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Mother Town Healing Program helping people return to community

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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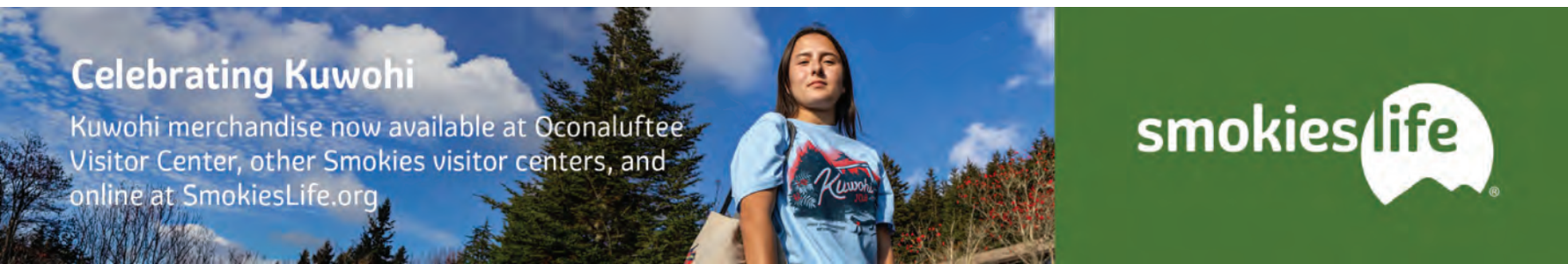
CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Mother Town Healing Program is helping members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) in recovery get into the workforce and back into their community. Started in 2017, the program, which is under the EBCI TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office), currently has 16 participants with a maximum capacity of 18.

Jeff Thompson, TERO work-

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Staff and participants in the Mother Town Healing Program are shown outside of the EBCI TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 28. They are shown, left to right, back row - Anthony Welch (Peer Mentor), Cage Jones (Assistant Supervisor), Ana Santoyo, Callie Long (Assistant Supervisor); middle row - Shannon Bark (Supervisor) Isaiah Frady, Michael Wolfe, Thomas Ward, Alisha Toineeta (Assistant Supervisor), Austin Lambert, Jeff Thompson (Workforce Development Manager), Jacob Crowe (TERO Director), Salvador Taylor; and front row - Elicio George, Jordan Panther, Jessica Lossiah (Peer Mentor), Billy Jack Crowe, Bryton Esquivel, and Steven Thompson. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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Image of the Week:
Wearing skeleton gloves, Levi Tramper, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves), runs into Big Oaks Stadium in Tsiyo (Robbinsville, N.C.) for a game against the Robbinsville Black Knights on Halloween eve, Friday, Oct. 30. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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force development manager, said, "The purpose of the Mother Town Healing Program is to help those in recovery regain job skills that they might have lost while they were in active addiction. And, hopefully, at the end of the program, to successfully gain a job.

We hold an interview process to get them into the program. It's really just a short list of questions to see where they're at within their recovery and how they might fit within the program."

Thompson said their success rate in the program is between 85 to 90 percent. "We're rocking and rolling. We've increased the program. We're working a heck of a program here. It's going great...I'm very proud of these participants."

Jacob Crowe, TERO director, said two of the initial main goals of the program is to have participants receive their GED and a driver's license – both requirements for an EBCI tribal job. "The participants are amazing. They do a great job. Teamwork is a big thing. We're doing a lot of hands-on projects here in the community. So, when we go help Free Labor and we're busting wood, everybody is hands on deck. So, they have a good sense of teamwork.

One thing we're trying to do is find more placements for these participants to go to once the program is complete...we're starting to get more due to Shannon and Jeff's outreach to these tribal programs. They're doing a phenomenal job with that."

Shannon Bark, Mother Town Healing Program supervisor, said, "After we get our GEDs, after we get our license, we also like to get them back into the community. We do job skills training, career readiness classes. We have so many partnerships...we have a long list of people who partner with us.

When we have our career readiness classes we focus on interviews, resumes, everything that you can think of to get you ready for the job - teamwork, leadership. So, that's one thing that we do twice a month with SCC."

Bark said the participant's eagerness to serve the community is being recognized. "A big piece of that is getting out in the community and helping with the community events. It gets some exposure and people start to see how hard they work and how respectful they are. So, once we get out in the community, other departments start seeing that and they start calling. The phone starts ringing and they ask what we can help with.

Everyone's stories are different and everyone's been through some things. But, seeing what they can do, it's inspiring for the community."

Bark added, "We've grown. We were just doing our annual report, and we realized how much more stuff that we have done in one year. And, we're continuing to grow so we're continuing to build off of everything that we do within that year. So, we have more ideas for the future so hopefully everything goes well and we continue to build."

Cage Jones, Alisha Toineeta, and Callie Long are all Mother Town Healing Program assistant supervisors now, and they all started in the program as participants.

Jones noted, "When I came through the program, it really helped me in a lot of ways that I can't really put into words. I felt like it was my calling to come back here and pass along and try to help how it helped me. These guys make me proud every day. They've come a long way and make me proud every day."

Toineeta said acknowledgment from the community was a huge plus for her. "I've been in and out of jail...so it gave me a different image. People who normally wouldn't look at me or acknowledge me, when I came through here they would actually acknowledge me and say hello or actually talk to me. And that, for me - besides my family accepting me again - it was the community accepting me back into the community too instead of trying to shut me out. That was a big thing that kept pushing me forward just to know that, not just my family and friends, but the community, too, actually acknowledged me again. So, that kept me pushing forward. And, just to know that I could help other people that were in my same shoes. So, I had other opportunities I could've gone for, but when I knew the position opened for this assistant supervisor, I knew this job was for me and that I wanted to keep pushing."

Long said, "I think my favorite part about my job is I get to work with the participants every day, hands-on. So, I get to see when they first come in from not having experience - again, fresh in recovery - to growing, blooming and I get to witness that change."

Anthony Welch is a participant and a peer mentor. "The program means a lot to me. It's helped me in my recovery with my limited resources. I just highly recommend it to anybody that's serious about their recovery. I've come a long way. I've been clean 28 months now and never thought I'd be here. This program has helped me tremendously."

Jessica Lossiah is also a participant and a peer mentor. "The program means a lot to me. It actually gave me a chance at building stability, getting my GED. I like giving back to the community and rebuilding relationships that I lost in my addiction. I've been clean 10 months and a few days and it's just done a lot and really changed my life. I'm really grateful for it."

Partcipant Jordan Panther is also grateful for the program. "It's helped me to open my mindset and show me that I was capable of having new skills and having new talents. It gave me a purpose to reflect on my whole family, my whole life. So, it's just pushed me forward. Step by step with these guys here and other participants motivates me to do better."

