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A close-up photograph of a Peregrine Falcon in flight. The bird is shown from the side, with its wings fully extended. The feathers on its wings and back are a mix of brown, black, and white, creating a mottled pattern. Its head is turned slightly towards the viewer, showing a sharp beak and a dark eye. The background is a solid, clear blue sky. The word "ble" is partially visible on the left side of the image.

The logo for SmokiesLife, featuring the word "smokies" in a lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by "life" in a similar font but with a stylized mountain peak graphic integrated into the letter "i". The entire logo is set against a dark green background.



Image of the Week: Drew Johnson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Elawodi (Yellowhill), portrays Sequoyah on the Elawodi Community Float during the 114th Cherokee Indian Fair Parade on Tuesday, Oct. 6. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Tsalagi Uwoduhi

(Beautiful Cherokee)

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

Submit clear, high resolution photos of plants, wildlife, or landscapes to us at
Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com.

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

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Remembrance

The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 hosted an opening ceremony as the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall opened officially in Cherokee, N.C., on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 8. The wall was available to visitors free of charge through Sunday, Oct. 11.

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



Warren Dupree, Steve Youngdeer Post 143 commander and an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, opens the program.

Facts about the Vietnam Memorial Wall

- * The first known American casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon who was killed in action on June 8, 1956. His son, Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, is also on the Wall as he was killed in action on Sept. 7, 1965.
- * There are three sets of fathers and sons inscribed on the Wall.
- * Of those on the Wall: 33,996 were 22-years-old or younger with 8,283 being 19; 33,103 being 18, 12 being 17, 5 being 16, and 1 being 15.
- * A total of 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam and 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day.





Commander Dupree presents a Pendleton blanket to Frank Cucumber, a Vietnam veteran who is an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a first language Cherokee speaker.

Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

New this week

There are no new bills this week.

Bills with recent action

There was no new recent action on bills.

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. A hearing is scheduled in that Committee for Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Federal Lands on June 3, 2025, and a hearing was held in that subcommittee on June 10,

2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 2022 (Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2025). This bill would "amend the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes". Introduced: June 11, 2025 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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

H.R. 3956 (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Act of 2025). This bill

would amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 "to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts and self-governance agreements with Indian entities to administer the food distribution program on Indian reservations".

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

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

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

bill seeks the same as H.R. 3255 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). Introduced: June 25, 2025 by Sen.

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

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

Senate Bill 2211 (Special Diabetes Program Reauthorization Act of 2025). This bill seeks to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. For both programs, it seeks funding in the amount of \$160,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.
Introduced: July 8, 2025 by Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-Maine)
Action: This bill 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. A hearing was held in this Committee on the Senate version of this bill (Senate Bill 3859) on Sept. 23, 2026.

H.R. 4596 (McCarren-Walter Technical Corrections Act). This bill would “amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of federally recognized Indian Tribes in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States”.

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

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

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

Senate Bill 2452 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act). This bill would “amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4712.
Introduced: July 24, 2025 by Sen.

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

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

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

Senate Bill 2577 (McCarren-Walter Technical Corrections Act). This bill would “amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4596.
Introduced: July 31, 2025 by Sen.

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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.

Senate Bill 5354 (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 both Senate Bill 4276 and H.R. 8092.

Introduced: Aug. 6, 2026 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Aug. 6, 2026. An oversight hearing entitled “Examining Housing Needs in Native Communities” was held in that Committee on Sept. 16, 2026. A business meeting was held in that Committee on Sept. 23, 2026, and it advanced being reported favorably.

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

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

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

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

H.R. 5820 (Mono Lake Kootzaduka’a Tribe Recognition Act).

This bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Mono Lake Kootzaduka’a Tribe of California and Nevada, a group based in Lee Vining, Calif.

Introduced: Oct. 24, 2025 by Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-Calif.)

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

H.R. 5869 (Tribal Water Infrastructure Grants Expansion Act).

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on Oct.

28, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

Introduced: Nov. 4, 2025 by Rep. Harriet M. Hageman (R-Wyo.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Nov. 4, 2025. A Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session was held on Dec. 17, 2025, and the bill was reported and placed on the Union Calendar by the Committee on Jan. 14, 2026. This bill was passed by the House on a voice vote on March 3, 2026. It was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 4, 2026. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3236 (A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008). This is a “bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to ensure Tribal consultation and representation under the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.
Introduced: Nov. 20, 2025 by Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on Nov. 20, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 6285 (Native Arts and Culture Promotion Act). This bill would amend the American

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

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

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

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

Senate Bill 3767 (A bill to establish Assistant Secretary for Indian Health). This bill

would “amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health”.

Introduced: Feb. 3, 2026 by Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Feb. 3, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 7325 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act of 2026). This bill would establish a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies “to formally investigate, document, and report on the histories of Indian Boarding Schools, Indian Boarding School Policies, and the systematic and long-term effects of those schools and policies on Native American people”. If passed, an initial Commission Report would be required within four years and annual reports would be required from that point on.
Introduced: Feb. 3, 2026 by Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.)

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

H.R. 7396 (Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity Act). This bill would establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration which “shall be responsible for establishing a working relationship with Indian Tribes

and Native Hawaiian organizations by targeting programs of the Administration relating to entrepreneurial development, contracting, and capital access...”

Introduced: Feb. 5, 2026 by Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Small Business on Feb. 5, 2026, and a mark-up session was held on Feb. 11, 2026 where it was reported favorably (24-0 vote). The bill was passed by the House by a voice vote on June 23, 2026. It was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship on June 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 7490 (Tribal Warrant Fairness Act). This bill will “allow the U.S. Marshals Service to assist in certain Tribal criminal matters.”
Introduced: Feb. 11, 2026 by Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 11, 2026. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 7627 (Tribal Conservation Priorities Inclusion Act). This bill aims “to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource concerns”.
Introduced: Feb. 20, 2026 by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture on Feb. 20, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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Senate Bill 3945 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act).

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

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

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

Senate Bill 3946 (Tribal

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

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

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

H.R. 7698 (Tribal Firearm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senate Bill 3994 (PRIME Meat Processing in Indian Country Act).

This bill aims “to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to authorize tribal meat inspection under that Act by tribal personnel”. In the title, PRIME means “Promoting Regulatory Independence, Mastery, and Expansion”.

Introduced: March 4, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)

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

Senate Bill 4179 (AI/AN Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act).

This bill seeks “to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require that equitable distribution of assistance include equitable distribution to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations”.

Introduced: March 24, 2026 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on March 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 8048 (AI/AN Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act).

This bill seeks “to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require that equitable distribution of assistance include equitable distribution to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations”.

Introduced: March 24, 2026 by Rep. Adelita S. Grijalva (D-Ariz.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce on March 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 4276 (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Modernization Act of 2026).

This bill would simply “reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996”. It is an identical bill to H.R. 8092.

Introduced: March 26, 2026 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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

H.R. 8092 (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Modernization Act of 2026).

This bill seeks “to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996”.

Introduced: March 26, 2026 by Rep. Troy Downing (R-Mont.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services on March 26, 2026. A hearing was held in this Committee on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

H.R. 8658. (Indian Health Service Emergency Claims Parity Act).

This bill would “amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to modify the notification requirement for emergency contract health services for certain beneficiaries”.

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. The bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Sept. 14, 2026. It was received in the Senate the following day.

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 Imple-

mentation 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 num-

ber 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.

H.R. 10205 (REACH Our Tribes Act). This bill would “amend the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish a budgetary Tribal Government consultation process at the Department of Agri-

culture”.

Introduced: Sept. 1, 2026 by Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House Committee on Financial Services on Sept. 1, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in those Committees for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 10435 (Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas Recognition Act). This bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas.

Introduced: Sept. 16, 2026 by Rep. Vincente Gonzalez (D-Texas)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 16, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Sept. 28 to Oct. 4 2026**

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Argo, Justin Lee – age 39
Arrested: Sept. 29
Released: Sept. 29
Charges: Temporary Hold

Bentivogli, Trent – age 35
Arrested: Sept. 29
Released: Sept. 29

Charges: Temporary Hold

Conner, Brenda Renae – age 50
Arrested: Sept. 30
Released: Sept. 30
Charges: Simple Possession
Schedule II Controlled Substance

Bonds, Immanuel Malik – age 21
Arrested: Oct. 1
Released: Oct. 1
Charges: Temporary Hold

Bradley, Ronald Albert – age 44
Arrested: Oct. 1
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 5)
Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor

Evans, Jaylen Dean – age 28
Arrested: Oct. 1
Released: Oct. 2

Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Tampering with Evidence

Fuller, Jamie Morgan – age 28
Arrested: Oct. 1
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 5)
Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor, Possession Drug
Paraphernalia

Jackson, Kendall Luanne – age 32
Arrested: Oct. 1
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 5)
Charges: Possession Schedule II
Controlled Substance

Volkmer-Estrada, Holly Kateria – age 46
Arrested: Oct. 1
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 5)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Probation Violation

Bradley, Cecilia Belle – age 35
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 5)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V,
Drug Paraphernalia, Pre-Trial
Release Violation

Brady, Cammy Jo – age 40
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 5)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V;
Drug Paraphernalia; Resisting,

Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Jackson, Jack Edward – age 52
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Oct. 3
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession Schedule III
Controlled Substance, Providing
or Possessing Contraband

Locust, Robyn Lynn – age 42
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 5)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possession
Schedule II Controlled Substance
(two counts)

Owl, Joshua Ryan – age 35
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Oct. 2
Charges: Simple Possession
Schedule II Controlled Substance,
Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Mason, Dexter Dirk – age 56
Arrested: Oct. 3
Released: Oct. 3
Charges: Temporary Hold

Davis, Billy Hoag – age 49
Arrested: Oct. 4
Released: Oct. 4
Charges: Temporary Hold

Welch, Juliann Renea – age 27
Arrested: Oct. 4
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 5)
Charges: Domestic Violence and
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Cherokee Tribal Court Disposition Summary for Sept. 1-30

Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court

Note: The following cases were disposed of in Cherokee Tribal Court during the time period of Sept. 1-30. The date of each offense is in parentheses.

