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Special can design of Cherokee Water ᏣᎳᎩ ᎠᏍ sold at WCU game

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

CULLOWHEE, N.C. – A specially-designed can of Cherokee Water ᏣᎳᎩ ᎠᏍ was sold at Western Carolina University's (WCU) EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Appreciation Day on Saturday, Nov. 7. The can, featuring WCU logos as well as the EBCI tribal seal, was sold during the football game between WCU and Wofford at E.J. Whitmire Stadium in Cullowhee, N.C.

The can makes reference to

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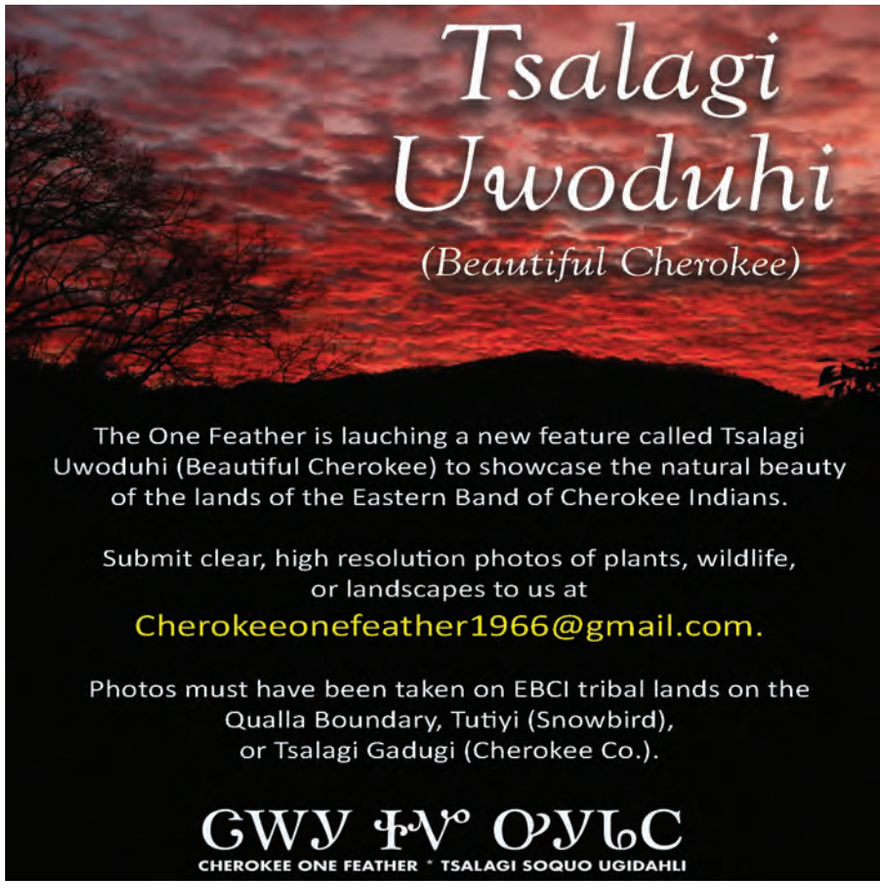
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Image of the Week: The banner held by the Cherokee High School varsity cheerleaders for the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) to run through for their game against Hayesville didn't lie. Cherokee won 39-12 in the NCHSAA 1st Round Playoff game held at Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Nov. 6. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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WATER: From front page

Tali Tsisqwayahi (Two Sparrows Place) where the WCU campus is located. An educational piece on the can states, "Western Carolina University is located on the ancestral homelands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, known as Tali Tsisqwayahi or Two Sparrows Place. This land has been an important part of the Cherokee homeland for generations. Today, this land remains a place where people come together to learn, work, and build community.

We recognize the history and continued presence of the Cherokee people here and honor the connection to the land and water that has shaped this place over time."

Pamela Sneed, EBCI director of enterprise development, said they produced over 3,400 cans with the special WCU design for the event. This marks the third specialty can with the first being one in 2025 commemorating Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) winning their second consecutive 1A State Basketball Championship and another for the 2026 Red Clay State Historic Park's Cherokee Cultural Celebration in Tennessee.

"The Tribe has a sponsorship agreement with Western," said Sneed. "When they were negotiating the sponsorship, one of the things they negotiated was to sell our water based on the fact that it is recyclable."

She said the EBCI Commerce Division, EBCI Destination Marketing, and EBCI Communications met with Cherokee Water to work on a plan, and Casey Davis with EBCI Communications executed the design.

Sneed noted, "It's known as the Two Sparrows Place to us so we put that information in there. And, of course, the background is Judaculla Rock...so it's culturally-relevant."

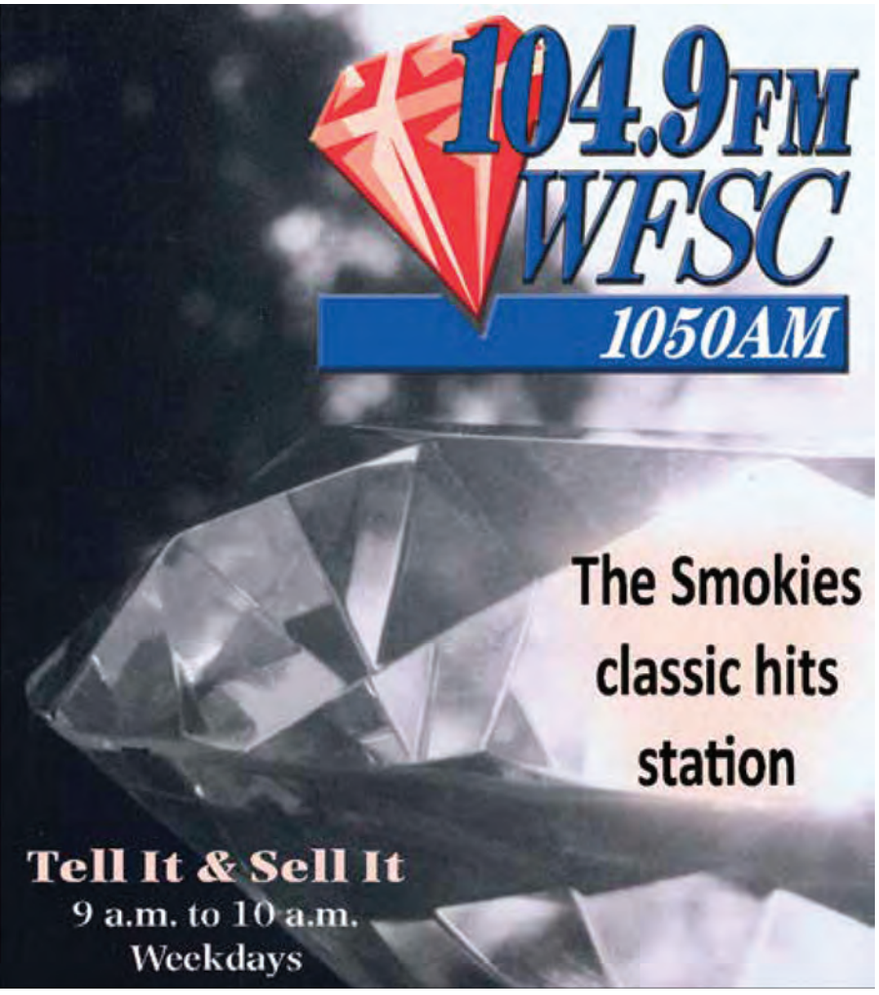
She added, "I'm very proud of all the stuff that we do with this. It doesn't just inform our visitors or people outside of here. It also informs our own people because how many people don't know that we call it the Two Sparrows Place?"

The canned Cherokee Water was launched in summer 2024 and was first distributed to participants in the Remember the Removal Ride. The can itself describes the water as "Community sourced water. Reverse Osmosis and UV Filtered Water. Remineralized for taste."

Sneed said the canned water is currently doing very well. Sneed related that Tap Hopper, LLC in Greensboro, N.C. cans the water, and Pepsi Co. distributes it around western North Carolina.

"We are currently in Murphy to Hendersonville now with the canned water," said Sneed. "The average cost is about $1.50 a can, but I love it when people, locals, find it out in Asheville, or Hendersonville, or Murphy and they post it on social media like 'look what I found' because they're just so proud of it. That's what we want."

When the canned water was launched, EBCI Division of Commerce officials noted at that time, "This exciting initiative underscores our commitment to environmental stewardship and highlights the significance of sustainable practices within our community. As proud stewards of the environment, the EBCI has long recognized the importance of protecting our natural resources. The eventual shift from plastic bottles to recyclable aluminum cans is a significant step in reducing our environmental footprint and promoting sustainability. Aluminum cans are not only more recyclable, but also reduce waste and energy consumption, aligning perfectly with our values of environmental preservation and respect for nature."



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Dinilawigi approves the establishment of the EBCI Governmental Affairs Dept.

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) has approved the establishment of a Governmental Affairs Department for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). During its regular session on Thursday, Nov. 5, Dinilawigi approved Res. No. 341 (2026) establishing that Department.

The legislation, submitted by Dinilawigi as a whole, states, "The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians should have a Governmental Affairs Department that coordinates activities to interact with local, state, and government officials and influence policy, and a Governmental Affairs Department would help the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians anticipate legislation, respond to regulatory proposals, and participate in the policy dialogue."

It continues, "The Executive Branch has existing Public Relations positions, and the Legislative Public Relations specialist position, which is supervised by the Tribal Council chairperson, is currently a duplication of services; and reclassifying and moving this position is needed for tracking proposed laws, regulations, and administrative actions that could impact operations, conducting risk assessment, impact modeling, and scenario planning to guide strategic decisions as well as communicating positions to lawmakers and agency officials."

An organization chart was approved with Res. No. 341 with the Governmental Affairs Department reporting to the EBCI Chief of Staff. That Department will consist of three employees including a governmental affairs liaison who will oversee a policy analyst and the currently-named Legislative public relations specialist.

The legislation was approved 8-1 with Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Venita Wolfe being the lone dissenting vote. Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Bo Crowe was absent due to surgery, and Tutiyi nole Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird and Cherokee County) Reps. Adam Wachacha and Michael Smoker were absent due to a cultural event in Robbinsville, N.C.

During the Orders of the Day portion of the session. Rep. Wolfe stated her desire that the resolution be killed stating, "This is a day-to-day issue of day-to-day operations. According to our Charter, the Principal Chief and Vice Chief are the ones who hold that power to reassign our workforce and also to create a new org chart. They are over the administration of the day-to-day operations of the Tribe. If you look at the Charter in Section 23, it clearly outlines what our duties are as legislators which is not over day-to-day."

We took the oath to uphold, defend, and protect our Charter and Governing Document, and I believe that this is an overstep by Tribal Council."

Once it was brought to the floor, discussion on the resolution began with a closed session which lasted more than an hour.

Rep. Wolfe reiterated her opposition after Dinilawigi came out of the closed session.

Kolanvyi Rep. Lavita Hill supported the resolution stating, "What we are doing is we're basically revising the job description to better suit the job that is being done."

Tosh Welch, current Legislative public relations specialist, noted just prior to the passage of the resolution, "I just want to say thank you to Tribal Council for having this discussion on this issue...it can get a little heated back-and-forth, and I think that comes from a lack of communication." He added, "If there needs to be discussion down the road about job description and the structure of that office and how legislative is reflected in that office, then I'm completely open and in agreement with that."

Dinilawigi authorizes tribal programs to apply for three grants totaling $44,500

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

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

Each of the three resolutions passed were submitted by Brandi Claxton, EBCI secretary of treasury, on behalf of the respective tribal program. They were approved unanimously as part of the consent agenda during the regular session of Dinilawigi on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Res. No. 344 (2026) authorizes the Cherokee Youth Center Program to seek a $30,000 grant from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Native Services that, according to the legislation, is "to provide cultural programming to club members that focuses on preservation of cultural traditions and/or art".

The whereas section states, "The grant budget allows for an estimated $30,000 in personnel expenses, and there is no grant match required."

Res. No. 345 (2026) authorizes the Cherokee Youth Center Program to seek a $5,000 grant from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Native Services that, according to the legislation, is "to participate in the Native Services Week of Advocacy".

The whereas section states, "No personnel costs will be covered by this grant, and there is no grant match required."

Res. No. 346 (2026) authorizes the EBCI Health Delivery Administration Program to seek a $9,500 grant from the Blue Cross NC Foundation that, according to the legislation, is "to assist with providing a divisional training day".

The where section states, "No personnel costs will be covered by this grant, and there is no grant match required".

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CCS School Board Nov. 2 meeting held; Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors give introductions

By BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the evening of Monday, Nov. 2, the Cherokee Central Schools Board of Education met in the Central Office Board Room. Gahvsgi (Chairperson) Jennifer Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, gahvsgi and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, secretary and Widagalinidisgv (Big Y) rep.; Melanie Lambert, taline gahvsgi (vice chairperson) and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) rep.; Kenny Davis, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolftown) rep.; Heather Driver, human resources director; Consuela Girty, superintendent, Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; and Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) rep. Michael Stamper from Aniwodihi. Micah Swimmer, Aniwodihi (Painttown) rep., was absent.

Diane Driver led the opening prayer.

CCS Data, Testing, and Accountability Director Sebastien Brun provided an update. He said he is working on data entry for the Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP), which is the federal grant program that disburses funding for Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director Dr. Heath Robertson provided a program update. He shared that he is applying for a grant to expand CTE programming for Cherokee Middle School.

The Cherokee Boys Club (CBC) Board of Directors introduced themselves to the board: Cody Gloyne, president; Chris McMillan, assistant secretary; Albert Martin; Shalana Yates, vice president; Brittany Saunooke, secretary; Dike Sneed; Doris Johnson; and Jim Owle, Dinilawigi rep. from Tsisqwohi.

Kayla Wood, CCS assistant athletic director, provided an update for Cherokee Middle School (CMS) athletics. Wood shared that CMS Volleyball finished second in conference, CMS Girls Cross Country finished second overall and had two all-conference runners (Hinlee Taylor who placed third and Bristol Armachain who placed fifth). CMS Boys Cross Country placed third overall and had one all-conference runner (Uweluga Swimmer who placed third).

Wood also shared the coaching and player breakdown for CMS fall and winter sports:

Volleyball
- Head Coach Taran Swimmer
- Assistant Coach Donna Thompson
- 23 student athletes

Soccer
- Head Coach Jaimi Shell
- Assistant Coach Jamie Fuentes
- 19 student athletes

Cross Country
- Head Coach Jakeli Swimmer
- Assistant Coach Jordyn Thompson
- 39 student athletes

JV Football
- Head Coach David Anderson
- Offensive Coordinator and Assistant Coach Chumper Walker
- Assistant Coach Chris Bynum
- Assistant Coach Cody Gloyne
- 37 student athletes

JV Cheer
- Head Coach Abbigail Space
- 9 student athletes

Girls Basketball
- Head Coach Raylen Bark
- Assistant Coach Deante Toineeta
- 15 student athletes

Boys Basketball
- Head Coach David Pringle
- Assistant Coach Mike Boyle
- 15 student athletes

Wrestling
- Head Coach Erin Kirkland
- Assistant Coach Laura Bottchenbaugh
- 35 boys, 15 girls

In Good News, Girty shared that the Varsity Volleyball Team won the first-ever NCHSAA 2A Volleyball State Championship Oct. 31 at Campbell University, defeating Manteo in three straight sets.