According to information from Mother Town, to apply for admission into the program an EBCI tribal member must meet the following requirements:

- Must have attained sobriety and have not used mind-altering substances in the past 90 days – sobriety in this context should mean free of all mind-altering substances except for prescription medication by health care providers
- Must not be currently employed part-, full-time, or own or operate or take part in a business venture
- Must be actively involved with a recovery program for at least 90 days, and it must be verifiable
- Must continue to attend a recovery program while within the Mother Town Program and internship positions

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A groundbreaking was held on the afternoon of Oct. 28 for the Meat Processing Facility on Camp Creek Road. EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith remarked that the facility is a major step for tribal food sovereignty. Shown, left to right, are Chumper Walker, EBCI Cooperative Extension director; Tsisquohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle; Johi Griffin, Tribal Historic Preservation Office; EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks; Anthony Sequoyah, EBCI secretary of operations; Dike Sneed, former Aniwodihi (Painttown) representative; Beloved Woman Monteith; Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley; Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Bo Crowe; Taline Gahvsgi (Vice Chairman) David Wolfe; and Wayohi Rep. Mike Parker.

Groundbreaking held for Meat Processing Facility

Photos by Brooklyn Brown Bigmeat/One Feather Reporter





Photo at far left: EBCI Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith and EBCI Ugvwiyuhi Michell Hicks

Photo at left: EBCI Taline Ugvwiyu Alan B. Ensley and EBCI Beloved Woman Monteith

"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"



Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

New this week

There are no new bills this week.

Bills with recent action

There was no new recent action on bills.

Bills we're currently watching

H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands 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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LEGISLATIVE: From page 9

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.

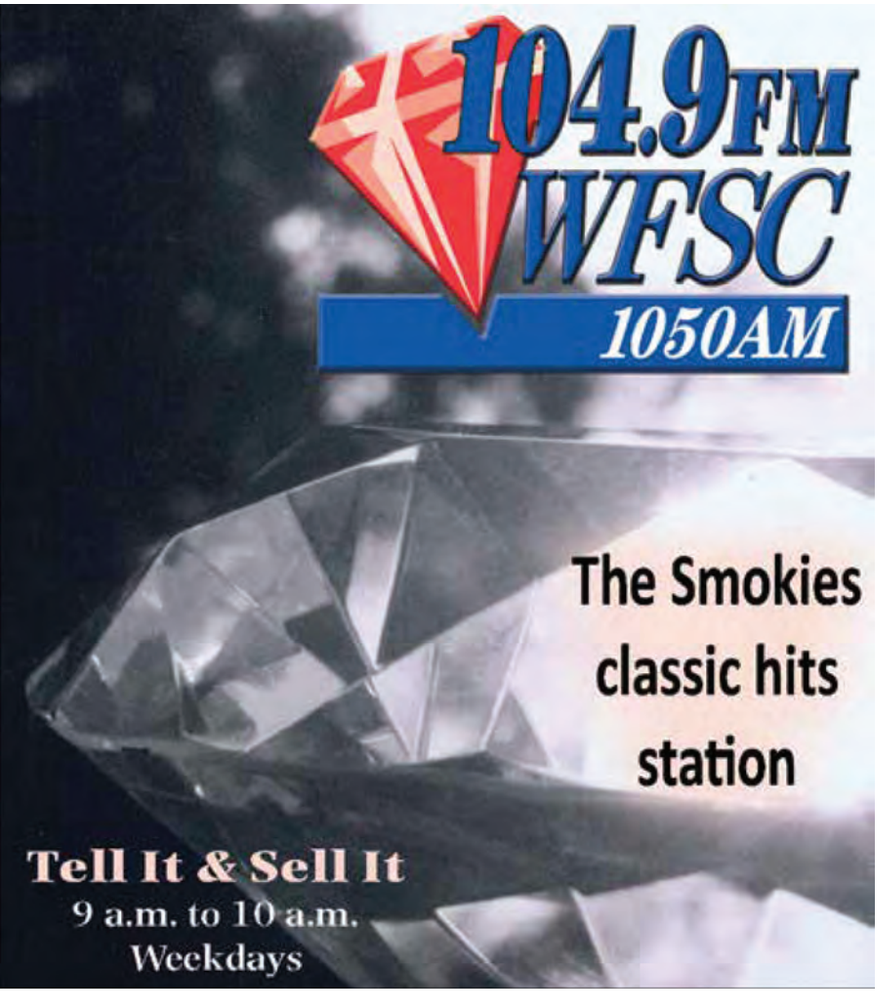
H.R. 8954 (Tribal Regulatory Reform Implementation Act of 2026). This bill would "amend the Indian Tribal Regulatory Reform and Business Development Act of 2000 to transfer certain administrative responsibilities to the Secretary of the Interior".
Introduced: May 21, 2026 by Rep. Jeff Hurd (R-Colo.)
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
Sen. Tedd Budd (R-N.C.): https://www.budd.senate.gov/contact/
11th District Congressional Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.): https://edwards.house.gov/contact
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Learn more about the EBCI Constitution process at:
sgadugi.org

Prediction Markets discussed at USET Annual Meeting

Indian Gaming Association release

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. – Indian Gaming Association (IGA) Chairman David Z. Bean and Executive Director Jason Giles joined Tribal leaders at the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) and USET Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) Annual Board of Directors Meetings on Oct. 27, calling for a united defense of Tribal sovereignty and economies against sports wagering offered through prediction markets that IGA maintains constitutes illegal gambling.

The panel, "Prediction Markets: Defending Tribal Sovereignty and Economies from Threats Posed by Illegal Gambling," also featured Mohegan Tribe Vice-Chairwoman Sarah Harris and Allison Binney, partner at Allison Binney Law. Hosted by USET member Mid-Atlantic Tribal Nations, the annual meetings are being held Oct. 26–29 in Williamsburg, Va.

"We're here to protect Tribal sovereignty. We're here to protect our communities. We're here to protect our children," said Chairman Bean. He emphasized that Tribal Nations must continue working together to educate Congress and demand accountability for prediction market operations that threaten Tribal authority.

Panelists discussed the implications of companies offering sports wagers as "event contracts" under claimed federal authority through the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). IGA's position is that these products cannot be used to bypass Tribal and state gaming laws or undermine the protections of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and Tribal-State compacts. The discussion underscored that the sovereignty concerns extend to Tribal Nations regardless of whether they currently offer sports wagering or operate gaming facilities.

Chairman Bean urged Congress to act before Tribal communities suffer further harm, emphasizing that growth in regulated Indian gaming does not diminish the need to address the threat.

"We shouldn't have to show a negative impact for Congress to take action and to enforce the law," Bean said.

Giles outlined the potential economic consequences, describing an IGA-commissioned study presented to Indian Country at the National Congress of American Indians the previous week. He said a scenario involving continued prediction market sports betting projected about $1.5 billion in annual losses to Indian gaming, with losses potentially growing over time. He also warned of additional risks if prediction markets expand into casino-style wagering.

"If you start shaving off a billion and a half a year, your losses get really significant, and that's just with the sports bet," Giles said.

The panel also addressed consumer protection, problem gambling and concerns about marketing wagering products to young people. Participants stressed that Tribal communities could face the consequences of increased gambling activity while losing revenue that supports Tribal government services and local employment.

Bean and Giles emphasized the importance of coordinated legislative advocacy and continued engagement with Tribal leaders as litigation and federal policy debates develop. Bean called for congressional hearings to examine the conduct of prediction market operators and federal oversight. IGA will continue working alongside Tribal Nations and partner organizations to press Congress to protect Tribal authority and the economies that sustain Indian Country.