Arch, Chelsie C.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Aug. 11, 2026). Guilty.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (April 29, 2026). Guilty. 12 months, suspended. 24 months supervised probation. Special condition of probation serve 3 months. Credit for 34 days served. Date of Release 11/9/26

Bradley, Jason D.
- Providing Alcoholic Beverages to/Possession of/Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by/Persons under 21 years old (Aug. 22, 2026). Guilty. 24 days. Credit for 24 days served.

Castillo, Christopher B.
- Speeding (Aug. 6, 2026). Guilty/responsible.

Chamblee, Kenya D.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Sept. 27, 2026). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Conseen, Carrie L.
- No Operators License (Aug. 21, 2026). Guilty/responsible.

Cucumber, Derrick A.
- Weapons Offense (Oct. 1, 2023). Guilty.
- DWI - Level 3 (Oct. 8, 2021). Guilty. 12 months, suspended. 12

months supervised probation. Special condition of probation serve 72 hours. Credit for 72 served.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 12, 2023). Guilty.
- Weapons Offense (April 12, 2023). Guilty. 22 months. Credit for 22 months served.

Cucumber, Ashton G.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (July 18, 2026). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

George, Michael A.
- Probation Revocation (April 24, 2026). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (April 24, 2026). Admitted. 365 days. Credit for 211 days served.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 23, 2026). Guilty. 12 months, suspended. 12 months supervised probation. Special condition serve 6 months. Credit for 128 days served. Sentences run concurrent. Dat of Release 11/8/26.
- Public Intoxication (April 11, 2026). Guilty.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (April 11, 2026). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 11, 2026). Guilty.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (April 23, 2026). Guilty.
- Probation Revocation (April 24, 2026). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (April 11, 2026). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (April 11, 2026). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (April 11, 2026). Admitted.

George, Elicio S.
- Failure to Wear a Seat Belt -

Rear Seat (Dec. 30, 2022). Guilty/responsible.

Johnson, Aura A.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 3, 2026). VD, other.

Jones, Clay S.
- Probation Revocation (May 29, 2026). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (May 29, 2026). Admitted. 117 days. Credit for 117 days served.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 28, 2026). Guilty. 180 days, suspended. 12 months supervised probation. Sentence runs consecutive with prior sentence.

Locust, Lillian S.
- DWI - Level 5 (March 29, 2026). Guilty per plea. 60 days, suspended. 12 months unsupervised probation.

Lossiah, Calvin T.
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (May 29, 2026). Guilty. 3 months, suspended. 6 months unsupervised probation.

Magana, Rafaelita C.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Dec. 24, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Dec. 24, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- DWI - Level 1 (Dec. 24, 2025). Guilty per plea. 12 months, suspended. 12 months supervised probation. Special condition of probation serve 30 days.

Malpass, Jonathan M.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (June 18, 2026). Guilty. 3 days. Credit for 3 days served.

Miller, Christopher E.
- Loitering for Unlawful Drug-related Activity (Sept. 18, 2026). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.
- Public Intoxication (Sept. 18, 2026). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Munoz, Marcos
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 25, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (May 7, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (May 7, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (May 7, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Aug. 1, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 25, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 25, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 25, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (May 7, 2026). Admitted.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (July 31, 2026). Guilty.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (April 23, 2026). Guilty. 28 days. Credit for 28 days served.

Pipes II, Eric L.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 27, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 27, 2026). Guilty. 6 months, suspended. 12 months supervised probation.

Reed, Danielle
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 13, 2025). Dismissed upon further

investigation.

Screamer Jr., James A.

- Indecent Exposure (April 30, 2026). Guilty.
- Public Intoxication (June 18, 2026). Guilty. 6 months, credit for 84 days served, suspended. 12 months supervised probation.

Shell, Justin R.

- Operate Veh. No Ins. (Aug. 10, 2026). VD, other.
- Expired/No Inspection (Aug. 10, 2026). VD, other.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Aug. 10, 2026). VD, other.

Smith-Sneed, Maddox S.

- Driving by Person Less Than 21 Years Old after Consuming Alcohol or Drugs (Sept. 30, 2023). Guilty. 30 days, suspended. 3 months unsupervised probation.

Smoker, Keri

- License Plate Frame/Cover Viol. (Aug. 28, 2026). VD.

Sneed, Thad D.

- Fail to Notify DMV Addr. Change (March 9, 2024). Guilty/responsible.
- Violation of Registration Provisions (May 16, 2023). VD.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (May 16, 2023). VD.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 26, 2024). VD.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 9, 2024). VD.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (July 3, 2023). VD.
- Unlawful to Drive while License

Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Dec. 28, 2023). VD.

Standingdeer, Michelle T.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Aug. 11, 2026). VD.

Stapleton, Lance

- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (Sept. 12, 2026). Guilty. 30 days. Credit for 5 days served. Date of Release 10/12/26.

Stigman, Maxine F.

- Tampering with Witnesses (Aug. 15, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Jan. 1, 2014). Alford Plea. 2 year prayer for judgement continued. No contact with victims. Enter into voluntary 50D's.

Van Dyke Jr., James

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Sept. 4, 2026). No Contest. 30 days, suspended. 6 months unsupervised probation.

Walker, Alex Scott K.

- Improper Muffler (April 17, 2026). VD.
- Noise Offenses (May 26, 2026). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Reckless Endangerment (May 26, 2026). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Ward, Brandon L.

- DWLR Viol. Restored Lic. (Aug. 4, 2026). VD.
- Reckless Drug. - Wanton Disregard (Aug. 4, 2026). VD.

Welch Sr., Benny L.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Aug. 18, 2026). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 18, 2026). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 18, 2026). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 18, 2026). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (July 9, 2026). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (July 9, 2026). Admitted. 6 months. Credit for 35 days served. Date of Release 2/11/27.

White, Heather M.

- Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury (Sept. 12, 2026). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Wolfe, Daliyah L.

- DWI - Level 4 (Nov. 19, 2025). Guilty per plea. 30 days. Date of Release 10/24/26.



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Parade Day

The 114th Cherokee Indian Fair Parade was held in downtown Cherokee, N.C. on the sunny afternoon of Tuesday, Oct. 6. This year's Parade was a record-breaker with over 100 entries

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Four of the 2026-27 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Royalty are shown just prior to the Veteran's Day event at the 114th Cherokee Indian Fair in Cherokee, N.C. on Friday, Oct. 9. Shown, left to right, are Miss Cherokee Caedance Smith, Little Miss Cherokee Mattie Awee Moore, Teen Miss Cherokee Nevayah Panther, and Junior Miss Cherokee Khloe Sequoyah. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Representing with grace

2026-27 EBCI Royalty crowned at Cherokee Indian Fair

By **BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The newly crowned royalty of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) received their titles during the 114th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair, including Miss Cherokee Caedance Smith, Teen Miss Cherokee Nevayah Panther, Junior Miss Cherokee Khloe Sequoyah, Little Miss Cherokee Mattie Awee Moore, and Sr. Miss Cherokee Pearl Wolfe.

Smith, from Kolanvyi (Big Cove), was

crowned Miss Cherokee during Parade Day on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Smith competed against contestants Abigail Taylor (first runner-up), Tayen Bridges (second runner-up), and Juanita Paz-Chalacha (third runner-up). For the public speaking portion of the pageant, Smith discussed tribal food sovereignty and the revitalization of traditional Cherokee foodways. In the talent portion, Smith presented a bear pelt she prepared herself and discussed the process and cultural significance. In traditional wear, Smith sported a bear pelt, earning 'wows' from the crowd. She wore 18th century historic Cherokee women's attire, including an ivory trade shirt, burgundy wool wrap skirt, matching side seam leggings, buckskin pucker toe moccasins, a finger woven belt, a bear claw and teeth necklace, a legacy basket made by her great grandmother Helen Bradley Smith, and a traditional

clubbed hairstyle.

Panther, from Kolanvyi and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), was crowned Teen Miss Cherokee during Elder's Day on Thursday, Oct. 8. Panther competed against Khloe Cucumber (first runner-up) and Emma Maney (second runner-up). In the public speaking portion, Panther discussed health disparities in tribal communities. In the talent portion, Panther expertly shot two arrows at two targets, a deer and a bear, and explained the history and cultural practices of Cherokee hunting. In traditional wear, Panther wore 18th century historic Cherokee women's attire, including a linen trade shirt, a blue wool wrap skirt adorned with white beads forming a snake design to honor her late uncle Samuel "Snake" Panther who was a U.S. Army veteran, matching side seam leggings, a white goose feather cape, buckskin

pucker toe moccasins, a finger woven belt, blue bandolier bag, a white oak basket featuring the chief's heart design, and a white eagle feather plume in her hair.

Sequoyah, from Aniwodihi (Painttown), was crowned Junior Miss Cherokee during Children's Day on Wednesday, Oct. 7. She competed against Abelia Mahan-Flores (first runner-up) and Savannah Driver (second runner-up). In the first portion of the competition, each contestant modeled an outfit of their choice based on personal interest. Sequoyah wore nurse's scrubs in honor of her late grandmother, Dianne Wildcatt, who inspired her dream to become a nurse. In the talent portion, Sequoyah shared her talent of sewing and the history of Cherokee women's attire through handmade pieces. In traditional wear, Sequoyah wore 18th century historic Cherokee women's attire, including a floral linen trade shirt, a black wool wrap skirt, matching side seam leggings, and buckskin pucker toe moccasins all made by Sequoyah, a finger woven belt, a white goose feather cape trimmed with eagle feathers, a white oak basket, and a silver brooch in her hair.