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert. The following resolutions were approved from the consent agenda. Names are redacted to allow a two-week period for new employees to inform their previous employers:

27-075 REDACTED is approved as the 6 Hour Food Service Worker for the Cherokee Central School.

27-076 REDACTED is approved as the Cherokee High School Certified Nursing Assistant.

27-077 Cherokee Central School Exceptional Student Services contract with The Stepping Stones Group be approved to provide Teacher services to students for this school year 2026-27. The combined contract should not exceed $95,000.00

Gahvsgi Thompson recommended that the board send a formal letter to NCHSAA requesting that playoff events for Cross Country and Volleyball, and other sports, be scheduled to allow athletes playing multiple sports to complete in multiple events. This year, Smoky Mountain Conference Runner of the Year Livia Crowe was unable to compete in the NCHSAA Cross Country Regional Championship held at Kituwah Oct. 31 because she was competing in the NCHSAA 2A Volleyball State Championship at Campbell University the same day at the same time. Girty requested that Crowe, a senior at Cherokee High School, be allowed to run for a qualifying time, not to place at Regionals, just to qualify for State, and NCHSAA would not allow Crowe to run. Gahvsgi Thompson said this has been an issue in the past, as volleyball players have had to run at NCHSAA Cross Country events, and then be driven to NCHSAA volleyball events to compete in the same day. She said this is unfair, especially for smaller schools in Western North Carolina who have multiple athletes competing in multiple sports to field teams. The board decided they would forward a letter.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16 at 4:45 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.



Cherokee Historical Association breaks grounds on new restrooms

A groundbreaking was held for new bathrooms at the Oconaluftee Indian Village in the Cultural District of Cherokee, N.C., on the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 5. Lavita Hill (bottom photo), Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. and Cherokee Historical Association board of directors' treasurer, remarked that the Cultural District is an important area for educating visitors on Cherokee history and culture, and is deserving of maintenance and infrastructure upkeep.

Photo above: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks); Sharrianne Pheasant, executive liaison for the Office of the Vice Chief; Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Taline Gahvsgi (Vice Chairman) and Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. David Wolfe; Paxton Myers, EBCI Chief of Staff; Kolanvyi Rep. and Cherokee Historical Association (CHA) Board of Directors Treasurer Lavita Hall; CHA Taline Gahvsgi Larry Blythe; Kolanvyi Rep. Venita Wolfe; CHA Finance Manager Eliza Reed; and Elawodi Rep. Shennelle Feather. BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT/One Feather photos



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Ugvwiyuhi Social: October

Compiled by the Cherokee One Feather

Editor's Note: Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks maintains a Facebook page to share public information. This report recaps the postings on his page. These are excerpts. We encourage you to visit the Chief's page for full content and context.

Oct. 1: Ugvwiyuhi Hicks provided an update on the temporary opening of Acquoni Road. He also shared a promotional video from EBCI Communications about the Cherokee Indian Fair.

Oct. 6: The Chief's page shared a flyer about "Upgrades to the 114th Cherokee Indian Fair". He posted a survey on behalf of the IDD/Autism Project concerning guardianship. Another Cherokee Indian Fair promotional video was shared. The page highlighted the second annual Chief's Challenge Golf Tournament, "bringing together partners and friends of the Eastern Band of Cherokee".

Oct. 7: Ugvwiyuhi Hicks posted 68 photos of the Cherokee Indian Fair Parade.

Oct. 8: The Chief's page posted 23 photos about Elders' Day at the Fair. "It was a great day celebrating our elders at the Cherokee Indian Fair! Elders Day is always a special time to come together, visit with familiar faces, and show our appreciation for those who have given so much to our families and our Tribe".

Oct. 9: The Chief's page posted a notice of changes to the Fair schedule considering weather forecasts. Additionally, posts were made announcing the closure of Hwy 441/GSMNP and Cherokee back roads until those roads could be evaluated after the potential impact of the storm. A separate post announced that Ugvwiyuhi Hicks was accepting resumes for Chief Judge of the Cherokee Court until Oct. 22. The Chief sent out a reminder that Murphy native Braden Rumfelt would be performing that night. And the Chief shared photos of the Executive team and Dinilawigi with the 2026-27 Royalty.

Oct. 10: There were five separate posts on Fair schedule changes due to weather conditions. The Chief also posted 20 photos of the Veterans' Day event from Oct. 9. "It was an honor to recognize our veterans yesterday during the fair. We were pleased to welcome Jocelyn Mitnaul Mallette, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, for this special event."

Oct. 11: Announcements that Hwy 441 to Tennessee had reopened; the Blue Ridge Parkway remained closed between Soco Gap and Hwy 441; and several local back roads remained closed due to "numerous downed trees," with an estimated next-day reopening. The Chief also posted 30 photos with a wrap-up of the Cherokee Indian Fair. "I want to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who worked tirelessly to make this year's Fair possible. From the organizers and Tribal programs to our volunteers, vendors, performers, contestants, and everyone working behind the scenes, your dedication does not go unnoticed. And to everyone who came out and celebrated with us, thank you for making this week what it was."

Oct. 12: Ugvwiyuhi Hicks recognized interns Anasette Cooper and Nevayah Panther for designing a gift presented on Elders Day of the Fair. He posted a release in recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Oct. 13: The Chief's page posted a flyer recognizing Purple Lotus Day (supporting those affected by domestic violence). He shared that he watched the Lady Braves Golf Team play at Sequoyah National, saying, "It was great to see these young ladies showcase their talent, determination, and dedication on the course"

Oct. 14: The Chief posted that the tribe welcomed then-candidate and former governor Roy Cooper to the Council House on Oct. 5, calling him "a good friend to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for many years." There was a post about the Chief addressing the 2026 Benchmarks Destination Conference. He encouraged those attending to know the culture. He also said concerning helping the community with healthcare, "it takes strategic planning, responsible budgeting, and, most importantly, a commitment to putting the needs of our people and our culture at the center of every decision". There was a post honoring Sally Smoker in her retirement from the Indian Clerk position for Dinilawigi. A flyer reminded everyone of Purple Lotus Day.

Oct. 15: The Chief addressed those attending the ribbon-cutting for the new evidence building for the Cherokee Police Department. "This project will provide our officers with the space and resources needed to properly secure and preserve evidence". The Chief's page posted 18 photos of the Purple Lotus Day celebration. He said, "Domestic violence affects individuals and families throughout our communities, and its impact often reaches across generations".

Oct. 16: Ugvwiyuhi Hicks posted a video of appreciation in "a small way of showing our appreciation to our Communications, Commerce, Operations, and Finance teams, Cherokee Indian Police Department, Cherokee Fire Department, Facilities, and the many volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the week". He attended the Smoky Mountain Conference Country Championships on Oct. 14 and posted 18 photos of the event, and he congratulated the runners and coaches. He posted a CDOT message that Old #4 Road would be closed on Oct. 19 to replace a culvert. He posted a flyer for Indigenous Pink Day (raising awareness about breast cancer, honor survivors, and encouraging early detection). He posted congratulations to Joscelyn Stamper, who signed a letter of intent to UNC Chapel Hill's track and field program. He attended a pregame meal with the Cherokee Braves football team.

Oct. 17: Ugvwiyuhi Hicks posted 20 photos of his office and the office of the Vice Chief participating in the Robbinsville Homecoming Parade.

Oct. 19: A post stating that he joined the Cherokee Youth Council at a Kituwah Mound and Birdtown Mound cleanup. He recognized Indigenous Pink Day.

Oct. 20: He forwarded a traffic alert from Cherokee Central Schools about a traffic accident on Big Cove Road. The Chief posted a ribbon-cutting on Macedonia Rd. housing project. The project had 22 new two-bedroom units. A flyer for the Scare-okee event was posted.

Oct. 21: Ugvwiyuhi Hicks

shared a One Feather post announcing Secretary Sonya Wachacha's selection by Impact Health "to represent EBCI on the NC ROOTS Hub Region 1 Governance Body. The Chief also met with Kimberly van Noort, Chancellor of UNC Asheville.

Oct. 22: The Chief visited departments and programs, including the Cherokee Trout Farm, Big Cove Head Start, Human Resources, Project Management, Cherokee One Feather, Enrollment, and several other administrative offices (19 photos). He joined the Big Cove Community to celebrate new additions to the Big Cove Fire Station (14 photos). Ugvwiyuhi Hicks welcomed Gabriel J. Esparza, North Carolina Secretary of Administration, to the Boundary.

Oct. 23: Ugvwiyuhi Hicks attended a send-off for the Cherokee Braves Peewee and Mites football teams and cheerleaders for their participation in the Cracker Bowl (31 photos). There was a post for Scare-okee. The Chief shared a notice from the Water and Sewer Department announcing updates on the Acquoni Road infrastructure improvements. The Chief provided a release stating, "I want to ask our community to join me in keeping the men and women of the Cherokee Indian Police Department and all of our emergency services personnel in your thoughts and prayers".

Oct. 24: The Chief announced the passing of and expressed condolences for the family of Detective Jeff Smith. A separate post announced a "Championship Parade Walk Thru Town" for the Peewee and Mite football teams to celebrate Cracker Bowl championship wins.

Oct. 25: A post to remind the public of "construction along Acquoni Road near the Boys Club Loop Rd entrance".

Oct. 26: A shared post from Cherokee Central Schools Athletics wishing Jayla Pheasant well in competing at Day 1 of the State Golf Tournament. Another post for the Scare-okee event. Ugvwiyuhi Hicks posted, "Today marked an important milestone as we welcomed the leadership of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida to Cherokee to formally establish the Southeast Tribal Nations Alliance (SETNA)". 8 photos.

Oct. 27: The Chief attended the Tsali Care Center for their Halloween celebration (48 photos). He also posted a congratulatory message for the Lady Braves on winning the NCHSAA 2A West Regional Volleyball Championship. And a congratulatory message to the Robbinsville Lady Knights on winning the NCHSAA 1A West Regional Volleyball Championship.

Oct. 28: Video of the Snowbird Halloween Carnival. The Chief welcomed attendees of the APWA-NC Equipment Services and Streets Conference in Cherokee. He also stopped by the "EMS at Cherokee" Conference, which included "EMS professionals from across the region". The Chief posted a release titled "Statement regarding the proposed Grape Creek Data Center Development," and he encouraged attendance at the community meeting. A post about the NCHSAA State Volleyball Championships at Campbell University noted that Cherokee and Robbinsville would be participating.

Oct. 29: He attended the groundbreaking for the new Meat Processing Facility on Camp Creek Road. The Chief also provided an update on the Acquoni Road Water and Sewer project, which included the discovery of a dilapidated 96-inch underground creek flow pipe, which "has slowed progress". The Chief shared the availability of a "State Championship Volleyball Fan Bus". Another flyer reminding the community of Scare-okee. A separate post from the Chief on visiting with the newest members of the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program (CLMAP). The Executive office staff and Dinilawigi dressed up and celebrated Halloween with Cherokee Central Schools Elementary students (79 photos).

Oct. 30: Sendoff of the Cherokee Lady Braves Volleyball team to face the Manteo Redskins on Oct. 31 for the 2A NCHSAA State Championship (5 photos). The Chief's page posted 23 photos of the Qualla Boundary Headstart Halloween celebration. Another post about attending "the Halloween celebration for individuals with special needs, hosted by Daniel Tramper (15 photos)". A post about the New Kituwah Academy Halloween celebration (42 photos). In a separate post, Ugvwiyuhi Hicks states, "What a great turnout for Scare-okee 2026! We had more than 2,000 children and their families join us last night for Halloween festivities (52 photos)".

Oct. 31: Chief Hicks posted a message from Cherokee Cinemas & More that the theatres would be streaming State Volleyball Championship games featuring the Cherokee Lady Braves and Robbinsville Black Knights.



Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

New this week

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 Reacquisition 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 was held in that Committee on 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 Policies. According to Congress.gov, "Among other duties, the Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools."
Introduced: Feb. 26, 2025 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It was "ordered to be reported without amendment favorably" by the Committee on March 5, 2025. It was reported without amendment by Sen. Murkowski (R-Alaska), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chairperson, on July 31, 2025. That same day, it was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Calendar No. 139).

H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act). This bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State.
Introduced: March 27, 2025 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai'i)
Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Committee on Natural Resources on March 27, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 2929. (Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe recognition bill). This bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.
Introduced: April 17, 2025 by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 17, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 3255. (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.
Introduced: May 7, 2025 by Rep. Hillar J. Scholten (D-Mich.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 7, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that 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 will was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on July 8, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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Introduced: July 31, 2025 by Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 31, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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. McClellen (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 Warrant Fairness Act). This bill would "allow the U.S. Marshals Service to assist in certain tribal criminal matters".
Introduced: Oct. 23, 2025 by Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Oct. 23, 2025. This was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders on May 19, 2026. This bill was passed in the Senate by a voice vote on June 10, 2026. It was received in the House on June 15, 2026.

H.R. 5820 (Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a Tribe Recognition Act). This bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a Tribe of California and Nevada, a group based in Lee Vining, Calif.
Introduced: Oct. 24, 2025 by Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-Calif.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Oct. 24, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 5869 (Tribal Water Infrastructure Grants Expansion Act). This bill would "amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to assistance for Indian Tribes". According to the bill, "In addition to amounts otherwise made available under Title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, there is authorized to be appropriated $500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031 to make grants, in cooperation with the Director of the Indian Health Service...for (A) projects and activities eligible for assistance under 603(c) of such Act; and (B) training, technical assistance, and educational programs related to the operation and management of treatment works eligible for assistance..."
Introduced: Oct. 28, 2025 by Rep. Frederica S. Wilson (D-Fla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Transpor-

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

H.R. 5910 (To authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian Tribes). As stated in the title, this bill would amend 69 Stat. 539, Chapter 615, 25 U.S.C. 514(a) to authorizes such leases.
Introduced: Nov. 4, 2025 by Rep. Harriet M. Hageman (R-Wyo.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Nov. 4, 2025. A Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session was held on Dec. 17, 2025, and the bill was reported and placed on the Union Calendar by the Committee on Jan. 14, 2026. This bill was passed by the House on a voice vote on March 3, 2026. It was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 4, 2026. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

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

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mittee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3945 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act). This bill aims "to ensure that federal laws that enable federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to access firearms apply to Tribal law enforcement agencies".
Introduced: Feb. 26, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3946 (Tribal Firearm Access Act). This bill seeks "to allow members of federally recognized Tribes to use their tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer".
Introduced: Feb. 26, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 7698 (Tribal Firearm Access Act). This bill seeks "to allow members of federally recognized tribes to use their tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer".
Introduced: Feb. 25, 2026 by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 25, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 7699 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act). This bill aims "to ensure that federal laws that enable federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to access firearms apply to tribal law enforcement agencies".
Introduced: Feb. 25, 2026 by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 25, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3994 (PRIME Meat Processing in Indian Country Act). This bill aims "to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to authorize tribal meat inspection under that Act by tribal personnel". In the title, PRIME means "Promoting Regulatory Independence, Mastery, and Expansion".
Introduced: March 4, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 4, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 4179 (AI/AN Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act). This bill seeks "to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require that equitable distribution of assistance include equitable distribution to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations".
Introduced: March 24, 2026 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on March 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 8048 (AI/AN Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act). This bill seeks "to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require that equitable distribution of assistance include equitable distribution to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations".
Introduced: March 24, 2026 by Rep. Adelita S. Grijalva (D-Ariz.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce on March 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 4276 (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Modernization Act of 2026). This bill would simply "reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996". It is an identical bill to H.R. 8092.
Introduced: March 26, 2026 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 8092 (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Modernization Act of 2026). This bill seeks "to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996".
Introduced: March 26, 2026 by Rep. Troy Downing (R-Mont.)
Action: This will 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 Chil-

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

The bill also states, "Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, shall conduct Tribal consultation and, after conducting that consultation, complete a study on the number and status of cases involving Native American missing children and youth, including the scope and context of those cases that are connected to juvenile justice system involvement, child welfare system involvement, and non-custodial parent abduction, including domestic violence, sexual assault, homicide, drug activity, stalking, and human trafficking."
Introduced: July 14, 2026 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 14, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 5132 (A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008). The full text of this legislation is not yet available. The title currently states, "A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow for dual enrollment in the supplemental nutrition assistance program and the food distribution program on Indian reservations."
Introduced: July 23, 2026 by Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on July 23, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 5299 (Native Language Educators in Classrooms Act). This bill seeks "to amend the Head Start Act to establish tribal certification standards for Indian Head Start programs".
Introduced: Aug. 6, 2026 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Aug. 6, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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 Agriculture".
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.

