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Zaynon Taylor, a senior member of the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), carries the EBCI tribal flag into Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. at the start of the Battle of the Nations game on Friday, Sept. 4 against the Choctaw Central Warriors representing the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.
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Dinilawigi removes protest of Ord. 184 (Caging Bears on Tribal Lands) from agenda

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
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CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the morning of Thursday, Sept. 2, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) assembled for their monthly council session. The first item on the agenda was a protest of Ord. 184(26) 'An ordinance amending Chapter 19 regarding caging bears on Tribal Lands,' that passed during the last council session on Aug. 6. Collette Coggins and Katherine Ella Taylor, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), submitted the protest. The protest

was subsequently removed from the agenda by unanimous decision of Dinilawigi.

The protest read, "Requested outcome: Allow Cherokee Bear Zoo to keep its existing bears beyond September 1, 2028, while continuing appropriate animal-welfare and regulatory oversight."

Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer read a memo stating her opinion that it was illegal for Dinilawigi to hear the protest based on Cherokee Code Sec. 117-40 Protest and rehearing of tribal council decisions. The

memo read in part, "The first question Tribal Council should decide is whether it is legally proper to hear this protest. My answer to that question is 'no' based on Cherokee Code Sec. 117-40(c), which states in relevant part that 'protests shall not serve to delay the implementation of legislation passed by Tribal Council.' And further adds in section 'f' that 'The protest remedy described in this section shall not be used to repeal or amend ordinances that establish the codified law of the Tribe expressed in the Cherokee Code. Repeal or amendment of ordi-

nances may only be performed by a subsequent ordinance.' Allowing this protest to be heard or scheduling a hearing for the protesting parties is contradictory to the plain and clear language of the Cherokee Code."

Ugviyuihi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks has not yet ratified Ord. 184(26) stating, "In regard to the prior month package, this ordinance was not part of that package, so I haven't seen the ordinance from TOP [Tribal Operations Program] yet. So, everything else was signed off on except for this particular ordinance."

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Kelly Long-Sampson, manager of TOP, said she was told by EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell to hold the ordinance.

McConnell stated, "When the protest was submitted, I think Chief was out of town. I did not want any confusion about the process for this. So, Kelly did contact me and I did tell Kelly, 'To be safe, bring that back to TOP.' Chief Hicks is still within his time to either veto or ratify or to not. So, that's where we are."

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Venita Wolfe stated that she believes McConnell overstepped in holding the ordinance, "I don't think it is within your realm to decide to withhold an ordinance that should have gone to Chief with the rest of the packet. I think it should have gone to Chief, and he has the

decision whether or not he should sign it within the 30 days. So, by withholding that, I believe you overstepped...We decided to send it forward. It was passed. So, it should have gone to the Chief so he could decide whether or not he was going to ratify it or veto it. It should not have been a decision that you made, Mike."

McConnell responded, "Right, and I accept that. I was not trying to put myself into the position of decision maker; I was trying to assist TOP with a question. My goal with that was to resolve that issue after Chief came back, I think on that Monday, and I apologize because I did not get back to it in time. I take your criticism very carefully and seriously and thank you for that."

Gahvsgi (Chairperson) and

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle said, "Mike, my question to you is: From what Shannon has read, does this meet the protest guidelines that we should vote on this today?"

McConnell responded, "No, it does not."

Mary "Missy" Crowe, an EBCI tribal elder from Elawodi (Yellowhill), stated in part, "I ask that Tribal Council deny this protest hearing based on the fact that in last month's Aug. 6 tribal council session, the scenario was Mrs. Coggins had seen Tribal Attorney General down at her business and asked him some questions, and during that time Mr. McConnell, the tribal attorney general, said that he and Ryan Clayton from the Attorney General's office had went down to visit that place. And while he said that it was clean and the bears looked somewhat healthy, he said they watched the bears and I quote, 'Ryan and I, as we were walking away, came to the idea that this practice shouldn't be happening anymore.' He then went on to say that there is a lease. He said that the lease calls for an animal park and does not specifically identify bears. It would not affect her lease at all. She can continue to have a lease and an animal park."

Coggins asked a series of questions including, "This [memo] is just Shannon's opinion, right? This isn't legal?"

Owle responded that it was Shannon's opinion based on her reading of the Cherokee Code. Coggins then asked, "You're not going to hear [the protest], and so I've exhausted my options?"

Taline Gahvsgi (Vice Chairperson) and Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. David Wolfe responded that Coggins has the option to submit

another ordinance.

Coggins then asked Ugviyuhi Hicks to clarify if he had ratified the Ord. 184(26) as she did not hear his previous statement. Ugviyuhi Hicks addressed Dinilawigi, stating in part, "I'm not going to speak to Collette at this point. She has me personally sued, so I'm not going to have that conversation. At this point, I have taken no action on this ordinance because it has not been forwarded from TOP to my office."

Coggins said, "I'm definitely going to need clarification now on this. So, because of a situation in a different matter we're going to drag it all into one? Because I feel like that's what just happened to me, when I just asked a simple question. The Chief just clarified it and it made it very clear that he's not going to speak to me because I have him personally sued on a different issue. I'm still a tribal member. He's still obligated to talk to me. Maybe not about that issue, but he's obligated to talk to me. And what happens up here doesn't necessarily affect what's happening over there."

Referencing earlier discussions regarding the Tribal Bingo Project, Coggins continued, "Because that's why we're here really anyway. What happened up there trickled down to here, because six months ago, nobody cared, not one of you. You drove by [Cherokee Bear Zoo] every day 30 some years and nobody cared about it, then all of a sudden with a situation up the street, now we all care about it."

The protest was removed from the agenda on the grounds that it did not meet the protest guidelines to be heard by Dinilawigi.

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Dinilawigi votes to table resolution to reinstate Qualla Enterprises, LLC. Board

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 2, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) voted to table Res. No. 290 reinstating the Board of Managers of Qualla Enterprises, LLC, who were suspended via Res. No. 181.

Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer, who served on an advisory committee comprised of Dinilawigi members and EBCI employees to review the activity of the board, stated, "On page 2, line 9 and 10 [of Res. No. 290] it's saying that the board of managers will have sixty days to implement the recommendations, and I have to just draw attention to the fact that some of those board members have been on there for years... They've had plenty of time to do what they should've done. As someone who was on that advisory committee, we saw firsthand after meeting for hours and hours with board members, employees, the directors, the contractors—we did a lot of work and we went through a lot of document review—and giving them another sixty days is really recognizing that they haven't done what they should've done in the years that they were there."

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Venita Wolfe stated, "I move to kill and the reasons why I move to kill is because this group are not new to leadership at all. We have a former councilman, we have a businessperson...They've been there, they've had the opportunity to do

what they needed to do...I'm angry because last month, two councilwomen brought in an emergency resolution to discuss this, to address taking these members off the board. Was it read? No. Was it accepted? No, because, I believe, this was coming in."

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennelle Feather, who also served on the advisory committee, seconded Wolfe's move to kill, and asked EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell to clarify who submitted the resolution to him that was submitted on behalf of Dinilawigi without Feather, Wolfe, Swimmer, and Kolanvyi Rep. Lavita Hill seeing the resolution. McConnell answered that a draft resolution was submitted to him by Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Mike Parker.

Rep. Feather stated, "It's my understanding that the township of Wolftown asked both of their councilmen to remove everyone but Tagan [Crowe]. That was the request, and I understand Bo [Crowe] abstaining."

Wayohi Rep. Bo Crowe is the uncle of Tagan Crowe, a board member of Qualla Enterprises, LLC. Rep. Feather asked why Gahvsgi (Chairperson) and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle and Tsisqwohi Rep. Boyd Owle had not abstained as relatives of board member Morgan Owle Crisp. Gahvsgi Owle said Owle Crisp was not his immediate family as defined by Cherokee Code. McConnell clarified that the code defines immediate family as parents, spouses and

children. Rep. Feather said that is a colonized definition of kinship.

Rep. Feather continued, "I was on the advisory committee, and my advisement was to remove everyone but Tagan [Crowe]. I firmly believe that Tagan was trying to correct a lot of the things that weren't being done properly...There's a worker at the grove that's only making \$17.73 an hour and has been working there for four years. This board hasn't even increased the pay for our employees, our relatives who are working their tails off to make sure that this is successful for our community members...We are paying these individuals \$80,000? I don't know, I don't have any minutes. We reviewed 400, 500 documents and barely any minutes. No by-laws. No standard operating procedures. We don't have those. None. Zero. Zilch. This board is a liability. These three members are liabilities. Period. I have zero confidence..."

After Rep. Parker stated that he was not aware of what was in the advisory committee's report, Rep. Swimmer stated that the advisory committee report was presented orally to Dinilawigi, Rep. but Parker was not present. "We gave an oral report, and the reason we reported it orally was because we didn't want to put in black and white what was going on, like the fact that you have an IT person being paid \$12,000 a month not doing any work. That was authorized by this board. The fact that we walk into a room up

there and there's cash lying all over the place. Those are the kind of things we were trying not to put on air or put out here in public, but since you want to act like you don't know about it, I'm telling you now."

Rep. Swimmer continued, "I don't understand it. I can't make sense of why you won't just vote to remove these people and put in people who would do a better job. We deserve that."

During the discussion, Jacob Reed resigned his position as a board member via a text message received by Gahvsgi Owle and Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Mitchell Hicks.

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee Co.) Rep. Adam Wachacha moved to pass the resolution, stating that he believed the 60 days would give the board time to implement adjustments, and if expectations were not met at the end of the sixty days, Dinilawigi could consider a resolution to remove the board members.

Dinilawigi went off air for several hours following an unrelated verbal altercation that occurred in the gallery. The Dinilawigi then voted to table Res. No. 290. Three items were withdrawn including: Item No. 19 seeking to remove Board Member Albert Rose, Item No. 20 seeking to remove Board Member Morgan Owle Crisp, and Item No. 21 seeking to remove Board Member Jacob Reed. Item No. 18, which was seeking to remove all Board Members, was held.



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Dinilawigi authorizes tribal programs to apply for six grants totaling \$3.8 million

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

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

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

session of Dinilawigi on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Individual resolution numbers were not stated during the session, and they were not made available to the One Feather by press time.

Item 24 authorizes the EBCI TERO Program to seek a \$300,000 grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs “to support tribal workforce development programs that prepare participants for employment in high-demand industries, including construction and infrastructure trades as well as STEM workforce opportunities.”

There is not a grant match

required.

Item 25 authorizes the EBCI Transit Program to seek a \$950,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) “to purchase new transit vehicles and assist with covering operational expenses that support transportation services.”

The resolution further states, “An estimated \$200,000 in personnel costs will be covered by this grant, and there is no grant match required.”

Item 26 authorizes the EBCI Transit Program to seek a \$528,000 grant from the FTA “to purchase replacement transit vehicles and new ADA-compliant vans to support continued transportation services on the Qualla Boundary.”

The resolution further states, “No personnel costs will be covered by this grant, and there is a grant match required in the estimated amount of \$132,000.”

Item 27 authorizes the EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) to seek a \$100,000 grant from the National Park Service “to assist in protecting and promoting Cherokee heritage and traditional practices”.

There is not a grant match required.

Item 28 authorizes the EBCI Health Delivery Administration Program to seek a \$1,500,000 grant from the Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) Tribal Implementation Center Program. The whereas section of the legisla-

tion states, “The Health Delivery Administration Program has identified a funding opportunity from the Public Health Infrastructure Grant Tribal Implementation Center Program, administered by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in collaboration with the association of State and Territorial Officials (ASTHO), the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to support tribally-led public health data modernization projects.”

There is not a grant match required.

Item No. 29 authorizes the EBCI Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) to seek a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The whereas section of the legislation states, “The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is responsible for addressing the diverse housing needs of EBCI members by providing housing and homeownership opportunities and promoting the preservation and rehabilitation of housing stock.”

It adds that the grant would be used “to address needs identified through the Public Health and Human Services Tribal Health Improvement Plan (THIP) assessment.”

There is not a grant match required.

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Dinilawigi approves legislation to separate Qualla Boundary and Snowbird libraries

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – Going forward, the Qualla Boundary Public Library and the Snowbird Community Library will operate as separate tribal programs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) with their own budgets. Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approved Res. No. 289 unanimously during its regular session on Wednesday, Sept. 2 that made the separation official.

The legislation was submitted by Chi Shipman, Qualla Boundary

Public Library manager; and Zena Rattler, Snowbird Community Library manager.

Shipman commented during discussion on the resolution, “The purpose of this resolution is to clarify the historical and current organizational relationship between the Qualla Library and the Snowbird Community Library. In June 1979, the Qualla Boundary Public Library separated from the state library system and established its own library board of trustees. At that time, the Snowbird Community Library was established and designated

as a branch of the Qualla Boundary Public Library. And since that time, the organizational structure and operation of the two libraries have evolved. The Snowbird Community Library is no longer an operating branch of the Qualla Boundary Public Library. Rather, the Qualla Boundary Public Library and the Snowbird Community Library function as separate public libraries each serving the unique needs of its respective community in maintaining its own budget, operation, and financial resources.

The resolution is intended to formally clarify and document the current status of the two libraries to ensure that the organizational records accurately reflect the present-day structure. Both the Qualla Boundary Public Library and the Snowbird Community Library are recognized as public libraries and are listed as such in state library databases. Clarifying their status within the EBCI will provide greater accuracy and consistency of official records and it will strengthen our ability to independently pur-

sue grants, funding opportunities, partnerships, resources, and other benefits that are available to public libraries.”