Moore was crowned Little Miss Cherokee during Children's Day on Wednesday, Oct. 7. She competed against Jaxtyn Bark (first runner-up), Isabella Rodriguez (second runner-up), and Trinleigh Phillips (third runner-up). In the first portion of the pageant, Moore wore a military uniform in honor of her father who is currently deployed overseas and serves in the North Carolina National Guard. In the talent portion, Moore shared the history of the Trail of Tears and sang the Cherokee Lullaby. In traditional wear, Moore wore an olive-green linen trade shirt, a hunter green wool wrap skirt, matching side seam leggings, a light pink feather cape, buckskin pucker toe moccasins, a finger woven belt, a Dutch trade wampum bead necklace, and a river cane basket made by her great grandmother Eva "Awee"



2026-27 Senior Miss Cherokee Pearl Wolfe is shown shortly after being crowned at the pageant on Thursday, Oct. 8. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Queen Wolfe for her mother, Amanda Moore, when she competed for Little Miss Cherokee over 33 years ago.

Wolfe was crowned Sr. Miss Cherokee during Elder's Day on Thursday, Oct. 8. She competed against Deb Owle (first runner-up) and Janet Sneed Femiano (second runner-up). Wolfe wore a trade shirt, wrap skirt and side seam leggings made by the late Karen George, pucker toe moccasins she made herself, beadwork made by her sister, cousin, and herself,

and a honeysuckle basket made by the late Irene Pheasant Wolfe. Wolfe won over the crowd when answering a question about the Seven Clans of the Cherokee and explaining that the Wolf Clan was "mean" and "always ready for war," which is why she was a Wolfe.

The EBCI royalty are considered cultural ambassadors for the tribe and will appear at community events and events across Indian Country throughout the year.

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Baby Crawling Contest

The Baby Crawling Contest, sponsored by the Office of Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, was held at the 114th Cherokee Indian Fair in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 7.

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Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley welcomes everyone to the Baby Crawling Contest which was hosted and sponsored by his office.

12-16 Month Category

- 1 – William Manley
- 2 – Elijah Garcia
- 3 – Jaxxon Owle

9-12 Month Category

- 1 – Kal-el Climbingbear
- 2 – Adelynn Panther
- 3 – Charlie Millsaps

6-9 Month Category

- 1 – Kobah Charginghorse Tushka-Reed
- 2 – Zzhara Wolfe
- 3 – Benson Littlejohn



Kobah Charginghorse Tushka-Reed (green) crosses the finish line to win the 6-9 Month Category just ahead of Zzhara Wolfe (pink).



The crowd goes wild at the end of the 12-16 month old category which was won by William Manley (black pants) with Elijah Garcia (blue hoodie) coming in a close second.

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Frybread Toss Contest

The Frybread Toss Contest was held at the 114th Cherokee Indian Fair in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 7.

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1-2 year old Category

Boys: 1 - Judah Fisher 68"

3-4 year old Category:

Girls: 1 - Phoebe Lambert 8'

Boys: 1 - Finley Beck 19'11"

5-7 year old Category:

Girls: 1 - Alice Hicks 23'8", 2 -

Emmy Fisher 18'

Boys: 1 - Cade Williams 45'6", 2 -

Eryx Watty 40'11", 3 - Micah Beck

29'2"

9-12 year old Category:

Girls: 1 - Sangelina Hernandez

70'6", 2 - Klarajane Hernandez

56'11", 3 - Bella Frady 55'1"

Boys: 1 - Maddix Williams 66'2",

2 - Ellis Alley 50'7"

13-17 year old Category:

Girls: 1 - Ehko Lossiah 57'3", 2 -

Allyssa Alley 52'3", 3 - A-ni Hicks

49'1"

Boys: 1 - Kylond Stewart 100'11",

2 - A-ma Bernhisel 69'4", 3 - Waya

Hernandez 66'4"

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Sangelina Hernandez, left, took first place in the girls 9-12 year old category with a throw of 70'6", and Maddix Williams took first place in the boys 9-12 year old category with a throw of 66'2".



The following took first place in the Frybread Toss Contest at the 114th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Shown, left to right, including Kylond Stewart, boys 13-17 year old category, 100'11"; Ehko Lossiah, girls 13-17 year old category, 57'3"; Cade Williams, boys 5-7 year old category, 45'6"; Finley Beck, boys 3-4 year old category, 19'11"; and Alice Hicks, girls 5-7 year old category, 23'8". Not pictured are Judah Fisher, 1-2 year old category, 68"; and Phoebe Lambert, girls 3-4 year old category, 8'.



Waya Hernandez threw the frybread 66'4" for a third place finish.



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PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION	☐ Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed, unless applicant is wishing to purchase a home. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender. ☐ Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter
INFRASTRUCTURE	☐ Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed. ☐ Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included. ☐ Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.
HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE	☐ Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. ☐ Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. ☐ After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. ☐ Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS	☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to \$50,000.00, and will request \$5,000.00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously. ☐ Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. ☐ Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. ☐ Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. ☐ The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. ☐ Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	☐ After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment. ☐ Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. ☐ Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. ☐ Lending Institution will contact client to “lock in” their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.
DPA funds – Off Trust Lands	☐ After loan approvals are received, Coordinator will send letter notifying lender the borrower has been approved for DPA and RBD funds and request closing attorney information. ☐ Coordinator will complete the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and to be signed at closing and recorded at Register of Deeds in the county of purchase. ☐ Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator. ☐ Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.
LOAN CLOSE	☐ Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing. ☐ Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed. ☐ Home construction may start after loan close. ☐ Client will begin working with Lender’s Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.
SITE PREP SCHEDULING	☐ Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure. ☐ If 1 acre or more will be disturbed during site prep construction, a SWPP (Storm Water Protection Plan) must be completed by our contractor before any work can begin.
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Veronica Bradley (yellow shirt), Cherokee Welcome Center staff, measures Aubrey Arch's hair during the contest. Arch took first place in the 9-12 year-old girls category as her hair measured 48.2\".

Longest Hair Contest

The Longest Hair Contest was held at the 114th Cherokee Indian Fair in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 7.

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One Feather Asst. Editor

1-2 year old Category:

Girls: 1 – Nora Squirrell 16\"
Boys: 1 – Leo Serio 17\"

3-4 year old Category:

Girls: 1 – Ahraia Davis 27\", 2 –

Jayla Lomas 24.5\", 3 – Phoebe Lambert 18\"

Boys: 1 – Tohi Lane 18:

5-8 year old Category:

Girls: 1 – Lluvia Perez 39\", 2 – Charleigh Brown 33.5\", 3 – Emaline McCoy 30\"

Boys: 1 – Mech Cooper 37\", 2 – Usdiyona Strong 30.25\", 3 – Malakai Cucumber 28\"

9-12 year old Category:

Girls: 1 – Aubrey Arch 48.2\", 2 – Ani Bradley 37.5\", 3 – Ivy Beck 36.5\"

Boys: 1 – Wilson Panther 43\", 2 – Jamas Hemphill 36\", 3 – Romero Quinones 32.5\"

13-17 year old Category:

Girls: 1 – Marley Murphy 21.5\"
Boys: Joey Panther 43.5\"



The winners in the 13-17 year old boys and girls categories were Joey Panther (43.5\") and Marley Murphy (21.5\").



The winners in the 1-2 year old boys and girls categories are Leo Serio (17\") and Nora Squirrell (16\").

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Honoring Veterans

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Department of Military Veterans Affairs hosted an event during Veteran's Day at the 114th Cherokee Indian Fair in Cherokee, N.C. on Friday, Oct. 9.

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Gerard Ball, EBCI Department of Military & Veterans Affairs program director, opens the program.



Ugviyuihi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks speaks during the event.



Leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) are shown with the event's keynote speaker, Jocelyn Mitnaul Mallette, fourth from right, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Shown, left to right, are Gerard Ball, EBCI Department of Military & Veterans Affairs program director; Tutiya (Snowbird) and Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee Co.) Rep. Michael Smoker; Tutiya and Tsalagi Gadugi Rep. Adam Wachacha; Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill; Wayohi (Wolfstown) Rep. Bo Crowe; Aniwohihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper; Secretary Mallette; Kolanvyi Rep. Venita Wolfe; Ugviyuihi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks; and Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Chairman Jim Owle.



Ball presents a smudge fan to Secretary Mallette in appreciation of the help she has rendered to the EBCI.



The Tuscola High School Air Force JROTC presented the colors to open Friday's event.



EBCI First Lady Marsha Hicks and Ugwiyuhi Michell Hicks present a gift to J.D. Arch, an EBCI tribal member and U.S. Navy veteran.



Virgil Swimmer, an EBCI tribal elder and U.S. Army veteran, is shown at the event.

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"IT'S TIME FOR GUTTER MAINTENANCE"

6 REASONS TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GUTTER MAINTENANCE

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

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

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

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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"



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Richard (Uwena) Bradley

Aug. 29, 1971 – Oct. 5, 2026

Richard (Uwena) Bradley

joined his dad, Morgan, in heaven on Monday, Oct. 5, surrounded by his close family and friends, after an extended illness.

He is survived by his loving, supportive wife, Candy, and his only son, Jayden. He is also survived by his mom, Loretta Bradley; brother, Michael; sisters, Dee Dee, TJ, and Shayna, also, Beth B. Grant (Drew), Alfred Bradley, and Sissy Reed (Charlie); nieces, Mika and Ani Bradley; and nephews Chum Bradley, CJ Grant and Keelan Jumper.

Richard held many jobs in his lifetime. He was a logger, he

worked at The Cherokee's, Davey Tree, Duke Power, The Boys Club, and ended up closing out a 20-year career with the EBCI in the Spring of 2024.

His quick wit and sense of humor will be missed dearly by all who knew him well. He was a huge fan of OU football and softball, the Cherokee Braves, and the Dallas Cowboys.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 8 at Acquoni Baptist Chapel. Brother Scotty Chekelelee officiated with burial at Bradley Cemetery.

Pallbearers were CJ Grant, Greg French, Drew Grant, Tim Smith, John Reed, Jack Wachacha, Justin Montelongo, Darius West, Koi West, Delbert Ross, Rod Panther and the EBCI Facilities

Grounds Crew.

Honorary Pallbearers were Pokey Hornbuckle and Chum Bradley.

Harold Kenneth Herron Jr.

Harold Kenneth Herron Jr., of Las Vegas, Nev., passed away at 57 surrounded by family on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026. He was born on Oct. 29, 1968 in Cherokee, N.C. where he spent his early childhood before living on military bases while his stepfather served in the U.S. Air Force, graduating from Ramstein High School in Germany in 1987.