H.R. 10751 (Tribal Oral Health Sovereignty Act). This bill seeks "to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to remove restrictions on the provision of dental therapist services under the Community Health Aide Program".
Introduced: Oct. 6, 2026 by Rep. Jack Bergman (R-Mich.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Oct. 6, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:
Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.): https://www.tillis.senate.gov/email-me
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https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member



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Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.
Cherokee Veterans Park
Hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143

Roland enters guilty plea in federal child abuse case

By BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT
One Feather Reporter

ASHEVILLE, N.C. - On the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 4 in the Asheville U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Shawnenna Caroline Roland, 41, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), entered a guilty plea with Magistrate Judge W. Carleton Metcalf presiding, for one count of child abuse in Indian Country, one count of child neglect in Indian Country, and one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury in Indian Country. The incidents occurred in May 2024. A sentencing date has not yet been scheduled.

U.S. Attorney Russ Ferguson stated in a release from his office, "There is no excuse for treating a helpless child this way...Roland relentlessly assaulted and abused a child entrusted in her care, causing the child serious and lasting harm. This is disgusting behavior that will land you in federal prison."

Below are details from the plea agreement, so agreed to by the prosecuting attorney Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex M. Scott, attorney for the defendant Steven Slawinski, and Roland.

"Count One: child abuse in Indian Country, a Class B2 state felony...A term of imprisonment of between 94 months (mitigated sentence as Prior Record Level I) and 484 months (aggravated sentence as a Prior Record Level VI), and a term of supervised release of not more than 3 years. The defendant is also subject to a fine in an amount left to the discretion of the court limited to $250,000 under federal law and a $100 special assessment.

Count Two: child neglect in Indian Country, a Class E state felony...A term of imprisonment of between 15 months (mitigated sentence as Prior Record Level I) and 88 months (aggravated sentence as a Prior Record Level VI), and a term of supervised realize of not more than 3 years. The defendant is also subject to a fine in an amount left to the discretion of the court limited to $250,000 under federal law and a $100 special assessment.

Count Three: assault resulting in serious bodily injury in Indian Country...A term of imprisonment of not more than ten years, a fine not to exceed $250,000, or both imprisonment and a fine, a term of supervised release of not more than 3 years, and a $100 special assessment."

The One Feather will provide an update on sentencing once adjudicated.



Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex Scott receives Director's Award

U.S. Attorney's Office release

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – U.S. Attorney Russ Ferguson announced on Monday, Nov. 2 that Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) Alex M. Scott and Appellate Paralegal Linda Cole were selected as recipients of the 2026 Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) Director's Award. AUSA Alex M. Scott received the Director's Award for Superior Performance in Indian Country, and Appellate Paralegal Linda Cole received the Lifetime Exceptional Service Award for her decades of service in the Office's Appellate Division. The Director's Award recognizes excellence across the U.S. Attorney community and honors the exceptional contributions to the Justice Department's mission by attorneys and support personnel, serving in the nation's 94 federal districts.

AUSA Alex M. Scott joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville in 2022, where he leads complex prosecutions involving drug trafficking, firearms, and violent crime, among others. As the Western District's Tribal Liaison, AUSA Scott serves as the lead prosecutor in cases arising on the Qualla Boundary, home of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), and on the federally recognized trust land of the Catawba Nation in North Carolina. Notably, as part of the Justice Department's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) initiative, AUSA Scott prosecuted U.S. v. Ernest Pheasant, securing a life sentence for the 2013 murder of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant, resolving a long-standing cold case in Indian Country.

AUSA Scott began his career in public service as an Assistant District Attorney in Johnson County, Kan., from 2013 to 2021. He joined the United States Attorney's Office in Tulsa, Okla. in 2021, where he prosecuted violent crime offenses in Indian Country. AUSA Scott received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University

of Missouri in 2009, and his J.D. with honors from the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law in 2012.

"Alex is a stellar example of the best the Justice Department has to offer," said U.S. Attorney Russ Ferguson. "The Justice Department has recognized his exceptional legal advocacy and trial skills, which have helped make North Carolina communities safer. Alex is also an outstanding representative of the Justice Department in Indian Country. As a relationship-builder and a committed advocate for victims, Alex delivers justice while respecting the sovereignty and laws of the EBCI and the Catawba Nation."

CIPD Arrest Report for Oct. 26 – Nov. 1, 2026

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

Juliano, Marco Joseph – age 31
Arrested: Oct. 27
Released: Oct. 28
Charges: Temporary Hold for Other County

Keen, Tiffany Lee – age 37
Arrested: Oct. 27
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 2)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (two counts); Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

West, Shoshoni Ayanna – age 34
Arrested: Oct. 27
Released: Oct. 27
Charges: Harassment (two counts)

Clemmons, Alaeyandor – age 22
Arrested: Oct. 29
Released: Oct. 30
Charges: Public Intoxication

Florence, Ryan Marsalis – age 40
Arrested: Oct. 29
Released: Oct. 29
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Mendez, Ruben – age 21
Arrested: Oct. 29
Released: Oct. 30
Charges: Public Intoxication

Cameron, Tristan James – age 30
Arrested: Oct. 30
Released: Oct. 31
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Resisting Officer

Davis, Kensen Winter – age 21
Arrested: Oct. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 2)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Loritts, Keith Eric – age 69
Arrested: Oct. 31
Released: Oct. 31
Charges: Temporary Hold for Other County

Radford, Hunter Allen – age 26
Arrested: Oct. 31
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 2)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V (two counts), Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Crowe, Angela Denise – age 51
Arrested: Nov. 1
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 2)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Crowe, John Everette – age 53
Arrested: Nov. 1
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 2)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

FRELL OWL AWARD

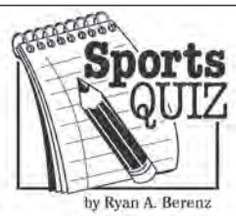
2026 marks the 39th year that the Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors will publicly recognize a person or persons with the Freil Owl Award. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a recipient was not selected in 2020.

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. 11/11



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What "freak" pitch did Major League Baseball ban (except for 17 players who received legacy exemptions) after the 1920 season?
2. Bevo Francis, who scored more than 100 points in a game on two occasions, played for which Ohio college basketball team from 1952 to 1954?
3. Czech tennis player Petr Korda, who won the 1998 Australian Open, has two daughters who became LPGA golfers. Who are they?
4. In 2016, which Buffalo Bills head coach posed as "Walt Patulski from the 'Buffalo News'" during a press conference phone call with the New England Patriots' Julian Edelman?
5. Which profession did Tenley Albright, the ladies' singles figure skating gold medalist at the 1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo Winter Olympics, pursue following her athletic career?
6. Eric Daze, 2002 NHL All-Star Game MVP, spent his entire career from 1994 to 2005 with which team?
7. What historic feat did pole vaulter John Uelses accomplish at the 1962 Millrose Games in New York City?

Answers

1. The spitball.
2. The Rio Grande College Redmen.
3. Jessica and Nelly Korda.
4. Rex Ryan.
5. She became a Harvard-educated surgeon.
6. The Chicago Blackhawks.
7. He was the first to vault over 16 feet.

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FOOTBALL

Cherokee beats Hayesville in first round of playoffs

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) hosted the Hayesville Yellowjackets in the first round of the NCHSAA 2A Football Playoffs at Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the windy evening of Friday, Nov. 6.



Kingston Welch (#21), a senior member of the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves), takes off on a 55-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of a game against Hayesville in the first round of the NCHSAA 2A Football Playoffs at Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on Friday, Nov. 6. With the run, Welch surpassed 2,000 rushing yards on the season.

SCORING SUMMARY

By Sheena Brings Plenty
One Feather Assistant

1st Quarter

- 8:59 - CHER - Kingston Welch 4-yard run. PAT good by Jonattan Escobar. Cherokee 7 Hayesville 0.
- 4:52 - HAYES - Caden McClure 12-yard run. 2-point conversion no good. Cherokee 7 Hayesville 6.
- 0:05 - CHER - Welch 55-yard run. Escobar kick good. Cherokee 14 Hayesville 6.

2nd Quarter

- 4:41 - CHER - Dillon Beam 6-yard run. Escobar kick good. Cherokee 21 Hayesville 6.
- 4:07 - HAYES - Luke Buckner 4-yard run. PAT no good. Cherokee 21 Hayesville 12.
- 3:55 - CHER - Tsula Howlingcrane 85-yard kickoff return. PAT no good. Cherokee 27 Hayesville 12.
- 2:11 - CHER - Beam 76-yard pass to Howlingcrane. PAT no good. Cherokee 33 Hayesville 12.

4th Quarter

- 5:17 - CHER - Beam 31-yard pass to Howlingcrane. PAT no good. Cherokee 39 Hayesville 12.

FINAL SCORE: Cherokee 39 Hayesville 12

GAME STATISTICS

Cherokee stats provided by Cherokee Central Schools Athletics, Hayesville stats provided by Maxpreps

PASSING: Cherokee – Dillon Beam 9 of 12, 147 yds, 2 TD, 1 INT; Kingston Welch 1 of 1, 4 yds. Hayesville – L. Coker 3 of 14 for 33 yds, 2 INT; L. Buckner 1 of 1 for 35 yds

RUSHING: Cherokee – Kingston Welch 19 rush, 160 yds, long of 55, 2 TD; Dillon Beam 4 rush, 20 yds, long of 12, 1 TD; Nashoba Tushka 3 rush, 14 yds, long of 9; John Gloyne 4 rush, 8 yds; Zaynon Taylor 1 rush, 6 yds. Hayesville – D. Soto 4 rush, 35 yds; L. Coker 7 rush, 7 yds; D. King 2 rush, 11 yds; K. Shaheen 10 rush, 66 yds; C. McClure 11 rush, 149 yds, 1 TD; L. Buckner 2 rush, -2 yds, 1 TD; L. Dockery 3 rush, 7 yds; C. Decosta 4 rush, 18 yds

RECEIVING: Cherokee – Tsula Howlingcrane 6 rec, 138 yds, 2 TD: Noah Watty 3 rec, 7 yds; Kaden Cucumber 1 rec, 6 yds. Hayesville – D. Bruggers 2 rec, 15 yds; C. Collins 2 rush, 53 yds

KICK RETURN: Cherokee – Tsula Howlingcrane 1 for 85 yds, 1 TD; Noah Watty 2 for 60 yds, long of 46. Hayevsille – D. Bruggers 1 for 10 yds; P. Cordell 1 for 9 yds; B. Everette 2 for 29 yds

DEFENSIVE STATS:

Cherokee –

- Levi Tramper 9 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 sack, 6 pressures
- Spencer McCoy 7 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 caused fumble
- Siah Teesateskie 6 tackles, .5 TFL, 1 INT, 1 caused fumble, 1 fumble recovery
- Drallen Ledford 6 tackles, 5 pressures, 1 PBU, 1 caused fumble
- Kimo Sokol, 6 tackles, .5 TFL, 1 INT
- Nakai Pheasant 6 tackles, 2 PBU
- Dillon Beam 5 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 pressure
- Sonny Foalima 5 tackles, 1 pressure, 1 PBU
- Zaynon Taylor 5 tackles, 2 pressures
- Preston Roach 5 tackles, 1 pressure
- Kaden Cucumber 4 tackles
- Noah Watty 4 tackles
- Johnny Long 2 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 pressure
- Joe Saunooke 2 tackles, 1 TFL
- John Gloyne 2 tackles
- Kyson Jenkins 2 tackles
- Kyitan Johnson 1 tackle, 1 PBU
- Blake Sequoyah 1 tackle, 1 TFL, 1 pressure
- Channing Toineeta 1 tackle, .5 TFL, 1 pressure
- Waya Hernandez 1 tackle
- Greyson Ledford 1 tackle
- Aiden Larch 1 tackle

Hayesville –

- D. Soto 1 tackle
- D. Bruggers 2 tackles, 1 INT
- D. King 3 tackles
- K. Shaheen 9 tackles, 1 TFL
- C. McClure 4 tackles
- C. Finn 1 tackle
- L. Buckner 5 tackles. .5 TFL
- J. Bethel 2 tackles
- C. Decosta 2 tackles
- M. Gorham 7 tackles, 1.5 TFL
- B. Garrett 7 tackles. 2 TFL
- J. Godinez 2 tackles

KICKOFFS: Cherokee – Jeron Martens 7 for 336 yds, 1 touchback. Hayesville – no data

PUNTS: Cherokee – Siah Teesateskie 2 for 70 yds. Hayesville – C. McClure 1 for 37 yds

EXTRA POINTS: Cherokee – Jonattan Escobar 3-5 PAT, Jeron Martens 0-1 PAT. Hayesville – No data



SOCCER: The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) played the South Stokes at the Cherokee High School soccer field in Cherokee, N.C., on the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 2. Cherokee's Carter Stephens is shown in the photo with an attempt on goal. This was a Round 1 match for the 2A division Men's High School soccer playoffs. By halftime, Stokes was up 1-0. The second half saw a bit more action. A Stokes player was given a Yellow Card. The Coach and Center Referee had a few words. On one of Stokes's throw-ins, they subbed in two players. Before the second player being subbed was off the field, the referee allowed the throw-in to happen which ended up giving Stokes a corner kick, where they took the score to 2-0. Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi had plenty of shots on goal but were unable to get it past the keeper. FINAL SCORE: South Stokes 4 Cherokee 0. (DAWN ARNEACH/One Feather photo)

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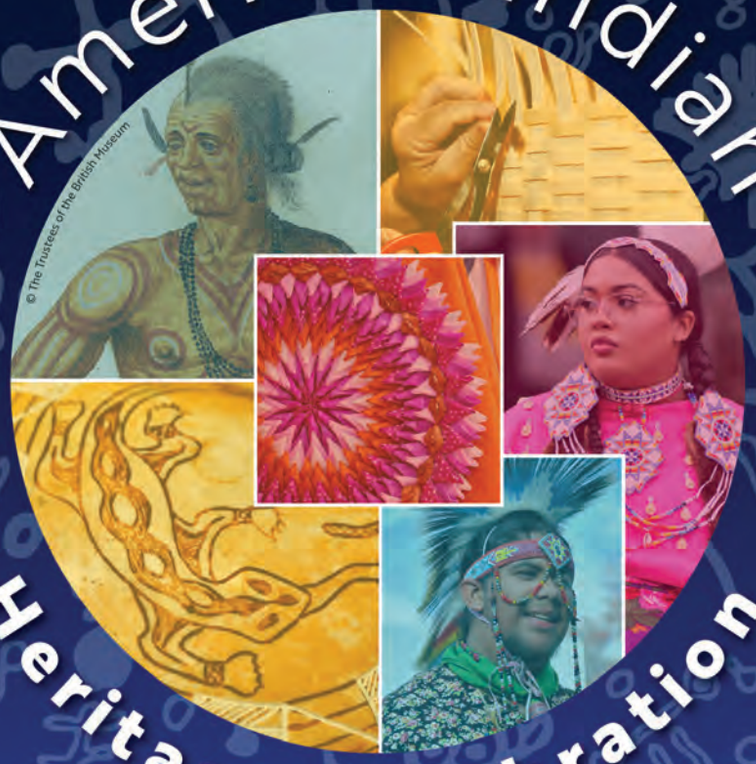
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Fear examined

"Fear as a Teacher" exhibit on display at Museum of the Cherokee People

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



CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines fear as "an unpleasant often strong emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger". A new exhibit at the Museum of the Cherokee People titled "Fear as a Teacher" examines this from a Cherokee perspective.

