expect to find yourself trying hard to make this relationship work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to consider home-related purchases. But shop around carefully for the best price, whether it's a new house for the family or a new hose for the garden.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A contentious family member seems intent on creating problems. Best advice: Avoid stepping in until you know more about the origins of this domestic disagreement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A recent job-related move proves to be far more successful than you could've imagined. Look for continued beneficial fallout. Even your critics have something nice to say!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Ease up and stop driving yourself to finish a certain project on a deadline that's no longer realistic. Your superiors will be open to requests for an extension. Ask for it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) You should soon be hearing some positive feedback on a recent business move. Meanwhile, an old family problem recurs, but this time, you'll know how to handle it better.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprising statements shed light on the problem that caused a once-warm relationship to cool off. Use this newly won knowledge to help turn things around.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your spiritual side is especially strong at this time. Let yourself be guided by it into deeper contemplation of aspects about yourself that you'd like to understand better.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your merrier aspect continues to dominate and attract folks who rarely see this side of you. Some serious new romancing could develop out of all this cheeriness.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're always concerned about the well-being of others. It's time that you put some of this concern into your own health situation, especially where it involves nutrition.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Just when you thought your life had finally stabilized, along comes another change that needs to be addressed. Someone you trust can help you deal with it successfully.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sixth sense when it comes to finding people who need help long before they think of asking for it. And you're right there to provide it!

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Veterans on the road again

The government is calling on veterans to consider careers in commercial trucking with the creation of the Freedom Haulers initiative, a new effort to help veterans move into civilian driving jobs.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), with its military driver program, is making it easy for experienced veteran drivers to get a commercial driver's license (CDL). In many cases you can get a waiver on both the skills and knowledge tests.

A few facts: Every state is part of the veteran skills-test waiver program and all have specific requirements. Seven additional states just joined the Even Exchange program, which allows qualified veterans with certain military driving experience to waive the knowledge test.

Eligibility: If you had a military driver's license for at least two years, with no suspensions or disqualifications, you can qualify if you apply within two years of leaving that position. (It used to be 12 months, but with the Freedom Haulers initiative, that's been extended.)

Benefits: Depending on the employer, jobs may offer travel, flexible hours, good pay, health and life insurance, and more.

For more information, see www.fmcsa.dot.gov/militarydriverprograms.

Check out the Even Exchange program at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/even-exchange-program. There you'll find a MOS list with the qualifying military occupations that can waive the knowledge test.

What if you didn't have a driving job during your active duty period and your MOS doesn't cover you for an automatic CDL? The GI Bill may cover up to 100% of commercial driver's license tuition at approved schools, depending on your eligibility and the program. In some cases that might include a housing allowance.

If you're starting from scratch (no military driving training) and want to go the GI Bill route, pick your school carefully. Federal regulators have recently removed or taken action against hundreds of CDL training providers that failed to meet requirements. Before enrolling, verify that the program is approved for your VA education benefits. Call the VA Education Call Center at 888-442-4551 (888-GIBILL-1) to verify a school's eligibility.

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Heartworm is a silent killer

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I adopted a beautiful dog a few months ago. "Oscar" was rescued from a home that was crowded with other neglected, starved dogs. He was treated for heartworms. It's been nearly four months now, and he is still testing positive for heartworm. What should I do next? — Hayley G. in Mobile, Alabama

DEAR HAYLEY: Heartworms in dogs and cats is a very serious infection, so kudos to you for monitoring Oscar through his recovery.

Heartworm antigens can continue to show up in post-treatment testing for several weeks. These are proteins released into the bloodstream by adult female heartworms and are the best way for vets to identify the presence of heartworms in a pet. After treatment, dead heartworms and their antigens take time to clear the pet's system — and it can take as long as four months.