Shipman added, “This resolution has not diminished the long-standing relationship or shared history between our two libraries. Instead, it formally recognizes the current status as separate public libraries within the EBCI, each with its own responsibilities, resources, and authority to serve the community.

We’ve been separated since 2015. We’re just trying to clean up the code that’s there.”

Res. No. 289 states at the end, “The Tribal Council hereby reaffirms that the Qualla Boundary Public Library and the Snowbird Community Library are, and remain, public libraries of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, as originally established by Res. No. 140 (1979), and that the Snowbird Community Library is not a branch of the Qualla Boundary Public Library but a separate tribal program with its own leadership and operating budget.”

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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

New this week

There are no new bills this week.

Bills with recent action

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. The bill was discharged by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Aug. 27, 2026 and placed on the Union Calendar that same day.

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 Poli-

cies. 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

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

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

This bill would “direct Federal land management agencies of the Department of the Interior to establish Tribal Co-Management Plans and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for the performance of certain activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes”.

Introduced: May 15, 2025 by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.)

Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Federal Lands on June 3, 2025, and a hearing was held in that subcommittee on June 10, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 2022 (Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2025).

This bill would “amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”. Introduced: June 11, 2025 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez 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 Com-

merce 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

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time.

H.R. 4712 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act). This bill would “amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes”.

Introduced: July 23, 2025 by Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary as well as the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 23, 2025. There are no hearings scheduled for this bill in either committee as of press time.

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

This bill would “amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4712.

Introduced: July 24, 2025 by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 24, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 2564 (Tribal Gaming Regulatory Compliance Act). The opening text of the bill states it is “to ensure all federally recognized Tribes that are eligible for gaming in the United States are regulated under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act”.

It specifically seeks to amend Public Law 100-89 (Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act). Section 3 of the bill

states, “This Act shall be construed to ensure the full applicability of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701) to gaming activities on Indian lands of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Indian lands of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe.”

Introduced: July 31, 2025 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 31, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

“amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4596.

Introduced: July 31, 2025 by Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 31, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

This House resolution states in part, “The House of Representatives (1) recognizes Overdose Awareness Day (reporter’s note – it is usually Aug. 31, but a specific date is not listed in the resolution) in the United States; (2) commits to advancing the passing bipartisan policies that reduce the stigma surrounding substance

use disorders and overdoses; and is dedicated to collaborating with states, localities, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, health care providers, patients, and families to support a comprehensive system that promotes prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery from opioid use disorder.”

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

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

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

This bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

Introduced: Sept. 4, 2025 by Rep. Jennifer A. Kiggans (R-Va.)

Action: The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 4, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 5257 (To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust).

The full title of the bill states “To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian Tribe that was federally recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust”.

Introduced: Sept. 10, 2025 by Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 10, 2025.

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

H.R. 5327 (To extend federal recognition to the Nottoway Tribe of Virginia). This bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

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

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

Senate Bill 2832 (Native American Entrepreneurial and Opportunity Act of 2025).

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

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

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

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

This bill would amend Title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend the funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. It would approve “\$160,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to remain available until expended”. Introduced: Sept. 18, 2025 by Rep. Paul Ruiz (D-Calif.)

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

H.R. 5739 (Italian Heroes

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

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

Introduced: Oct. 10, 2025 by Rep. Michael A. Rulli (R-Ohio)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Oct. 23, 2025. This was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders on May 19, 2026. This bill was passed in the Senate by a voice vote on June 10, 2026. It was received in the House on June 15, 2026.

H.R. 5820 (Mono Lake Kootzaduka’a Tribe Recognition Act). This bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Mono Lake Kootzaduka’a Tribe of California and Nevada, a group based in Lee Vining, Calif.

Introduced: Oct. 24, 2025 by Rep.

Kevin Kiley (R-Calif.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Oct. 24, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 5869 (Tribal Water Infrastructure Grants Expansion Act). This bill would “amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to assistance for Indian Tribes”. According to the bill, “In addition to amounts otherwise made available under Title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, there is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031 to make grants, in cooperation with the Director of the Indian Health Service...for (A) projects and activities eligible for assistance under 603(c) of such Act; and (B) training, technical assistance, and educational programs related to the operation and management of treatment works eligible for assistance...”

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

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on Oct. 28, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 5910 (To authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian Tribes). As stated in the title, this bill would amend 69 Stat. 539, Chapter 615, 25 U.S.C. 514(a) to authorize such leases.

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

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

ral 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.

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Jill N. Tokuda (D-Hawai'i)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce on Nov. 21, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

According to the bill, the main purposes are,
“(1) to protect the confidentiality of culturally sensitive information provided by Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Entities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations to the federal government;
(2) to create a safe, respectful space for consultation between the federal government and Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Entities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations that encourages a free-flowing exchange of information and ideas”.
Introduced: Nov. 20, 2025 by Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-N.M.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Nov. 20, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

Introduced: Feb. 3, 2026 by Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Feb. 3, 2026. There

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

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

This bill would establish a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies “to formally investigate, document, and report on the histories of Indian Boarding Schools, Indian Boarding School Policies, and the systematic and long-term effects of those schools and policies on Native American people”. If passed, an initial Commission Report would be required within four years and annual reports would be required from that point on.
Introduced: Feb. 3, 2026 by Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.)

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

H.R. 7396 (Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity Act).

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Small Business on Feb. 5, 2026, and a mark-up session was held on Feb.

11, 2026 where it was reported favorably (24-0 vote). The bill was passed by the House by a voice vote on June 23, 2026. It was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship on June 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 7490 (Tribal Warrant Fairness Act).

This bill will “allow the U.S. Marshals Service to assist in certain Tribal criminal matters.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senate Bill 3945 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act).

This bill aims “to ensure that federal laws that enable federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to access firearms apply to Tribal law enforcement agencies”.

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

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

on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3946 (Tribal Firearm Access Act).

This bill seeks “to allow members of federally recognized Tribes to use their tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer”.

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

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

H.R. 7698 (Tribal Firearm Access Act).

This bill seeks “to allow members of federally recognized tribes to use their tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer”.
Introduced: Feb. 25, 2026 by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 25, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 7699 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act).

This bill aims “to ensure that federal laws that enable federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to access firearms apply to tribal law enforcement agencies”.

Introduced: Feb. 25, 2026 by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Ways and Means 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. 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.

Senate Bill 5299 (Native Language Educators in Classrooms Act). This bill seeks “to amend the Head Start Act to establish tribal certification standards for Indian Head Start programs”.

Introduced: Aug. 6, 2026 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Aug. 6, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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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.
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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.
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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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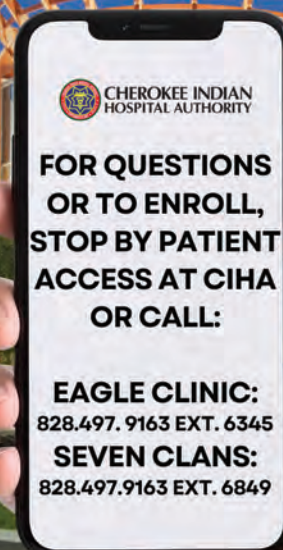
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Kituwah, LLC. gives update during Reports to Council

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CHEROKEE, N.C. - Luke Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and vice president of marketing and communications at Kituwah, LLC., provided an update during Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Reports to Council on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Swimmer said the Authentic Brands Group (ABG) Inaugural Externship finished in June, which included a cohort of EBCI high school students who visited an

external advertising firm in New York City as part of a summer program through Kituwah, LLC. They are looking to recruit students for the next cohort.

He said the new Kituwah, LLC. office building should be completed at the end of September or early October.

During the 114th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair, Kituwah, LLC. will participate in the parade, and they have donated some inflatables for Children's Day.

Swimmer said the 407: Gateway to Adventure leasing representative is NAI Koella RM Moore. 407: Gateway to Adventure is 200 acres of land in Sevierville, Tennessee, which is open for commercial leasing including entertainment, restaurants, attractions, retail, and more.

Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Social Media round-up: August 2026

Compiled by **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

Note: Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks maintains a Facebook page to share public information. This report recaps the postings on his page.

Aug. 1: Ugviyuhi Hicks stopped by the 25th Annual Talking Trees Trout Derby. He thanked everyone who made it possible and those who attended.

Aug. 2: An update to the Tsiqwohi "Birdtown" Community

concerning possible traffic disruption along Eagle Nest Drive due to replacement construction on a section of culvert and the installation of drainage grates.

Aug. 3: Announcement that the Back-to-School event was being moved to the 4th due to weather predictions.

Aug. 4: Congratulations to EBCI Summer Internship Program participants. Another announcement acknowledging that this day is the Back-to-School event. A separate post announced the distribution of "Rezzy and Educated" shirts at the event. Also, a post regarding a water service outage in the Saunooke Village area due to a fire hydrant replacement.

Aug. 5: Announcement of a temporary Acquoni Road closure due to unstable ground conditions. A separate announcement

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thanked those involved in executing the Back-to-School event. A separate announcement stated that Acquoni Road would be open throughout the day on August 6, then on August 7, the daytime closure would resume. A separate post stated that Ugvwiyuhi Hicks stopped by the Cherokee Indian Police Department's Meet & Greet and thanked Chief Neadeau, officers, and everyone involved.

Aug. 6: A post congratulating Jeron Martens for representing the United States at the 23rd FIPS-Mouche Youth World Fly Fishing Championship in Ireland. A separate post emphasizing Acquoni Road temporary closure of Acquoni Road on the night of Aug. 6 and advising that, upon reopening, the road would remain open for a week. A separate notice for

low water pressure or temporary interruption in water service in the casino area due to damage to a main water line. A separate post and another acknowledgement of the Back-to-School event, thanking Cherokee Central Schools and event organizers.

Aug. 7: A notice that construction work would resume on Johnson Arch Road to complete work on water and sewer infrastructure; projected completion the first week of September.

Aug. 10: Ugvwiyuhi Hicks and tribal leadership attended the first day of Cherokee Central Schools, welcomed the students, and thanked the teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and families. A separate post documented Ugvwiyuhi Hicks' welcoming speech at the 2026 NACD Southeast Region meeting, representing conservation districts across nine states.

Aug. 11: Board appointment opening announcement; Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise.

Aug. 12: Release congratulating Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, a member of the White Earth Nation, on her victory in Minnesota's Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate.

Aug. 13: A post with a picture and progress announcement at the Cultural Grounds (formerly Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds). The update stated that a water line has been relocated, and restroom foundation and plumbing work was completed.

Aug. 16: A post with a traffic advisory for US 441 Business road closure for sewer line installation.

Aug. 18: A post of pictures and a statement, "We had the opportunity to visit with students at Robbinsville and Swain and wish them well as they get back to the classroom," wishing them a successful

year. A separate post thanking Tribal Construction, Water and Sewer, and the Cherokee Indian Police Department for coordinating the completion of a new sewer connection (US 441 Business).

Aug. 20: A post to celebrate the grand opening of Sandy Ridge Racing and the beginning of quarter horse racing in eastern Kentucky. Ugvwiyuhi Hicks thanked all involved and said financial assessment is ongoing and that tribal government will do what is in the best interests of enrolled members.

Aug. 25: A post to note the passing of Dolly Parton. Ugvwiyuhi Hicks said, "On behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, I extend my condolences to her family, friends, and everyone mourning her loss. We are grateful for all she gave to this region and to the world. She will be greatly missed".

Aug. 26: He attended the groundbreaking of the new IDD Enrichment Center. He said, "This center will expand services and support for individuals with developmental disabilities and autism and their families here in our community. With the groundbreaking complete, renovations will now begin at the former dialysis center, followed by staff recruitment, hiring, and training in the coming months".

Aug. 27: Ugvwiyuhi Hicks recognized Elders Day, stating, "Our elders have spent their lives contributing to our families and communities, and we are stronger because of them. We have a responsibility to honor their contributions, listen to them, and make sure they are supported and cared for".

Aug. 29: He attended a celebration event at Western Carolina

University, "Fill the Western Sky". He said, "The relationship between WCU and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians continues to grow stronger. As neighbors, we share a commitment to education, opportunity, and the future of Western North Carolina. I'm proud of the work we continue to do together and look forward to building on this partnership for generations to come. Congratulations to Chancellor Brown and the entire WCU community on this incredible milestone!"

Aug. 30: Ugvwiyuhi Hicks attended the first WCU football game of the season, with Chancellor Kelli Brown and Senator Kevin Corbin. He said, "I want to thank Senator Corbin for his continued support of WCU and his commitment to the growth and success of Western North Carolina. The relationships between our Tribe, the University, and our regional partners are important ones, and they continue to create opportunities that strengthen our communities".

Aug. 31: He welcomed NC Representative Jennifer Balkcom (R-Dist. 117, NC House) to the Council House. He said, "We had a good conversation about the priorities of the EBCI and ways we can continue working together for our people and Western North Carolina. I appreciate her taking the time to stop by Cherokee and visit with us."