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CIPD Arrest Report for Oct. 19-25, 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.

Allen, Charles David – age 38
Arrested: Oct. 19
Released: Oct. 19
Charges: Temporary Hold for Other County

McKinley, Connor – age 30
Arrested: Oct. 19
Released: Oct. 19
Charges: Temporary Hold for Other County

Cochran, Heather Harrison – age 36
Arrested: Oct. 20
Released: Oct. 20
Charges: Temporary Hold for Other County

Lemons, Lauren Ashley – age 38
Arrested: Oct. 20
Released: Oct. 22
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Myott, Dalton Gerald – age 35
Arrested: Oct. 20
Released: Oct. 20
Charges: Temporary Hold for Other County

Wolfe, Sarina Alexandria Autumn – age 29
Arrested: Oct. 20
Released: Oct. 21
Charges: Assault Government Official or Employee; Resisting Public Officer; Simple Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Edwards, Whitney Leigh – age 40
Arrested: Oct. 21
Released: Oct. 21
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Ensley, William Nathaniel – age 48
Arrested: Oct. 21
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 26)
Charges: First Degree Arson, Probation Violation (three counts)

Ivey Jr., Jacob Jackson – age 44
Arrested: Oct. 21
Released: Oct. 23
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Shuler, Dalton – age 34
Arrested: Oct. 21
Released: Oct. 21
Charges: Warrant

Taylor, Angela Lynn – age 52
Arrested: Oct. 21
Released: Oct. 22
Charges: Second Degree Child Abuse, Domestic Violence

Caley Jr., William Grant – age 44
Arrested: Oct. 22
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 26)
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts), Probation Violation (two counts)

Sneed, Brandon Howard – age 46
Arrested: Oct. 22
Released: Oct. 23
Charges: Probation Violation

Watty, Ryan Keith – age 31
Arrested: Oct. 22
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 26)
Charges: Probation Violation

Blanton, David Lee – age 42
Arrested: Oct. 23
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 26)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Harassment; Telephone Harassment

Wildcat, John Travis – age 35
Arrested: Oct. 23
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 26)
Charges: Drug Trafficking, Providing or Possessing Contraband, Resisting Lawful Arrest

Estapa, Gage Edward – age 47
Arrested: Oct. 24
Released: Oct. 24
Charges: Temporary Hold for Other County



See the list of persons banished by the EBCI:
theonefeather.com/ebci-banishment-list/

VOLLEYBALL

Cherokee wins 2A West Regional Championship for first time

Photos by Brooklyn Brown Bigmeat/One Feather Reporter



<< Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) and fans celebrate during the NCHSAA 2A West Regional Championship victory over (#2) defending state champions Community School of Davidson on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 27 in Charles George Memorial Arena. The Anata Anitsvyasdi won in three sets (25-15, 25-22, 25-21), advancing to the NCHSAA 2A State Volleyball Championship for the first time in school history.



Cambry Stamper gets up for a kill during the NCHSAA 2A West Regional Championship.



Kennedy Moore makes a textbook pass during the NCHSAA 2A West Regional Championship.



The Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) are the 2026 2A Volleyball State Champions. They defeated Manteo in three straight sets to claim the first women's volleyball state title in Cherokee High School history on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 31. (Photo by A&M Sports)

Lady Braves win first-ever Volleyball State Title

One Feather Staff Report

BUIES CREEK, N.C.—For the first time in school history, the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) won the NCHSAA 2A State Championship in volleyball on Halloween, Oct. 31, at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C. The (#1) Anata Anitsvyasdi defeated (#2) Manteo in three sets (26-24, 25-20, 25-21).

Head Coach Pam Sumner Price joined Cherokee High School in 2020. Since joining as head coach, Cherokee Volleyball has made a historic climb, culminating in their state title on Saturday.

The 2021-22 team won the most volleyball games in school history at the time, going from a 0-13 overall record the previous year, to 13-11 overall. The team continued to make strides the next year, increasing their winning percentage and securing their first playoff win in school history. In 2023-24, the team won conference for the first time in school history. In 2024-25, they advanced to the West Regional Championship for the first time in school history. And now, they have won the first-ever Cherokee Volleyball state championship.

Seniors (#13) Joscelyn Stamper, (#7) Emilee Brady, (#9) Livia Crowe, and (#10) Daisee Fourkiller-Raby have been along for the journey and end their high school volleyball careers on the highest note.

In the post-game press conference following their state championship victory, Price said, "It has been an amazing ride, an amazing journey that didn't even start this year. It has been building and building, and the beautiful thing is these four ladies have been a part of that…they have set the standard now."

Stamper, who was awarded Most Valuable Player in the championship game, added, "It was personal. We wanted one in volleyball. We were very focused and it's been the goal for five years now."

Price added that the win was special for her father who the players call Grandpa, who has supported her and the team from the beginning.

CROSS COUNTRY

Swimmer wins 2A regional; Cherokee runners qualify for state

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

KITUWAH – Ogana Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and a senior at Cherokee High School, made school history when he won the 2A West Regional meet held at Kituwah on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 31. He became the first male runner to win regional for Cherokee High School (CHS) as he won the race by 28 seconds.

"It feels pretty good because last time I ran for Regional I came up short," said Swimmer. "So, it feels good to actually win."

On this training leading up to Regionals, Swimmer, who also won the Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) boys title and was named SMC Boys Runner of the Year, noted, "More milage and taking easy days easy, and hard days hard. Staying consistent through the summer."

When asked his mentality going into the 2A State Championship meet, he said, "I'll just try to stay calm because I know I'm prepared. Just try to stay calm and run fast."

Led by Swimmer, the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) team qualified for the state meet with a sixth place team finish. Swimmer and Wanei Sneed, who finished 10th with a time of 17:37.4, were both named to the All-Regional team.

Two members of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) also qualified for state including Kyla Keel-Aguilera and Maya Lossiah who are both EBCI tribal members.

Livia Crowe, an EBCI tribal member and senior member of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi, was unable to run on Saturday as she was playing in the 2A Volleyball State Championship match. Crowe previously won the SMC girls title and was named SMC Girls Runner of the Year.



Ogana Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior member of the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves), crosses the finish line to win the 2A West Regional race which was held at Kituwah on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 31. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

Ahli-sha Stephens, CHS cross country head coach, spoke of the performances on Saturday. "The boys team, they really have been working to improve their times, really working to improve their performances. Today, they qualified as a team so it just shows that their hard work is paying off. Ogana Swimmer has been training a tremendous amount, putting in a lot of miles. He was having 60- and 70-mile weeks - working on his speed, working on his distance - and it just showed today. So, we're going into next week keeping him healthy, keeping him hydrated, and getting him across the finish line first."

She added, "On the girls side, we were missing Livia today because she had volleyball, which it's not her fault. She had to choose. But,



Ogana Swimmer



Kyla Keel-Aguilera, a member of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasadi (Cherokee Lady Braves), crosses the finish line in 20th place to qualify for the state meet.

they were conference champs. She was SMC runner of the year, as well as Ogana. We did miss her today. But, I think our girls did well. They're really improving. Running is hard, but racing is even harder. So, I'm just proud of all the kids today - boys and girls."