Harold was handy and ambitious with a sharp intellect. In his professional life, he began his career in the gaming industry as a slot machine mechanic, eventually climbing his way to high-level

sales roles. With his experience and in-depth knowledge of the industry, he went on to achieve his lifelong dream of owning his own business, Max Bet Solutions, LLC.

Outside of work, he was fascinated by science and history and had a lifelong passion for learning. From rehabilitating injured birds on more than one occasion, to playing with his three beloved dogs he left behind, he had a soft spot for all living creatures. Harold was an avid outdoorsman with a voracious sense of adventure.

He was happiest when canoeing to remote camping spots, repelling cliffs, fishing or hiking—passions he loved sharing with his daughters since before they were old enough to walk.

Harold was preceded in death

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by his biological father, Harold Kenneth Herron Sr. He is survived by his daughters, Kacey and Kayla Herron; parents, Vivian Rose Kieffer and Daniel Kieffer; partner of 15 years, Thue McCanch; siblings, Kurt Herron and Beverly (Douglas) Delashmit; mother of his children, Joy Fritsch, as well as a large extended family and many close friends.

A date will be announced for his memorial service, which will be held in his hometown of Cherokee, N.C., in the coming weeks. In lieu of flowers, his daughters request donations in his honor to Save the Colorado, an organization that supports river conservation, ecosystem restoration, and environmental justice in order to preserve some of the places Harold loved most. savethecolorado.org/donate

Tasdia Skye Cisneros

Tasdia Skye Cisneros, 37, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026 at 06:30 at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C.

Tasdia Skye Cisneros was born on May 18, 1989, to the late Freda and Angel Cisneros. She went home to be reunited with them on Oct. 2, 2026.

Skye was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and proud of her Mexican heritage. She was a kind soul who would do anything for anyone. She would give to others, even if it meant going without. She will be missed by her family and many friends with whom she enjoyed spending time. She enjoyed making others laugh with her silly

antics and corny jokes. Her sense of humor made it hard not to love her. She was a happy person who always made the best of any situation.

In addition to her parents, Skye is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Selma and Richard Wolfe of Cherokee, N.C., and her paternal grandparents, Estenio Cisneros Lara and Macrina Daz Almanza, both of Guajuato, Mexico. She is also preceded in death by Uncle Segar Williams and Aunt Johnny Ruth Maney.

She is survived by her children, Esi, Roxy, Wahlah, Kalandee, and Elias; her Significant other, Evard Bradley; sister, Angela Cisneros; aunt, Beth Wolfe (Robert Toad Arch); and uncles, Charles and John Wolfe (Donna). She also leaves behind close cousins that were like brothers and sisters to her: Seger, Richard, Tyler, and Shyreece Williams, as well as Ashlyn Caruthers and Shannon Swimmer.

A funeral service was held Friday, Oct. 9 at Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee, N.C., with Rev. Scott Chekelelee officiating. Burial followed at John Wolfe Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C.

Pallbearers were Richard Williams, Seger Williams, Gatlin West, Alfred Welch, Joseph Solis and Robert Toad Arch. Honorary Pallbearers were Tyler Williams, Esi Cisneros-Warren and Evard Bradley.

Long house Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Elaine Jumper

Phyllis Elaine Jumper, 59, of Robbinsville, N.C., passed away on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, at Cherokee Indian Hospital in Cherokee, N.C. after a period of declining health.

She was the daughter of the late Jeremiah Jumper. Phyllis graduated from Robbinsville High School in 1985. She worked at Stanley Furniture from 1996 to 2014 and at Snowbird Youth Center from 2024 to 2026. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her grandfather, Jeremiah Jumper; and her brother, Rick Jumper.

She is survived by her son, Thomas Jumper of Cherokee; brothers, Nathan Jumper of Robbinsville, N.C., and Danny Seay; mother, Jeanette Smoker Jumper; special friends, Lisa Crisp and Irene Turner, of Robbinsville, N.C.; nephew, Lyle "Corey" Jumper; nieces, Shantel Teesateskie and Melissa Seay; great nephews, Wesley Quinn Jumper and Kyzik Teesateskie; and great nieces, Kaniya Teesateskie and Cassidy Sudderth. One grandchild also survives.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Oct. 8 at Little Snowbird Baptist Church in Robbinsville, N.C., with Rev. Dan Teasdale officiating. Burial followed at Little Snowbird Baptist Cemetery in Robbinsville, NC.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

A close call

Part 4 of 8

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

Scripture references: Psalms 118:17-29, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, Luke 15:7

The mission of BikerDownLiftedUp is to lead them to Jesus and His strength, His comfort, and His healing, both physically and spiritually. Sometimes God provides an opportunity to help them answer that ultimate question they all ask eventually. WHY ME? Ask them if they think they have had...a Close Call when they ask that.

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Have you ever had a close call with death?

That is what a close call means to many of us. But has the angel of death ever knocked on your door sometime in your Life and nearly called you away?

There are many ways we face death – Again, I do not mean to get all doom and gloom. It is not a favorite topic for most people.

But we see it all the time, don't we? We do not like talking about it much. We even take it for granted sometimes. We cheapen what death is.

Like on TV or the movies, we see people getting killed or murdered and amuse ourselves with the story, the drama...even comedy. We make jokes when we see the hero kill hundreds of bad guys and save the world.

How many kills did you count? Do you know what movie has the most kills in it? Someone has kept count. The actor, writer, producer, and director, Mel Gibson, is best known for the number of ways a director can film, in complete detail, a person being killed in battle or by nature.

We get all enthralled by the plot, the means, and the impact on the lives of those in the story. Sometimes it excites us, and sometimes it brings a tear to our eye. Sometimes it is very unpleasant.

Have you ever watched those crime drama documentaries about the murder of someone, or overdosed, or become enthralled with the autopsy of some celebrity and how they died? The mystery of their last hours. I have heard more passion from a backyard mechanic work-

ing on their truck.

Do those shows bring you to 'Face Death?' Or were you bored with the details, or disgusted with how people just threw away their lives on dangerous living, drugs, vanity, or lust? Amusing, isn't it, how we can watch sin so unfazed these days?

Dear Lord God and Father, with tears, I request that you inspire those who read and hear this message to repent and draw unto you before it is too late. I pray that each soul might realize how precious Your gift of Life is and how You are in control of every breath we take. Invite those who do not know You today to bring their Life to You and give You their devotion and purpose for living.

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**My little children, these things
I write to you, so that you may not sin.
And if anyone sins, we have
an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous.
And He Himself is the propitiation
for our sins, and not for ours only
but also for the whole world.**

❧ 1 JOHN 2:1-2 ❧

Amber Waves

I'VE HAD IT WITH HELEN. SHE'S ALWAYS RUNNING AROUND LIKE A CHICKEN WITH ITS HEAD CUT OFF.



ALWAYS ACTING BOSSY. I THINK SHE FEELS SHE RULES THE ROOST.



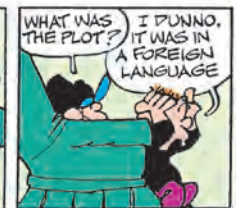
SHE'S ALWAYS PUTTING HERSELF FIRST IN THE PECKING ORDER....



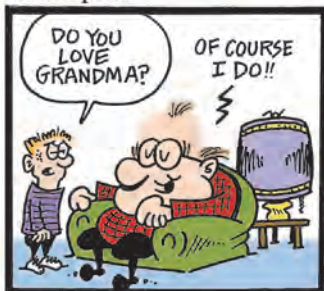
DID YOU PAUSE FOR DRAMATIC EFFECT OR JUST RUN OUT OF MORE CHICKEN PUNS?



TIGER



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is shorter. 2. Saw blade is longer. 3. Hat is different. 4. Finger is moved. 5. Leg is moved. 6. Tree is thinner.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Havana's land
- High tennis shot
- Pitt of "Moneyball"
- Spoken
- Shock partner
- Shakespearean villain
- Military groups
- Bar fight souvenir
- Order by classes
- Vehement protest
- High school subj.
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- Likely
- Small battery
- Cowboy in "Toy Story"
- Indy winner A.J.
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- Mine, to Marcel
- Spoofs
- Dresses in
- Org. with a style manual
- Squad
- Celeb's aide
- Tummy muscles
- Young fellows
- Choir members
- From Vientiane
- Personal
- Make drunk
- Casual eateries
- Masked mammals
- Lab gel
- "Finding Nemo" fish
- Killer whale
- Motor City labor org.
- Ghana's cont.
- "The Bells" writer
- Violent storms
- Blackbird
- Nero's 502
- Since Jan. 1
- Sightseer
- Bafflers
- NASCAR advertiser
- Business abbr.
- 1965 march site
- Capital of South Korea
- "I did it!"
- Med. plan options
- fide (genuine)
- Oklahoma city
- Bygone jets
- Cleric's tunic

DOWN

- Club in a Manilow song
- Web addresses
- Sheepish remarks

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many eggs does an average queen bee lay in a day?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Kite Runner"?
- MOVIES: What is the main character's name in "Ratatouille"?
- ANATOMY: How much of the adult human body is made of water?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many countries make up Central America?
- SCIENCE: How old is the Earth?
- TELEVISION: Which decade is the drama "Mad Men" primarily set in?
- GAMES: In U.S. Monopoly, which properties are the least expensive?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is citrine, a type of quartz?
- MATH: What's the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals XXXIX?

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Answer
Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers
King Crossword

Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanyvi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. Good food, good fun, great - - Oct. 17 at 5 p.m., Annual Jesse Welch Memorial Turkey Shoot, sponsored by family. Delicious Indian dinners made by the family will be available for purchase.

EBCI Community Events

Elk in the Smokies. Oct. 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

Cherokee Youth Council Community Event. Oct. 17 from 4 p.m. – 7p.m. at Whitewater Landing on Whitewater Dr., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Traditional games and social dancing, bring a grocery bag of cleaned recyclables in exchange for some swag.