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Cherokee Tribal Court Disposition Summary for Aug. 1-31 Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court <i>Note: The following cases were disposed of in Cherokee Tribal Court during the time period of Aug. 1-31. The date of each offense is in parentheses.</i> Armachain, Justus D. - Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 18, 2025). PJC 6 months. Armitage, Nickosia S. - Extortion (April 24, 2026). Guilty. - Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 12, 2026). Guilty. - Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (June 12, 2026). Guilty. - Extortion (April 24, 2026). Guilty. - Harassment (April 24, 2026). Guilty. - Harassment (Jan. 6, 2025). Guilty. 3 years, credit for 52 days served, suspended, 24 months supervised probation. Arneach, Lena - Compulsory School Attendance (April 28, 2026). Dismissed per plea. - Compulsory School Attendance (April 28, 2026). PJC 6 months. Beasley, Jerome - Reckless Driving to Endanger (Sept. 18, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - Reckless Endangerment (Sept. 18, 2025). Guilty. 30 days, suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation. Beck, Jackie L. - Receiving or Possessing Stolen	Property (July 3, 2012). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness. - False Pretenses (July 3, 2012). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness. - Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (April 20, 2026). Guilty. - Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (March 3, 2026). Guilty. 90 days, credit for 14 days served. Runs concurrent with all other sentences imposed under Tribal, State, and Federal Law. Bird, Elexia K. - Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 7, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - DWI - Level 5 (July 7, 2025). Guilty. 100 days, credit for 100 days served. - Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Aug. 21, 2025). Guilty. 110 days, credit for 110 days served. - Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Aug. 21, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 21, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 16, 2025). Guilty. - Criminal Mischief to Property (April 3, 2025). Guilty. - Second Degree Burglary (April 3, 2025). Guilty. Bird, Robert W. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 9, 2026). Dismissed per plea. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Dec. 1, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - DWLR (July 11, 2026). Dismissed per plea. - Criminal Mischief to Property (June 30, 2026). PJC. Brady Cole, Jillian K.	- A&A DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Jan. 20, 2026). Dismissed per plea. - Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (July 2, 2025). Guilty. 30 days, suspended, 120 days supervised probation. Brown, Dustin R. - Compulsory School Attendance (Jan. 21, 2026). Dismissed per plea. - Compulsory School Attendance (Jan. 21, 2026). PJC 6 months. Calhoun, Jennifer A. - Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Jan. 23, 2025). Guilty. 6 months, suspended, 12 months supervised probation, special condition serve 3 months, credit for 7 days served. Date of Release 11/4/26. Cedillo, Andrea E. - Compulsory School Attendance (April 23, 2026). Dismissed per plea. - Compulsory School Attendance (May 6, 2026). Dismissed per plea. - Compulsory School Attendance (April 23, 2026). PJC. - Compulsory School Attendance (May 6, 2026). PJC. Cornwell, Charlene H. - Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Nov. 21, 2025). Guilty. 12 months, suspended, 24 months supervised probation, special condition serve 3 months on EHC. Crowe, Ervin I. - Possession of a Controlled Substance (Aug. 25, 2025). Guilty. - Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Dec. 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - Providing or Possessing Contraband (Dec. 4, 2025). Guilty.	- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Dec. 4, 2025). Guilty. 202 days, credit for 202 days served. Driver, Darrell L. - Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 28, 2024). Guilty. - Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (Aug. 28, 2024). Dismissed per plea. - Operate Veh. No Ins. (Aug. 28, 2024). Dismissed per plea. - Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 28, 2024). Guilty. 2 days, credit for 1 day served. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 28, 2024). Dismissed per plea. Driver, Dalen S. - Expired Registration Card/Tag (June 10, 2024). Guilty/Responsible. - No Operators License (June 10, 2024). Guilty/Responsible. Edmundo, Meza M. - Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 1, 2026). Dismissed per plea. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 30, 2026). Dismissed per plea. - Offensive Touching (Aug. 1, 2026). Guilty. 15 days, credit for 3 days served, suspended, 12 months supervised probation. Ensley, Nicholas D. - Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (Aug. 3, 2026). VD, other. Figueroa, Francisco K. - Probation Revocation (April 14, 2026). Admitted. Probation extended to 2/8/27. Figueroa, Pedro M. - Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Feb. 3, 2026). Guilty.
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- Weapons Offense (Feb. 3, 2026). Guilty. 12 months, suspended, 12 months supervised probation.	interest of justice.	special condition serve 7 days.	- Reckless Driving - Wanton Disregard (March 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
Gloyne, Cody H. - Compulsory School Attendance (Sept. 2, 2025). PJC 6 months.	Humphrey, Hunter D. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 14, 2026). Guilty. 90 days, credit for 3 days served, suspended, 6 months supervised probation.	Littlejohn, Mckinley D. - DWI - Level 2 (Sept. 27, 2023). Guilty. - DWI - Level 5 (Oct. 27, 2022). Guilty. - Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (July 3, 2026). Guilty.	- Fail. Maintain Lane Control (March 4, 2025). VD. - Driving While Impaired (March 4, 2025). Guilty. Addressed in prior plea.
Henry, Andrew J. - Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (April 21, 2026). Guilty. 104 days, credit for 104 days served. - Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Aug. 7, 2026). Guilty. 6 months, suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, transported to program in Asheville. - Violation of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (Aug. 7, 2026). Dismissed per plea.	James Jr., Calvin T. - Compulsory School Attendance (Sept. 12, 2024). Dismissed per plea. - Compulsory School Attendance (Dec. 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - Compulsory School Attendance (Sept. 12, 2024). PJC 6 months. - Compulsory School Attendance (Dec. 4, 2025). PJC 6 months.	- Public Intoxication (July 3, 2026). Guilty. 12 months, suspended, 12 months supervised probation, credit for 8 days in custody, credit for 2 days in custody in lieu of community service, 30 days on CAM, complete SAA.	McCoy, John H. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 6, 2026). Guilty. 3 months, suspended, 12 months supervised probation, comply with DVPO.
Hill, Taleika N. - Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (June 13, 2025). Guilty. - Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (June 13, 2025). Guilty. 12 months, suspended, 12 months supervised probation, special condition serve 3 months, credit for 3 months served.	Jumper, Taelon K. - No Registration Card (July 11, 2026). VD, other.	Lopez, Guadalupe - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 11, 2025). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the evidence. Dismissed by Court at close of prosecutors evidence at bench trial.	Miller, Joshua A. - Improper Passing (July 27, 2026). Guilty/responsible.
Hopkins, Matthew S. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 24, 2026). Dismissed per plea. - Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Feb. 24, 2026). PJC 6 months, pay fine to Heart to Heart.	Larch, William D. - Improper Equipment (April 20, 2024). Guilty/responsible.	Lossiah, Kashayla B. - Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Nov. 13, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - Failure to Notify DMV of Address Change (November. 8, 2025). Guilty. - Expired Operators License (Nov. 13, 2025). VD.	Mitchell, Darren T. - Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Nov. 5, 2012). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
Horseman, Kathleen - Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 12, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice. - Probation Revocation (Nov. 8, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice. - Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 12, 2025). Dismissed in the	Ledford-Gloyne, Karla M. - Compulsory School Attendance (Sept. 2, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - Compulsory School Attendance (Sept. 2, 2025). PJC 6 months.	Martin, Jordyn B. - Child Abuse in the Second Degree (July 16, 2026). Guilty. - Child Abuse in the Second Degree (July 16, 2026). Guilty. - Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (July 16, 2026). Guilty. 12 months, credit for 1 day served, suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation.	Moran, Norgie O. - Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (April 17, 2026). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
	Ledford, Mark R. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 29, 2026). Guilty/responsible. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Sept. 2, 2025). Guilty/responsible.		Myers, Lauren I. - Simple Assault; Assault and Battery, Simple Affray (Sept. 27, 2025). Dismissed per plea upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
	Ledford, Justin Z. - Reckless Driving to Endanger (June 1, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - Open Cont. Afr. Cons. Alc. Subofn. (June 1, 2025). Dismissed per plea. - DWI - Level 2 (June 1, 2025). Guilty. 12 months, suspended, 12 months supervised probation,		Nierenhausen, Mato - Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (May 3, 2026). Guilty. 6 months, suspended, 6 months supervised probation.
		McCoy, Veronica E. - Open Cont. After Cons. Alc. 1st (March 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	Panther, Mark A. - No Operators License (May 6,
			see COURT REPORT next page

COURT REPORT: From page 21	- Probation Revocation (Dec. 16, 2025). Admitted.	- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (May 2, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation.
2026). Guilty.	- Probation Revocation (Dec. 16, 2025). Admitted.	- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Sept. 27, 2025). Guilty. Defendant completed batterers treatment program, no further sentence imposed per plea.	Toineeta, Cynthia S.
- Criminal Mischief to Property (May 6, 2026). Guilty.	- Probation Revocation (Dec. 16, 2025). Admitted.	- Probation Revocation (Jan. 8, 2026). Admitted.	- Improper Equipment (Jan. 23, 2026). Guilty/Responsible.
- Public Intoxication (May 6, 2026). Guilty. 6 months, suspended, 12 months supervised probation.	- Probation Revocation (Dec. 16, 2025). Admitted. 120 days, credit for 114 days served.	- Probation Revocation (May 2, 2025). Admitted.	- DWLR Impaired Rev. (Jan. 23, 2026). VD, other.
Panther, Joseph W.	Ross, Ayla	Teesatuskie, Sharon M.	Torres, Alexander B.
- Compulsory School Attendance (Jan. 29, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	- No Operators License (April 25, 2025). VD, other.	- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 27, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Feb. 8, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.
- Compulsory School Attendance (Jan. 29, 2025). PJC 6 months.	Sampson, Kyle W.	- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 27, 2025). PJC 6 months.	Volkmer-Estrada, Holly K.
Paugh, Megan M.	- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 8, 2026). Guilty.		- Canc/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (June 24, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 22, 2025). PJC 6 months.	Sequoyah, Kieran S.	Teesatuskie, Gavin H.	- No Liability Insurance (June 24, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
	- Speeding (June 30, 2025). VD.	- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (Nov. 9, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	- No Liability Insurance (June 18, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
Paugh, Destini N.	Smith, Jessie L.	- Aiding/Abetting/Acting in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (Nov. 9, 2025). Guilty. 24 hours community service, pay restitution.	- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (April 10, 2026). Guilty.
- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 12, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed per plea.	Thompson, Victoria G.	- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 10, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 12, 2025). PJC 6 months.	- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 15, 2024). PJC.	- Interference with a Criminal Process (Dec. 19, 2025). Guilty.	- Second Degree Trespass (March 8, 2026). Guilty. 6 months, credit for 10 days served, suspended 6 months supervised probation.
Perez, Joanna	- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 14, 2024) PJC 6 months.	- Obstructing Governmental Functions (Dec. 19, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	- Probation Revocation (April 10, 2026). Admitted.
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Feb. 12, 2026). Dismissed due to the insufficiency of the charging document(s).	- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 15, 2024). Dismissed per plea.	- Second Degree Trespass (Oct. 6, 2025). Guilty.	- Probation Revocation (April 10, 2026). Admitted.
Radford, Jake	Smith Jr., Buford R.	- Interference with a Criminal Process (Dec. 22, 2025). Guilty. 3 years, credit for 61 days served, suspended, 36 months supervised probation, special condition serve 6 months, credit for 180 days served.	Wahnetah, Samuel
- Interference with a Criminal Process (Dec. 16, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 15, 2024). Dismissed per plea.	- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 4, 2024). Dismissed per plea.	- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (July 30, 2025). Guilty. 3 months, runs concurrent with all other sentences.
- DWLR (June 26, 2026). Dismissed per plea.	- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed per plea.	Toineeta, James	Walkingstick, Kory D.
- Probation Revocation (Dec. 16, 2025). Admitted.	- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 15, 2024). PJC.	- Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle (May 9, 2026). Guilty. 6 months,	- Drug Paraphernalia (June 7, 2026). Guilty. 6 days, credit for 6 days served.
- No Operators License/Drivers License (April 3, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 16, 2024). PJC 6 months.		Walkingstick, Rex S.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	Sutton, Stevi D.		- Possession of Firearms, etc., by Felon Prohibited (Aug. 6, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately
- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (April 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea.	- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 2, 2025). Dismissed per plea.		
	- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 26, 2025). Guilty.		

sentenced in Federal Court.

- Possession of Firearms, etc., by Felon Prohibited Aug. 6, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property Aug. 6, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- Drug Trafficking Aug. 6, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) Aug. 6, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) Aug. 6, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 19, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- Drug Trafficking (Aug. 6, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- Hit/Run Leave Scene Prop. Dam. (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Dec. 2, 2022). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Nov. 5, 2024). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- Possession of Firearms, etc., by Felon Prohibited (Aug. 6, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
- Possession of a Controlled

Substance (Schedules I-V) (Sept. 3, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Sept. 3, 2025). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.
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Watty, Ashton M.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (April 18, 2026). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the evidence.

Watty, Todd M.

- Public Intoxication (June 12, 2026). Guilty.
- Public Intoxication (April 30, 2026). Guilty. 30 days, suspended 4 months unsupervised probation, special condition serve 3 days, credit for 3 days.

Welch, Mystikal S.

- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 14, 2025). PJC 6 months.

Welch, Simpson

- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 14, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 14, 2025). PJC 6 months.

West, Jet T.

- Flee/Elude Arrest W/MV (M) (Nov. 23, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Nov. 23, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Reckless Driving - Wanton Disregard (April 16, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- DWLR (April 16, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Reckless Driving to Endanger (Nov. 23, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Nov. 23, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- No Liability Insurance (Nov. 23, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Nov. 23, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (Nov. 24, 2025). Admitted.
- Expired/No Inspection (Nov. 23, 2025). VD, other.
- Unsafe Passing Yellow Line (Nov. 23, 2025). VD, other. 365 days, credit for 223 days served. Date of release 12/24/26.

Winchester, Zachary V.

- No Operators License/Drivers License (May 10, 2023). VD, other.

Wolfe, Jacob D.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Aug. 30, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (April 22, 2026). Guilty. 45 days, suspended 6 months unsupervised probation.

Wolfe, Yulonda R.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Jan. 30, 2026). PJC 6 months.

Yanez, Sidnie E.

- Compulsory School Attendance (May 18, 2026). Guilty.
- Compulsory School Attendance (Nov. 18, 2025). Guilty. PJC 6 months.
- Compulsory School Attendance (March 19, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Compulsory School Attendance (Nov. 18, 2025). Dismissed per plea.