When asked about the team's preparation leading up to the state meet, Coach Stephens said, "We'll continue to focus on not just their training, but nutrition, hydration, and rest, because those three are key factors in performance. We will taper this week. And, basically, we're just getting them to fulfill the work that they've put in so far because it all adds up. I always tell them, 'when you get in the starting line, you're going to hurt. It's going to be hard, but don't be the weak one. Your brother beside you is working hard and he's working hard for you. So, you don't be the weak one today. Push through for yourself and your teammates because that's what you do for your brothers. That's what a good teammate does'."

Christ the King won the girls team event with 34 points, and Corvian Community took the boys title with 46 points.

The following results, per nc.milesplit.com, show the top seven finishers in each race plus all Cherokee High School runners:

Girls

1 - Shea Roche, Christ the King, 18:39.4
2 - Anasofia Morell, Community School of Davidson, 19:37.8
3 - Anna White, Christ the King, 19:52.9
4 - Samantha McMullin, Community School of Davidson, 20:34.4
5 - Makenna Belk, East Wilkes, 20:46.3
6 - Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 21:01.1
7 - Ayla August, Community School of Davidson, 21:24.7
20 - Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee, 22:27.3
29 - Mya Lossiah, Cherokee, 23:00.1
47 - Angelica A-Kwi-Na, Cherokee, 24:45.3
54 - Story Martens, Cherokee, 25:46.0
79 - Makeena Armachain, Cherokee, 31:22.8

Girls Team Scores

1 - Christ the King 34
2 - Community School of Davidson 58
3 - East Wilkes 103
4 - Bradford Prep 139
5 - Corvian Community 157
6 - Mountain Island Charter School 158
7 - Hayesville 181
8 - Cherokee 205
9 - Langtree Charter Academy 210
10 - Highland Tech 253
11 - Swain County 299
12 - Mitchell 303

Boys

1 - Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 16:03.0
2 - Brady Travis, Corvian Community, 16:31.4
3 - Bryson Calkins, Community School of Davidson, 16:37.4
4 - Charlie Baggett, Corvian Community, 17:00.5
5 - Oliver Vining, Community School of Davidson, 17:10.1
6 - Aaron Cox, Bradford Prep, 17:19.6
7 - Nathaniel Ingram, Langtree Charter Academy, 17:28.2
10 - Wanei Sneed, Cherokee, 17:37.4
35 - Vincent Walker, Cherokee, 19:14.0
46 - Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 19:50.7
52 - Sean Schultz, Cherokee, 20:30.3
64 - Marek Brown, Cherokee, 21:35.4
74 - Trae Drakeford, Cherokee, 23:00.9

Boys Team Scores

1 - Corvian Community 46
2 - Community School of Davidson 81
3 - Mountain Island Charter 84
4 - Hayesville 120
5 - Christ the King 132
6 - Cherokee 141
7 - Bradford Prep 180
8 - Swain County 192
9 - Cherryville 253
10 - Langtree Charter Academy 264
11 - Avery County 310
12 - Mitchell 336

FOOTBALL

Robbinsville 41 Cherokee 21

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

TSIYO (ROBBINSVILLE, N.C.) – The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) traveled to Big Oaks Stadium in Tsiyo (Robbinsville) to play the Robbinsville Black Knights on the evening of Friday, Oct. 30.



Cherokee's Zaynon Taylor (#51) tackles Robbinsville's Benton Gibby (#24) at a game at Big Oaks Stadium in Tsiyo (Robbinsville) on the evening of Friday, Oct. 30. On the night, Taylor had 5 tackles and 1 forced fumble and Gibby rushed the ball 17 times for 224 yards and 3 touchdowns.

SCORING SUMMARY

By Sheena Brings Plenty
One Feather Assistant

1st Quarter
- 9:15 - ROBB - Benton Gibby 38-yard run. Zander Lucksavage PAT good. Robbinsville 7 Cherokee 0.

2nd Quarter
- 3:13 - ROBB - Cameron Allison 71-yard pass to Pacey Cable. Lucksavage PAT good. Robbinsville 14 Cherokee 0.
- 2:06 - CHER - Dillon Beam 50-yard pass to Tsula Howlingcrane. Jonattan Escobar PAT good. Robbinsville 14 Cherokee 7.
- 0:48 - ROBB - Allison 56-yard pass to Gibby. Lucksavage PAT good. Robbinsville 21 Cherokee 7.

3rd Quarter
- 6:17 - ROBB - Gibby 14-yard run. Lucksavage PAT no good. Robbinsville 27 Cherokee 7.
- 2:23 - ROBB - Luke Green 2-yard run. Lucksavage PAT good. Robbinsville 34 Cherokee 7.
- 0:02 - CHER - Kingston Welch 6-yard run. Welch pass to Mack Burgess good for 2-point conversion. Robbinsville 34 Cherokee 15.

4th Quarter
- 10:15 - ROBB - Gibby 56-yard run. Lucksavage PAT good. Robbinsville 41 Cherokee 15.
- 6:21 - CHER - Beam 4-yard run. 2-point conversion no good. Robbinsville 41 Cherokee 21

FINAL SCORE: Robbinsville 41 Cherokee 21

GAME STATISTICS

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

PASSING: Cherokee – Dillon Beam 12 of 17 for 121 yds, 1 TD; Kingston Welch 1 of 1 for 3 yds. Robbinsville – C. Allison 5 of 12 for 160 yds, 2 TD, 1 INT

RUSHING: Cherokee – Kingston Welch 19 rush, 104 yds, long of 37, 1 TD; Dillon Beam 13 rush, 31 yds, long of 16, 1 TD. Robbinsville – C. Allison 9 rush, 98 yds, long of 52; E. Kirkland 5 rush, 21 yds; L. Green 5 rush, 17 yds; B. Gibby 17 rush, 224 yds, 3 TD

RECEIVING: Cherokee – Tsula Howlingcrane 2 rec, 50 yds, 1 TD; Drallen Ledford 3 rec, 28 yds; Noah Watty 3 rec, 19 yds; Kingston Welch 1 rec, 17 yds; Kaden Cucumber 2 rec, 5 yds; Mack Burgess 1 rec, 3 yds; Nashoba Tushka 1 rec, 2 yds. Robbinsville – T. Jones 3 rec, 33 yds, long of 23; P. Cable 1 rec, 71 yds, long of 71; B. Gibby 1 rec, 56 yds, long of 56

KICK RETURN: Cherokee – Kingston Welch 3 for 91 yds, long of 39; Noah Watty 3 for 56 yds, long of 27. Robbinsville – C. Allison 1 for 26 yds, long of 26; E. Cheklelee 2 for 26 yds, long of 16

PUNT RETURN: Cherokee – Kaden Cucumber 1 for 27 yds. Robbinsville – X. Wachacha 2 for 4 yds

DEFENSIVE STATS:

Cherokee –
- Siah Teeasateskie 10 tackles, 1 PBU
- Levi Tramper 6 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 sack, 1 pressure
- Kimo Sokol 6 tackles
- Drallen Ledford 5 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 pressure
- Zaynon Taylor 5 tackles, 1 forced fumble
- Quinn Velazquez-Lossiah 5 tackles, .5 TFL, 1 PBU
- Sonny Foalima 4 tackles
- Kaden Cucumber 4 tackles, 1 INT
- Spencer McCoy 3 tackles
- Johnny Long 2 tackles, .5 TFL
- Kyitan Johnson 2 tackles, 1 PBU
- Preston Roach 1 tackle, 1 TFL
- Greyson Ledford 1 tackle
- Waya Hernandez 1 tackle
- Joe Saunooke 1 tackle
- Noah Watty 1 tackle
- Nashoba Tushka 1 tackle

Robbinsville – Stats for tackles and sacks were not provided
- B. Lane 1 fumble recovery

KICKOFFS: Cherokee – Jeron Martens 4 for 165 yds. Robbinsville – X. Wahacha 1 for 58 yds, Z. Lucksavage 6 for 327 yds

PUNTS: Cherokee – Siah Teesateskie 5 for 134 yds. Robbinsville – B. Lane 1 for 34 yds

EXTRA POINTS: Cherokee – Jonathan Escobar 1-1 PAT, Mack Burgess 1 2-point conversion catch. Robbinsville – Z. Lucksavage 5 of 6 PAT

Zephaniah Dawkins



Zephaniah Dawkins, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, played in the WNC Youth Football Super Bowl with the Tuscola Mighty Mites on Saturday, Oct. 24. He was named the Offensive Player of the game with 2 touchdowns and 205 rushing yards. This was the first time the Tuscola Mighty Mites played in the Super Bowl. Zephaniah finished the season with 9TDs; 1,000 rushing yards; 17 tackles; and 2 fumble recoveries. He was MVP for the season.

MVP

PAID AD

PHHS Flowerbed Project beautifies Cherokee

By BROOKLYN BROWN BIGMEAT
One Feather Reporter



The star-shaped flowerbed created by EBCI Communications and the THIP team at the roundabout on Acquoni Rd. (Photo contributed by Sky Sampson)

CHEROKEE, N.C. - 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, including:

• The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program (at Ernestine Walkingstick Shelter)
• The Wiggins Family (at the Post Office and Subway)
• The VOC Client Activities Program (at the Wolftown Fire Substation)
• Welch Witches (at Whitewater Landing)
• EBCI Communications/THIP Team (at the Roundabout)
• Office of the Principal Chief (at Cherokee Fitness Complex)
• EBCI Water Quality/Fisheries and Wildlife (at Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex entrance)
• PHHS (at EMS Playground)
• Maney's Clean-up (at Whitewater Landing)

Anita Lossiah, director of human services, said "safe and healthy built environments" was one of the targeted areas of improvement for this year's THIP. "Among other projects that we're initiating, one of them is the flowerbed project where people can choose to adopt an area to do a garden plot...We try to make sure that [the flowerbeds] are kept up because we knew they'd have to be weeded, so we thought one way to do that was to try to make it a seasonal thing. So, we encouraged everybody to do a fall garden."

Lossiah added, "We also want to thank the donors. Those that provided donations of services and/or supplies are the NC Arboretum, Darnell Farms, Damian Solis, mulch from the tribe, the HELP Program, EBCI interns, and EBCI member Drew Johnson designed the star-shaped raised bed at the roundabout."

Sky Sampson, EBCI secretary of community, recreation, and education, who is one of the leads on the project, said they will begin sign-ups again in the Spring for anyone interested in adopting a garden plot. The project requires one-year maintenance of a flowerbed. She said they are also pursuing grant funding to assist volunteers with their plots. Sampson also added that another built environment initiative will be updates to the light pole banners and lighting around Cherokee, and she is the contact for any comments or suggestions (skysamp@ebci-nsn.gov).

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New Kituwah Academy students visit Kituwah

Students from New Kituwah Academy spent the morning of Friday, Oct. 23 at the Kituwah Mound. The morning started off with Nola Teesateskie, from the Museum of Cherokee People, who told a story to the students. Then, the students broke off into groups to different stations which consisted of blowgun demonstrations, making clay gorgets, bird watching, making clay mounds, and a visit to the Center for Native Health garden with Kelly Murphy. (Photos courtesy of New Kituwah Academy)



Naomi Bird is shown shooting a blowgun.

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

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Scary Fun

The annual Scare-Okee event, hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), was held at the old Cherokee High School track in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 29. EBCI tribal programs and entities and local businesses set up candy booths and several haunted houses.

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HEART TO HEART


JURASSIC PARK

Cherokee Middle School Honor Roll – 1st Quarter

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7th Grade

Principal Honor Roll: Zaiden Bradley, Leighton Bryson, Ataliana Calhoun, Isabela Crowe,Joselina Crowe-Wilnoty, Taylah Ingram, John Kekahbah, Clarice Smith, Hinlee Taylor, Colin Winchester

Alpha Honor Roll: John Beheler, Tucker Blankenship, Hayleigh Bowman, Brantly Brown, Daaed Climbingbear-Esquivel, Aubrey Crowe, Gia Crowe-Taylor, Tokahey Grant, Ariyana Hornbuckle, Pepper Hoyle, Trinnity Jackson, Branson Ledford, Samuel Lomas, Elijah Milholen, Alavia Owle, Tyran Parker, Niyah Pheasant, Andreas Ramirez, Lula Ramirez-Sequoyah, Alexander Rodriguez-Davis, Addison Sherrill, Tivelle Slinkey, Riley Solis, Camden Standingdeer, Henry Turner, Kyle Wahnetah, Sela Watty, Aliceiah Wolfe, Marcella Wolfe

Beta Honor Roll: Taleah Arch, Chloeanna Arneach, Jonah Biddix, Huxley Blythe, Cullen Bradley, Triniti Caley, Kyden Crowe, Taiquan Driver, James Gammon, Lake-Van Garcia, Kolin Griffin, Annastasia Hull, Kedron Hyatt, Tseque Jackson, Cort Jaimez, Elyza Jones, Jaden Lambert, Aleena Ledford, Syler Ledford, Dennis Littlejohn, Mitchell Littlejohn, Xander Long, Dine Lopez, Dayla Luna-Martinez, Coleesia Maye, Holden McCormick, Thaydon Murphy, Kylexandra Pheasant, Aubree Reed, Nevaeh Rhinehart, Carter Rickman, Mac-Kinley Roach, Mason Sadler, Christian Serna, Lucy Smith, Mali Smith, Theodore Squirrel, Braylon Squirrell, Camren Stevens, Bailey Swimmer, Eli Taylor, Jacoby Taylor, Niyah Taylor, Elias Teesateskie, Nylah Teesatuskie, Tolden Thomas, Sylas Waldroup, Logan Walker, Leah Walkingstick, Anna Watty, Penelope Watty, Quincy Watty, Kyrin Whitecotton, Kaliyah Wolfe

8th Grade

Principal Honor Roll: Ayden Antone, Bristol Armachain, Cypress Climbingbear-Esquivel, Kale Crowe, Marlie Jones, Mariam Read, Amaya Rodriguez, Daryan Smith, Arian Teesateskie, Catcuce Tiger, Mya Wahnetah