Lilyan Huskey, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) who serves as the Museum's registrar, curated the exhibit which will be on display in the Museum's Gift Shop area through the month of November.

"It talks about how our oral histories come with a lesson that can seem scary, but they're scary for a good cause, essentially.

I wanted to show the teachers behind the fears so that's where the storytellers came into play."

She added, "A lot of times when it comes to our oral histories and our legends, there's this general theme of 'they're scary' and 'they're scary without a purpose' and that we're telling these to tell these. And, we wanted to talk about that the fear has a purpose...and also to take back that narrative that while it may seem scary, it's not intended to be scary. It's to teach a lesson. Because, fear is a reactive emotion. So, through our oral histories, we're creating that reactive emotion that has a purpose to teach you that it's not that scary. But, it's to prevent, potentially, something scary, like talking to strangers like with Spearfinger."

<< This wood carving of Spearfinger's hand and arm was done in 2026 by Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks and is one of many included in the "Fear as a Teacher" exhibit at the Museum of the Cherokee People. (Photo courtesy of Museum of the Cherokee People)

The exhibit features art pieces from EBCI artists including a carving of Spearfinger by Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks. Huskey noted, "We knew we definitely wanted to highlight Spearfinger and the beautiful piece that the Chief did...I think it is really cool that we incorporated the owls because, while they don't have a traditional legend or story that goes behind them, it's also a passed-down oral history. So, whether your family believes that they can represent good or they can represent bad, death, news, it's still passed down in your family - whatever your interpretation of owls may be."

She went on to say, "All of these pieces are from our collections with the exception of the Principal Chief's. That's from his personal collection that he chose to give us. Some of the pieces we have in there we have purchased just this past year with a grant through CPF (Cherokee Preservation Foundation). It was a small fund to purchase from current, living Cherokee artists.

Another legend I wanted to do was the people who turned themselves into bears because at the end of the legend they say, 'fear not for eat on our flesh when you are hungry'. And it says, 'do not be afraid to take part in the sacrifice that we gave you'. So, that was a different spin on the word 'fear', not so much bone-shaking fear, but a weariness fear. I also wanted to highlight that fear doesn't always look like hiding underneath the sheets because there's something under your bed. But, fear can look like an exchange or an uncertainty."

Eight EBCI storytellers are featured in the exhibit including Kathi Littlejohn, Nancy Pheasant, Dawn Arneach, Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe, Fred Bradley, Freeman Owle, Driver Pheasant, and Lloyd Arneach. Information in the exhibit states, "While we recognize these eight individuals, hundreds, if not thousands, of Cherokee citizens have helped protect and continue our oral traditions. These teachers represent the deep cultural connections that storytelling creates within Cherokee society. Their family connections also demonstrate how these traditions continue across generations. Dawn Arneach is the daughter of Lloyd Arneach and Nancy Pheasant is the daughter of Driver Pheasant – a powerful example of how Cherokee stories and teachings are carried forward."

Following is a listing of the artwork by EBCI artisans featured in the exhibit (letters correspond to place in case):

- A. Owl mask carved from buckeye by Billy Joe Welch
- B. Wood carving of an owl signed by J. Allison

• C. Buckeye wood carving of an owl by maker once known
• D. Small pot with owl effigy made by Rebecca "Amanda" Wolfe Youngbird (1890-1984)
• E. Carving of an owl made of buckeye wood by James Albert "Red" Bradley (1933-2016) and sanded and finished by his wife, Irma Inez Ledford
• F. Small pot with owl effigy attributed to the Bigmeat Family
• G. Small pot with owl effigy made by Beloved Woman Amanda Sequoyah Swimmer
• H. Wood carving of an owl signed by J. Allison
• I. Buckey wood carving of an owl by maker once known
• J. Soapstone pipe carved by Fred Wilnoty featuring multiple depictions but primarily around two owls on both sides of the bowl
• K. Buckeye wood carving of an owl by maker once known
• L. Bear Man carving made out of black walnut coated with clear lacquer (no name given)
• M. Miniature wood carving of a black bear made by Moses "Mose" Oocumma to be worn as earrings
• N. Wood carving of two black bears made by T. Taylor
• O. Bear mask made of buckeye with black pigment by Adam Welch
• P. Wooden carving of a black bear by Amanda Crowe
• Q. Butternut wood mask depicting a bear carved by James "Bud" Smith
• R. Spearfinger Cornhusk doll made by Victoria "Nichole" Jones Efird
• S. Wood carving of Spearfinger's hand and arm with a finger outstretched by Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks

Huskey said the response to the exhibit has been very positive. "We've actually had a lot of people love it. While I love to hear from our visitors, we've had a lot of community members say that they like it."









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Introducing KG3's new executive vice president: Gary Libby

By BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—In July, Gary Libby joined Kituwah Global Government Group (KG3), the government contracting (GovCon) sector of Kituwah, LLC., as the executive vice president. Libby is an army veteran with decades of experience in GovCon. Libby resides in Richmond, Va., with his wife and two children.

"I've spent my entire career working in the federal service sector, both in uniform and retired army. I spent 20 years in the United States Army and retired as a command sergeant major. I was born in Washington D.C., raised in Northern Virginia...I had a very successful and fruitful career in the Army, spent that entire time in the special forces, met some very influential and successful folks that steered my career to what it became...I have been in what's referred to as the GovCon space, helping federal agencies meet that mission critical need for the last 25 years."

Libby has also worked with other tribal nations in GovCon, most recently the Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation (THTBC), a wholly owned economic enterprise and holding company of the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. "Along the way, I have met some fantastic folks in the tribal community and the tribal business corporations. I've been very successful as a leader working in what's referred to as CONUS, the Continental United States, or OCONUS, Outside the Continental United States, and helping these organizations align with the needs within the federal sector and specifically federal agencies, whether it's the federal civilian, the Department of Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Veterans Administration, Veterans Affairs, or the Department of Defense, Department of War. Meeting those needs can be logistics, IT services, in the heart of today's catchphrase, artificial intelligence,



Gary Libby is the Kituwah Global Government Group (KG3) executive vice president. (Photo courtesy of KG3)

or what we do at Kituwah, and that's manage construction, logistics, information technology infrastructure, or more commonly referred to as low voltage cabling."

Libby said his children are members of the Nansemond Indian Nation, and he is passionate about working with the KG3 to impact the next seven generations. "One thing that's touching for me is the thought of providing for and helping reach the goals for the next seven generations. That's true, and it rings true for me. I have a distinct vision on how to provide leadership, but also growth and opportunity back to the community."

Providing opportunities for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is part of Libby's vision for KG3. "We're filling roles. We've made some strategic hires today and we've got a new general manager [Ty Griffin] at [Kituwah Technologies] who's an enrolled member. We're pretty excited about. She's come in and made a phenomenal impact and had some positive feedback immediately, and we're doing really well there. We've had a couple of strategic hires of enrolled members. We've got some offers out today. Kristin [Smith], is phenomenal in HR," Libby said.

"One thing that struck me as very comforting, heartwarming, but more importantly supportive, is the Kituwah Economic Development Board. They're active, they're inspirational, and they offer phenomenal advice and guidance. One of the first things I was charged with was building a robust and viable pipeline of opportunities that we can go after, chase, and win, if you will, in the GovCon space. And I was asked, 'Can I do this?' Absolutely, this is what I do. I identify opportunities, I build a team of strategic hires and then go out and win this business."

Libby said succession is also part of his vision. "Executing on that pipeline, winning this business, and driving the revenues will allow for long-term growth and providing internships part-time, or even full-time jobs, back to EBCI youth. We have the footprint in place today, and I'm looking down range long-term where we can start expanding that internship program today to bring it back to the community because we have the resources already there."

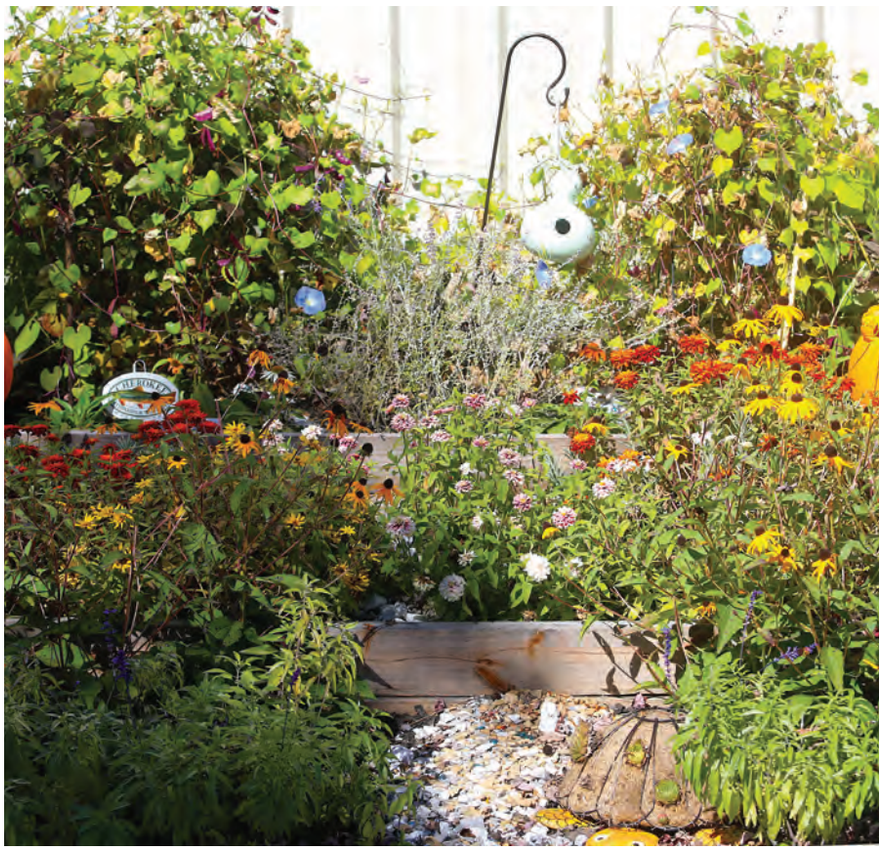
Libby continued, "We have to build succession because it's part of the seven generations, not just to provide the income and the wherewithal and the means, but you have to grow the organization...We want to teach the community about growing in the government sector and selling to federal agencies because we want to give back to the community. We want our youth to learn the GovCon space and teach our community what it is that we can provide the federal agencies in that mission critical need. That's my vision."

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This Week's Flowerbed Project: VOC, Water Quality/Fisheries & Wildlife



This photo shows the flowerbed at the VOC (Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee). (Photo courtesy of Sky Sampson)



This photo shows the flowerbed, maintained by the EBCI Water Quality and Cherokee Fisheries & Wildlife Management programs, at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex. (BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT/One Feather photo)

By BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.— EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) has instituted a flowerbed project as part of the Tribal Health Improvement Plan (THIP). There are nine tribal programs and groups participating in the project. Throughout the month of November, the One Feather will feature each of those groups and their flowerbeds. This article features the flowerbed at the Wayohi (Wolftown) Fire Substation created by the VOC Client Activities Program, and the flowerbed at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) created by EBCI Water Quality and Cherokee Fisheries & Wildlife Management.

VOC Client Activities Program

Magda Sanders, client services manager, said her program chose to participate in the project to provide a nearby beautification space, and to give their clients an opportunity to learn a new skill. "We always look for different volunteering opportunities...[The clients] love looking at it, watching the flowers bloom, and they love the attention from the Fire Department workers. The firefighters love it, too, and they've always made sure they came out and talked with everybody. So, it was lots of interactions between our agencies, and I think that was the best part."

Amanda Washington, client services coordinator, said they modeled the shape of the flowerbed after the Cherokee Fire & Rescue symbol.

EBCI Water Quality and Cherokee Fisheries & Wildlife Management

Rainee Tetreault, water quality program supervisor, and Jessica Nagel, lead wildlife biologist, said their programs collaborated on the flowerbed at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex. "We both work under Natural Resources, but we thought this would be a good idea just to kind of promote pollinators. That's a big thing that we try to work on in Fish and Wildlife. And we wanted to add some pieces incorporating Yvwi Ganvhida (Long Person) with some plants so we could promote shading your stream and some of the wildlife pieces that come with the river, like the daksi (turtle)" Nagel said.

Tetreault added, "It's also been that additional way to interact with the community. My office is at the wastewater plant, so we don't get a lot of visitors down there. It was also a great opportunity to get to collaborate more with Fish and Wildlife...It's pretty and it's a fun thing to work on. And a lot of times when I'm out here deadheading or doing things, people come up and they seem to like it."