1. Linda Noskova defeated Karolina Muchova to win the 2026 Wimbledon ladies' singles title. Both players represented which country?
2. How many different Major League Baseball teams did outfielder Frank Huelsman play for in the 1905 season?
3. In May 2015, it was announced that an international bridge linking Detroit with Windsor, Ontario, would be named after which Hockey Hall of Famer?
4. From 1960-1964, Jeppesen Stadium was the original home for which American Football League team?
5. Name the Dutch speed skater who won three gold medals at the 1972 Sapporo Winter Olympics.
6. Which team won 11 NCAA national championships in women's field hockey from 1989 to 2023?
7. How many goals did Spain's men's national soccer team concede during its 2026 FIFA World Cup championship run?

Answers

1. The Czech Republic.
2. Four.
3. Gordie Howe.
4. The Houston Oilers.
5. Ard Schenk.
6. The North Carolina Tar Heels.
7. One, to Belgium in the quarterfinals.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Aug. 24-30, 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.

Taaffe, Jennifer – age 54
Arrested: Aug. 24
Released: Aug. 24
Charges: Temporary Hold

Taaffe, Joseph Gerald – age 62
Arrested: Aug. 24
Released: Aug. 24
Charges: Domestic Violence, Assault on a Female

Teesateskie, Taylor Aaron – age 32
Arrested: Aug. 24
Released: Aug. 24
Charges: Kidnapping, Assault by Strangulation, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Bulla, Julie Ann – age 49
Arrested: Aug. 25
Released: Aug. 25
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Duphorne, Bradley Scott – age 59
Arrested: Aug. 25
Released: Aug. 26
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Kirby, Heather Shalon – age 41
Arrested: Aug. 25
Released: Aug. 25

Charges: Temporary Hold

Munoz, Marcos – age 56
Arrested: Aug. 25
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 31)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Probation Violation

Brady-Cole, Jillian Kaye – age 36
Arrested: Aug. 26
Released: Aug. 26
Charges: Grand Larceny

Driver, Kaslyn – age 23
Arrested: Aug. 26
Released: Aug. 29
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Public Intoxication

Ferretiz, Penny Lynn – age 54
Arrested: Aug. 26
Released: Aug. 27
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-IV, Criminal Conspiracy

Palomo, Tiffany – age 36
Arrested: Aug. 26
Released: Aug. 26
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (six counts); Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (three counts)

Perez, Jo Ann – age 59
Arrested: Aug. 26
Released: Aug. 26
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Sanchez, Tristan Israel – age 37
Arrested: Aug. 26
Released: Aug. 27
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance Schedule I-IV

Smith, Ashlee Blaine – age 32
Arrested: Aug. 26
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 31)
Charges: Reckless Endangerment (three counts), Child Abuse in the Second Degree (three counts), Probation Revocation

Young, Harley Lewis – age 39
Arrested: Aug. 26
Released: Aug. 29
Charges: Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult, Harassment

Bean, Jason Peary – age 50
Arrested: Aug. 27
Released: Aug. 27
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer

Bowman, Ronald Sequoyah – age 53
Arrested: Aug. 27
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 31)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

George, Yolanda – age 56
Arrested: Aug. 27
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 31)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Littlejohn, Teja Ann – age 23
Arrested: Aug. 27
Released: Aug. 27
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Malpass, Johnathan – age 51
Arrested: Aug. 27
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 31)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Welch Jr., James McKinley – age 44
Arrested: Aug. 27
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 31)
Charges: Probation Violation

Huskey, Justin Ryan – age 39
Arrested: Aug. 28
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 31)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Smith, Nathan Keith – age 35
Arrested: Aug. 29
Released: Aug. 30
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Hughes, Kevin Matthew – age 38
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 31)
Charges: Probation Revocation

Martin, Brandon Keith – age 43
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Aug. 30
Charges: Telephone Harassment, Communicating Threats

Otter, Kerry Hawk – age 40
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 31)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

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Anitsvyasdi quarterback Dillon Beam scores on a 3-yard run in overtime of the Battles of the Nations game. He would run the two-point conversion on the next play to win the game 28-27.

FOOTBALL

Cherokee wins Battle of the Nations

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves), representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, defeated the Choctaw Central Warriors, representing the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, in overtime 28-27 to win the Annual Battle of the Nations trophy. The game was held at Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Sept. 4.

The game went into overtime tied at 20-

20. Choctaw got the ball first in overtime and scored on a 9-yard pass from Tekhyius Primer to Koi Denson. The PAT was good and Choctaw led 27-20.

Then, it was Cherokee's turn for a possession in overtime. Anitsvyasdi quarterback Dillon Beam scored on a 3-yard run. Cherokee then rolled the dice and went for the two-point conversion. Beam ran around the right end for the two-point to give the Anitsvyasdi the win and the Battle of the Nations trophy for the next year.

SCORING SUMMARY

(By Sheena Brings Plenty/One Feather assistant)

1st Quarter

- 7:38 - CHOCTAW - Tekhyius Primer 40-yard pass to Koi Denson. PAT good. Choctaw 7 Cherokee 0.

2nd Quarter

- 11:47 - CHOCTAW - Tyreke Ben 60-yard run. PAT good. Choctaw 14 Cherokee 0.

- 9:11 - CHEROKEE - Dillon Beam 19-yard run. PAT good. Choctaw 14 Cherokee 7.

3rd Quarter



The captains for the Anitsvyasdi were Dawson Panther (#6), Drallen Ledford (#80), Kingston Welch (#21), and Johnny Long (#65).

- 9:52 - CHEROKEE - Kingston Welch 30-yd run. PAT good. Cherokee 14 Choctaw 14.

4th Quarter

- 6:47 - CHOCTAW - Primer 25-yard pass to Ben. PAT blocked. Choctaw 20 Cherokee 14.

- :19 - CHEROKEE - Welch 2-yard run. 2-point conversion no good. Cherokee 20 Choctaw 20.

OT

- CHOCTAW - Primer 9-yard pass to Denson. PAT good. Choctaw 27 Cherokee 20.

- CHEROKEE - Beam 3-yard run. 2-point conversion good by Beam. Cherokee 28 Choctaw 27.

FINAL SCORE: Cherokee 28 Choctaw 27

GAME STATISTICS

Provided by Cherokee Central Schools

Note: Stats were not available for Choctaw Central by press time.

PASSING: Cherokee – Dillon Beam 6 of 14, 110 yds

RUSHING: Cherokee – Kingston Welch 23 carries, 241 yds, 2 TD, long of 44; Dillon Beam 10 carries, 61 yds, long of 19; Kaden Cucumber 1 carry, 6 yds; Nashoba Tushka 2 carries, 5 yds; McKyan Panther 1 carry, 2 yds

RECEIVING: Cherokee – Nashoba Tushka 3 rec, 96 yds; Kaden Cucumber 2 rec, 9 yds; Kingston Welch 1 rec, 5 yds

KICK RETURN: Cherokee – Kimo Sokol 3 for 26 yds, long of 13

PUNT RETURN: Cherokee – Kimo Sokol 1 for 8 yds

DEFENSIVE STATS: Cherokee -

- Siah Teesateskie 8 tackles, 1 PBU
- Zaynon Taylor 6 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 QB pressure
- Greyson Ledford 5 tackles, 1 tackle for loss
- Drallen Ledford 5 tackles, 2 QB pressures, 1 blocked PAT
- Spencer McCoy 5 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 PBU
- Kingston Welch 4 tackles

- Levi Tramper 4 tackles, 2 QB pressures

- Cain Welch 3 tackles
- Dillon Beam 3 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 QB pressure
- Kimo Sokol 3 tackles, 1 PBU
- Preston Roach 2 tackles
- Waya Hernandez 2 tackles
- Felix Lossiah 2 tackles
- Noah Watty 2 tackles, 1 INT
- Kaden Cucumber 2 tackles, 1 PBU
- Trenten Larch 1 tackle
- Nakai Pheasant 1 tackle, 1 onside kick recovery
- John Gloyne 1 tackle
- Aiden Larch 1 tackle

KICKOFFS: Cherokee – Jeron Martens 4 for 174 yds, long of 55

PUNTS: Siah Teesateskie 3 for 89 yds, long of 33

EXTRA POINTS: Jonathan Escobar 2-2 PAT, Dillon Beam 1 two-point conversation run (game winner)



MBCI Principal Chief Cyrus Ben and EBCI Taline Ugviwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley exchanged gifts prior to the start of the game.



Cherokee's Drallen Ledford (#80) puts pressure on the Choctaw Central quarterback Tekhyius Primer. On the night, Ledford had 5 tackles, 2 QB pressures, and 1 blocked PAT.



The Cherokee sideline erupts after Nakai Pheasant (#30, pointing) recovered an on-side kick late in the fourth quarter.



Co-author of 'Riding the Trail' to sign books at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

Submitted by Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

VONORE, Tenn. – The annual Remember the Removal bike ride is one the most significant journeys young Cherokees can take as they retrace the Trail of Tears through seven states and learn the history of how Cherokees were removed to Indian Territory in 1838.

That story is in the new book "Riding the Trail: Cherokees Remember the Removal" by Cherokee author Traci Sorell and Cherokee journalist Will Chavez. Through stories and numerous photos, readers can learn how the ride began in 1984, how it continues today and what it means to the youth who take part.

At 10 a.m., Oct. 1, a book signing for "Riding the Trail" will take place at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore with Will Chavez in attendance.

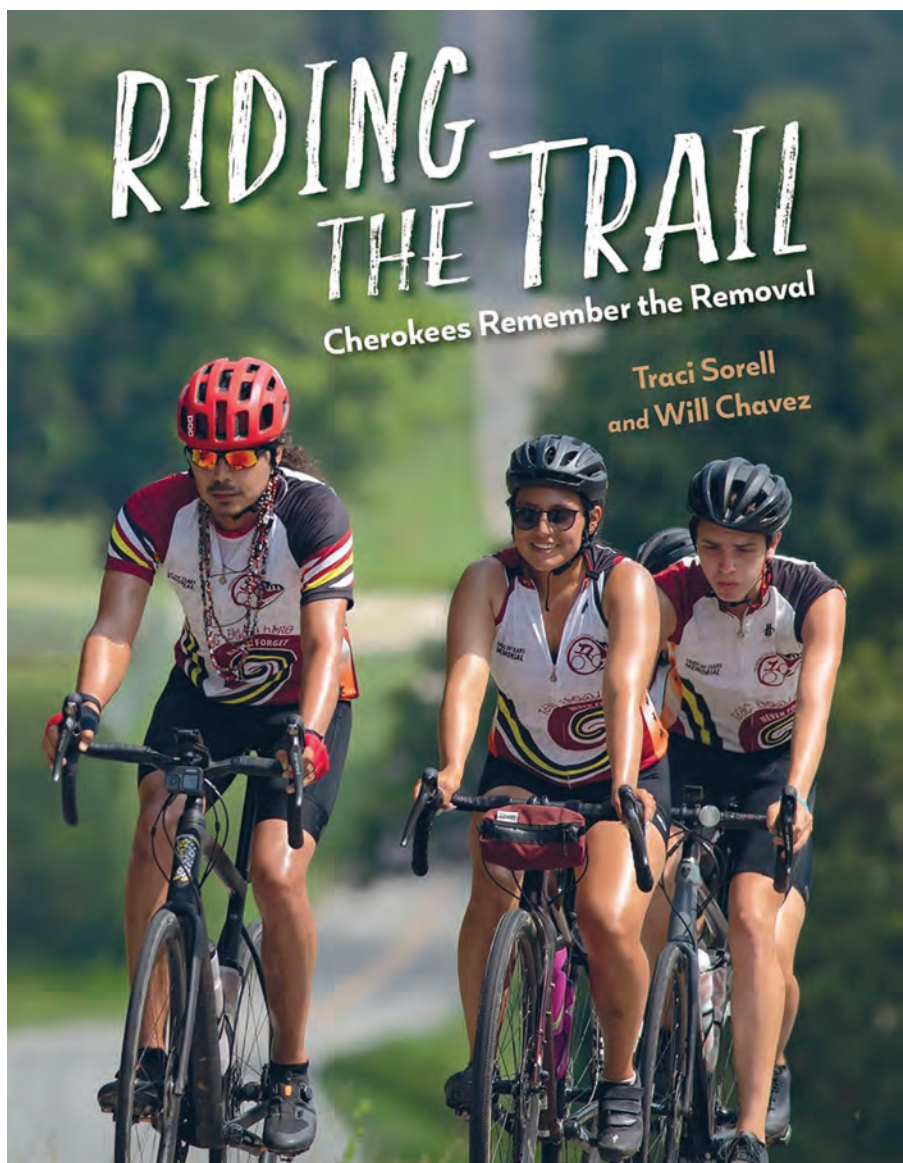
Chavez coordinated the bike ride for six years helping to train the riders and ensuring each ride

was successful. He was a rider on the original 1984 team.

Sorell followed the 2021 RTR team to document behind the scenes of what happens to a rider from being selected, studying history, studying the Cherokee language and training for the nearly 1,000-mile ride that begins in New Echota, Georgia, and ends three weeks later in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Sequoyah was born near the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum site in 1776. The mission of the museum is to promote the understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of the Cherokee Indians in Eastern Tennessee, particularly the life and contributions of Sequoyah. The museum collects, preserves, interprets and exhibits objects and data that support this mission.

For more information visit the museum's website at www.sequoyahmuseum.org or contact the museum at (423) 884-6246. The museum is located off U.S. Hwy. 411 in Vonore on Hwy 360.