Alpha Honor Roll: Dara Codynah, Ariel Crowe, Drake Donlin, Amaya Eaglestar, Lula Ensley, Jolyssa Hernandez, Tatum Jackson, Ehko Lossiah, Jayla Owl, Colton Owl-Wiggins, Lakshmi Pratama, Mato Raines, Kaeson Reed, Leiland Rhinehart, Gabrielle Shell, Misha Slee, Jabrien Smith, Jayden Teesateskie, Elli Thompson, Tristen Tisho

Beta Honor Roll: Peyton Arch, Bryson Beach, Kabiru Beheler, Jurnee Bernhisel, Brynleigh Bishop, Caitlyn Bone, Mika Bradley, Kinley Crowe, Izabela Crowe-Lossiah, Savannah Driver, Tyla Jackson, Rylan Ledford, Shannon Lineberry, Dayla Long, Makray Lossiah, Christopher Miles, Mary Montelongo, Marley Murphy, Kai Peone, Jerimiah Queen, Loki Raya, Lindsey Reed, Michael Reed, Olivia Rincon-Wahnetah, Luke Rudisill, Khloe Sequoyah, Xavier Shelton, Myranda Sherrill, Eli Simpson, Kaizer Smith, Marilyn Squirrel, Natalie Swimmer, Evelyn Taylor, Keagan Taylor, Conner Thompson, Giovani Welch, Kaylahni Williams, Richard Williams



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

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you

Dear Members of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Committee,

As I reflect on another semester of my doctoral journey, I am reminded that pursuing higher education is not simply about earning another degree. It is about challenging myself, expanding my understanding, and finding ways to use what I learn to make a meaningful difference for others. I am sincerely grateful to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Committee for supporting me during the Fall 2026 semester as I continue my doctoral studies in Educational Leadership at Western Carolina University.

This semester has been particularly rewarding as I reached two significant milestones in my doctoral program: successfully defending my disquisition proposal and completing the Institutional Review Board (IRB) review process. These accomplishments represent many hours of research, writing, thoughtful reflection, and revisions. More importantly, these milestones mean I can now move beyond the planning stages and begin putting my research into practice. As Superintendent of Cherokee Central Schools, I am fortunate to be able to take what I am learning through my research and apply it directly to the work I do every day to support our students, staff, and families.

One of the greatest lessons throughout this process has been recognizing that meaningful improvement requires more than identifying a problem. It requires listening, collaboration, and a willingness to examine our own practices to determine how we can better serve others. I look forward to learning alongside our educators throughout this study and identifying practical ways to strengthen their confidence and preparedness to recognize and respond to student mental health concerns.

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship has helped make these accomplishments possible by easing the financial demands of continuing my education while balancing the responsibilities of district leadership, family, and community. Just as importantly, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and express my sincere appreciation to Ms. Mary Herr, a founding member of the Richard Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund, for her more than 40 years of dedicated service. Her unwavering commitment to creating educational opportunities for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has made a lasting difference in the lives of countless Cherokee learners, including myself. As she concludes her service on the scholarship's Board of Directors, I hope she recognizes the tremendous impact of her efforts and the legacy she leaves through the educational journeys of those she has helped support. I hope my journey demonstrates to other EBCI learners that education does not have to end at any particular stage in life. There is always more to learn, more to contribute, and another opportunity to grow. I look forward to the day when I can contribute to this scholarship fund and help provide that same encouragement and opportunity to future Cherokee scholars.

Thank you for continuing to invest in our people, our potential, and the future of our community.

With sincere appreciation,

Consuela B. Girty

Big Cove Community

Thank you

As I begin my final fall semester of doctoral studies, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for their continued generosity and support. Reaching this point in my educational journey is both exciting and meaningful, and I am grateful for the role this scholarship has played in helping me work toward this goal. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Mary Herr for her remarkable 41 years of service as a founding member of the scholarship board. Learning more about her dedication to expanding educational opportunities and serving the Cherokee community has given me an even greater appreciation for the people behind this scholarship. Her years of service are a reminder of the lasting difference that individuals can make through their commitment to others. I am grateful to be among the 136 EBCI students who have benefited from the work she helped establish and sustain. As I move closer to completing my doctoral degree, I carry a deep appreciation for the opportunities this scholarship has provided and the committee members, past and present, who have made those opportunities possible. Thank you for your continued encouragement and for being part of this important chapter in my life.

Sgi,

Jennifer Martens




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Jasper "Coon" Wolfe

Jasper "Coon" Wolfe, 74, of the Big Cove Community, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Amble and Eva Queen Wolfe. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Kathy Swayney Wolfe; one son, Justin Chase Wolfe; brothers, Deweese Wolfe, Jonah Wolfe, Jackson Wolfe; and twin sister, Jane Wolfe.

He was a fluent Cherokee Speaker.

He is survived by brothers, James Wolfe, Noah Wolfe, Abel Wolfe; sisters, Stacy Wolfe, Nancy Wolfe, Frances Maney; several nieces and nephews, and many friends all over western North Carolina.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 29 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Brother Dewayne Kirkland officiated with burial at Wolfe Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews.

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Jeffrey Lee Smith

Jeffrey Lee Smith, a cherished member of the Swain County community, passed away on Friday, Oct. 23, 2026, while serving and protecting those he loved. Born on May 23, 1967, in Swain County, N.C., Jeff was the beloved son of Buford Lee Smith and the late Robbie Roper Smith. While his mother's passing, along with his grandparents Thurman and Elsie Roper of Whittier and Jack and Rachel Smith of Bryson City, leaves a poignant absence, Jeff's legacy is a testament to the strength and love of family.

A graduate of Swain County High School in 1985, Jeff pursued his passion for the natural world, earning a degree in Fish and Wildlife Management from Haywood Community College. His career was marked by dedication and bravery, serving as a National Park Service officer, a school resource officer at Swain Middle School, a deputy for the Swain County Sheriff's Department, and most recently, a detective for the Cherokee Indian Police Department. His commitment extended beyond professional duties as he volunteered with the Swain County Rescue Squad for over 30 years, serving as captain during part of his tenure. Jeff's skills were diverse, as he was also a certified lineman who worked with Duke Power for many years.

Jeff's warmth and humor left an indelible mark on everyone he met. An avid outdoorsman, he found joy in turkey hunting, fishing, and gun collecting. His love for the great outdoors was only matched by his devotion to his family and friends. Known for his kindness and loyalty, Jeff was a steadfast friend to many and a pillar of support in times of need.

He is survived by his devoted father, Buford Smith; his beloved daughter, Lauren Smith Cooper, and her husband Cody; and his treasured grandchildren, Jeremiah, Gracelynn, and Oakland, companion Karen Edwards, and her daughter, Rylee Rawls. He is also survived by loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Jeff's faith was an integral part of his life. Raised in Victory Baptist Church, he frequently visited Whittier Church of God and Bryson City Church of God, ultimately finding a spiritual home at Deep Creek Baptist Church.

A celebration of Jeff's life was held on Friday, Oct. 30 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center, located at 86 Elk Crossing, Cherokee, NC 28719. Private Burial for family and close friends took place at the Union Hill Cemetery.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Police Department, Cherokee Hospital, Cherokee EMS, Swain County Rescue Squad, surrounding law enforcement agencies, and Crisp Funeral Home for their unwavering support and respect during this difficult time. Jeff's legacy of service, love, and laughter will forever be cherished by those who had the privilege to know him.