October Health Screen. Oct. 22 from 5 p.m. – 7p.m. at the Big Y Gym 2641 Wrights Creek Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Theme: Breast Cancer awareness and self-screening. Also BP checks and BMI checks, Resources and Mammo scheduling. With Trudy Crowe, FNP.

Homecoming 2026. Oct. 25 starting at 10:30 a.m. at Yellowhill Baptist Church, 297 Yellowhill Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Fellowship dinner following services. Preaching by Bro. Sam Steele. Various Singers. Everyone welcome.

Halloween Event. Oct. 26 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Tsali Care Center 267 Tsali Care Way, Cherokee, N.C. 28719. A family friendly trick or treating with the residents of Tsali Care. Trick or treat bags provided upon entry. Info: (828) 497-5048

Scare-o-kee. Oct. 29 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Acquoni Expo Center 1501 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. A night of Halloween magic featuring trick or treating, food trucks, music and spooky fun for all ages.

Pot Luck Trunk or Treat. Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. Towstring Community Building 1216 Towstring Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Costume Contest, bring your favorite spooky side dish, and cake walk.

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

EBCI Community Regular Meetings

NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association, Inc.) Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman, 18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as a member of a

federally recognized Indian Tribe/ Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

Cherokee Cultural/Historic Events

Campfire and Stories. Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center 121 Schoolhouse Rd., Robbinsville, N.C. 28776. Bo Taylor, EBCI Tribal Member, will be the storyteller for this day event, which will kick off the Harvest Festival weekend. No admission fee, there will be hot dogs, hot chocolate and drinks for sale. Info: (828) 479-3364

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

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

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

SŌHi ḂD RVLTḂJ DḂḂYL



Black Boy, a 2-year-old Feist, lives in Wayohi (Wolftown) with his human, Brinda Littlejohn.



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Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Meetings

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

Work Session on Res. No. 294 (Disbursement of TABCC Funding). Oct. 15 at 9 a.m.

Work Session on Ord. No. 251 (Spousal Inheritance of Possessory Holdings). Oct. 15 at 10 a.m.

Work Session on Ord. No. 212 (Public Nuisance). Oct. 15 at 11 a.m.

Work Session on Golf Board. Oct. 15 at 1 p.m.

Work Session on Ord. No. 252 (Establish the Committee of Aging and Disability). Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.

Roads Commission. Oct. 19 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee. Oct. 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Planning Board. Oct. 19 at 1 p.m.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your moodier side might emerge this week. But the dark period should pass in time for the party-loving Lamb to go on a happy gambol with some very special people this weekend!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas to smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love being on center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all the praise, be careful not to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) A suggestion about a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers, unless they can show a real basis for their position.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore your current job responsibilities. A personal relationship can also benefit from more of your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't guess at what the facts might be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers that you get.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your efforts involving a pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This will allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still have some explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You might also want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.

BORN THIS WEEK: You insist on making decisions based on facts, not on popular opinions. Have you considered a career in science?

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Check on your buddies

Grab your calendar, including the new one for 2027, and on the 22nd of every month through the year, make a note for that day: Buddy Check.

The reason: veteran suicides.

The VA has taken major steps to address veteran suicides. Last year alone they fielded 1.3 million chats, texts and calls to the Veterans Crisis Line. They've launched Risk ID, a program that evaluates veterans and spots the red flags for at-risk veterans. They've spent millions on grants for suicide prevention programs.

But they can't do everything.

Buddy Check 22 was started years ago as a reminder that the rate of veteran suicides was shockingly high — the latest report indicates that we're still losing 17 veterans per day to suicide — but we can do something about it. And that includes you.

The note on your calendar will be your reminder to reach out to another veteran and check in. It's not hard. You can give them a call and ask how they're doing. You can send a text message saying you're thinking about them. You can invite them out for coffee or lunch. You can stop by and take a tray of coffee and donuts to snack on while you get caught up.

Pull in your friends, too. Enlist their help in expanding the list of veterans that are contacted every month.

If something doesn't sound (or feel) right when you check on a fellow veteran, you can provide resources for help.

To learn more about Buddy Check 22, see www.militaryveteranproject.org/buddycheck22.

Take a look at the American Legion's Buddy Check information (www.legion.org/advocacy/be-the-one/buddy-check). Learn how to spot the danger signs and what to do about it.

Keep this information below in your wallet for when you need to support another veteran:

VA Crisis Line number: Dial 800-273-8255, then press 1. (Or dial 988.) Open 24/7.

Veteranscrisisline.net: Chat online or send a text to 838255.

As a reminder, you don't need to be enrolled in VA healthcare to get help there.

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Pet sitting adventures: Bark, meow... baa?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I work part time as a pet sitter, which fits in well with my full-time college schedule. Dogs and cats I can handle, but recently I got a request to pet sit a flock of sheep! The owner said that they can pretty much take care of themselves, and that their two sheepdogs monitor the flock. But I was nervous about it; what if a sheep gets sick?

I decided, what the heck? The money was good, it was only for a week, and I'd have a unique experience to talk about. But before accepting, I talked directly with the owner to get more details and allay my fears. Who should I contact if a sheep or a dog gets sick? What was the feeding schedule? Were any of them currently on medication, and how was it administered? Were there any neighbors who could help if I had trouble?

The owner had no problem answering my questions and helping me get ready for the job. I spent an uneventful week at their small farm, got to romp around outside with the dogs, and met their neighbors, who have all added me to their contact list as a pet sitter.

By pushing past my fears about caring for a different type of animal, I gained a new skill, several new clients and had a great time.

I just wanted to pass this along to say that if any of your readers are considering becoming pet sitters, go for it. And don't be afraid to take on the occasional new experience — as long as you get enough information upfront before committing. — Haley L., Burlington, Vermont

DEAR HALEY: That is fantastic, and congratulations on the successful experience! Thank you for sharing it.

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

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Health Board. Oct. 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Work Session on Cherokee Language Program. Oct. 21 at 1 p.m.

Pow Wow Listings

3rd Annual Uncompahgre Pow Wow. Oct. 16-17 at the Montrose County Event Center in Montrose, Colo. Emcees: Jackson “Rollingthunder” Tahuka, Phillip Gover. Host Northern Drum: Mato Pejuta. Host Southern Drum: Ironbow. Info: <https://www.wsncarc.org/powwow>

Hiitem’Waq’Iiswit Pow Wow. Oct. 16-18 at the Clearwater River Casino in Lewiston, Idaho. Info: www.crcasino.com

Hunting Moon Pow Wow. Oct. 16-18 at the Baird Center in Milwaukee, Wisc. Info: <https://www.huntingmoonpowwow.com/>

45th Annual NAIA Indian Education Tennessee Pow Wow. Oct. 16-17 at Long Hunter State Park in Nashville, Tenn. MC: Tim Tallchief. Host Northern Drum: Medicine Tail. Host Southern Drum: Otter Trail. Info: (615) 232-9179, www.naiatn.org

American Indian Cancer Foundation’s 14th Annual Pow Wow for Hope: Dancing for Life, Love, and Hope. Oct. 17 at the Base Camp Facility in St. Paul, Minn. Host Drum: Spirit Boy. Info: <https://americanindiancenter.org/powwow-for-hope/>

Chester County American Indian Cultural Festival & Pow

Wow. Oct. 17-18 in Morganton, Pa. MC: Matt White Eagle Clair. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/CCAICF/>

Auburn Big Time Pow Wow. Oct. 17 in Auburn, Calif. Info: www.sierranativealliance.com/events

18th Annual American Indian Festival. Oct. 17 at Patuxent River Park in Upper Marlboro, Md. Info: (301) 627-6074, patuxentriv-erpark@pgparks.com

Support Groups

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

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

Jackson County Republican Party meeting. Oct. 15 at 567 Mill Street in Sylva, N.C. Info: Sheila Padgett, JCGOP secretary, (828) 399-9701

Call for Entries – Quilt Show. Oct. 16 the morning of at Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center 121 Schoolhouse Rd., Robbinsville, N.C. 28771. All types of quilts and fiber arts can be on display. To win viewers choice award, quilt must be made by the person(s) entering it. The exhibit will open as well as voting on the quilts, Saturday, Oct. 17. Rules and entry forms are available now for download from the website: StecoahValleyCenter.com/festivals. Info: (828) 479-3364

25th Annual Storytelling Festival & Liars Competition. Oct. 16 and Oct. 17 starting at 6:30 p. m. at Hagood Mill Historic Site 138 Hagood Mill Rd., Pickens, S.C. 29671. Friday Night Frights & Ghost Stories kicks off the week-

end on Friday. The festival continues Saturday, October 17, with a full day of stories, laughter, folklore, and tall tales. Want to compete? Email kim@visithagoodmill.org to sign up for the Liar’s Competition. Info: (864) 898-2936

Cherohala Skyway Festival. Oct. 24 from 10a.m. – 5 p.m. by the Charles Hall Museum 122 Bank St., Tellico Plains, Tenn. 37385. Special Josh Graves music tribute. Free admission. Hand-made items from many talented crafters and artisans. Vendors offer everything from paintings and photographs, pottery, floral arrangements, wood crafts and turnings, doll clothes, dolls, toys, jewelry, candles, soap, and decorative accessories. Lots of kids activities. Food trucks onsite. Info: (423)253-8000

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

Halloween Trick or Treat Farm Tours. Oct. 31 space is limited, get a ticket to reserve your spot. Winchester Alapaca Farm 386 Walker Rd., Waynesville, NC. 28786. Trick or treaters 12 and under will receive lots of treats along our guided Halloween farm tour. Pet and feed the animals, wear your costume. Treat bags provided. Info: (828) 246-9486

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

Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code. Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. – noon at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Athens, 780 Timothy Rd., Athens, Ga. 30606. Dwayne Tomah, Passamaquoddy Tribe, will explain the impact of the Doctrine of Discovery on Native Americans then and now. Info: (706) 254-7822.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Wayohi (Wolftown) Com-

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

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Yellowhill Community building, potluck at 5:30 p.m. meeting at 6 p.m. Info: Chairman (to be elected on in November). For building rental, contact Robert Stalcup (828) 736-0149

Cherokee Houses of Worship

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

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

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

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

number (828) 497-7770

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7 p.m., Monthly business meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Brandon Harrell (828) 777-4923

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

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

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 960 Old 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.