"Riding the Trail: Cherokees Remember the Removal" is available now and can be found at bookstores and at retailers such as

Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books A Million, Hudson Booksellers, Powell's, Target and Walmart.

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Here Are Just a Few Reasons to Consider Drafting a Will

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***Please be advised this list is not all-inclusive, but simply outlines several important details

1. **A Will Protects Your Wishes** – It ensures that your belongings, property, and treasured family items go exactly where you want them to go. Without a Will, others will make that decision. A Will is a way to keep control over your own legacy and ensure your wishes are honored.
2. **Reduces Family Stress** – Losing a loved one is extremely difficult. When you have a Will, it removes confusion and helps to prevent disagreements among family members. A Will provides clarity, so your children and grandchildren are not left trying to guess what you wanted.
3. **Protects Your Personal Possessions** – A Will ensures that items are kept within the family, if that is your wish, and that the items are passed to the individual you desire.
4. **Can Help Prevent Land Disputes** – A Will can help prevent conflicts over land by assigning property beforehand.
5. **Choosing Guardians for Children or Dependents** – If you are raising your grandchild/grandchildren, or caring for someone with disabilities, a Will allows you to choose who continues that care. This protects the child/children or dependent.

When someone passes away, a Will can help everything move smoothly and respectfully. It is an act of love for your family to have a Will and accompanying documentation prepared.

It is never too early or too late to draft your Will. You may change your Will at any time if necessary. You do not have to get it perfect the first time. A simple Will can be made now and adjusted later.

If you have questions or need assistance in drafting a simple will, please contact Legal Assistance at (828) 359-7400.

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

National Park Service proposes rule to expand bicycle and E-bike access in National Parks

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service announced a proposed rule on Monday, Aug. 31 to expand bicycle and e-bike access and make it easier for visitors to enjoy America's national parks. The proposal would remove unnecessary reviews and requirements for bicycle use across the National Park System, allowing NPS to manage its resources more efficiently and streamline the approval of new opportunities for visitors to use and enjoy their parks.

Consistent with President Donald J. Trump's Executive

Order 14314, Making America Beautiful Again by Improving Our National Parks, Executive Order 14192, Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation, and Executive Order 14219, Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency' Deregulatory Initiative, the proposed rule would remove redundant procedural requirements that do not adhere to law and policy and cause unnecessary delays and administrative costs. It would create a clear and consistent baseline for allowing bicycle and electric bicycle (e-bike) use on roads, parking areas, and trails within park areas.

"America's national parks should be easy to access and enjoy," said Jessica Bowron, exercising the delegated authority of the

director of the National Park Service. "This proposal would create a simpler, more consistent approach to bicycle and e-bike access across the national park system, making it easier for visitors to access the incredible landscapes, history, and recreation opportunities our parks have to offer while also allowing parks to manage their resources more efficiently."

The proposed rule will be available for a 60-day public review and comment period to help inform the agency's consideration of the proposal. The NPS will carefully review public comments before making any final decisions.

For more information, please visit www.federalregister.gov.

- National Park Service release

Marcin Bachleda-Blaszczak confirmed safe outside of Great Smoky Mountains National Park

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — After a multi-day search, Marcin Bachleda-Blaszczak was confirmed safe on the afternoon of Tuesday, Sept. 2 in North Carolina outside of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The National Park Service is grateful to everyone who assisted in the search by submitting tips and spreading the word, as well as to the many park rangers, volunteers and partner agencies who assisted with the search.

The incident is still under investigation, and no further details are available at this time.

- National Park Service release



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After graduating from Albright College, Dr. Damon worked in research at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia before earning his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his pediatric training at Goryeb Children's Hospital, part of Atlantic Health System, where he received the "Resident with the Most Humanistic Approach to Care" award.

Dr. Damon values relationships and community, both of which are central to CIHA's approach to care. He is honored to serve our community and looks forward to learning from the families he meets while supporting the health and well-being of their children.

In his free time, he enjoys going to the movies, spending time with friends, writing and singing.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Damon into his new role at CIHA!

"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
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1. Roof Damage

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

2. Wood Fascia Damage

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

3. Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios

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

4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

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

5. Slip and fall

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

6. Prevent Mold

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

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

"DON'T TRIM YOUR GUTTERS"



"CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS"



Regina “Granny Rick” Ledford

Regina “Granny Rick” Ledford, 76, of the Big Cove Community, went home to be with the Lord Monday, Aug. 31, 2026. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Driver and Nettie Pheasant. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her son, Samuel Ledford; great grandchildren, Mathias and Reagan Reed; siblings, Jesse, Charles, Perry, Scott, Jimmy, and Lisa.

She is survived by her children, Diane (Frank) Driver, Calloway Jr. (Shelly) Ledford, Allen (Lisa) Ledford, Mark (Karla) Ledford, Christopher (Joni) Ledford; grandchildren, Kelly, Heather (Clayton), Callie (Jared), Chloe, AJ (Joanna), Shayna, Bryce, Seth,

Taryn (Dalen), Mason, Drallen, Hayes (Ryen), Jade, Madison, Logan (Kyla), Tsisqua, Ogana; great grandchildren, Lawson, Rowen, Alpha, Kingston, Greyson, Lennox, Amiri, Addisyn, Thea, and Keldon; siblings, Driver (Selene) Pheasant of Cherokee, George Pheasant of Cherokee, Daniel (Amy) Pheasant of Indiana, Anita (Rick) Panell of Cherokee, Ollie Pheasant of Cherokee; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Sept. 3 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Pastor Harley Maney officiated with burial at Pheasant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were AJ, Bryce, Seth, Hayes, Tsisqua, Ogana, and Drallen.

Honorary Pallbearers were Kingston, Greyson, and Lawson.

Otis Tushka

Otis Tushka, 88, born Sept. 18, 1937, of the Big Y Community, formerly of Broken Bow, Okla., passed away peacefully the morning of Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026 at Tsali Care Center. He was 4/4 Choctaw, and fluent in Choctaw.

He graduated from Goodland High School in Oklahoma. He is a veteran of the US Army. He began his military service October 20, 1958 at Ft. Carson, Colo. After infantry trainings at Ft. Knox, Ky., he rotated to Heilbronn, Germany, from there the unit 11th Armored Cavalry rotated to Xuan-Lo, Vietnam where Tushka served a 2-year service. Otis Tushka received his honorable discharge from the US Army as a Staff Sergeant at Ft. Lewis Washington, after serving years. He is also a recipient of several military awards, such as two Purple Hearts, the 1st and 2nd Awards of Good Conduct, Commendation Medal, American

Air Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign and service medals and Combat Infantry Badge from campaigns in Vietnam.

He worked for the program, Ceta in 1977, from there he went to Cherokee Police Department, then the Cherokee Indian Hospital. After he retired after 25 years of service.

He is preceded in death by his parents Benson Tushka and Sweezie Jones Tushka; brothers, Barrentine and Benny Tushka; sister, Elencie Tushka Jessie of Oklahoma; stepson, C. David Thompson; and step-grandson, Andrew Aguilera.

He is survived by his son, William Tushka; daughter, Mary Tushka Wood (Ron) of Kentucky; step daughter, Linda Kemp; sister, Lweezie Kalonaheskie of Cherokee; grandkids, Tamara, Sarah, Tori Thompson, Bubba Aguilera, Alannah, Kevonna, Nashoba, Trajan, Krista, Nevaeh Tushka, Edward Wood III; along with 13 great grandchildren as well with family in Oklahoma, Texas, and Montana.

He was buried in the Thompson Family Cemetery on Booger Branch/Thompson Family Cemetery Road.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at Crisp Funeral Home.

Kenneth “Kenny” Lee Baum Jr.

Kenneth “Kenny” Lee Baum Jr. went home to be with our Creator on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, in Chesapeake, Va. He was born on Feb. 28, 1989, to his loving parents, Wendy Stamper-Baum and Kenneth Lee Baum Sr.

Kenny was a proud member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, N.C. He was a courageous man with a heart of

gold, a generous soul, and a magnetic personality that drew people to him.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Jean C. Stamper-Sill; grandfather, Norman E. C. Sill; paternal grandmother, Carolyn Davis; maternal great-grandparents, Roxanna Standingdeer-Stamper and Robert F. Stamper Sr.; paternal grandparents, C.O. and Ruth Swanson; and his uncle, Robert F. Stamper Jr.

Kenny will be lovingly remembered by his beloved wife, Leilani Baum; his three sons, Kenneth Lee Baum III, Kullen Lee Baum, and Kole Luca Baum; and his sisters, Kandace Tyler (William), Ashley Welty (Ross), and Samantha Baum of Virginia Beach, Virginia. He will also be lovingly remembered by his nieces, Danika Tyler and Olivia Staggs; nephews, William Tyler, Noah Cannon, Zak Barr, and Tanner Barr; and his aunts and uncles, Penny Barr (Howard), Deb Stamper, Dave Stamper (Alyne), and Jeanne Beck-Stamper. Also among those who will cherish Kenny's memory is Shayla Fisher, the mother of his son, Kenneth Lee Baum III, and a dear friend to the family.

Kenny's most cherished gifts in life were his three boys. He also loved spending time with his family, especially their time at Sumo's, and he enjoyed making memories with the many friends who meant so much to him. He considered several of his closest friends to be like brothers. Among his dearest friends were Steffan Griffery, Josh Wilson, and Kyle Blanchard. Kenny's love for his family, his boys, and his friends was at the heart of who he was. The memories he created, the laughter he shared, and the love he gave will remain in the hearts of those who

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knew him.

In honor of Kenneth's life, a public visitation was held at the Princess Anne Chapel on Friday, Sept. 4.

A graveside service followed on Saturday, Sept. 5 at Colonial Grove Memorial Park where Kenneth was laid to rest.

Jeffrey Allen Best

Jeffrey Allen Best, age 37, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026. Jeffrey was born May 2, 1989, to the late Jeff Best and Kathleen Smith. He loved playing music and singing. He was very proud to be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He loved his kids more than life itself. He will be remembered forever for his contagious laugh and sense of

humor. He never met a stranger. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his sister, Kristy Best; aunt, Shirley; nephew, Aden Dalton; uncles, Billy Joe and Jerry; and cousin, Toby Joe.

He is survived by his wife, Trista May Best; sons, Bailey Love-day of Knoxville, Tenn.; Waya Best of Tuckasegee, N.C.; and Coleston Howell of Waynesville, N.C.; and daughters, Riley Loveday of Knoxville, Tenn., and Alyssa Williams of Robbinsville, N.C. He is also survived by his mother, Kathleen Smith; his Nana, Aunt Corky; his uncles, Gilbert, Buford, and Tom; his aunts, Janice and Alice; his special cousins, Stephanie Smith, Brittany Hornbuckle, Jamie Swayney, and Bill Henderson; and

his brother-in-law, Colby Bennett.

The family received friends on Saturday, Sept. 5 in the Chapel of Longhouse Funeral Home. Burial followed in Smith Cemetery, 10 Swayney Road, Cherokee, NC.

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

Phillip Charles Pheasant

Phillip Charles Pheasant, 58, unexpectedly joined the love of his life, Valencia, in Heaven on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026. A resident of Snowbird and Big Cove Communities in his younger days, and a current resident of the Birdtown Community in Cherokee, he was the son of the late Charles and Allene Ledford Pheasant.

Phillip has had a lifetime career as a mechanic which began at 5 or 6 years old when he would squeeze between his dad and uncle Calloway when they would be under the hood of a car working. He was a mechanic at Tribal Motor Pool for 28 years, and prior to that he worked at Les Murphy's garage. He enjoyed working on cars, motorcycles, and side by sides.

Phillip was an active member of Native Street Machines and Big Injun Racing and played stickball for Kolanvyi. His car shows, Harley racing, riding motorcycles and riding side by sides with family members and friends are what he enjoyed most. He also enjoyed wood carving and was a member of Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc., where his carvings didn't stay on the shelves very long before being purchased.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his

grandparents, Driver and Nettie Swayney Pheasant and Mason and Lillian Teesateskie Ledford; sister, Faye; nephew, Chuck; niece, Clarysta; great niece, Dalilah; brother-in-law, Kent Huskey; uncles, Jesse, Perry, Jimmy, and Scott Pheasant, David Ledford; aunts, Velma Lossiah, Lisa Queen; and most recently his second mom, Regina "Rick" Ledford.

He is survived by his children, ImaDeanne Sequoyah, Dana Pheasant (Kurt), Jayda, Philicia, Lilliana, and Zedeki Pheasant, all of Cherokee; siblings, Sharri and Rita Pheasant, Carla Neadeau (Roger), David Pheasant, and Devona Toineeta (Sam); grandchildren, Tyler Wolfe, Achaia Johnson, Addison, Kylond, and Alencia Stewart, Taiven, Adaya, and Dusty Watty, Zoey, Darius, Violet, and Solomon Finger; great grandchild, Zahra Wolfe; aunts, Rosie Sneed, Lula Ledford, Christine Walkingstick, Anita Parnell, and Ollie Pheasant; uncles, Driver Jr., George, and Daniel Pheasant and his second dad, Calloway Ledford, Sr.; special brothers, Calloway Jr., Allen, Mark, and Chris Ledford; special sisters, Diane Driver and Connie Cooper; and too many nieces and nephews.

The body was placed at Big Cove Gym with visitation on Saturday, Sept. 5 to await the hour of service on Sunday, Sept. 6. Services were officiated by Pastor Rex Sellers.

Pall bearers were Brian Mathews, Woody McConnell, Tre Toineeta, Gary Wiggins, Shane Owle, Corey Hill, and Elias Watkins.