Dogs can harbor quite a few heartworms before showing symptoms. Cats are much more sensitive to the infection — even a single heartworm can cause symptoms like coughing, appetite loss and lethargy. Internally, an active heartworm infection damages the blood vessels in the lung, causing circulatory and respiratory problems. Extended rest before and after treatment is essential to help heal the damage as much as possible.

Continue antigen testing with the vet on their recommended schedule. This will determine if Oscar's recovery is on track or if additional treatment is needed.

For healthy pets, prevention is the best way to protect them from heartworms. Their larvae are spread via mosquito bites. A heartworm preventive — whether a pill, topical medication or an injection — eliminates the larvae. But it does not eliminate adult heartworms. Annual testing for antigens is important to ensure that potential infections are detected and treated before they cause serious health problems.

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

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Confirmation hearing for George S. Wolfe Jr. to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. Sept. 1 at 8:30 a.m.

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 250, TABCC budgets, accounts, reports, and audits 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

150th Annual Ponca Tribal Celebration Pow Wow. Aug. 27-30 at White Eagle Park in Ponca City, Okla. Emcees: Kinsel Lieb, Lester Eagle, Oliver Littlecook. Head Singer: James Clark. Info: No contact information provided

Northern Arapaho Pow Wow. Aug. 27-30 at the Northern Arapaho Pow Wow Grounds in Arapahoe, Wyo. Info: (307) 438-1780

Birdtail Sioux Wacipi. Aug. 28-30 at Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation in Virden, Manitoba, Canada. Emcees: Michael Esquash Sr., Harold Blacksmith. Info: Trechelle Bunn (431) 360-2855, trechelle.bunn@birdtailsioux.ca

24th Annual Santa Rosa Days Pow Wow & Gathering. Aug. 29-30 at the Tachi Palace Casino Resort in Lemoore, Calif. MC: Bart Powaukee. Host Northern Drum: Ironwood. Host Southern Drum: Leading Arrow. Info: No contact information provided

Painted Skies Pow Wow.

Aug. 29 at Balloon Fiesta Park in Albuquerque, N.M. MC: James Edwards. Head Singer: Adrian Yahzee. Info: No contact information provided

50th Annual Honolulu Inter-tribal Pow Wow. Aug. 29-30 at Ala Moana Beach Park in Honolulu, Hawai'i. MC: Brad Bearsheart. Host Drum: Scout Society. Info: (808) 392-4479, (808) 497-7279, powwow@htchawaii.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

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Peter Koch will present "The Civil War in Western North Carolina and Beyond". Conversation

and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Houses of Worship

Abundant Life Apostolic Church. 171 Johnson Br. Road, Bryson City. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Worship 7 p.m. Pastor Kevin Linkinhoker 488-8937

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

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

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Max

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hebrews (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. To whom did God say, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations"? *Daniel, Jeremiah, Noah, Thomas*
3. From 1 Chronicles 29, how many years did David reign over Israel? *7, 33, 40, 57*
4. What do the seven lampstands represent in Revelation 1:20? *Continents, Angels, Seas, Churches*
5. What was Aquila's profession in Corinth? *Tentmaker, Harp player, Mapmaker, Servant*
6. Manasseh was the elder of whose two sons? *Matthew, Joash, Joseph, Timothy*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) Jeremiah, (3) Forty, (4) Churches, (5) Tentmaker, (6) Joseph

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

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Moments in time

• On Sept. 7, 1776, the American submersible craft Turtle attempted to attach a time bomb to the hull of British Admiral Richard Howe's flagship, Eagle, in New York Harbor, marking the first use of a submarine in warfare.

• On Sept. 8, 1664, Dutch Governor Peter Stuyvesant surrendered New Amsterdam, the capital of New Netherland, to an English naval squadron under Colonel Richard Nicolls. Stuyvesant hoped to resist the English but wasn't a popular ruler, and his subjects refused their support. New Amsterdam's name was changed to New York in honor of the Duke of York, who organized its capture.