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Doula training

The Center for Native Health hosted its first doula training in Cherokee, N.C. on Oct. 16-18. The training was led by Kelley Thomas-Hill, in collaboration with Kelly Murphy and doulas, Lori Sanders, Brittany Hampton and Brandi Lambert. CNH officials noted, "We are honored to be part of this journey and cannot wait to see the incredible things our community will accomplish together." Shown, left to right, are Kelly Murphy, Trista Welch, Nakoa Chiltoskie, Natalie Tate, Brianna Ross, Brianna Lambert, Haley Tolley, Kelly Thomas-Hill, Daisy Garcia, Deb Owle, Ellen Crowe, Stella Watkins, Mariah George, Janecie Belt, Macie Welch, Rosa Reyes, Carina Perez, Kristina Hyatt, Lori Sanders. (Photo courtesy of Center for Native Health)



Heart to Heart earns national reaccreditation from The National Children's Alliance

Submitted by EBCI Public Health and Human Services



Heart to Heart staff is shown, left to right, including Margarita Martinez- Lopez, mental health therapist; Kristen Berry, forensic interviewer/case manager; Miriam Fuller, program manager; Zoey Walkingstick, child advocate coordinator; and Charlotte Lossiah, admin. asst. (Photo courtesy of EBCI Public Health and Human Services)

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center has achieved reaccreditation from The National Children's Alliance. This prestigious recognition affirms the extensive work Heart to Heart has demonstrated through both written documentation and observed practices as a Child Advocacy Center in compliance with the national accreditation standards. The standards and accompanying criteria ensure that children and families in the Cherokee community receive effective, efficient, relevant, and compassionate services.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for our program and something we should all be very proud of," explained Miriam Fuller, Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center Program manager. "Reaccreditation demonstrates that we continue to meet the highest standards of care while constantly striving to improve and strengthen our services."

Accreditation through the National Children's Alliance is considered to be the gold standard for Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) nationwide. Centers, like the Heart to Heart CAC, who seek accreditation or reaccreditation must demonstrate compliance with extensive national standards through rigorous documentation, observed practices, and ongoing evaluation. Reaccreditation must occur on an ongoing cycle to ensure centers continue to meet best practices and maintain the highest level of service for children and families affected by abuse and trauma.

As one of only nine nationally accredited Tribal Child Advocacy Centers in the nation, the reaccreditation of the Heart to Heart CAC reflects the commitment that goes into serving the children and families of the Cherokee community. The ultimate goal is to be a place of hope and healing for Cherokee families and is made possible by the multidisciplinary team partners who work together to ensure children receive effective services.

"We are humbled by the trust placed in us and inspired to continue growing, strengthening our services, and supporting families as they navigate their healing journey," continued Fuller. "Our children deserve nothing less. We remain committed to serving them with compassion and respect."

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"IT'S TIME FOR GUTTER MAINTENANCE"

6 REASONS TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GUTTER MAINTENANCE

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

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

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

PREVENT EROSION & MOLD

1. **Roof Damage**

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

2. **Wood Fascia Damage**

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

3. **Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios**

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

4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

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

5. Slip and fall

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

6. Prevent Mold

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

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

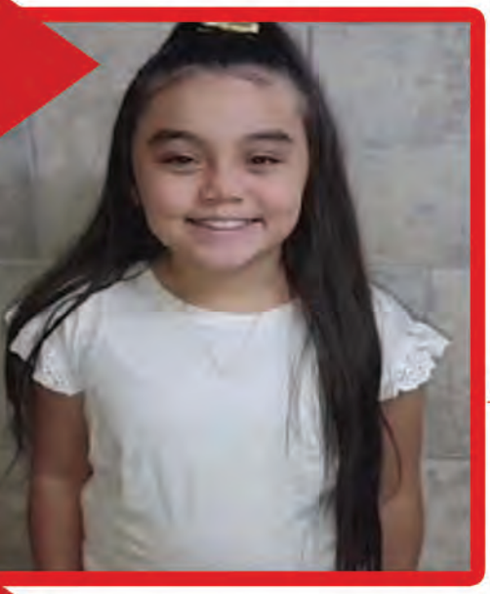


"DON'T TRIM YOUR GUTTERS"



"CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS"





Shania Woodall

Missing from:
Cherokee, N.C.
Missing since:
April 8, 2025
D.O.B.:
July 2, 2015
Height: 4'8" to 4'10"
Weight: 100 lbs
Contact:
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Gabriel Thor Crow

Missing from:
Asheville, N.C.
Missing since:
Jan. 27, 2024
D.O.B.:
Jan. 21, 1997
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 170 lbs
Contact:
828-252-1110 or
828-359-6612



Jacqueline "Jackie" Davis

Missing from:
Cherokee, N.C.
Missing since:
Jan. 1, 1969
was 14 years old
5'0"-5'5 120 lbs
Contact: 615-564-6600

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from New Kituwah Academy

ꭰᎩ! For making our Trick or Treat Event special. ᎠᏙ ᎩᏚᏩ - New Kituwah Academy would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the programs, departments, organizations, and community groups who took the time to come out and set up for our children's trick or treating event. Participating programs: TCGE, Unity Healing Center, NC Cooperative Extension, Cherokee Choices, WIC, Education, Vice Chief Office, Chief's Office, Cherokee Recreation, Hope Center, Kolanvyi Anigeya, EMS, TERO, Tribal Council, CIH Foundation, Cherokee Youth Center, TANF, Painttown Community Club, Crowe Woods Potatoes & Corn, and CL-MAP/

Your willingness to give your time, decorate, hand out treats and bring smiles to our children's faces means so much to our school. It takes a community to create special moments for our children, and we are truly grateful for each and every one of you!

Sincerely,
New Kituwah Academy staff and children

Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

The One Feather is developing a list of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists and craftspeople to help get your name out there for potential buyers. If you would like to be included, please send your name, contact information (phone, email, etc.), and what mediums you are selling to: Scott at **scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov**



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PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER & RIGHT OF WAYS	☐Surveying requests for approved buildable sites will be done by the Tribal Surveying dept. ☐Property transfers will be done by the owner to the home buyer at Tribal Realty. ☐The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes. ☐All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.
PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION	☐Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed, unless applicant is wishing to purchase a home. ☐Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender. ☐Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount. ☐Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter
INFRASTRUCTURE	☐Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed. ☐Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included. ☐Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.
HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE	☐Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. ☐Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. ☐After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. ☐Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. ☐Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS	☐Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to $50,000.00, and will request $5,000,00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously. ☐Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. ☐Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. ☐Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. ☐The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. ☐Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	☐After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment. ☐Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. ☐Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. ☐Lending Institution will contact client to "lock in" their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.
DPA funds – Off Trust Lands	☐After loan approvals are received, Coordinator will send letter notifying lender the borrower has been approved for DPA and RBD funds and request closing attorney information. ☐Coordinator will complete the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and to be signed at closing and recorded at Register of Deeds in the county of purchase. ☐Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator. ☐Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.
LOAN CLOSE	☐Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing. ☐Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed. ☐Home construction may start after loan close. ☐Client will begin working with Lender's Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.
SITE PREP SCHEDULING	☐Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure. ☐If 1 acre or more will be disturbed during site prep construction, a SWPP (Storm Water Protection Plan) must be completed by our contractor before any work can begin.
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Florida Killmer Beaulieu

Nov. 22, 1956 – Oct. 23, 2026

Florida Killmer Beaulieu, age 69, entered the presence of her Lord and Savior on Friday, Oct. 23, 2026. A faithful child of God, Florida lived a life marked by kindness, humility, service, and unwavering devotion to her faith.

A dedicated member of the Whittier Church of God in Florida was known for the warmth of her smile and the sincerity of her welcome. Whether greeting visitors at the church doors or quietly serving behind the scenes, she had a special gift for making others feel loved and accepted. Her gentle spirit and caring heart touched countless lives within her church family and community.

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Florida found joy in simple pleasures and meaningful work. She loved drawing, cooking, baking, and canning, often sharing recipes, homemade treats, and the fruits of her labor with friends, neighbors, and fellow church members. Her kitchen was a place of fellowship, generosity, and love, reflecting the servant's heart that defined her life.

Though she did not seek recognition, Florida faithfully served the Lord with quiet passion, inspiring those around her. Her testimony was not in grand gestures but in daily acts of kindness, encouragement, and steadfast faithfulness. She demonstrated Christ's love in how she cared for others and lived. Florida leaves a lasting legacy of faith, compassion, hospitality, and service. Though she will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and church family, they find comfort in knowing she has received the reward promised to those who faithfully serve the Lord.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Matthew 25:23

Her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Long House Funeral Services is in charge of the arrangements.

Jonathan A. Rattler (Thumper)

Jonathan A. Rattler (Thumper), 37, of Cherokee, passed away on Friday, Oct. 30, 2026, at Cherokee Indian Hospital after an extended illness.

Thumper was born Aug. 26, 1989, to the late Jonathan A. Rattler and Dora E. Smith.

He graduated from Cherokee High School in 2007. He worked at Harrah's Casino as a dual-rate supervisor for the sportsbook. He was a member of Tow String Baptist Church. He was predeceased by his maternal great-grandmother, Roxie Stamper; great-grandfather, Robert Stamper; paternal grandfather, George Rattler; and nephew, Rafe Rattler.

He is survived by his brother, JonJon Rattler (Brandy), of Whittier; his sisters, Clareece Rattler (Harley) and Joy Archer (Steven), of Cherokee; Kiri Lambert; and his uncle, Don Rattler. Nieces include Janiyah Rattler, Kristaleena Archer, Zoe Walingstick, Briar Rattler, Quinn Rattler, Lakelyn Rattler, CeCe, Abby, and Hailey Lambert. Nephews include Kale Walkingstick, Robert, Rhyder, and Haiden Lambert. Special cousins include Robert and Roxie Rattler.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 3 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home, with Rev. Scott Chekelelee officiating. Burial followed at Stamper Family Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C.

Pallbearers were family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Quincey Wildcat

Quincey Wildcat, 88, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026. He was at home with his family by his side. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Dintola Wildcat and Louisa Ben Wildcat; and Father-in-law Andy Sherrill and Mother-in-law Annie Bird Sherrill.

He was preceded in death by his son, Craigan S. Wildcat; brothers, John Wayne, Wilbur, Charlie; brother-in-laws, Lee Bird, David Bird, John Ute Sherrill; sister, Nancey Wildcat Biddix; sister-in-laws, Margaret Lossiah, Rita Wildcat, Julia Sherrill; one granddaughter, Kennithia L. Wildcat; and two foster grandsons, Frank Crowe and Vincent Crowe.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jessie A Wildcat; foster daughters, Kina Queen, Zayla Wildcat; sons, Timpson Wildcat, Craigan Wildcat; daughters, Kimberly Wildcat, Neveah Wildcat, and Louisa Wildcat; grandsons, Quincey Wildcat, Timpson Wildcat (T-Bo), Elliot J. Wildcat; granddaughter, Jessica Rogers; two great grandbabies, Saukura Wildcat, Kennithia Wildcat; and he also had nieces and nephews.

Quincey Wildcat served in the 101st Airborne, Screaming Eagles US Army 2nd Infantry. He was a member of Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143. He was proud of serving his country. He had some good ole stories to tell. He worked for the State for 20 years before retiring. Every month he would make those long drives to Murphy/Snowbird/Robbinsville delivering commodities to the people. Along the way he made some good ole friends. He would always stop and talk to anyone who knew him, he would always have a time for a joke and a good ole laugh.

He had cancer, and he had been in remission for 19 years. Then it came back in June 2026. He was a fighter. He tried his best to win but his body was just too weak to fight this time around. We all prayed God would heal him again. We all stood by him when he decided to come home and let God take the lead of his journey. We prayed he would give us more time with him, He fought a good battle, but GOD had other plans for Quincey. He came and took him to his Heavenly Home.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 6 at Wrights Creek

Baptist Church. Brothers David Burch, Danny Lambert, and Scott Chekelelee officiated with burial at Wildcat Cemetery.

Doris Ann Rowland Howard

Doris Ann Rowland Howard, born Aug. 17, 1953, of the Birdtown Community, went to Heaven a singing on Monday, Nov. 2, 2026. She was a proud elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell Howard; parents, Ed and Rowena Rowland; and brother, Gene Rowland.

Doris is survived by her son, Jeremy Howard and wife Christina and their children Isaiah and Grady; and daughter, Regina Wood and husband Daryl their children Trystan and Madalyne. Doris is also survived by her three brothers, John and wife Carolyn, David and wife Jane, and Donnie and wife Donna, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Doris was a faithful Christian member of the Bethabara Baptist Church in Cherokee, N.C. where she was known for her singing the Lord's praises. Doris was at her Church even when the Church doors were locked! She loved to cook and bake and feed everyone. She loved to worship at Church and funerals alike.

Doris resided in the Memory Care unit at The Franklin House Assisted Living since 2018. The family is very appreciative of the care she received.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 8 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Brother Roger Roland officiated. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

Doris found joy in everything and would always greet you with a smile and her laughter was contagious.

In lieu of Flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made to The Franklin House 186 Center Court Franklin, NC 28734.

Katherine Elaine Wolfe Long

Katherine Elaine Wolfe Long, 60, of the Big Cove community, passed away Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late James and Ida Lee Sequoyah Wolfe.

She attended Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles and James Wolfe.

She is survived by her brothers, Edwin Wolfe and Donald Wolfe; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. Roberta French officiated.

Katherine was taken to the church Friday by Crisp Funeral Home to await the service hour.

Charles Allen Hornbuckle

Charles Allen Hornbuckle, 70, of Cherokee, passed away Monday, Nov. 2, 2026, at Cherokee Hospital following a period of declining health.

Charles was born April 29, 1956 to the Late Ernest J. Hornbuckle and Laura Belle Long Hornbuckle.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Robert E. Long, Glenn D. Long, and Paul F. Hornbuckle; his sisters, Marilyn Sis Crowe, Roberta E. Long, Danita Chiltoskie, and Naomi Ruth Hornbuckle; his children, CJ Hornbuckle and Ernestine Roberta (Rose) Hornbuckle; and his grandson, Percival Allison.

He is survived by his daughters, Victoria Simon and Erika Arkansas; his siblings, James Butch Long (Carol), Glenda Crowe, Cynthia G. Saturday, David J. Hornbuckle (Juanita), and Sherri A. Hornbuckle (Bobby); many nieces and nephews; grandchildren, Ernest, Rosalyn, C.J., and Hezekiah; a very special friend, Sally Smith; a very special niece, Ida Lespier; and a nephew, Joshua Miller

Funeral Services were held Friday, Nov. 6 at Rock Springs Baptist Church. Rev. Greg Morgan officiated. Burial followed at Long Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Kimberly Sequoyah Wallace

Kimberly Sequoyah Wallace, age 64, passed away on Monday, Oct. 26, 2026. Her memory will be cherished by the family and loved ones she leaves behind. She was the daughter of the late Jessica Kay Sequoyah and of Gilbert Smith.

Kimberly's beautiful smile was a gentle light in the lives of those who loved her, and its warmth will linger in their hearts. She lived life to the fullest, leaving behind moments that now rest softly in memory. Though her presence will be deeply missed, her loved ones will carry her close—in remembrance of her smile, in the moments they shared, and in the love that remains.

Kimberly is survived by her loving husband, Sherman Wallace. Their beautiful wedding in a national park marked the start of 27 cherished years of marriage and a life filled with precious memories. She also leaves behind her beloved daughter, Jessica Hornbuckle, who was one of the greatest joys of her life. Kimberly loved her deeply, took immense pride in the woman she became, and treasured every moment they shared.