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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 Service 3 p.m. Thursday Service 6:30 p.m. Pastor Marty Pressley

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-



Moments in time

• On Oct. 26, 1774, the First Continental Congress sent a petition to England's King George III informing him that if not for the oppressive acts forced upon the colonies by the British Parliament, the American people would be standing behind British rule.

• On Oct. 27, 1975, Bruce Springsteen became the first rock musician to appear on the covers of both TIME and Newsweek magazine in a single week. This feat, which was usually limited to presidents or other world leaders, fueled the energy behind his third album, "Born to Run," and helped make him a household name.

• On Oct. 28, 1834, a group of European settlers led by the governor of Western Australia attacked a Bindjarab Noongar camp, killing somewhere between 11 and 80 people. The incident became known as the Pinjarra Massacre and was the culmination of escalating tensions between Australian Aboriginal peoples and settlers during the colony's early years.

• On Oct. 29, 2024, a study published in the journal Antiquities revealed the discovery of an enormous, 1,500-year-old Mayan city hidden in the jungles of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula. It contained more than 6,000 structures, including pyramids like the ones at Chichen Itza.

• On Oct. 30, 1896, the Boston Symphony Orchestra debuted Amy Beach's "Gaelic Symphony," the first by an American female composer to garner public attention. Beach cited the "simple, rugged and unpretentious beauty" of Irish tunes as her inspiration for the piece.

• On Oct. 31, 1961, five years after Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev denounced Stalinism and the "personality cult" of Soviet rulers at the 20th Party Congress, Joseph Stalin's embalmed body was secretly removed from the tomb of his predecessor, Vladimir Lenin, in Moscow's Red Square, and reinterred near the Kremlin wall.

• On Nov. 1, 1512, Michelangelo's famous ceiling frescoes in the Sistine Chapel were first exhibited to the general public in Vatican City. Commissioned by Pope Julius II, they spanned thousands of square feet, included more than 300 figures, and took several years to complete.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Zechariah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 17, who asked, "Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old"? Adam, Abraham, Aaron, Agrippa
3. What group did John the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers
4. From Genesis 8, what was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark? Burned the ark, Built an altar, Performed a marriage, Hiked to mountains
5. Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver? Joash, Jehoash, Jehu, Jeremiah
6. Whose biblical name meant "eagle"? Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriam

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Abraham, 3) Soldiers, 4) Built an altar, 5) Jehu, 6) Aquila

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

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Its purple flowers may seem pretty, but this spiny plant is classified as a noxious weed in several U.S. states, and has the potential to overwhelm established ecosystems and agricultural areas.

Though it can be very difficult, it is possible to remove these deep-rooted weeds by wearing very thick gloves and pulling or digging them out before they are well-established. They can also be killed with vinegar or boiling water. Just be careful not to splash any nearby plants that you want to keep. – Brenda Weaver

Milk thistle

Source: homesandgardens.com

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group@gmail.com

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

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

**Grace Community Church
of Cherokee.** 320 Highway 441
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 Ser-
vice 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church.
1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School
10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship

11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship
6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible
Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Con-
seen, 497-1611, mbccherokee@
outlook.com, Website: www.mace-
doniabaptistcherokee.church

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

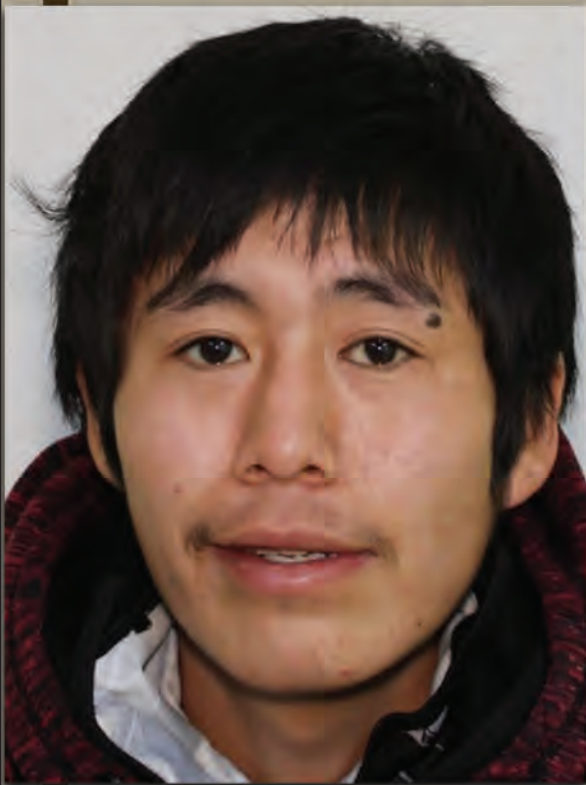
Old Antioch Baptist Church.
2868 Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday
morning service 10 a.m., Sunday
evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday
evening service 6 p.m.

Olivet United Methodist

see **EVENTS** next page

MISSING PERSON

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Sean Edward Sun

Tribal Affiliation: American Indian/Alaska
Native

Male Age: 27

Height: 5'6" **Weight:** 135 lbs

Hair: Brown **Eyes:** Brown

Date of last contact: July 25, 2026

Last known location: Anchorage, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance: Sean left the
Second Chance Support Services assisted living
facility and never returned. Sean has a scar on his
abdomen. No other information was provided.

If you have seen or have information about Sean
Edward Sun, contact the Anchorage Police
Department (907) 786-8900 or Malia Miller,
Missing Persons Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska
State Troopers (907) 269-5511.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Most commercial airplanes are painted white to reflect solar radiation, which helps keep the aircraft cooler and reduces potential damage to the fuselage. White paint also weighs less.

- Some snakes have hipbones, showing they once had four legs like their lizard cousins.

- More English words begin with the letter "s" than any other.

- According to seasonal relationship patterns in Facebook profiles, autumn is the season in which more singles change their status to "In a Relationship" or "Engaged" than the yearly average.

- It took just three years from the time Thomas Edison began selling his incandescent light bulb for technological advances to allow lamp prices to drop by more than 90%.

- While Plymouth, Massachusetts, is traditionally held to be the site of the first Thanksgiving, at least 12 American locations claim the honor, including places in Texas, Florida, Maine and Virginia.

- Becoming a perfumer takes at least 20 years.

- Mummies were in demand as medicine during the European Middle Ages. One such use involved boiling a mummy and using the oils to treat bruising, stomach aches and a number of other issues.

- Author Norman Mailer nearly stabbed his second wife to death after she criticized him for fighting guests. During his trial, he described the assault as some sort of artistic experiment.

- A species of bird called the maleo uses the heat from volcanic sand to incubate its eggs.

- People in the Persian Empire saved snow in underground keeps called "yakhchal," later serving it on warm days with grape juice concentrate poured over it.

- Ancient Roman astrologers used a mnemonic device to remember the long list of different fortunes that had to be given in a horoscope reading.

Thought for the Day: "Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning." — *Bill Gates*

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Church. 811 Olivet Church Road. Sunday School 9am. Sunday Service 9:45am. Outreach Coordinator: German Vivas (904) 314-6123

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

Smoky Mountain Church of God. 3501 Hwy 441, Whittier, N.C. Pastor: Melanie Jean Garuffi (828) 556-0115

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

**Event listings are
FREE of charge.**

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

GRANT APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Percy B. Ferebee Endowment Fund will be accepting grant applications through October 31, 2026.

The Endowment was created under the will of Percy B. Ferebee for educational, charitable, and benevolent purposes.

Ferebee was a former state senator and mayor of Andrews. A native of Elizabeth City, he moved to Western North Carolina in 1913 to work for the U.S. Forest Service.

Grants from the Endowment are limited to municipal entities and exempt organizations, under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, located in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties and the Cherokee Indian Reservation in western North Carolina. The Endowment's primary focus is on capital projects and typically does not fund requests for general operating and salary expenses.

Primary considerations will be given projects which will be of a non-recurring nature or short term in duration. Grants may be made to match contributions or other sources of funds for the support of a particular project.

To apply, reach out to the Private Trust Company via email requesting an application to Jason.Myers@lplfinancial.com or call 216-242-2810. Please put “FEREBEE GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST” in the subject line of your email.

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FRELL OWL AWARD

2026 marks the 39th year that the Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors will publicly recognize a person or persons with the Freil Owl Award. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a recipient was not selected in 2020.

The Frell Owl Award is given to those who best exemplify the character and accomplishments of the late Mr. Freil Owl, Cherokee educator and civic leader and to those who have significantly contributed to the welfare of Cherokee children and families.

Past recipients of this award are: John Crowe, Stella Kanott, the Scar Crowe Family, Ray Kinsland, Pearl and John Reagan, Betty Crisp, Jerri Kinsland, Mary Chiltoskey, Dora Reed, Marie Junaluska, Sharon and David Crowe, Ernestine Walkingstick, Jody Adams, Gary Maney, Mary Sneed, Mary Mantooth, David McCoy, Glenda Crowe, Denise Ballard, David McQueen, Skooter McCoy, Johnson "Booger" Arch, Kathy Wolfe, Carmaleta Monteith, Roy Lambert, Sandi Owle, Lana Lambert, Catherine Blythe Sanders, Will Poolaw, Lou Johnson, Wilbur Paul, Alan and Mary Jane Smith, Isaac "Ike" Long, Michael Vannette, Mianna "Peaches" Squirrel, Lloyd Carl Owle, Butch & Louise Goings and Jennifer Thompson and the Physical Therapy Staff at CIHA, and Sheyahshe Littledave and Ahli-sha Stephens.

Anyone may submit a nomination. Any person or persons may be nominated with the exception of current Cherokee Boys Club Board Members.