• On Sept. 9, 1939, moviegoers at the Fox Theater in Riverside, California, were treated to an unexpected screening of Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind," shown by the theater manager as a second feature while producer David O. Selznick observed their reactions from the back of the theater. The movie was released a few months later.

• On Sept. 10, 1960, Hurricane Donna struck the Florida Keys as a Category 4 storm. The devastating hurricane ultimately killed more than 350 people along its full path, including more than 150 in Puerto Rico and the mainland United States, and the name "Donna" was later retired.

• On Sept. 11, 1971, teen idol Donny Osmond earned his first solo No. 1 hit with "Go Away Little Girl." For years afterward, the singer admitted he would "apologize for my career, for all of the cheesy music I was a part of," but eventually came to terms with it and said to himself that the music "was great for what it was, people loved it, it was incredibly successful — why should I feel bad?"

• On Sept. 12, 1952, residents of Flatwoods, West Virginia, while investigating a possible UFO crash, encountered a creature they described as 10 feet tall with glowing eyes and claw-like hands. Skeptics, however, dismissed their "monster" as likely an owl.

• On Sept. 13, 2007, the United Nations adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which defined the rights of Indigenous peoples to their respective ways of life and prohibited discrimination against them.

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Sweetspire

This shrub is found among wetlands and along stream banks. It can tolerate a wide range of soil and light conditions. Growing 4 to 8 feet tall, with graceful arching branches and fragrant bottlebrush-like flower clusters that appear in late spring, it boasts beautiful fall foliage. Its leaf colors range from copper to orange to gold, and last into winter. — Brenda Weaver

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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

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

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Women lie more than men in their online dating profiles.
- Many quilts made by military soldiers were known as "convalescent quilts," since they made them while recuperating from wounds received in the line of duty.
- Nuclear rain from the Chernobyl disaster fell as far west as Ireland.
- The word LEGO comes from the first two letters of the Danish words "leg" and "godt," or "play well."
- More than half a million pet owners worldwide have chosen to implant their pets with "neuticles," which are testicular implants for a neutered pet.
- Egyptian butchers wore high heels to keep their feet free of blood and debris on the floor.
- Early in her career, model Gisele Bundchen was told she'd never achieve success without cosmetic surgery to decrease her nose size. She refused and later had the last laugh by becoming one of the most highly paid models in history.
- It is thought that 80% of the world's gold is still in the ground.
- While screening around 2 million airline passengers per day, TSA officers are accustomed to confiscating items such as full water bottles and too-large toiletries, but their more astonishing finds include grenades, cannonballs and even a samurai sword.
- The fear of vegetables is called "lachanophobia."
- Actor Daniel Craig, as a reward for playing James Bond, can choose any Aston Martin from the factory for the rest of his life.
- All organ donations will inevitably fail, since transplanted organs "scar" over time, which eventually renders them unusable.
- In 2019, Forbes named Kylie Jenner the world's youngest self-made billionaire at age 21.
- Around 400 B.C., the Greek inventor Archytas of Tarentum built an early "robot" — a wooden pigeon that flew on a steam-powered arm.

Thought for the Day: "Don't find fault, find a remedy." — *Henry Ford*

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CHEROKEE WORDS OF THE WEEK

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Beans
tuya
(too-yah)
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Harvest
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(ah-sgwah-knee-goh-doh-dee dee-wee-suh)
DæThAVJ JOR

Basket
talutsa
(tah-loo-zah)
WMG

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

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

Cherokee United Method-

ist 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 embassymedia-group@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

latest updates.

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

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

Shoal Creek Baptist Church. 184 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., 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 Bible Study 7 p.m. Youth group services are Sunday evenings only. Interim Pastor – Harley Maney Jr.

Waterfalls Baptist Church.