Vincent Lee Sneed

Vincent Lee Sneed, 59, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Friday, Oct. 23, 2026. He will be remembered by his family as a man whose life was marked by resilience, perseverance, and the ability to overcome challenges that many could never imagine.

Vincent was the beloved son of Howard "Skipper" and Rosie Sneed. Following an accident that changed the course of his life, Vincent faced years of challenges with a strength and determination that carried him far beyond what doctors had initially expected. Through every obstacle, he continued forward, demonstrating a resilience that will forever be a part of his story.

A tremendous part of Vincent's journey was made possible by the unwavering love, dedication, and care of his parents, Skipper and Rosie. For years, they stood beside him, helping him navigate life's challenges and ensuring he received the care and support he needed. Their commitment to their son was a beautiful reflection of a parent's love, and the family will forever be grateful for the additional years they were able to share with Vincent because of their devotion.

Vincent had many interests that brought him joy. He was a fan of the UNC Tar Heels, Atlanta Falcons, and Atlanta Braves. He also had a love for Jordan sneakers and enjoyed collecting Matchbox cars. These interests were a special part of who he was and will remain cherished memories for those who knew and loved him.

Vincent was preceded in death by his beloved father, Howard "Skipper" Sneed; his maternal grandparents, Mason and Lillian Ledford; his paternal grandparents, Pat and Caroline Sneed; and his infant brother.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving mother, Rosie Sneed; his sweetheart, Sarah

Wiggins; his three sisters and two brothers; and many nieces and nephews who will hold his memory close to their hearts, along with numerous extended family members and friends who will forever cherish the memories they shared with him.

The family would also like to express their deepest gratitude to everyone who has helped care for Vincent throughout the years. There are far too many people to name individually, but please know that every act of kindness, every helping hand, every sacrifice, and every moment of support has meant more than words can express. Your love and compassion have been a blessing to Vincent and to our entire family. We love and appreciate each and every one of you, and we will never forget what you have done for us.

Though Vincent's journey was filled with challenges, his life was also a testament to perseverance, the power of family, and the difference that love and compassionate care can make. His presence will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Oct. 30 at the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Rev. Merritt Youngdeer officiated. Burial followed at the Cam Sneed Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C.

Pallbearers were Michael Stamper, Preston Arch, Brandon Sneed, Joe Zollinger, Timmy Ray Smith, and Jerry Jackson.

Rest peacefully, Vincent. Your journey was not an easy one, but you showed a strength that will never be forgotten. You were loved beyond measure, and your memory will remain with us always.

Ismelda Dayanira Colindres Mendoza

Ismelda Dayanira Colindres Mendoza, 52, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026, at Mission Hospital in Asheville following a short illness.

Ismelda was born on Oct. 3, 1974, to Alba Mendoza Alvarez and Pablo Colindres Romero. She completed her primary education at the Jesus Aguilar Paz School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and her secondary education at the Guillermo Antonio Verde Institute in Arimis, Olancho, Honduras. She worked at the Quality Inn Hotel as a breakfast manager. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bryson City, N.C. She was predeceased by her father and her husband, Mario Solorzano.

She is survived by her son, Isaac Solorzano of Cherokee; daughters, Denisse Canelas of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Rachel Solorzano of Cherokee; brothers, Carlos Colindres and Pablo Colindres of Tegucigalpa, Honduras; sisters, Ena Colindres of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Elda Colindres of Cherokee; and three grandchildren.

She was a daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, wife, friend, and companion. She will be remembered for her kindness, her love for her family, the special memories she created with everyone who knew her, and the fear of God she instilled in her family. We will always cherish her love, strength, and the beautiful moments we shared with her. All who knew and loved her will miss her deeply and remember her forever.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Oct. 31 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Burial followed the service at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Sylva, N.C.

William Floyd Laney

July 10, 1961 – Oct. 28, 2026

It is with great sorrow that the family of William Floyd Laney announce his sudden and unexpected passing. He is the son of the late John Laney and Ataloa W. Laney. He is preceded in death by his sister, Kamie Calhoun, a brother John Laney and his nephew, Thomas Pheasant.

William Laney is survived by his wife, Beverly Bennett; his daughter, Stephanie Laney (Randall); his son, Cheyenne Arneach; his beloved grandchildren, Patrick, Korbin, Sophy (Adane) Welch, Tanin, Delilah and Emmalynn Arneach; and one great granddaughter, Kananasgi Laney-Durham. He is also survived by his sisters, Sherry Laney, Leitha Calhoun (Danny) both of Cherokee, Tonya Laney of Mastic, New York, Ataloa Anderson (Jimmy) of Bensalem, New Jersey, and Denise Cochran (Austin), of Marble, N.C. In addition, he is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Known by family and friends as Will or Bill, Will was a fancy dancer in his younger days and transitioned into making fancy bustles for future generations. As time went on, Will was a well-known Arena Director for pow-wows throughout the southeast before retiring from pow-wows and taking up carpentry. A skilled carpenter, Will also enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with his family and friends.

A visitation service was held for Will at Yellowhill Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 1.

The funeral was Monday, Nov. 2 at the church.

Pallbearers were Zahay Grant, Tim Embry, Randall Hickman, Sterling Bennett, Cheyenne Arneach, and Charlie Welch.



COMMENTARY

Keep your head down and do the work

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

As a rule, whether tribal, federal, state, or municipal, if the government thinks the media is doing a lousy job, it usually means the media is doing its job. Good, ethical media outlets do not play favorites, and they are advocates and providers of transparency and fact. Facts are objective. They are undeniable elements of history. Truth, in modern application, is subjective and based on who is telling the story. Because of this, one fact might have many different truths attached to it.

For years, while working for the tribe, I worked in a political environment. In tribal government, as in business, there was a price to pay for not towing the company line. If the government pushed in one direction and you decided to pull, you could expect consequences. So, I did a little bouncing up and down the chain of command, with the accompanying reductions in pay and responsibility when my vision didn't match that of my supervisors. Sorry, I digress.

But I believe, as a man of faith, that the Creator prepares us for his specific direction for our lives. With each change in my status at the tribe, I always felt there was a purpose and plan beyond any earthly command. And so, when the editor position became available in 2014, I was asked if I would like to serve there. At first, the position was presented as if it were mine if I wanted it. Later, I was told that I would have to compete for it. That was fine by me. I haven't been appointed to a permanent position within this structure since I was hired back in 2002, and I much prefer to be selected based on merit. My intention in every position that I have held is to keep my head down and do the work. Accolades are great, but knowing that you gave your best and you did the right thing is far better.

So, in the April 3, 2014, print edition, I quietly became this paper's editor. My career up to that point had been in sales, promotion, and public relations. So, I know what it looks like when a publication is controlled by someone or something other than the community. At the time, the One Feather was under the public relations department of the economic development division. In my opinion, in appearance and in reality, the newspaper being directly under government supervision was a direct violation of Chapter 75. There were times when the department would veto commentary, incident reporting, access to government leadership, and documentation. Even certain photography was censored from the paper. I knew at that time I was editor in name, but the power of the editor was in the hands of government. When content is censored based on the number of jerseys appearing in a sports photo, something is off.