The closing date for receiving nominations is Friday, November 13th, 2026. You may pick up a nomination form from the receptionist at the Boys Club's Information Window. Please return the nomination form and any support documents (Marked Confidential) to Jackie Bradley, Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719 or deliver to the Cherokee Boys Club at 52 Cherokee Boys Club Loop, Cherokee, NC 28719. If you have any questions, please call Jackie Bradley at (828) 359-5508 or 828-506-4939.

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For ads:

Ad Sales Coordinator – Dawn Arneach,
359-6489, dawnarne@ebci-nsn.gov

For subscriptions:

Subscription Clerk - Tina Laws
359-6262, tinalaws@ebci-nsn.gov

CLASSIFIEDS

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Starting September 1st, buying at the Old Caney Fork General Store every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Also buying at my home every day 1 p.m. – 9 p.m. Call Ricky Teem (828) 371-1802. **10/28**

For Sale – 1985 Ford Ranger

long bed, runs good, needs some body work. Serious inquiries only. \$1,500. Call Marion Thompson (828) 226-6961. **10/21**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 26-073

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

CLARA SAUNOOKE

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

David Saunooke
1927 S.Gail Ln.
Anaheim, CA. 92802
10/14

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 26-077

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Phillip Charles Pheasant

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

Devona Toineeta
PO Box 1802
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 26-075

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Henry Martin Dover

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

Kathryn S Dover
38 Red Clay Rd.
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-068

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

MERLINA SNEED

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

the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

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

Jacqueline Loch
P.O. Box 2254
Greenville, NC. 27836
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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Assignment of a Name for a New Road

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Emergency Management Of-

fice at its 9-1-1 Committee meeting held on October 1, 2026 resolved pursuant to EBCI Code of Ordinances Chapter 136A ARTICLE II - UNIFORM STREET ADDRESS AND ROAD NAMING

SYSTEM (Ord. No. 332-A, 10-26-1998) that a certain new road in the Wolfetown Big Y Community be assigned the street name as detailed below:

*The newly established Road on Wrights Creek Road between Sarah Jones Road and Reed Drive shall be assigned the name Red-bird Road along with its eventual continuation.

Inquiries or appeals to this action can be made to Donald Wolfe Jr at the Emergency Operations Center located at 282 Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee, NC 28719 during



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normal business hours. Contact information Office (828) 359-6433 Work Cell (828) 788-254.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the District Water Metering Project will be received, by Cherokee Water Programs, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, at the office of the 1840 Paint Town Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, until 10:30 PM local time on November 5, 2026, at which time the Bids will be accepted and opened in accordance with Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Policy.

The Project consists of installing five concrete vaults that have been pre-assembled with pressure reducing valves, flow meters and check valves as required for each location. The vaults will be installed along existing water mains that vary in size from 8-inches to 12-inch ductile iron pipe. One flow meter will be delivered and swapped out at an existing booster pump station. The scope of the project will excavation, include all dewatering, cutting in new pipe, installation of isolation valves, pavement restoration, and any necessary tools or equipment required to complete the jobs according to the specifications. All

materials will be the responsibility of the contractor.

The allotted time for construction is 210 calendar days. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: LJA Engineering, 1111 North Northshore Drive, Suite N800 Knoxville, TN 37919 Phone: 865-328-3141; Vickie Wilhite vwilhite@lja.com Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM local time, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, Attention: Vickie Wilhite 1111 North Northshore Drive, Suite N800, Knoxville, TN 37919. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 AM local time on October 28th, 2026, via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Bid security is not required. Bidders shall provide proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.
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BIDS

Please be advised that Qualla Enterprises LLC, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting Licensed General Contractors for the project, "Dispensary Dab Lounge". The work will consist of constructing a new lounge and commercial kitchen area within the existing dispensary.

A mandatory Pre-bid will be held October 27th at 8 am. Pre-bid meeting will be located at 91 Bingo Loop Rd Cherokee NC 28719 in the conference room. Be advised that all attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

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

October 2026 Residential Remodeling Advertisement
The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from qualified TERO contractors to complete Residential Remodeling Services in Cherokee, NC. Pioneer Apartments-(5) Units

Please contact CIHD for additional information. Ernest Tiger Property Manager Qualla Housing Services Cherokee Indian Housing Division PO Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd. Office 828-359-6748 Cell 828-736-6922 ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov **10/14**

NOTICE

The EBCI Natural Resources Department is proposing the

adoption of administrative rules pursuant to Cherokee Code 113-2 and 150-4. The administrative rules are proposed to regulate white-tailed deer hunting in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 113 (including hunting equipment, harvest reporting, and enforcement). Written comments may be mailed to the EBCI Natural Resources Department at Attn: Mike LaVoie, P.O. Box 1747, Cherokee, NC 28719 or emailed to michlavo@ebci-nsn.gov. The period for public comment is at least 20 days from the publication of this notice. **10/14**

Call For Board Members

Applications are now open to join the Museum of the Cherokee People's volunteer board of directors. The Museum's board of multigenerational community members advances our 501(c)3 nonprofit organization's mission to preserve and perpetuate the history, culture, and stories of the Cherokee people. Board members serve a five-year term, and meetings are held quarterly. Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to communications@motcp.org by Friday, November 6.
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New Enrollees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (April 1 – Sept. 30 2026)

This is a list of new enrollees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were officially enrolled between April 1- Sept. 30, 2026, who, unless otherwise prohibited by law, are eligible to receive a per capita distribution of distributable net gaming revenue for the period of April 1 – Sept. 30, 2026. This list is being published according to Cherokee Code Section 16C-4.

Jasper Shane Adams
 Gracie Rose Akers
 Kaydee Alice Arch
 Kenzlee Braelyn Arch
 Kymrie Olene Arch
 Jagger Onyx Arkansas
 Deweese Armando Armachain
 Madisyn Sky Singer Arneach
 Lilith Kolanv Ballard
 Stevie Yonvadisi Barnes
 Tomlin James Israel Bigwitch
 Lucy Martha-Ajvtsv Ayidohi Bird
 Lowen Anne Blalock
 Sunnie Aligi Blythe
 Alexis Ann Bradshaw
 Bodhi Yona Brady
 Amira Bryson
 Ember Amara Laine Calhoun
 Darius Brian Campbell
 Makayla Rae Campbell
 Micah Ray Adam Catolster
 Aryanna Lynn Chiltoskie
 James Lee Clasing
 Jessica Rose Clasing
 Joseph Ryu Clasing
 Aiyana Dahlia Kay Coffey
 Noah Lively Colindres
 Emmie Adawehe Cook-Brown
 Lawson Grant Cooper
 Leo Wolfgang Cornelius
 Bobby Edward Crowe
 Copper Alora Townes Crowe
 Eliana Grace Crowe
 Koen Bhodie Crowe

Tilly Bell Crowe
 Ashton Graham Cucumber, Jr.
 Elias Scott Daniels
 Inara Sophia Diaz-Watty
 Sunday Estrella Esquivel
 Wyatt Noble Ferguson
 Leon Bishop Fitzsimmons
 Brynlyn Tolitha Fortner
 Sage Walela Fuller
 Payton Saige Garland
 U-Yu-Gi-Da Rome Garland
 Edwin Smoky Noe Gaytan-Crowe
 Mazie Lila George
 Walton Patrick Ethan George
 Koda James Gibbs
 Leonxx Andrew Harris Gonzalez
 Marcus Redstone Grant
 Titus LaRue Griffin
 Atlas Cruz Gurrola
 Anais Kailyn Adai Harper
 Bishop Warren Harper
 Harlow Given Lee Harper
 Eleanor Mae Hawkes
 Skyline Rain Marie Hazard
 Kenai Miller Hill
 Calea Leilani Hornbuckle
 Wanash Wadulishi Howell
 Liam Josiah Dean Isbill
 Kian Jasai Jackson
 Kane Richard Johnson
 Alleyah Lavelle Justice
 Spencer John Kellogg
 A'Zara Jaylanii King
 Haiden Isiah James Lambert
 Raylan Atsila Lawrence
 Vanna Esmae Loray Lee Ledford
 Inagei Lee-Cooper
 Nyla Rose Lequire
 Stetson Edward Cash Little
 Avanna Renae Littlejohn Smith
 Benson Kole Littlejohn
 Hudsyn Tsula Livengood
 Seren Lee Noquisi Long
 Leilani Elowyn Lossiah Acosta
 Akino Revan Lossiah
 Willow Lossiah
 Beau Brandon Lyons
 Aiyana Nebula Marquez
 LeJohn Mariano Marquez, Jr.

Malia A. Rae Marvel
 Bayker Ray Tom McCoy
 Ocean Kaia McMillan
 Aria Jade Montelongo
 Eliza Jaelyn Rose Montelongo
 Kvhe Montelongo
 Lincoln John Montelongo
 Malakai Oliver Murphy
 Kealani Lea Ortiz
 Mikayla Marie Paddy
 Adelynn Norleen Panther
 Bentley Cayde Park
 Bodie James Pepion
 Knox James Pepion
 Mateo Ali Ochoa Pete
 Stormee Bliss Reyes
 Mathis Chaske Kolt Rogers
 Annabelle Grace Ross
 Keziah Faye Adadolisdi Ross
 Tiamera LaShae Saddler
 Tierra LaShae Saddler
 Joseph Antonino Salazar
 Noah Grayhawk Schulze
 Alister Clark Scott
 Lorenzo Charles Xavier Sherrill
 Dawson Kole Smith
 Malia Cheyenne Smith
 Ja'Daronn Eugene Squirrel
 Sophia Monroe Stamey
 Trinity Lee Stanberry
 James Kanuna Standingdeer
 Estella Nora Stone
 Elodi Tawoka Swimmer
 Birdie May Talalah
 Jayda Elizabeth Taylor
 Me-Li Phoebe Mystical Taylor
 Sawyer William Taylor
 Enis Thompson
 Milo Remington Thompson-Davis
 Lainey Rae Townsend
 Riley Shae Townsend
 Saint Hubert Eugene Tullos
 Ryder Edward Alan Wade
 August Sterling Waldroup
 Ella Ruth Watkins
 Aiden Michael White
 Jaslin Angela Moon Wolf
 Nicholas Antonio Zelaya

Deceased members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (April 1 – Sept. 30, 2026)

This is a list of deceased members of the tribe whose estate is entitled to a pro rata share of the deceased members per capita distribution of net gaming revenues for the period of April 1 - Sept. 30, 2026, pursuant to Section 16C-5 of the Cherokee Code.