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

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

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

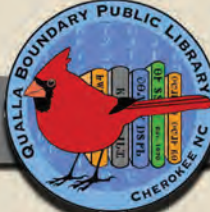
Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Visitors welcome. Pastor David Birch

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

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Cherokee, North Carolina
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Constance Cline
253 Soggy Hill Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-060

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Howard Vincent Sneed

All persons, 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

Pamela Sue Sneed
102 Bauer Farm Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-063

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Patricia Ann Panther

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Eva Reed

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

Agnes Reed
PO Box 628
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

INVITATION TO BID
Re: 2026 Community Water System Assessment-Water Management Firms
The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from qualified TERO contractors and Water Management Firms to complete a comprehensive assessment of Lambert Wilson Way's Community Water System to request proposals from qualified utility engineering firms to provide professional engineering services for the evaluation, planning, design, permitting, and implementation of improvements to the Lambert Wilson Way Community Water System. The selected firm will assist in ensuring the water system meets current regulatory requirements, supports future growth, and provides safe, reliable

drinking water to the community. A mandatory site visit will be held at Lambert Wilson Way on September 7, 2026, at 9:00 am. Sealed Bids due October 5, 2026.

Please contact CIHD for additional information. Ernest Tiger, Property Manager, Qualla Housing Services, Cherokee Indian Housing Division, PO Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd., Office 828-359-6748 ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS
FOR OPERATIONS CONSULTING SERVICES
Tribal Bingo Enterprise
P.O. Box 1897
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Invitation: Qualifications and proposals from qualified Respondents

will be received by the Tribal Bingo Enterprise ("TBE") until 3:00 PM ET, Thursday, September 3, 2026, for Operations Consulting Services associated with the development and opening of the Cherokee Bingo Class II Facility currently under development at 1971 Tsalil Boulevard, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719. This solicitation is for consulting services only and does not constitute a management contract. Interested Respondents may obtain the complete Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ-P) by contacting Keyonna Hornbuckle, Liaison to the TBE Board of Advisors, via email at khornbuckle@harrahs.com. TBE reserves the right to reject any or all submissions and to waive any informalities in the procurement process.
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- Administrative Support (multiple open positions)
- Campus Dietitian
- HVAC - Night Shift
- Laboratory Safety Officer
- Web Developer & CMS Solutions Specialist
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nator
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Behavioral Health Grant Coordinator

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

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LABORATORY

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Hiring Bonus
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Hiring Bonus
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Clinical Care Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
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C.N.A Medical Clerk PTI
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Bonus
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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

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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

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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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1. Special Ops Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Air Quality Specialist - Office of Environmental & Natural Resources - Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
3. Commercial Property Specialist – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour)
4. Housekeeper I – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Sergeant (Patrol) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
4. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
5. Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
6. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
7. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
8. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
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Contact: For more information, please contact Charlene Wolfe at 828-359-5516.

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Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority is seeking your thoughts regarding the naming of the new EBCI/IDD/Autism Enrichment Center. We are asking that community members provide feedback or suggestions. Our hope is that with your help we can proudly name the enrichment center, inclusive of the purpose and who we are serving. The content will be used as a future logo on an info graphic/flyer and other materials, and will be sent for translation to the Cherokee Language by the Cherokee Speakers Council.

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts, please reach out directly to Candy Ross, Assistant IDD Director. She can be reached at 828-497-9163 x7595 or via email at Candy.Ross@cherokeehospital.org

Please submit naming suggestions by **September 9th 2026**. You are welcome to drop off your suggestions at the following **CIHA front desks: Emergency Room, Analenisgi, Seven Clans and Eagle. Staff will collect suggestions and relay them to Candy accordingly.**



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2026 Cherokee Indian Fair Anetso Schedule

Monday, Oct. 5

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

Wednesday, Oct. 7

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

Thursday, Oct. 8

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

Friday, Oct. 9

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

Saturday, Oct. 10

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

Anetso age divisions:

Youth: Ages 6-9
Pre-Teen: Ages 10-12
Teen: Ages 13-17
Men's: Ages 18+
Elder's: Ages 50+

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