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COMMENTARY

Where were you? Memories: relevance of 9/11

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

It has been asked so many times over the past half-century that it is almost cliché. Most of us, I imagine, can call back memories of that fateful day. But it never hurts to remind ourselves of the relevance of it to our lives today.

Sept. 11, 2001, was a Tuesday. On that day, I was working at WRGC in Sylva, NC. My job was as a sales executive and daytime announcer. Sales at WRGC were

a straightforward proposition. Jackson County was a finite market at the time. It was before the widespread use of the internet to broaden the reach of radio. The Childress family was very old-school when it came to sales, and they and their client base expected what they considered tangibles, which were trading money for airtime (commercials) on the broadcast station. In many ways, in Jackson, technology hadn't impacted life as it has in the 2020s.

I would always try to get in early to line up my sales calls and prepare sales presentations. Selling "air" can be tricky. You must be able to communicate clearly and convincingly that buying time on WRGC, an AM radio station, would result in a good return on

investment; that putting their message on the radio would entice locals and visitors to buy their goods and services.

But selling on WRGC was relatively easy for me. I had just left a 13-year job as a territory sales manager for Philip Morris USA, promoting and selling one of the most controversial products in the world. So, selling air was a break for me.

My wife was, at the time, a teacher's assistant in Haywood County, which put her about 35 miles, or 40 minutes, from the radio station. I had no idea how much more of a distance that would seem to be as the morning wore on.

I was standing in the "on-air" room talking with Tony Childress, who was doing the morning show. WRGC received its national, regional, and state news from the Associated Press (AP) newsfeed, like many news outlets of that day. AP used to issue little teletype machines, much like stock tickers, to media outlets they serviced. At the time, it was the fastest way to blast up-to-the-minute news to outlets. I used one while I was at WWCU as their news director. WRGC had moved to the next generation of that device, and on September 11, they got their AP news from an internet feed.

Shortly before 9 am, the AP pushed out a notice that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center's North Tower in New York. Tony and I both agreed that it must be somebody in a small private plane who lost their way or blacked out from a medical issue. The first reports were understandably vague and did not express the horrible reality that was coming. The actual time of the first plane

impact was 8:46 am.

As Tony and I debated what would cause a pilot to make that much of an error, the AP feed delivered the news of a second plane crashing into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. At the same time, they announced that the first plane was American Airlines Flight 11, a commercial jet, and the second plane was another commercial jet, United Airlines Flight 175. The United Airlines jet crashed into the South Tower at 8:51 am. We knew then, as most Americans did as the news began to hit every available media outlet, that this wasn't an accident. It was an attack.

My first thought in that moment was to contact my wife, to make sure she knew what was going on, and to be ready to move to safety if needed, because no one was sure how extensive this attack might be. That feeling only intensified with the news of American Airlines Flight 77 crashing into the Pentagon just outside Washington, DC, at 9:37 am and then United Airlines Flight 77/93 crashing in a field in Shanksville, PA, at 10:03 am. We would later find out that Flight 77/93 was prevented from attacking Washington by the brave and selfless actions of passengers and crew.

Like so many other Americans, Tony and I flipped on a television and watched in amazement the impacts, the collapses, and the desperate measures emergency workers and average Americans took, working together to rescue as many people as possible from the carnage. But by a little after 2:00 pm on that day, it was becoming clear that, for the most part, it was safe to go back to our lives. So, to the best of our ability, that is what

MISSING

Miranda Elsie Dizon

Alaska Native

Height: 5'6" Weight: 150 lbs

Female Age: 45

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: June 27, 2026

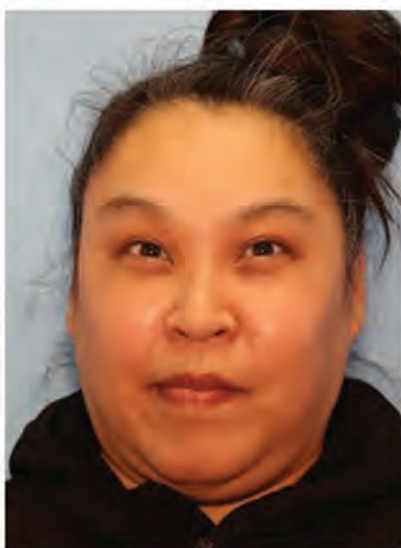
Last Known Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Miranda left her assisted living facility sometime during the evening of 06-27-2026 and never returned.

If you have seen or have information about Miranda Dizon contact Malia Miller, Missing Persons Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511.

Source: Namus.gov



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we did.

But many people never did. “As of August 16, 2002, a total of 2,726 death certificates related to the WTC attacks had been filed. All but 13 persons died on September 11; of the 13 persons who were injured on September 11 and died subsequently, three persons died in other states, one each in Massachusetts, Missouri, and New Jersey. Of these 2,726 decedents, 2,103 (77%) were males, and 623 (23%) were females. The median age for these decedents was 39 years (range 2-85 years). Four persons were aged less than 5 years, and three were aged 80+ years.” (Centers for Disease Control) “Seventeen years out from the

September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, nearly 10,000 first responders and others who were in the World Trade Center area have been diagnosed with cancer. More than 2,000 deaths have been attributed to 9/11 illnesses. It will get worse. By the end of 2018, many expect that more people will have died from their toxic exposure from 9/11 than were killed on that terrible day.” (Dr. Michael Crane, MD, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York)

Thousands dead, millions terrorized, and an entire world that was forced to rethink and strategize living in a world where manically determined people could create worldwide changes, panic,

and fear using pocketknives, box cutters, and pepper spray. There were between 4 and 5 hijackers on each plane.

In many ways, the pain and fear of Sept. 11, 2001, has never gone away. Without even thinking about it, we tend to be more cautious, more suspicious, less trusting, and angrier. 9/11 is relevant to us because it has never left us. I wish there were room in this commentary to list the names of all who have died and all who have been traumatically impacted by the events of that day. Because when you see an aggregate number like 2,726, the feeling tends to be overwhelming and arbitrary. It makes human life just another

number. But when you say Christine Lee Hanson, age 2, who died on United Airlines Flight 175 and would have been 27 this year, or Dana Falkenberg, age 3, aboard American Airlines Flight 77 and would have been 28 this year, or David Brandhorst, age 3, who died aboard Flight 175 and would have been 28 this year, or Julianna McCourt, age 4, aboard United Airlines Flight 175, who would have been 29 this year, then 9/11 becomes more personal and more relevant to each of us. That is why we never forget those whom we lost, and we always remember what we were doing on Sept. 11, 2001.



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SPEAKING OF FAITH

What motivates you?

Part 2 of 3

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

Scripture references: Colossians 3:2, Deuteronomy 8:17-18, Proverbs 16:2, Proverbs 8:13, Romans 12:2, Matthew 6:1, Psalms 139:23-24, Philippians 4:20

Can you define the following words: pride, arrogance, narcissism, egotism, conceit, and vanity? I can do it with one word...sin. Do any of these sins cloud your judgment? Do any of these sins separate you from God as you become your idol? These are dangerous grounds, and Satan uses these sins to slip in the cracks of our mentality and thought processes. You may get praise, make more

money, get a raise, applause, or recognition for your talent, looks, performance, or work. But is that why you do it? That's the tricky question for yourself. Why?

"And lest thou say in thy heart, My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember Jehovah thy God, for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as at this day." Deuteronomy 8:17-18 Since we were very young, the world has drilled these attitudes into our heads. You've been told you need to compete, you must get the prize, you must be first, and you must be better than the next person. Ever feel that pressure from your parents, peers, coaches, or teachers? We all have at some time in our lives. We see it as encouragement and love from those who want us to succeed and pro-

duce. To become the best we can be. But then, the praise becomes a drug, the desire to receive it becomes our addiction, and soon, the talents and gifts we received from God to glorify Him get lost in even thinking about Him at all.

"All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; But Jehovah weigheth the spirits." Proverbs 16:2

Related story: remember Whitney Houston? One of the most talented voices people have ever heard. Her story is tragic, but she falls right into this narcissistic kind of pride and gets sucked down by Satan. An entire world watched as she rose to heights unseen before her time and then self-destructed and died from a drug overdose. She used her God-given talent and beauty at the beginning of her career as a Gospel singer, glorifying Jesus. Then came fame, money, pride, more

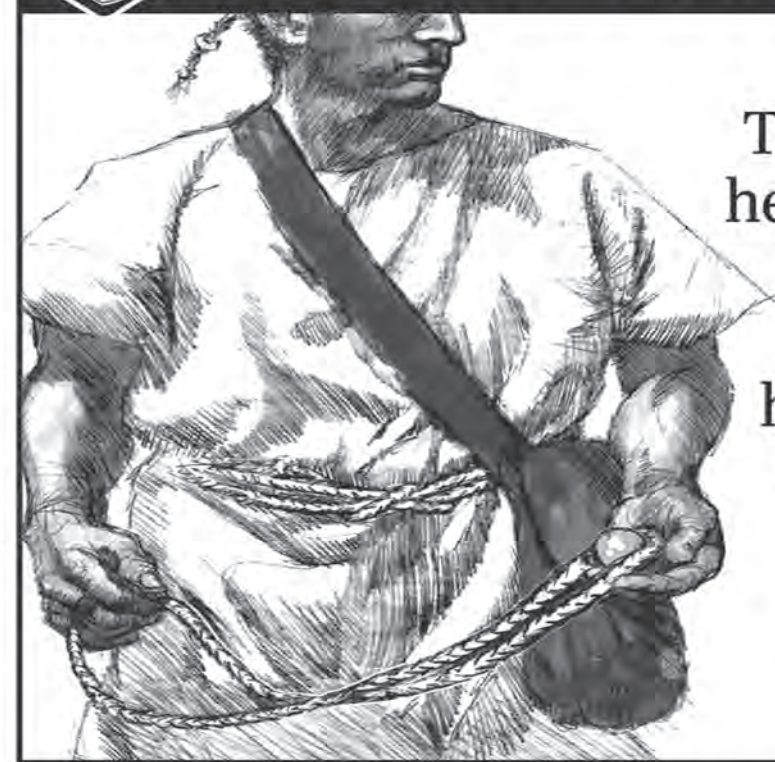
fame, and ultimately death. How did she lose her way?

Lord, God, and Father, today I pray that You would show me where my heart is when it begins leaning toward the wrong motivations. Lord, I ask that You remind me and prick my heart when I motivate others to think wrongly about themselves or others. Guard me against these sins and lies that Satan whispers in my ears or when my tongue gets out of control. I don't want to be this kind of sinner. Thank You, Lord, to know I can ask You for anything in Your will, and You will grant it. Grant these to me today and forevermore.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Psalms 139:23-24



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Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.

1 SAMUEL 17:40

*Detail of "Slinger from the Balearic Islands"
by Johnny Shumate (2005)*

A cartoon illustration showing a woman with dark hair, wearing a purple shirt, standing at a sink and washing dishes. She has a weary expression. Three children, a girl with blonde hair in a red shirt, a boy with brown skin in a yellow shirt, and a boy with red hair in a yellow shirt, stand in a line behind her, looking sad and impatient. The scene is set in a kitchen with a window in the background.

...THERE GOES ANY SHOT I HAD AT GETTING PAROLE

Dave Coverly

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References: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Paper on desk is missing. 3. Desk is not as wide. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Tie is different. 6. Blinds are higher.

1. Oscar Wilde; 2. Niagara Falls, New York; 3. Up; 4. Eggo waffles; 5. In mourning district; 6. A fever-inducing agent; 7. Horribly; 8. Seasoned slices of raw beef or fish;

53 Not naked	8 Inferior	30 Poetic tribute
54 Darjeeling, e.g.	9 Follower of Sigmund's methods	31 AAA job
55 "— to differ!"	10 Jr.-year exam	36 Three-note chords
56 Earth tones	11 Challenge	37 British verb ending
57 Buddhist sect	19 Rejection	38 "Consider this a gift"
58 Metal boxes	21 CEO's degree, maybe	41 Old pronoun
DOWN	24 Trendy	42 Diplomacy
1 Golf props	25 Visual com- munication syst.	43 "La — Bonita"
2 Golden State sch.	26 Protector	44 Cracker name
3 Dorm alterna- tive	28 "Rugrats" dad	46 Mazar of "Younger"
4 Dutch exports	29 Late-night host, usually	47 Idyllic place
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7 Spiced drink		

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Answers

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Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanyvi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. Good food, good fun, great -
- Sept. 12 at 5 p.m., fundraiser for the Turkey Shoot Facility
- Sept. 19 at 1 p.m., fundraiser for the over-40 Big Cove Indian Ball Team
- Sept. 26 at 1 p.m., fundraiser for the over-40 Big Cove Indian Ball Team
- Oct. 3 at 1 p.m., fundraiser for the over-40 Big Cove Indian Ball Team
- Oct. 17 at 5 p.m., Annual Jesse Welch Memorial Turkey Shoot, sponsored by family

EBCI Community Events

YK Visuals Youth Media Camp. Sept 9-11 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. at EBCI Communications 1501 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Videography, photography, graphic design, podcasting for ages 8-18. Info: (828) 359-7027

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

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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

Cherokee Singers Gatherings. Sept 14 and Sept 16 from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Recreation Complex at 1139 US-19 Cherokee, N.C. 28719. EBCI signers and dancers of all ages are invited to join. Info: Facebook @cherokeewintersocial.

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) members, EBCI parents and spouses. Registration is not required: just

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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

Book signing for “Riding the Trail”. Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. Will Chavez, co-author with Traci Sorrell, of “Riding

the Trail: Cherokee Remember the Removal”, will be signing books. Info: Visit the museum’s website at www.sequoyahmuseum.org or contact the museum at (423) 884-6246.