That same deep love extended to her grandchildren, Kyla Teesateskie (Logan), MaKayla Watty (Jayce), Maria Reyes (Chris), Rosa Reyes, and Joshua Hornbuckle. Each held a special place in Kimberly's heart, and she cherished the joy they brought to her life and the memories they made together.

Her love reached another generation through her precious great-grandchildren, Addisyn, Thea, and Keldon Teesateskie; Hashiya Davis; Eryx and Caelix Watty; and Dakari and Rylan Johnson. They brought even more joy to her heart, and each was dearly loved. Her love will live on in the hearts of her daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Kimberly was preceded in death by her sister, Jacqueline Tesky; Allen Boyd Crowe; Denny Smith; and Perry Sequoyah.

Other loved ones who survive her include Barry Robie, Gilbert Biello, her niece, Connie Cooper, and Porky.

Kimberly will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home, with Rev. Larry Bryson officiating. Burial followed at Birdtown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Veteran's Day Event
Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.
Cherokee Veterans Park
Hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143

COMMENTARY

The Fairgrounds: You can't always get what you want

By ROBERT JUMPER
Tutiyi (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

Ask around. We love our land. Or maybe we would say our Creator's land. Land ownership is sort of a thing brought over by migrants from other countries. Indigenous peoples were more about occupation, survival, and the practicalities of living than those who came on ships with a bent toward materialism. And our occupations fit our needs, which in turn satisfied our wants, which were mostly to provide sustenance for our family and tribes, and to live in peace pursuing the simple pleasures of life: hunting, fishing, singing, dancing, storytelling, and fellowship.

Surely there had to be land battles before contact with the outside world, but those were about provision rather than ownership. It was not about entitlement. It was about need. Need to feed families and a place for them to lay their heads.

After contact, referring to the point where indigenous peoples were confronted with non-indigenous peoples, we were exposed to materialism in a way we never had before. In "Sovereign Entrepreneurs: Cherokee Small-Business Owners and the Making of Economic Sovereignty" (2019, The University of North Carolina Press), Courtney Lewis said, "The cultural mismatch theory presupposes that capitalism is incompatible or necessarily destroys indigenous culture, but it ignores (1) that capitalism is always practiced on a spectrum and is therefore malleable, and (2) that many practices under the guise of capitalism have already been shaped and repurposed by indigenous peoples and peoples globally (as in the way family ownership may constitute an alteration of Western capitalism)".

Under Robert's rules of interpretation, I take that to mean a variation of capitalism that existed before contact and was probably magnified or recreated by circumstances that arose because of contact. We basically adapted and assimilated those things that allowed our nation to be sustained and remain.

As a tribe, we have been fiscally successful at sustaining ourselves through multiple challenges since contact, sometimes despite ourselves. As our leaders have pointed out in the past, the way a government is operated and its objectives are quite different from business objectives. Governments require quite a bit of consensus building for decision-making and action, which is typically a slow, sometimes agonizingly slow process. Business decision-making and action require nimbleness, quick action, and the ability to change course in the motion of a transaction. To that point, this was one of the arguments made for a less restrictive Charter, as opposed to a more detailed Constitution to govern the people. It is also why the tribe opted to establish corporate LLCs for our business operations. The hope is of somehow making tribal entities move at the speed of business instead of government.

As a consequence of all the intermingling of indigenous and non-indigenous philosophies of governance, I think we have possibly lost sight of using common sense in the decisions we make as a community. Now, I don't know if we just aren't getting the information we need or if it's that we have information and we feel entitled to "have it our way". When we make decisions that cause us to be less safe, less profitable, and less comfortable because we think we want it a certain way, we tend to regret our decisions, and those decisions come with unexpected costs. And a quick side note: when an initiative is unsuccessful, the community is unlikely to know about the failure or to what extent there was a financial impact. The fear we attach to information getting into the "wrong hands" supersedes our fear of being economically blind in the community. I'm not assessing judgment. I am just saying that I believe that is the way it is.

"Seasonal gatherings, particularly at harvest time, have long been a part of Cherokee society, as described by travelers and observers of Native American culture such as John Lawson and William Bartram. At a general tribal council meeting at Cheoah in Graham County, North Carolina, in 1868, a gathering of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians gave the council permission to fix a place and days for holding a 'national' fair. Over 50 years would pass, however, before such a fair was formally established in 1914 and held annually." (wcu.edu)

"During the early part of the century, logging and farming provided income and subsistence, but the tribe also turned to tourism as a source of income. The first Cherokee Indian Fall Fair, in 1914, was subsidized by the tribal council specifically to encourage tourism." (Barbara R. Duncan and Brett H. Riggs, "Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook", 2003, North Carolina Folklife Institute)

I had the honor and privilege to be a part of the team that organized and executed the Cherokee Indian Fair for the better part of a decade. In 2002, I was hired by the tribe as the media coordinator for the tribe under Chrissy Arch (thanks in no small part to the encouragement and support of Brandon Stephens). Executive Director Suzy Jones and Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Leon Jones were the economic development leadership at the time and had overseen the revamping of the tourism effort in Cherokee. It was an exciting time to be in tourism, and it was my first time being part of an event with so many moving parts. That year, and in subsequent years, it was obvious that the fairgrounds on Tsali Blvd. were simply too small a venue for the volume of local and visitor traffic that typically attended Cherokee events. That was 24 years ago. Capacity has long been a concern for the Fair. And it was documented as far back as that initial event in 1914.

"The first fair was highly successful and exceeded Henderson's (James Henderson, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and one of the two men tasked by the federal

government to assist the Cherokee people in producing and directing the fair) expectations, but some traditionalists were outraged over the tribal council's appropriation of $200 (equivalent to $6729 today) to finance it. After the initial triumph, the Cherokee Fair became an annual October event and drew increasingly large crowds. By 1916, one (non-indigenous) observer claimed the event was 'far better' than some of the county fairs. Because the exposition had outgrown its modest facilities, the tribal council, now willing to override possible opposition, appropriated $500 (equivalent to $15,456 today) to build an exhibit hall." (John R. Finger, "Cherokee Americans: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in the Twentieth Century", 1991, University of Nebraska Press)

Certainly, the scope of growth has been sizeable from 1914 to 2002, and even more so from 2002 to 2026. While it was not a new thought, Skooter McCoy, a decade and a half ago, proposed moving the fairgrounds from the Tsali Blvd. location to the current Acquoni Road site where the old Cherokee High School used to convene. The reason? The Cherokee Fairgrounds (many called it "Ceremonial Grounds") had become so overcrowded during events as to have become potentially hazardous and economically unsound. Trying to navigate inadequate parking was another significant incentive to seek more unoccupied land for events like the Fair. And, I cannot say for sure, because my stint in Cherokee tourism ended in 2014, I presume that the research continued to find a suitable, contiguous piece of property to hold events of Fair size.

At the Oct. 19, 2026 Planning Board meeting, Ugvwiyuhi Hicks said, "Regarding where the centralized fair is located, I think we must logistically look at that the fair has grown substantially since it was last (at the Tsali Blvd. location). You know, the number of rides that we have, the need for parking, has all grown. Logistically, can we continue to have the full fair (at the Tsali Blvd. location)? I don't know how exactly we do that, unless we stretch it down to the elementary site. Then do we become inefficient in how we are doing things? Because there are some infrastructure needs at the elementary site. The amount of acreage is more than double at the old high school site (compared to the Tsali Blvd site)."

Some community members desire to have the fair activities near Unity Field, where fair stickball games have been played for years. But even that area has become so congested during games that emergency services professionals are worried that helping someone with an emergency need could be hindered by their inability to reach them in a timely manner.

When in doubt, and sometimes when there is no doubt, we call for a meeting, and we plan. Then, we wait. And another election cycle occurs (you know, the ones that happen every two years?), and we talk, and we doubt, and then we call for a meeting, and we plan. And the cycle continues until someone tires of the subject and the subject matter experts are told to move forward with a plan that has rotated through the cycle multiple times.

Sean Ross, EBCI Commerce Secretary, said, "All of these things (referring to consideration of the elementary school site, Unity Field, old high school site, and the proximity of food, entertainment, stickball, and other amenities) have been considered in this (old high school) site. It is all-encompassing. There is one point of entry; our elders' parking and the elders' access to all these areas are considered within this space. We've got a gaming field there. We've got the midway for rides. We've got a stage. We've got green space. We've got multiple parking lots. We've got power considered. We've got extra transformers coming in. We've got all the infrastructure considered in this one space. All those things were taken into consideration through the due diligence process. And through a CEDS report, through several feedback sessions, we did get the community's input. It was done multiple times. We are merely following those plans (exactly)."

There is an adage that goes like this: "You can please some of the people all the time. You can please all the people some of the time. But you cannot please all the people all the time". Planning is great. Meetings are great. But if you cannot execute because of your planning and meetings continuing infinitum, the goals you are trying to achieve will sit on a shelf and get dusted off occasionally when the planning and meetings roll around again. Something to keep in mind is that we have a very limited usable land base on the Boundary. And our current discussions seem to be committing valuable space that should be productive year-round, all for the "wants" of a five-day event.

You know, maybe we should take a cue from those great philosophers, The Rolling Stones, way back in 1969. They said in song, "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you just might find you get what you need".

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A Close Call

Part 8 of 8

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

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

Maybe you know this story already. Maybe you have felt that tug on your heart from the one who makes the invitations and reservations. Do you want to be seated at His table? Would you like reservations for eternity in Heaven?

Can you afford to turn down a close call, knowing that you might have to answer the next close call without reservations? IF there is anyone here who has never responded to Jesus' close call on your life today, I am praying that you would answer the close call that Jesus is making for you right now. Jesus will make you eternal reservations, and all you must do is answer His call.

He is calling you to come close to Him. Jesus loves us, and it pleases all of Heaven when we accept Him, for we will be with Him forever after. Therefore, He wants all to be with Him.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 says, 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; 4 who would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

And Luke 15:7 tells us, 7 I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons, who need no repentance.

Prayer: YES, LORD – TAKE ME. When death knocks on my door, when I face death, I want you, Jesus, to answer it for me and defeat it. Give me victory over death. Enter me with your Spirit, the same Spirit that gave You victory over death and raised You from the grave. I want that! Forgive me of my sin, live in me, possess me, and when I face death, fill my reservation, and take me home.

If you can say that in your heart and mean that, He will. He will. He is faithful, and He will.

Will you? Will you answer Him and this close call? All you need to do is call Him back. Call on the name of Jesus, and He will save you. Do you need help to do that? IF you want to make a reservation for Heaven, come forward right now. IF you will, He will answer, IF, IF, IF.

Then move your feet, come forward, and accept this call. Right now. You do not have to wait any longer. Make some reservations.

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.

Editor's note: Lamont H Fuchs, Ed.D. is the author of "Preacher Spurs" and "Preacher Spurs 2nd Edition". Excerpts are published in the Cherokee One Feather with permission from the author. Both books are available for purchase from www.preacherspurs.com. The author's email address is author@preacherspurs.com.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

JAMES 4: 6-8

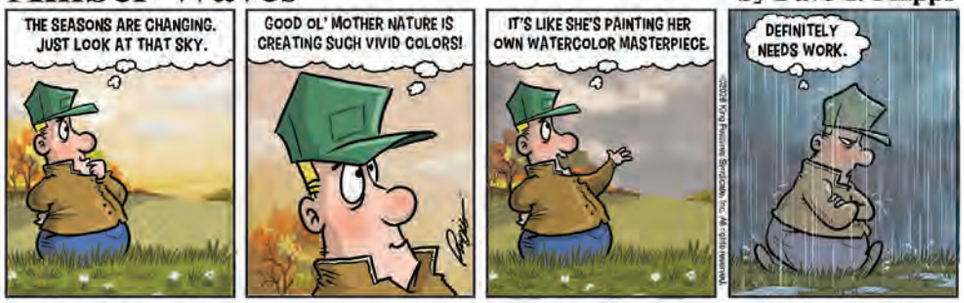


"The Devil or the New Jersey Dance" (1797)

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

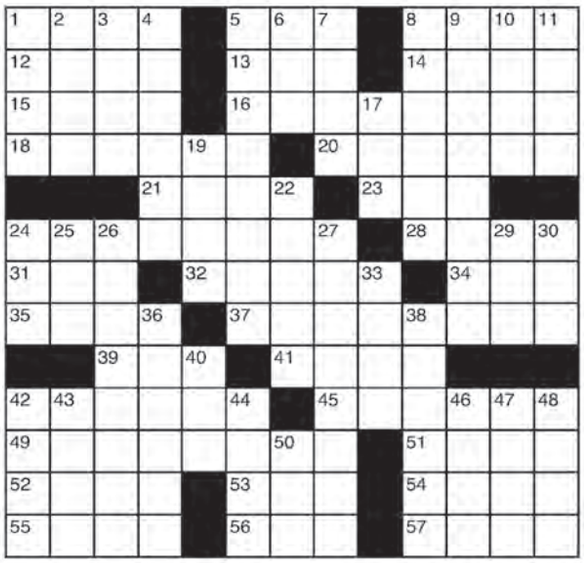


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bushes are taller. 2. Tree trunk is different. 3. Wheel is different. 4. Man is thinner. 5. Scorecard is longer. 6. Hat is different.

King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Eye drop
5 Gullet
8 Grime
12 Jazz singer James
13 Financial pro
14 Body sci.
15 Hearty dish
16 Abraham Lincoln's birthplace
18 Arm bones
20 Craig of "Skyfall"
21 Ms. Rowlands
23 Qt. fractions
24 George Washington's birthplace
28 Planted, as seed
31 Anger
32 Bellini opera
34 Steal from
35 Shade of blue
37 Gerald Ford's birthplace
39 Always, in verse
41 Venue
42 Subway line in an Ellington song
45 Saint of Avila
49 Harry S. Truman's birthplace
51 Farm team
52 Worry
53 Ring decision
54 Noggin
55 Disarray
56 Junior
57 Spanish for "this"

DOWN

1 TV/radio host John
2 Words to Brutus
3 "Up and —!"
4 Steak tartare ingredient
5 "Barbie" actress Kate
6 Chest-beating beast
7 Wizard's prop
8 Intimidates
9 Cutting teeth
10 Croupier's tool
11 Texter's sign-off
17 Phone bug
19 Check
22 Buenos —
24 Sportscaster Scully
25 Roth svgs. plan
26 Flip-flops
27 Aspiration
29 Stir-fry vessel
30 Cagers' gp.
33 Prado display
36 Bakery supplies
38 Bacteriologist's study
40 Brazilian city
42 Bands on radios
43 Lose energy
44 Crazy
46 Alimony recipients
47 Bicycle part
48 — Domini
50 Former MGM rival

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of South Carolina?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to Mount Kilimanjaro?
3. COMICS: Who is Wonder Woman's mother?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What is kombucha?
5. MOVIES: What is the main family's name in "The Godfather" movies?
6. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the novel "The Martian"?
7. MATH: How many sides does a heptadecagon have?
8. TELEVISION: What is the name of the women's prison in "Orange is the New Black"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are espadrilles?
10. HISTORY: What was the main marketplace in ancient Greece called?