This section does not apply to deceased minors. Distribution to the estate of a deceased member may be made only to the authorized, or court appointed fiduciary, affiant, executor or administrator of the estate. These documents must be received within one year of the date of death. Please mail to the Tribal Enrollment Office, PO Box 2069 Cherokee, NC 28719.

Each person is shown with their date of death, full name and executor(s):

4/1/26 - Harold Luther Coleman, Executor Michelle Bell
4/3/26 - Michael Glenn Murphy, Executor Diana Murphy
4/3/26 - Lloyd Knowles Arneach, Executor Lloyd Arneach Jr.
4/5/26 - Joan Underwood
4/5/26 - Calfrieda Escobedo
4/5/26 - Martha Ann Sampson, Executor Alyssa Streets
4/9/26 - Deborah Lynn Jumper
4/9/26 - David Obidiah Swimmer
4/12/26 - Tammy Lee Reed
4/14/26 - Charlotte George, Executors Nathaniel Crowe and Daniel Crowe
4/16/26 - Daniel Montelongo
4/21/26 - Mary Louise Davis
4/23/26 - Mikah Jahim Lambert, Executor Nina Junaluska
4/24/26 - Kathleen Talalah
4/25/26 - Robin Joyce Jenkins
4/26/26 - Patricia Ann Panther, Executor Reyna Solis
4/30/26 - Sherman Goliath Taylor, Executor Shirley Taylor
5/1/26 - Bernadine Bradley, Executor Jarrett W. Bradley
5/8/26 - Bryson Eric Lambert
5/14/26 - Dustin Thomas Smith
5/15/26 - Vicky Renee Knapman
5/21/26 - Kristine Ellen Trottingwolf
5/24/26 - Robyn Michelle Bigmeat
5/26/26 - Velma Jean Hemphill, Executor Darrell J. Robertson
5/29/26 - William David Walkingstick
6/1/26 - Justin Patrick Adams
6/1/26 - Teresa Darlene Townsend
6/2/26 - Martina Raye Hudson
6/2/26 - Shauna Charmianne Teesatuskie

6/6/26 - Victor Dwayne Wildcatt
6/8/26 - Nannie Brown
6/11/26 - Jean Marie Curren, Executor Joanne Priester
6/14/26 - Kaytlin Elizabeth Jones
6/15/26 - Lucy Wilma Parker
6/16/26 - Sara Jane Lambert
6/20/26 - Howard Vincent Sneed, Executor Pamela Sue Sneed
6/21/26 - John Lawrence Laney, Jr., Executor Sherry Laney
6/23/26 - Deborah Lyne Thilenius, Executor Edward Thilenius
6/25/26 - Lewis Hamilton Harding
6/28/26 - Lillie Mae Larch
7/4/26 - Rosalinda Lowe
7/15/26 - Jerry Francis Parker
7/16/26 - James Wayne Maney, Executor Matthew Maney
7/16/26 - Carolina Angel Owle
7/18/26 - Franklin George Hornbuckle
7/18/26 - Mark Steven Lambert
7/20/26 - Alice Mae Lewis
7/21/26 - John William Radford, Executor Marcia E. Radford
7/28/26 - Billy Michael Lane
8/4/26 - Brandon Kyle Sampson
8/5/26 - Henry Martin Dover
8/10/26 - Celia Ann Smith, Executor Lula Jackson
8/11/26 - Edna Delois Hubbs
8/12/26 - Mary Jane Letts
8/15/26 - David Eugene Swayney
8/15/26 - Mona Tyane Ammons, Executor Kari G. Rattler
8/17/26 - Ruth Eldean Lossiah
8/19/26 - Douglas Eugene Ashe
8/25/26 - Kenneth Lee Baum, Jr.
8/26/26 - Elva Faye Drum
8/27/26 - Samuel Noah Cucumber, Executors Aaron and Patty Cucumber
8/29/26 - Jeffrey Allen Best
8/29/26 - Cova Jean Armstrong
8/31/26 - Regina Ledford
9/1/26 - Phillip Charles Pheasant
9/2/26 - Mary Louise Martin
9/6/26 - Sarah Nicole Toineeta
9/6/26 - Dwaine Patrick George
9/9/26 - Brenda Ann Sexton
9/13/26 - Diamond John Rattler
9/14/26 - Janice Faye Foltz
9/27/26 - Jarrett Cody Youngdeer



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OPEN POSITIONS



NEW POSITIONS

Patient Access Specialist – Temporary
Patience Access Specialist - PTI
Case Management Support
Skilled Nursing Facility Billing Specialist

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mental Health Therapist - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
(Cherokee Central Schools, Child and Family –
Snowbird, Dora Reed, Family Safety, Family Inten-
sive Treatment, Medication Assisted Treatment,
Kanvwtiyi, Adult Outpatient)
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwtiyi
Behavioral Health Consultant Supervisor
Behavioral Health RN - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Grant Coordinator
Qualified Mental Health Professional
Medication Assisted Treatment Program Supervisor
Residential Technician – Female – Part Time with-
out Benefits

DENTAL

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

EVS

EVS Technician

EYE CLINIC

Optometrist

Health Information Management
Certified Coder

LABORATORY

Medical Lab Technician
Phlebotomist – Part Time with Benefits

MEDICAL

Psychiatrist
Physician and IM Rural Track Director

NURSING

Registered Nurse Emergency Department –Tempo-
rary
RN Emergency Department –\$10,000 Hiring
Bonus
License Practical Nurse – Primary Care -\$5,000
Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager – Float \$10,000 Hiring
Bonus
Clinical Care Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Inpatient – Nights - PTI
Telemetry Nursing Assistant – PTI
Nurse Resident/Intern
Specialty Services Registered Nurse - \$10,000
Hiring Bonus

NUTRITION

Clinical Dietitian
Clinical Dietitian - Temporary

Radiology

Radiology Technologist I

TRIBAL OPTION

Tribal Option Medical Social Worker
Tribal Option Care Management Extender - IDD
Tribal Option Care Management Extender – LTSS
Tribal Option Care Management Extender
Tribal Option Care Manage Specialty Lead – RN
Preferred

TSALI CARE

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse – \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
RN MDS Coordinator
RN Supervisor

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Job Opportunities



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1. Electrician Assistant/Generator Maintenance – Facility Management – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE**
2. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – EMS – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE**

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) **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. Driver (Cherokee County) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE**
8. Air Quality Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)

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EBCI Legal Assistance (828) 359-7400

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Cherokee Indian Housing Division (828) 359-6320

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Services: Conducting audits to assess the reliability of financial and operational information. Administering and enforcing the Code of Ethics binding on all Tribal Officials



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Cherokee Indian Hospital (828) 497-9163

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Modeling in Charlotte

Aubrey Little, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, models for Blairsxoxos Boutique in the Art Market Fest Fashion Show at the Art Bando in Charlotte, N.C. on Sunday, Oct. 4. (Photo contributed)



Places at N.C. Senior Games

Martha Wolfe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Aniwordihi (Painttown), received multiple medals during the most recent N.C. Senior Games held in Raleigh, N.C. On Sept. 14, she placed second receiving a silver medal in mixed doubles bowling with partner Rick Terry. On Sept. 28, Wolfe placed first taking the gold in shuffleboard. On Sept. 29, she placed third receiving a bronze medal in bocce. She has qualified for Senior Games Nationals in these three events. Nationals will be held in Tulsa, Okla. in the summer of 2027. (Photo contributed)



Sequoyah Fund meets

The staff and Board of Directors of the Sequoyah Fund met Monday, Oct. 5, at the Governor's Western Residence to reflect on the organization's mission, strengthen its work, and look ahead to the future. Shown, left to right, are Greg Walker-Wilson, facilitator; Zach Goings, grants specialist; Laura Smith, board; Keyonna Rodriguez, secretary; Bonnie Claxton, board; Dr. Yona Wade, board chair; Maggie Jackson, vice chair; Hope Huskey, chief operation officer; Dorian Walkingstick, commercial accounts manager; Ashford Smith, chief financial officer; Shayla Jackson, office admin & benefits coord.; and Russ Seagle, chief financial officer. (Photo courtesy of Sequoyah Fund)

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Legendary Fears: The Sgili (Ghost) Hunt

Guests will have the opportunity to explore **Mountainside Theatre** after dark and conduct their own paranormal investigations. Guides will be stationed throughout the theatre to share some of the unexplained things our staff members have experienced over the years. Not recommended for children under 10.

October 15-17, 22-24, 29-31, 7pm - 10pm



Legendary Fears: Spearfinger's Awakening

Something has awakened Spearfinger from her grave. Now, she has called the others from the darkness. Ancient creatures once whispered about around the fire are stirring again, summoned from the shadows to join her. This October, Cherokee's darkest legends come alive. Encounter them after dark at Oconaluftee Indian Village. Not recommended for children under 10.

October 15-17, 22-24, 29-31, 7pm - 10pm



Fear as a Teacher Exhibit

View this month long exhibit at the **Museum of the Cherokee People**. The Museum is open 9am-5pm with the last ticket sold at 4pm. Admission to the exhibition is included in a general admission ticket.

October 1 - 31



Shape Shifters

Hands on crafts and goodies for the whole family at the **Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual**.

DIY activities

Oct 30, 9am - 3pm

DIY activities & Open Air Market

Oct 31, 9am - 3pm

Costume Contest Kids - Teens - Adults

Oct 31, 11am - 1pm



Cherokee Art Heist

Follow clues around Cherokee to solve the mystery of the stolen painting. Start at the **Museum Pavilion**. Hosted by Sequoyah Fund.

October 30 & 31, 9am - 3 pm

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