Cherokee Heritage Day. Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m at New Echota State Historic Site 1211 Chatsworth Hwy NE., Calhoun, Ga. 30701. Cherokee Language Repertory Choir, Cherokee Artist Demonstrations, Cherokee Vendors, Ranger Demonstrations, Food Vendors, raffle and silent auction. Info: (706) 624-1321

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like a sudden setback in your plans. But keep your headstrong Arian temperament in check and wait for explanations. Things will begin to clear up by week’s end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Enjoy the respite from your recent hectic schedule. But be ready to plunge into a new round of social activities. A new contact holds much potential for the future.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A trusted colleague has news that could change your perception of a current workplace situation. What had seemed unfair might prove to be highly favorable after all.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to watch what you say and how you say it. What you assert as honesty, others might perceive as crabbiness. Be patient. This difficult period clears up later on in the month.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Royallness needs time away from the limelight to catch up on things, from tidying up your desk to making calls that you’ve put off. You’ll be back in the center of things.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Honesty is the best policy, of course. But you’ll do better at achieving your goals if you can be less aggressive and more circumspect in how you phrase your comments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Your ability to maintain your balance in confusing situations continues to work for you. Stay on the steady course, one step at a time. The week-end shows improvement.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your indecisiveness could simply be your keen Scorpion sense warning you to be wary of making a commitment. Take this time to do a more thorough investigation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: New information comes your way to help you make a more informed decision on how to deal with an opportunity that has opened up for you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce your self-confidence by acknowledging the good qualities about yourself. A lull in your social life ends by next week. Have fun!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It’s a good time to let some recently pent-up emotions flow more freely. Why not start by letting the people you care for know how you really feel about them?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Resist offers, no matter how well-intentioned, to help with a personal decision. Only you know what must be done, and you have the emotional strength to follow through on your plans.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for getting things done efficiently. Your practical approach in life helps you to turn any challenges that you face into satisfying successes.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Requesting records is easier now

Requesting your records from the VA used to be a nightmare requiring you to wade through text and instructions that were difficult to understand. FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests required you to understand the layout of government agencies and know in advance who specifically had the information you sought before you even started your request. Too often your request for one type of information could end up in a pile in the wrong office, which meant delays.

Now the whole process has been redesigned and requests that go astray have been reduced by 90%, which helps everyone from office staff who handle all the requests to the veterans who are waiting on their information. Everybody, in various departments across the VA, participated in creating the new request page to be sure it works well for all.

If you need to make a records or FOIA request, go to department.va.gov/foia. Scroll down the page and read the sample info for each VA department. Each has a long list of types of information you can get from that department. For example, if you want to know about home loans, click on the submit button for Veterans Benefits Administration. If you need to replace medals or a DD214, click on the submit button for Military Service Records and Next of Kin Requests.

There is a note on the page: “Submitting a FOIA request to obtain personal records could delay overall processing.” Instead, locate the appropriate department on the page and use the link provided.

Additionally, at the bottom of the page is a drop-down menu of sample questions you might be asking, like “How do I appeal my FOIA response if I disagree with the results?” or “How do I get an employment verification from the VA?”

If you need it, there’s a button called “Learn About Whistleblower Protection.” The link goes to department.va.gov/accountability. Or call the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection at 855-429-6669.

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Do dog parks breed bad behavior?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My community has a problem with dogs running off their leash in areas. They often leave “deposits” behind that their owners don’t clean up. At a town hall session, a group of us proposed creating a dog park where off-leash activity could be allowed. Several people disagreed, including one woman who said that dog parks cause bad behavior. What alternative is there? — Cliff T., via email

DEAR CLIFF: A decade ago, establishing a dog park was a popular option in cities and suburbs where dogs have little uncontrolled space to roam off-leash. But a number of factors immediately appeared. In addition to aggressive behavior that can cause lasting trauma to other dogs, there are health risks from dogs who aren’t up to date on vaccinations, as well as from dog poop that isn’t cleaned up.

These issues can be mitigated through good park design and cooperation from every dog owner who intends to use the park. Important questions to ask include:

— How much space will the park actually have?

— What is the recommended capacity?

— Will there be shade, fresh water and waste pickup bags available?

— Who will maintain and clean the park?

— What rules will be established for use of the park? How will they be enforced?

An alternative to dog parks is forming a playgroup with other owners, so dogs can socialize with other dogs they’re familiar with. But that doesn’t solve the problem of finding a play space.

Keep a dialogue open with the town council and the community. Find examples of well-managed dog parks and discuss whether their solutions will work locally.

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

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

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Meetings

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

HIP Committee (closed meeting). Sept. 9 at 8:30 a.m.

Lands Committee. Sept. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Committee. Sept. 10 at 1 p.m.

Community Services Committee. Sept. 14 at 9 a.m.

Lands Acquisition Committee (closed meeting). Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.

Health Board. Sept. 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Enrollment Committee. Sept. 16 at 1 p.m.

Qualla Housing Committee. Sept. 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Roads Commission. Sept. 21 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee. Sept. 21 at

10:30 a.m.

Planning Board. Sept. 21 at 1 p.m.

Pow Wow Listings

56th Annual United Tribes Technical College International Pow Wow. Sept. 11-13 at the Lone Star Arena in Bismarck, N.D. Emcees: Whitney Ren-countre, Charlie Moran Sr. Info: <https://unitedtribespowwow.com>

Moosomin First Nation Competition Pow Wow. Sept. 11-13 in Cochin, Saskatchewan, Canada. Emcees: Donny Speidel, Hal Eagletail. Info: Clint Swiftwolfe (306) 480-4125, Wes Kahpeaysewat (306) 480-9839

Southwest Native Community Pow Wow. Sept. 11-12 at the Civic Center in Butte, Mont. MC: Jack Barton. Host Drum: Bad Agency. Info: Brenda Jarvis (406) 498-0632, Peggy Falcon (406) 479-3249

All Nations Pow Wow. Sept. 12-13 at Puna Hongwanji Mission in Keeaau, Hawai'i. Info: <https://allnationspowwow.com>

Island in the Sun Pow Wow. Sept. 12-13 in Christian Island, Ontario, Canada. MC: Nim-keenhns Wemigwans. Host Drum: Chippewa Travelers. Co-Host Drum: Standing Pine. Info: Dan at recreation@chimnissing.ca

48th Annual Nanticoke Indian Pow Wow. Sept. 12-13 at Hudson Fields in Milton, Del. MC: Keith Colston. Host Drums: Red Blanket, Stoney Creek. Info: info@nanticokeindians.org, (302) 945-3400

21st Annual Drums of Fall. Sept. 12 at McGee Park Coliseum in Farmington, N.M. MC: Erny Zah. Host Northern Drum: Milepost 30. Host Southern Drum: Smoke Stack. Info: No contact information provided

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

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

POW/MIA Recognition Day. Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Charles George VA Medical Center Stage, 1100 Tunnell Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28805. The ceremony will honor the courage and sacrifice of former prisoners of war and pay tribute to those still missing in action, reaffirming the Western North Carolina VA Health Care System's commitment to never forget their service. Veterans, families, staff and the community are invited to attend. Info: (828) 298-7911.

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

Blue Ribbon Country Fair. Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center 123 Cromwell Dr., Townsend, Tenn. 37882. Watch living historians demonstrate open-hearth cooking, spinning, weaving, wood turning, and black-

smithing. 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

2nd annual Pink Platoon 5K run/walk. Oct. 10 at 9 a.m. final registration at the Charles George

VA Medical Center 1100 Tunnel Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28805. The Western North Carolina VA Health Care System in commitment to the countless people impacted by breast cancer, the event is dedicated to fostering health, solidarity and hope for the community. Participants are encouraged to show their support by wearing their brightest pink attire — tutus especially welcome. The event is family-friendly, community-focused and free of cost, welcoming participants of all ages. In addition to the 5K, a resource fair will offer VA and community resources supporting wellness, education and awareness. Race participants can sign up for the race at: runsignup.com/Race/NC/Asheville/PinkPlatoon5K

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

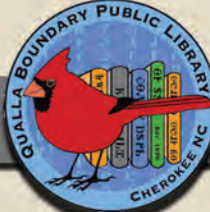
Cherohala Skyway Festival. Oct. 24 from 10a.m. – 5 p.m. by the Charles Hall Museum 122 Bank St., Tellico Plains, Tenn. 37385. Special Josh Graves music tribute. Free admission. Hand-made items from many talented crafters and artisans. Vendors offer everything from paintings and photographs, pottery, 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

Qualla

BOOK OF THE WEEK

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“Girl Gone Missing”

Author Marcie R. Rendon

When one of Cash’s classmates vanishes without a trace, Cash, whose dreams have revealed dangerous realities in the past, begins envisioning terrified girls begging for help.

Cash meets a brother she didn’t even know was alive, from whom she was separated when they were taken from the Ojibwe White Earth Reservation as children.

Sheriff Wheaton asks for Cash’s help with the case of the missing girl, she must get over her apprehension about leaving her hometown to discover the truth about the girl’s whereabouts. Can she get to her before it’s too late?

If you enjoy this book, Qualla Boundary Public Library has the whole Cash Blackbear Series!

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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.

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

Tsisqwahi (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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Labour (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Ecclesiastes 4, how many are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor? 1, 3, 5, 7
 3. In 1 Kings 5, how many thousand men comprised the labor force that King Solomon raised? 1, 5, 10, 30
 4. Which son of Abda was in charge of the forced labor in David's kingdom? Baal, Adoniram, Cyrenius, Phaneul
 5. From Exodus 20, how many days shalt thou labor and do all thy work? 2, 4, 6, 7
 6. Proverbs 14:23 states, “In all labor there is ...” Love, Hope, Light, Profit
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Two, 3) Thirty, 4) Adoniram, 5) Six, 6) Profit

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

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Moments in time

• On Sept. 21, 1942, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress, the largest bomber used in the war by any nation, performed its debut flight in Seattle, Washington. The craft was capable of carrying loads nearly equal to its own weight at altitudes of 30,000 to 40,000 feet and featured the first radar bombing system of any U.S. bomber.

• On Sept. 22, 1776, Continental Army captain Nathan Hale was executed by the British for spying. Disguised as a Dutch schoolmaster, he had sneaked behind British lines on Long Island and successfully gathered information about British troop movements for the next several weeks but was captured while attempting to return to American-controlled territory.

• On Sept. 23, 2016, a small box containing half of author Truman Capote's cremated remains, which was part of the estate of his friend Joanne Carson (ex-wife of TV host Johnny Carson), was auctioned in California, 32 years after his death. It received 12 bids and sold for \$43,750.

• On Sept. 24, 1988, Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson completed the 100-meter dash in 9.79 seconds to win gold at the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, but his victory was temporary, as he tested positive for steroids three days later and was stripped of the medal.

• On Sept. 25, 2015, a California judge approved former Olympic athlete Caitlyn Jenner's request to legally change her name and gender designation.

• On Sept. 26, 1996, U.S. astronaut and biochemist Shannon Lucid returned to Earth in the U.S. Space Shuttle Atlantis following six months in orbit aboard the Russian space station Mir. She was the first American woman to live in a space station and set a new space endurance record for an American as well as a world endurance record for a woman.

• On Sept. 27, 1960, British suffragette and international socialist Sylvia Pankhurst, who in her 50s shifted her focus from suffrage to opposing racism and the rise of fascism in Europe, died in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at age 78. She was given a state funeral by the Ethiopian government in recognition of her service to the country.

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Ailanthus altissima, known as Chinese sumac or Tree-of-Heaven, is native to China. In the late 1700s, it was brought to the U.S. as an attractive, fast-growing ornamental tree. Since then it has spread throughout North America and displaced many native species. Dense thickets of it entrench fields and forests, destroy habitats and crowd agricultural fields and roadsides. It regrows vigorously even when thought to be removed, and it is tolerant of poor soil and drought.

Not so heavenly!

– Brenda Weaver

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Tribal Council, at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex, at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Elijah Wachacha (828) 735-6453, ewachacha@ebci-nsn.gov

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

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

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Commu-

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

Cherokee Houses of Worship

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

Acquoni Baptist Church. 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Sunday Choir Practice 5 p.m. Wednesday Prayer

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

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

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

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Some Los Angeles businesses famous for their amusing names include the Spearmint Rhino strip club, the Oops! Sushi restaurant, the Trashy Lingerie store, and an emporium called Wacko/Soap Plant.

- The most accurate way to determine a bear's age is to count the rings in a cross section of its tooth root under a microscope.

- Uranus' 98 degree axial tilt causes it to spin completely on its side while orbiting the sun.

- Google did an experiment with M&Ms at their headquarters. When they put the candy in containers instead of out in the open, people ate 3 million fewer pieces within one month's time.

- Prior to the invention of baking soda, cooks used fresh snow to make their pancakes fluffy, as it contains small amounts of ammonia that react with batter to rise.

- Approximately 50 million people worldwide suffer from stuttering.

- In 1907, when Australian swimmer Annette Kellerman wore a one-piece suit in Boston that revealed her arms and legs, she was arrested for indecent exposure.

- One of the most deadly airplane accidents actually happened on the ground in 1977, when two fully loaded planes collided head-on in the middle of the runway on Tenerife Island, killing more than 500 people.

- Four out of 10 workplace dating relationships result in marriage.

- The largest bacterium in the world is about the size of an eyelash and can be picked up with a pair of tweezers.

- Richard Nixon won thousands of dollars in poker while stationed in Green Island during World War II, which he later used to fund his first run for political office.