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



Trivia Test Answers

1. Columbia; 2. Tanzania, Africa; 3. Queen Hippolyta; 4. Fermented tea; 5. Corleone; 6. Andy Weir; 7. 17; 8. Litchfield Penitentiary; 9. Summer footwear, usually made of canvas; 10. The Agora

EVENT LISTINGS

Event listings are FREE of charge. Send your flyers/info to Dawn at dawnarne@ebci-nsn.gov or to Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

Benefits/Fundraisers

Upcoming Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits.
• Travel Fundraiser for Zoe De Los Reyes attending a Soccer Showcase. Nov. 14 at 2 p.m.
• Fundraiser for Big Cove Free Labor. Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.
• Fundraiser for Eva Hill travel volleyball team. Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.
• Fundraiser for the Gail Panther family. Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.
• Norman Walkingstick Annual New Year's Turkey Shoot. Jan. 1, 2027 at 11 a.m.

EBCI Community Events

11th Annual Speak to the Mountain. Nov 11 – Nov. 15 nightly at 7 p.m. Sunday morning at 11 a.m. New Song Church 3548 Wolfetown Rd., Cherokee, NC. 28719. Info: newsongcherokee@gmail.com

Cherokee Perspectives Through Art: A Panel Discussion. Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People TJ Holland Education Room, 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC. 28719. Registration is required for the online event. Virtual via Zoom: bit.ly/4izKjyh. Hear from artists featured in "ᏧᏂᏲᎩᎸᏃ ᏂᏣᏒᎾ: ᏣᎳᎩ ᎠᏂᏴᎾᏍᎩᏯ ᏃᏈᏊ ᎠᏂᏴᎾᏁᏍ ᏓᏂᏚᏍᏛᎬ ᎠᏴᏮ ᎤᏙᎡᏖᎢ Unrelenting: Cherokee People and the American Revolution" in conversation about craft, inspiration, and ways of looking at the world as a Cherokee artist. The exhibition is on view through Dec. 30. 'Cherokee Perspectives Through Art' is moderated by multimedia artist and storyteller Nancy Pheasant (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) with participants Isabella Saunooke (EBCI), Keli Gonzales (Cherokee Nation), and Paula Michelle "Qualla" Nelson (EBCI).

Photography & Marketing for Cherokee Artists. Nov. 20 from 10 a. m. – 4 p. m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People TJ Holland Education Room 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC. 28719. Learn how to showcase your work and market it online with guidance from industry professionals in Photography & Marketing for Cherokee Artists, presented by Craft Your Commerce in partnership with Museum of the Cherokee People. The morning session will focus on Marketing Plans Made Simple, with the afternoon session walking participants through Photography Basics. Participants should bring a smartphone. This opportunity is open to enrolled EBCI members. Registration is required via bit.ly/4AAH7IT.

Turkey Strut 5K. Nov. 21 registration at 11 a.m., race begins at 12 p.m. Kituwah Mound 3831 Ela Rd, Bryson City, NC. 28713. Sponsored by Cherokee Choices. Info: (828)359-6784.

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Resilient Family Adventure. Dec. 1 from 3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Cherokee Choices 806 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC. 28719. Resilience adventure for the whole family. Activity stations with nature inspired arts, crafts and stories. Food & fun. Info: robibail@ebci-nsn.gov

NAIWA Christmas Bazaar. Dec. 10-11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Pam Taylor Painttown Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Indian Dinners w/drink will be available for $15 on Thursday, Dec. 10 and soup/chili/cornbread on Friday. Tables are $10/each. Info: Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

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

6th Annual Cherokee Winter Social. Jan. 30, 2027 from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel



Sports and Recreation Complex 1212 Birdtown Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. MC: Catcuce Tiger. Everyone welcome. Traditional dress encouraged. All Cherokee Dance groups welcome, bring your rattles and drums. Nikki's Frybread will be set up. Info: CherokeeWinterSocial@gmail.com

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Meetings

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

Roads Commission. Nov. 16 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee. Nov. 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Planning Board. Nov. 16 at 1 p.m.

Health Board. Nov. 18 at 8:30 a.m.

Qualla Housing Board. Nov. 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Lands Committee. Nov. 19 at 1 p.m.

Pow Wow Listings

see **EVENTS** next page

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There's no need for that suspicious Aries mind of yours to work overtime, either at home or on the job. Remember that appearances are often deceiving.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new opportunity might seem riskier than you would like. Examine all sides, then rely on your good sense to make the right decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might be enjoying your new relationship, but if you're still unsure of a commitment, continue to hold off. Your instincts are usually right.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You feel under pressure these days, but be careful not to blow off steam in a way that you'll later regret. Opt for a calm discussion to air out grievances.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A difficult situation will need more than your personal charm to resolve it. Put your Leonine intelligence to work, and you'll soon come up with a prudent solution.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend might resent your well-intended attempt to offer advice. Back off and let things settle down before you try again. Also, be cautious about investments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about assuming added obligations at work and/or in your personal life without first checking to see whether you can handle the extra load.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A rejection is no reason for you to give up. Check to see what went wrong and make adjustments. Then try again! Success is in your aspect.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Things should be looking up at work, as your ideas begin to find favor with both bosses and co-workers. Romantic aspects also improve.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be more loving with your spouse or partner to prove that you're not taking them for granted. Meanwhile, a business deal needs careful scrutiny.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) As the holidays approach, be wary of those who might take unfair advantage of your generous nature. Additionally, an old injury flares up and needs attention.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Expect to see some old friends at upcoming holiday gatherings, including some who were — and could once again be — very special in your life.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of responsibility, and whatever you decide to do, you do it to the best of your ability.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Improvements at the VA

This year alone, over 300,000 of us have enrolled in VA healthcare. We've seen the progress that's been made at the VA in all areas, making it more focused on customer service and being more convenient for us, truly making it Veterans First.

They've opened 43 new healthcare clinics across the country, in 25 states and Guam. Ohio led the pack with four new facilities, while Virginia and South Carolina got three each.

The newly signed up veterans completed or scheduled 1.8 million appointments, and 16,000 of those were emergency care visits. Mental health saw 420,000 appointments.

Since the beginning of 2025, they provided over 3 million appointments outside of normal hours, with early morning, evening and weekends made available for veterans' convenience.

They approved and arranged for nearly 60,000 community care appointments.

They've approved the expenditure of $5 billion to improve the healthcare facilities, which includes everything from elevators to electrical systems to the computers that keep track of health records.

But healthcare isn't the only area seeing improvements at the VA.

They've cut the time to process disability claims down 46% since 2025, the highest number ever reached. This year alone they processed over 3 million disability compensation claims, a record number.

Over 50,000 homeless veterans found permanent housing since last year. The Getting Veterans Off the Street initiative worked, with every VA healthcare facility hosting events designed to find homeless veterans and offer housing, behavioral health services, VA benefits and healthcare.

To learn more about the VA and what is available to veterans, see choose.va.gov. You'll find information on VA benefits such as education and careers and financial benefits including life insurance and pensions. You can also call 800-698-2411 or see the various methods of making contact at www.va.gov/contact-us. They're open 24 hours.

If you need to find a VA location near you, see www.va.gov/find-locations.

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Chew on This

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My neighbor's puppy has a ton of toys that he chews on all the time. Is this healthy? — Joe E., Atlanta

DEAR JOE: Yes, as long as the toys are specifically made for dogs. Chewing is an instinctive activity for dogs that keeps their teeth and jaws healthy and strong. For puppies, chewing not only helps them develop properly, but it also eases the discomfort of teething.

A dog will chew on anything that looks chewable — as many a dog owner has ruefully discovered after finding a favorite pair of shoes in shreds. So keeping many safe chew toys within the dog's reach, and featuring chew toys and tug ropes (thick, braided short ropes you can hang onto while the dog pulls at the other end) during play and training will help ease that urge to chew on everything.

Safe chew toys do not shred or shatter when a dog sinks his teeth into them — something you don't want to happen, as shards can cut a dog's gums, and swallowing debris can cause serious health problems. So owners should buy only approved toys that are appropriate for their dog's age and size. A Great Dane shouldn't be chewing on a toy sized for a Chihuahua, and likewise, a toy poodle might have trouble gnawing on a toy sized for a Doberman.

Remember also that owners (and those who will have dogs coming over to visit) should put away any objects they don't want chewed. Shoes, children's toys, plants, newspapers — you name it — should be placed in a room or closet that can't be accessed by the dog. A floor clear of everything but a few strategically placed chew toys is ideal.

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

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Veterans Day Wacipi. Nov. 13-15 at the Dakota Magic Casino & Hotel in Hankinson, N.D. Emcees: Whitney Rencountre, Vince Beyl. Host Drum: Descendants. Info: Danielle DeCoteau (605) 868-2937 or Dewayne Boyd (605) 924-1231

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Veterans Pow Wow. Nov. 14 at Veteran's Pavillion in Livingston, Texas. MC: Herbert Johnson. Host Northern Drum: Buffalo Boys. Head Southern Singer: Jackson Langley. Info: Mykiah Williams (936) 933-1741

6th Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow. Nov. 14 at Greenwood Laboratory School at MSU in Springfield, Mo. MC: William Branson. Host Drum: Drowning Creek. Info: (417) 880-1570, info@aicspringfield.org

Oklahoma City Public Schools Pow Wow. Nov. 14 at US Grant High School in Oklahoma City, Okla. MC: JR Ross. Head Singer: Keith Setperahtraw. Info: nativeamericanss@okcps.org

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 McMillan (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

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

SCC Holiday Market. Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at SCC Swain Center 60 Almond School Rd., Bryson City, NC. 28713.

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.



Holiday Herbal Class. Nov. 20 at the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center 123 Crowmwell Dr., Townsend, NC. 37882. Info: (865) 448-0044

Holiday in the Smokies. Nov. 20 and Nov. 21 from 10 a.m – 6 p.m. Sevierville Fairgrounds 754 Old Knoxville Hwy., Sevierville, TN. 37862. Craft vendors, food trucks, live entertainment, holiday vendors, Santa Claus noon – 5 p.m. both days. Info: (865)388-0099

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) 736-2781

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

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

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

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Yellowhill 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 Virginia Johnson (828) 788-8659

Email: ebciconstitution@gmail.com

Facebook: EBCI Constitution

Website: www.sgadugi.org

Mailing: PO Box 340, Cherokee, NC 28719

Next constitution committee meetings:

Nov. 19 and Dec. 10 at 5:30 pm.

Council Chambers in Cherokee, N.C.

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

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

Cherokee Bible Church. Olivet Church Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Pastor Randy Miller 497-2286

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

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday 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.

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 (828) 556-0115



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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jonah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Esther chapter 6, what was done to King Ahasuerus when he could not sleep? *Sang to, Feet rubbed, Fanned by servants, Read to*
3. How many slingshot attempts did it take David to strike Goliath? *1, 2, 3, 4*
4. In Joppa, who was raised from the dead by the apostle Peter? *Lazarus, Nahum, Tabitha, Hosea*
5. Who was the baby born of Zacharias and Elizabeth? *Daniel, John the Baptist, Noah, David*
6. What was Pontius Pilate's culture group? *Roman, Greek, Syrian, Babylonian*

ANSWERS: 1) Old. 2) Read to, 3) One, 4) Tabitha, 5) John the Baptist, 6) Roman

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Moments in time

• On **Nov. 23, 1940**, Romania officially allied itself with Germany, Italy and Japan by signing the Tripartite Pact.

• On **Nov. 24, 1807**, Mohawk Chief Thayendanegea, who was also known by the English name of Joseph Brant, died at his home in Burlington, Ontario, reportedly beseeching just before his passing, "Have pity on the poor Indians. If you have any influence with the great, endeavor to use it for their good." Thayendanegea had ranked among the top British commanders during the American Revolutionary War.

• On **Nov. 25, 1959**, four months after his release from 43 years of solitary confinement and transfer to the mainland from Alcatraz, convicted killer Robert Stroud, aka the Birdman of Alcatraz, asked a federal judge to set him free. Stroud had become famous when Thomas Gaddis wrote a biography describing his ornithological expertise. His plea was rejected and he died in a Missouri prison in 1963.

• On **Nov. 26, 2012**, New York governor Andrew Cuomo announced that Hurricane Sandy had racked up a bill of $32 billion worth of damages in the state and the nation's largest city.

• On **Nov. 27, 1933**, singer Billie Holiday made her recording debut with the tune "Your Mother's Son-in-Law" alongside the Benny Goodman Orchestra in New York City. In a 1956 interview, she claimed that she was just 14 years old at the time, though she was actually 18, and that the song "sounds like I was doing comedy" as "my voice sounds so funny and high."

• On **Nov. 28, 1582**, William Shakespeare, age 18, and 26-year-old Anne Hathaway paid a 40-pound bond for their marriage license in Stratford-upon-Avon. Six months later, Anne gave birth to their daughter Susanna, who was followed by twin siblings Hamnet and Judith two years later.

• On **Nov. 29, 2001**, English musician and songwriter George Harrison passed away at the age of 58 after battling cancer. Harrison had achieved global fame as a member of the Beatles before going on to a successful solo career that included collaborations with many of the top musicians of his generation.

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Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-round services – church online live streamed from the 24/7 church channel, Embassy TV https://embassytv.net Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Will Chambliss, Thursday Night Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• A 90-minute cassette tape (if you still actually own any) is 443 feet long.

• The oldest known fingered gloves, dating to around 1323 B.C., were made of linen and found in King Tutankhamen's tomb, and are believed to have been used for holding his chariot reins.

• A mantis shrimp can see colors that humans cannot.

• In Ancient Egypt, the smoke from a burning sandal was inhaled as a cure for headache.

• At one time airplane windows were square, but their sharp corners acted as weak points that cracked under high altitude cabin pressure.

• Jupiter completes a single rotation in just under 10 hours.

• Beyonce fan Jesse Hill created an unofficial video for the singer's "Drunk in Love" that translated the song entirely into emojis.

• Cats can rotate their ears up to 180 degrees.

• Time slows down dramatically near a black hole, to the extent that if you survived standing close enough to one, years could pass for the universe while mere minutes passed for you.

• Ever feel like your cellphone is buzzing even when it isn't? That's because our brains can get so addicted to notifications that it can literally invent them.

• Male reindeer shed their antlers after the mating season ends by early December, while females retain theirs. So since mating season is in autumn, Santa's reindeer would most likely be female.

• Fossil evidence suggests that certain dinosaur eggs contained pigments.

• Lexical-gustatory synesthesia causes people to experience specific tastes when they hear or read certain words.

• Some snails can have more than 25,000 teeth.

• During hibernation, bears recycle their waste products into usable proteins instead of excreting them, which helps preserve muscle and conserve energy in winter.