Thought for the Day: "Sports for me is when a guy walks off the court, and you really can't tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way." — Jim Courier

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Sept. 7-Sept. 13, 2026

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseegee River	N/A	Productivity: Morning	Rainbow Brown and Brook trout, Smallmouth Bass	Fly-Crayfish Streamer, Wooly Bugger, Kreelex, Poppers, Chubby Chernobyl, Beetles
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Productivity: Morning	Brown Trout	Fly-Beetle, Hopper, Midge, Prince Nymph, Rubber Leg Hares Ear, Yellow Soft Hackle
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	N/A	Productivity: Morning	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout,	Fly- Stimulator, Ants, Big Boned Caddis, Inchworm, Peacock Soft Hackle, Small Perdigon

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MONDAY, September 7	TUESDAY, September 8	WEDNESDAY, September 9	THURSDAY, September 10	FRIDAY, September 11	SATURDAY, September 12	SUNDAY, September 13
Average	Good	Better++	SEASONS BEST	Best	Better++	Good
9:32 AM-11:32 AM 10:00 PM-12:00 AM	3:42 AM-4:42 AM 6:00 PM-7:00 PM	11:20 AM-1:20 PM	12:08 PM-2:08 PM	7:10 AM-8:10 AM 7:27 PM-8:27 PM	8:15 AM-9:15 AM 7:53 PM-8:53 PM	9:19 AM-10:19 AM 8:20 PM-9:20 PM

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Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7 p.m., Monthly business meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Brandon Harrell (828) 777-4923

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

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

welcome.

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

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

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

Cherokee Bible Church. Olivet Church Road. Sunday Service 11

a.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Pastor Randy Miller 497-2286

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Echota Baptist Church. 1274 Birdtown Road. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Service: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service: 6 p.m. Pastor David Hall (828) 508-1906

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

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



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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 Wolftown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, mbccherokee@

outlook.com, Website: www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church

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

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

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

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

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

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

Creek Baptist Church" for the latest updates.

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

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

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

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

Straight Fork Baptist Church. Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday night 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
Estate File No. 26-063

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Patricia Ann Panther

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Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Eva Reed

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

Agnes Reed
PO Box 628
Cherokee, NC. 28719
9/16

Debtors of:

JERRY FRANCIS PARKER

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

Connie Andrews Parker
PO Box 1778
Cherokee, NC. 28719
9/30

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 26-067

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

CELIA ANN SMITH

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

Lula Jackson
PO Box 257
Cherokee, NC. 28719
9/30

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

**REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS AND
PROPOSALS
FOR OPERATIONS
CONSULTING SERVICES**
Tribal Bingo Enterprise

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 26-065

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

JAMES WAYNE MANEY

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

Matthew Maney
817 Monteith Br. Rd
Sylva, NC. 28779
9/23

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 26-066

Notice to Creditors and



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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 10, 2026, for Operations Consulting Services associated with the development and opening of the Cherokee Bingo Class II Facility currently under development at 1971 Tsali 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. 9/9

Request for Bids

Cherokee Cablevision Site & Grounds Maintenance Services — Tower, Hut, and Fiber Cabinet Locations

Cherokee Cablevision is soliciting competitive bids from qualified contractors for recurring property maintenance services, including routine inspections, grounds upkeep, preventative maintenance, minor repairs, and reporting. Contract award will be based on qualifications, experience, and pricing. Please contact John Green @ jagreen@balsamwest.net for Scope of Work and submission

requirements. 9/9

Requests for Proposals Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Department of Transportation

680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6122
Roadway striping at various locations on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Jackson, Swain, Graham and Cherokee Counties, NC. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Roadway Thermoplastic Striping. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be September 11, 2026, at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Uriah Maney, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/ (828)-736-1888 (cell) or Trace Lambert, CDOT Transportation Planner at (828)-359-6532. 9/9

Requests for Proposal
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Indian Housing Division
Qualla Housing Services
2234 Old Mission Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6841

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division QHS office is requesting sealed Bid Proposals from Quali-

fied Firms for Propane Services at various locations on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, (including Swain and Jackson Counties) NC. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be September 14, 2026, at 12:00 PM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal Procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded. The point of contact for the Request for Proposal shall be Michael Lambert, QHS Construction Manager at (828) 359-6841, email: mlambert@ebci-nsn.gov.
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Requests for Proposal
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Indian Housing Division
Qualla Housing Services
2234 Old Mission Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6841
The Cherokee Indian Housing Division QHS office is requesting sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms for Pest Control Services at various locations on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, (including Swain, Jackson and Graham Counties) NC. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be September 14, 2026, at 12:00 PM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal Procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded. The point of contact for the Request for Proposal shall be Michael Lambert, QHS Construction Manager at (828) 359-6841, email: mlambert@ebci-nsn.gov.
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see TRADING POST next page



Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities:

Floor Staff - Part time (Non Exempt)

GENERAL FUNCTIONS: Floor Staff team members are classified based on individual theatre needs, and employees whose primary responsibility is ensuring our guests receive exceptional service. Floor Staff may be scheduled to work in the Box Office, Concession Stand, or as an Usher. Floor Staff employees must act as a representative of Cherokee Cinemas & More in a way that is consistent with our mission statement and policies. Assisting with all opening and closing duties as assigned by management

Job Descriptions and Applications can be picked up at the offices of Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, KG3 Building, across the road from Waffle House. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Smith at 828-929-4257 or by email at kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com.

Open until filled.

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TRADING POST: From page 49

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Building Maintenance Services

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is seeking qualifications and proposals from qualified contractors to provide comprehensive building maintenance and repair services for EBCI facilities and properties throughout the Qualla Boundary.

The complete scope of work and proposal requirements to be provided by the company as part of a complete RFP packet may be obtained by contacting Pam Sneed @ pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov.

The EBCI reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and EBCI TERO law will be applied. Submission Deadline: All proposals are due by close of business on September 25, 2026.

Proposals should be sent to: Pam Sneed 810 Acquoni Road Suite 132 Cherokee, NC 28719 Or email: pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov **9/16**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Pest Control Services

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is requesting qualifications from experienced and properly licensed pest control companies to provide pest control services for EBCI buildings located throughout the Qualla Boundary.

Interested companies should submit a brief statement of qualifications that includes:

Company background and relevant experience

Applicable licenses and certifications

Proposed approach to pest preven-

tion and treatment

References for similar work

Fee structure or service rates

Proposals must be received by close of business on September 25, 2026.

Submit proposals and direct questions to: Pam Sneed 810 Acquoni Road Suite 132 Cherokee, NC 28719 Or email: pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov EBCI reserves the right to reject any or all submissions and EBCI TERO law will be applied. **9/16**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

HVAC Maintenance and Repair Services

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is seeking qualifications and proposals from qualified HVAC contractors to provide comprehensive HVAC maintenance and repair services for facilities throughout the Qualla Boundary.

The complete scope of work and proposal requirements to be provided by the company as part of a complete RFP packet may be obtained by contacting Pam Sneed @ pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov.

The EBCI reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and EBCI TERO law will be applied. Submission Deadline

All proposals must be received by close of business on September 25, 2026.

Please submit proposals to: Pam Sneed 810 Acquoni Road Suite 132 Cherokee, NC 28719 Or email: pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov **9/16**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Services

The Eastern Band of Cher-

okee Indians (EBCI) is seeking qualifications and proposals from qualified landscaping contractors to provide comprehensive landscaping and grounds maintenance services for EBCI facilities and properties throughout the Qualla Boundary.

The complete scope of work and proposal requirements to be provided by the company as part of a complete RFP packet may be obtained by contacting Pam Sneed @pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov.

The EBCI reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and EBCI TERO law will be applied. Submission Deadline

All proposals are due by close of business on September 25, 2026.

Proposals should be sent to: Pam Sneed 810 Acquoni Road Suite 132 Cherokee, NC 28719 Or email: pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov **9/16**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Roof Maintenance and Repair Services

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is seeking qualifications and proposals from qualified roofing contractors to provide comprehensive roof maintenance, inspection, and repair services for EBCI facilities and properties throughout the Qualla Boundary.

The complete scope of work and proposal requirements to be provided by the company as part of a complete RFP packet may be obtained by contacting Pam Sneed @ pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov.

The EBCI reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and EBCI TERO law will be applied. Submission Deadline

All proposals are due by close of business on September 25,

2026.

Proposals should be sent to: Pam Sneed 810 Acquoni Road Suite 132 Cherokee, NC 28719 Or email: pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov **9/16**

Request for Qualifications Asbestos Assessments and Abatement Cherokee Indian Housing Division

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the service of assessing and abatement of single-family homes for asbestos and any hazardous materials. The service will be for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians residing on trust lands. Contracts will be awarded on a per-project basis and competitive pricing and reserve the right to add additional contractors to the on-call as needed based on scheduling demands. CIHD reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right not to award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under a RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. Any project not completed in a timely manner or abiding to the scope of work will be removed from the bid or project if awarded. Qualification packets can be picked up at Acquoni Rd, at the old QHA office, Cherokee, NC 28719. All Qualifications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2026, for fiscal year 2027. Contact person for this RFQ is Sarah Crowe, Infrastructure Manager, {828} 359-6131 or email at sara-crow@ebci-nsn.gov.

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Request for Qualifications Driveway Paving

Cherokee Indian Housing Division

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the paving of driveways for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee receiving assistance through the CIHD Infrastructure Program. Contracts will be awarded equally on a per-project basis. CIHD reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call pool as needed based on scheduling demands.

CIHD reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right not to award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under a RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. Any project not completed in a timely manner or abiding to the scope of work will be removed from the bid or project if awarded. Qualification packets can be picked up at the old QHA office at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. All Qualifications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2026, for fiscal year 2027. Contact person for this RFQ is Sarah Crowe, Infrastructure Interim Manager, (828) 359-6121 or email saracrow@ebci-nsn.gov.

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Request for Qualifications Guttering System Cherokee Indian Housing Division

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the construction of single-family guttering system for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee residing on trust lands and receiving assistance through

the Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) Site Prep Program. Contracts will be awarded based on per-project basis and competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD-Site Prep coordinators and CIHD also reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call as needed based on scheduling demands. Qualification packets can be submitted to the old QHA office at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 no later than September 30, 2026, for FY27. Contact person for this RFQ is Sarah Crowe, Infrastructure Manager, (828) 359-6121 or saracrow@ebci-nsn.gov.

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Request for Qualifications Hydroseeding Cherokee Indian Housing Division

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION is for all interested contractors for the hydroseeding of single-family house sites and driveways to prevent erosion. The service is for EBCI members residing on trust lands and receiving assistance through the Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) Infrastructure Program. Contractors will be selected, and contracts will be awarded on per-project basis and competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD-Site Prep coordinators and CIHD also reserves the right to add additional contractors as needed based on scheduling demands due to time sensitive projects. The work to be performed under a RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. Any project not completed in a timely manner or abiding to the scope of work will be removed from the bid or project if awarded. CIHD reserves the right to reject

all submissions and reserves the right not to award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under the bid process is subject to TERO guidelines. All Qualifications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2026, for fiscal year 2027.

Contact person for this RFQ is Sarah Crowe, Infrastructure Manager, (828) 359-6121 or saracrow@ebdi-nsn.gov.

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Request for Qualifications Site Preparation and Final Grading Cherokee Indian Housing Division

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION is for all interested contractors for the construction of single-family house sites and driveways, and final grading for positive drainage to prevent erosion. The service is for EBCI members residing on trust lands

and receiving assistance through the Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) Infrastructure Program. Contractors will be selected, and contracts will be awarded based on per-project basis and competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD-Site Prep coordinators and CIHD also reserves the right to add additional contractors as needed based on scheduling demands due to time sensitive projects. CIHD reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under the bid process is subject to TERO guidelines. All Qualifications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2026, for fiscal year 2027.

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1. Special Ops Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
2. Realty Leasing Specialist (Multiple) – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
3. Land Records Specialist (Multiple) – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
4. Cherokee Language Master Apprentice (Multiple) – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – CERS (L5 \$15.00 - \$20.28 per hour)
5. Dental Support Coordinator – Children's Dental Program – Public Health & Human Services (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour)
6. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
7. Heavy Equipment Operator – Tribal Construction – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
8. Utility Worker – Tribal Construction – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
9. Maintenance Utility Worker – Facility Management – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
10. Adult Language Educator – Snowbird Language & Culture – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
11. Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
12. Electrician Assistant/Generator Maintenance – Facility Management – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

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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 (Cherokee County) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
9. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
10. Truck Driver/WWT Maintenance – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

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Family Navigator
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tiyi)
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Behavioral Health Training and Development Coordi-
nator
Behavioral Health Consultant Supervisor
Behavioral Health Grant Coordinator

DENTAL

Dental Assistant II
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Dentist - CIHA and Satellite - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
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Occupational Therapist I @ Tsali Care Center
Rehabilitation Department Case Manager

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Tribal Option Care Management Extender

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Sept 10

THE GOOD STUFF



NKA Early Childhood Perfect Attendance

The following students and teachers at New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood program had perfect attendance for the month of August. They are shown, left to right, back row - ᑭᑭ-Lele Lossiah, ᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Jru Girty, ᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Hail-lee Lossiah, ᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Jesse Hill, ᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Donna Morgan, ᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Isla Crowe, ᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Tamara Sampson, ᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Ozilline Gloyne, ᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Chelsea Murphy; front row - ᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Wᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Olive Crowe, ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Macy Thompson, ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Wadigi Walkingstick, ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Lennox Welch, ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Dᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Layana Girty, and ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ-Ani Bynum. (Photo courtesy of New Kituwah Academy)

the GOOD STUFF

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- * birth, engagement, and wedding announcements
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