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Thought for the Day: "Life is competitive; clothes gird us for the competition." — Edith Head

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Wednesday night service 7 p.m. Pastor Eric Moore

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

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

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EBCI Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (828) 359-7030

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EBCI Tribal Operations Cherokee Fire and Rescue (828) 359-6150

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EBCI Tribal Court Courthouse (828) 359-1068, Magistrates 359-6697

Supreme Court Opinions, Tribal Court Documents

Cherokee Indian Hospital (828) 497-9163

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CLASSIFIEDS

House For Sale
2 bedroom, 2 bath, large attic space, basement type crawl space, located in Cherokee/ Qualla Boundary on small lot. Private well and septic. Must be an enrolled member of the EBCI to purchase. Located on Wright's Creek, Asking $275,000. Call or text (828) 788-2479. Or (828)-788-2582. **11/18**

For Sale - AKC Chihuahua Cream Merle, Male 8 weeks old, First shots and health guarantee. Call Robin (828) 506-9189 Monday – Thursday 1 p.m.- 8 p.m. **11/11**

For Sale: John Deere riding lawn mower, D-140, 48" cut, 22 HP, runs and cutes, but needs work. Selling as is $400 FIRM, try out at Smith Mower Shop off Bradley Loop. **11/18**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 26-082
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Phyllis Elaine Jumper
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
Thomas Charles Jumper
1003 Wolftown Rd. Apt D-204
Cherokee, NC. 28719
11/18

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 26-083
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
William Decatur Davis Jr
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
Willis D. Davis
PO Box 972
Cherokee, NC. 28719
11/25

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 Office at its 9-1-1 Committee meeting held on October 23, 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 Mulberry Tree Drive along with its eventual continuation.

Inquiries or appeals to this action can be made to the 911 Coordinator Donald Wolfe Jr at the Emergency Operations Center located at 282 Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee, NC 28719 during normal business hours. Office: (828) 359-6433 Work Cell: (828) 788-2541. **11/11**

Request for Proposals
Perimeter Fence

Qualla Enterprises LLC is requesting proposals from qualified fence contractors for perimeter





fence work in Cherokee, North Carolina. A mandatory site visit will be held December 4th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Proposals must be submitted by December 18th, 2026. TERO law applies.

For the scope of work and site visit details, contact Jonah LaPlaca at (828) 541-2111 or jonalapl@quallallc.com. **11/18**

Request for Qualifications

EBCI Natural Resources Department

Stream, Restoration Engineering, Permitting, and Construction oversight Services – Hurricane Helene Disaster Recovery

The EBCI Natural Resources Department seeks qualified firms to plan, design, permit, and oversee construction of stream restoration projects on the Qualla Boundary funded through FEMA and NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Hurricane Helene recovery funds. Statements of Qualifications are due by 4:00 PM on December 4, 2026. Please send inquiries to Mike LaVoie (EBCI Natural Resources Director) via email at michlavo@ebci-nsn.gov to receive a copy of the RFQ package. **11/18**

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Deadline: Fridays at 12 p.m.

CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB VACANCIES

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EXECUTIVE	General Manager - Full Time - $100,700 - $113,950 per year with benefits
AGELINK CHILDCARE	(1) Teacher - $31,800 - $39,750 per year with benefits
BUS/TRUCK	Seasonal Bus Drivers Truck Drivers
ADMINISTRATION	(1) Information Technology (IT) Manager - $79,500 - $90,100 per year with benefits

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

Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC. 28719

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- Reliability, a positive attitude, and a strong work ethic.
- Basic computer skills are helpful, but not required.
- A high school diploma is valued as evidence of dedication and follow-through.
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Dentist - CIHA and Satellite - $10,000 Hiring Bonus

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3. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water – Operations (L11 $20.39 - $25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
4. Animal Control Assistant – Animal Control – Operations (L8 $16.94 - $21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
5. Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start – CERS (L6 $16.37 - $20.47 per hour)
6. Financial Analyst – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L15 $61,776 - $77,230)
7. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – CERS (L6 $16.37 - $20.47 per hour)
8. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – CERS (L9 $17.27 - $21.59 per hour)

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1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 $26.81 - $33.52 per hour) per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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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 - $37.14per hour)
7. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 $16.94 - $21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

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Notice to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for
Coopers Creek Village Development, Phase I

This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA; Cherokee Agency), as the lead agency, intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the proposed Cooper's Creek Village Development, Phase I.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians proposes the construction of new housing units for Tribal members. To authorize the construction on Tribal Trust land, the Bureau of Indian Affairs must approve a residential lease (25 CFR Part 162).

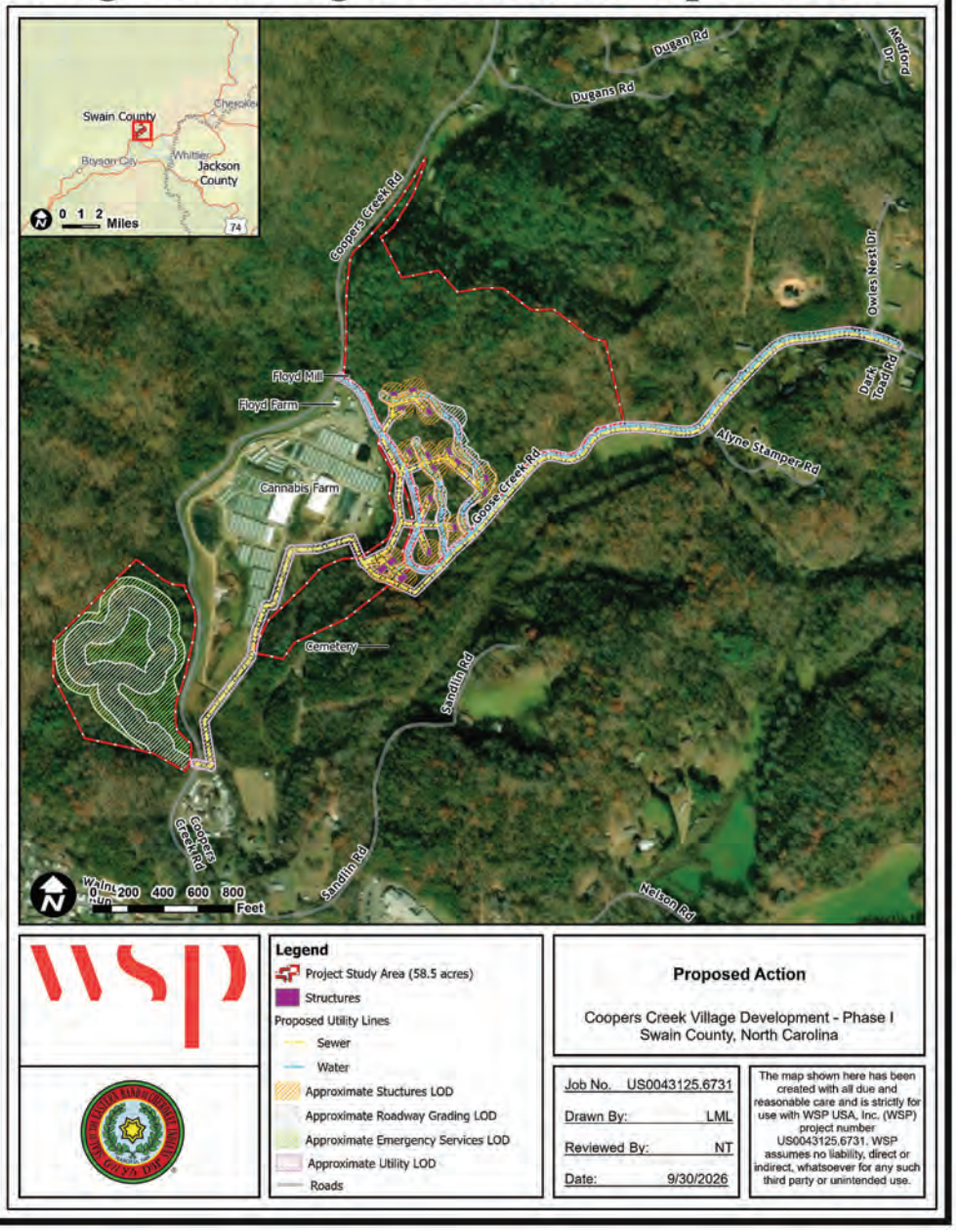
The project would be located near the intersection of Goose Creek Road and Coopers Creek Road, in Swain County, North Carolina. The Project Site comprises approximately 58.5 acres of Tribal trust land (Exhibit A). The preliminary site design includes up to 29 residential buildings with access roads, driveways, and utilities, which includes 26 single-family homes and 3 multi-family buildings containing three units each, plus a new emergency services facility.

This notice initiates a 30-day public scoping period to invite Tribal members, agencies, and the public to provide input on potential issues, concerns, and alternatives to be considered in the EA.

Comments received during this period will inform the scope of the EA and help identify environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic topics for analysis.

Written comments on the scope of the EA should be submitted no later than [November 30th, 2026] and may be emailed or mailed to:T.W. Saunooke, Director of Construction,EBCI Housing Division , P.O. Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719 Email: thomsaun@ebci-nsn.gov

Please include your name, return address, and "Scoping Comments: Coopers Creek Village Development EA" in the subject line.





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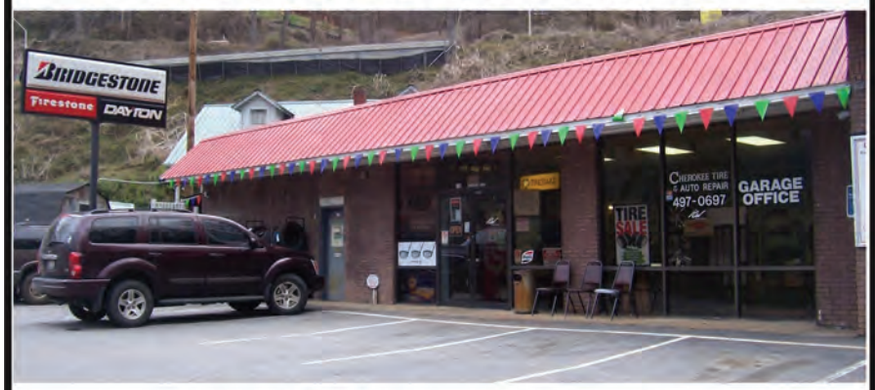
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Players vs Mascot game
Liam John, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was selected to play in the Players vs Mascot game at halftime of the Buffalo Bills vs Baltimore Ravens game at Highmark Stadium during their Native American Heritage Game on Sunday, Nov. 1. (Photo by Turtle Island Football team)



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Hall of Fame
David Crowe, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Tutiyi (Snowbird), was inducted into the Graham County Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony held at Big Oaks Stadium in Tsiyo (Robbinsville, N.C.) on the evening of Friday, Oct. 30. Crowe, shown in the photo with his wife, Sharon, was co-captain of the 1965 Robbinsville High School football team which won the Class 1A District Championship. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Hall of Fame
The 2017 Robbinsville High School Wrestling Team was inducted into the Graham County Athletic Hall of Fame at Big Oaks Stadium in Tsiyo (Robbinsville, N.C.) on the evening of Friday, Oct. 30. The team, which includes several members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, won the 2017 1A Dual Team State Wrestling Championship. Shown, left to right, are Coach Todd Odom, Jamie Kirl, Coach Wren Millsaps, Coach James Keefer, Coach Coty Jenkins, Trainer Ann Smallwood, Coach DJ Robinson, Austin Lovin, Kamron McGuire, Braden Millsaps, Logan Odom, Elijah Wachacha, Arlus Orr, Wess Hooper, Coach Weston Haney, Coach Jason Tom Sawyer, Sage Buckel, Kade Millsaps, and Coach Dustin Millsaps. Not pictured: Tyler Broome, Matt Lovin, Cooper Cable, Colton Phillips, Kollin Guffey, Nathan Fisher, Justin Stewart, Christian Queen, Eli Tipton, Tim Thiessen, Drake Cable, Payne Anderson, Isaac Wilkinson, and Coach Billy Knight. Freddy Romero and Coach George Oliver have passed away. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Destination 2026

Students from Mrs. Hartbarger's, Mr. Wilke's, and Mrs. Lane's classes recently represented Cherokee High School as vendors at Destination 2026 hosted at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Conference Center Oct. 13-16. The annual conference, hosted by Benchmarks, brings together statewide leaders in behavioral health, child welfare, intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), and human services.

Shown, left to right, are Cherokee students including Brett Elders, Caius Littlejohn, and Jarvis Brady.

Jolene Sneed, Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) employment educator, said, "Our incredible students helped with setup and sold amazing goods they've been working hard on both in class and during their personal time. Their unique talents were on full display for everyone to see! The booth featured beautiful, student-made items including soap, candles, pipe and yarn characters, paintings, propagated plants, friendship tea, and various other crafts.

One of the absolute highlights of the trip was seeing parents stop by to admire their students' entrepreneurship, engage with other conference vendors, and gather valuable resources for their families.

This two-day event was a massive success, and we are already making exciting plans to enhance our vendor booth for next year's conference!" (Photo courtesy of CCS)



Shipman honored by Library of Congress

Chi Shipman, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) who serves as the Qualla Boundary Library manager, attended the 2026 Library of Congress Literacy Awards recently, where New Media Learning's "Reading Nation Waterfall and Book Ecosystems Initiative" was named a 2026 Successful Practices Honoree. The initiative was one of only 21 initiatives recognized globally from a field of 149 initiatives, highlighting its meaningful contributions to advancing literacy and expanding access to books. As a participant in this initiative, Shipman was also recognized for her involvement in bringing these valuable literacy opportunities to the EBCI community.

Through this initiative, funding has helped support numerous book giveaways for children across the Qualla Boundary, increasing access to books, encouraging a love of reading, and promoting literacy development among the youngest community members. This recognition highlights the importance of partnerships that invest in children, strengthen literacy opportunities, and help build a brighter future for generations to come. (Photo courtesy of Kamiyo Lanning/Cherokee Recreation)

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Casino promotion

Kina Queen has been promoted to Dual Rate Security Officer at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, bringing more than two decades of experience serving both the community and guests through roles in healthcare, hospitality, and security. A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Wayohi (Wolftown), Queen is known for her dependability, strong work ethic, and dedication to service. Casino officials said, "Her leadership, professionalism, and commitment to supporting both guests and team members make her a valuable asset to the Security team at Harrah's Cherokee Casino." (Photo contributed)

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One Feather Question of the Week:
Give a shoutout to your ᏣᎳᎩ language teacher(s)

Goliath George and Kina Littlejohn ❤️

-Charla Crowe

Clarence and Betty Jackson!

-Michelle Jackson Stamper

Some of the best!!! Emily McCoy, Mrs. Kina, Marie Junaluska, Ms Gloria (I can't remember her last name maybe Mills?), Myrtle Driver, Tom Belt, Jeremiah Oocumma, Becky Drywater, Layani Pinnix, Nicey Rattler, David Jumper, Barbara Duncon, Louise Goings. 💗

-Jais Crusenberry

Sharyn Panther, Madi Delgwatawohi, Gilliam Jackson, Goodlow Bark, Ann Arneach Walkingstick, Yogisi Brown, Itsvgeyuho! 💗 My first Cherokee language teachers and they still are to this day! 🥰 However, I am thankful for ALL our of educators. AND our learners who teach what they know, when they can! 💗 We all learn from each other.

-Haley Smith

Miss Lucetta during my early elementary school years, Miss Mali, and indirectly Marie Junaluska, who taught my mother, who then taught me.

-Maddy Carroll

Myrtle Driver (my first teacher and one who motivated me to pursue the language), Tom Belt, Mary Brown, Maddie Welch, Lucille Lossiah, Mose Oocumma, Roger Smoker, Eduts, and Cassidy Galaviz.

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