I share this personal anecdote to emphasize the dedication of those who strive to open the lines of communication and bring awareness to the struggle and consequences that the quest for transparency brings. The fact that many tribal leaders, members of the tribal media, and community members are still fighting that good fight speaks to the importance of governmental transparency and community awareness.

We sometimes underestimate the power of censorship, because we underestimate the power of public perception. Fear is a powerful motivator. And loss of control is a powerful fear, whether that loss is real or perceived. I got it. In the times I have felt like control was slipping from me in my personal life, I have felt fear, sometimes fear so real and devastating that it made me physically sick. I cannot even imagine being responsible for making decisions for an entire nation of people, whether that be top leadership, overseeing a division, guiding a tribal entity, or even a program. I cannot pretend to know the pressure that is exerted on a person and the level of constant stress from constant scrutiny that they feel.

Add on top of that, we are not good communicators. We hoard information like it is gold. We take the old saying "knowledge is power" to heart, and we don't want to share our power. Like money and other possessions, we feel like we must keep that knowledge contained within us because if someone else knows how to do what I do, then "they" don't need me as much. For years, I was astonished when trying to push paperwork through the tribal system, only to have it frozen in place because "so and so" was out of the office. No one else in their program had the ability or authority to do that part of the process. I had never worked in a business environment that stopped projects based on one person in the chain of processing with a pen. The adage in the business world that applies is "one monkey doesn't stop the circus" and, in entertainment, "the show must go on".

A mentality of information and knowledge hoarding is part of what creates silos in organizations. Individuals hoard, and then that mentality infects teams. The silo mentality in organizations causes delays in services, duplication of services, and inflation of budgets. Just like an item, knowledge will be developed, bought, or stolen if a keeper of it is unwilling to share. The logic is simple. If you have a hammer that I need to finish my project, and you refuse to loan me your hammer (even though you may not be using it at the moment), just because you don't want to, or because you think you might suddenly need it, or because you are saving it for a rainy day, or you simply don't want me to make you look bad because I am accomplishing a project that you may have been told to do before, then I only have a few options. I can give up on my project because I can't use your hammer, or I can acquire a hammer elsewhere.

Now, if I see this play out enough, I will start doing the same thing. I will gather my resources,

be it a hammer or knowledge, and I will hoard it for myself or my team. I will do that especially if I don't know what services and resources are available internally. In fact, I will just stop asking to use internal resources and make things happen independently, even if it means duplicating services and expenditures.

A former tribal leader provided me with a book on the subject titled "Silos, Politics, and Turf Wars" by Patrick Lencioni (Jossey-Bass, San Francisco, Calif., 2006). In it, Lencioni, who is the founder and president of a management consulting firm, said, "Silos are nothing more than the barriers that exist between departments within an organization, causing people who are supposed to be on the same team to work against one another. And whether we call this phenomenon departmental politics, divisional rivalry, or turf warfare, it is one of the most frustrating aspects of any sizable organization. Now, sometimes silos do indeed come about because the leaders at the top of an organization have interpersonal problems with one another. But my experience suggests that this is often not the case. In most situations, the silos rise up not because of what executives are doing purposefully but rather because of what they are failing to do: provide themselves and their employees with a compelling context for working together".

Have you noticed the number of websites and social media pages that have been generated by tribal entities? Before you get bent out of shape, I am glad that tribal entities are communicating via the internet. The issue is that when you set up a space on a media platform, it takes time and effort to build an audience. And if your space doesn't routinely provide relevant information, it takes longer for that audience to pay regular attention to your information. Some users opt for paid followers, meaning the social media platform will advertise their space to push potential, and often disinterested, followers to their page.

Remember the old saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink"? It is typically your organic followers - those who have seen your content and feel it is relevant who truly drive your social media pages, the ones who actually engage with your content. A problem arises when those who are charged with ensuring critical community information do not go beyond the limited audience they have on their social pages. They do not take advantage of the broader channels to ensure the most tribal and community members get the message.

I know you might assume that I am talking only of the One Feather, and we do have a considerable organic following. We are a tribe of between 16,000 and 17,000 members. We, at One Feather, would love to believe that we touch every one of our tribal members and everyone who lives and works on tribal lands. But we do not. And we are sure the smaller social media pages definitely do not. Because of our impact as a tribe, we not only need to reach our enrolled Cherokee people; we need to reach the state, the region, the country, and the world. For example, when I receive press releases from the state attorney's office, they are copied to no fewer than 36 local media outlets.

While there are definite differences in style, philosophy, allegiances, and communities that we serve, media outlets by and large, particularly local media outlets, do not retreat into silos when information needs to be delivered to our communities. Whatever the differences we may have, the community and leadership come first.

Somehow, we must get beyond silos, fear, apathy, or whatever keeps us from the free flow of information that our community deserves. Being proactive instead of reactive in providing access to information would help our community be more informed promptly. Keeping each other informed with dates, times, locations, of important events well in advance of the events will give the community time to digest and prepare to have a presence. And when emergencies come, and information needs to be distributed to the community and region quickly, a specific protocol for notifying all programs, entities, and media should be as quick as sending a group email or text to those who need to share the information.

The CSU Michael Schwartz Library defines "politics" as "the process by which individuals and groups decide on rules, laws, and policies that affect everyone. At its best, the goal of politics is to organize our collective lives in a way that helps us live together peacefully and share access to goods and services we could not secure alone. It involves discussion, debate, compromise, and, above all, cooperation. Cooperation does not erase conflict, but it creates space to focus on common goals rather than permanent divides."

For the community's sake, it is important that we do not sit in silos and that we do not hoard knowledge and information, whether intentional or not. The community is entitled to the facts. Every time. All the time. And access to what belongs to the community should be as broad as possible. The media outlets, like One Feather, are merely conduits. Our duty to the people. It says so right there in Chapter 75 of the Cherokee Code. And we are ethically bound, along with other media outlets, to clearly and truthfully relay messages from government to the community. That is keeping our heads down and doing the work.

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A Close Call

Part 7 of 8

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

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

A Close Call from Jesus. A solemn close call. Have you ever had a close call with Jesus to live? Are you listening?

Maybe you are sitting there thinking of your close call with death or have had enough close calls with death to know that you need an invitational call to Life.

Life everlasting. Did you ever think for a moment after that close call with death, where you would go if you answered that close call with your life and died? Do you know? Are you sure? How would you like to put that concern aside and consider a close call with living instead?

Those are the questions I get to ask people I meet in the hospital who look up at the ceiling and ask, Why Me?

But the question is valid for everyone.

How would you like to answer an eternal question with an everlasting answer?

Your answer needs to be - I know Jesus, and He knows me. That is more than hope.

I have victory over death right now, and you can, too. The answer is Life everlasting. What a beautiful concept...a wonderful reality to know I am not going to die – oh, my body will, and I might suffer the pain of leaving the body, but me...the guy in here. I am only going to change addresses. I am going from this earthly address to my permanent home address in Heaven.

Do you ever ask a Christian, "How Do You Know that you're going to heaven?"

I know because I am possessed by the one who owns the keys. The one who knows all about death and has defeated it. He has told me in His Word that He has prepared a place for me in Heaven.

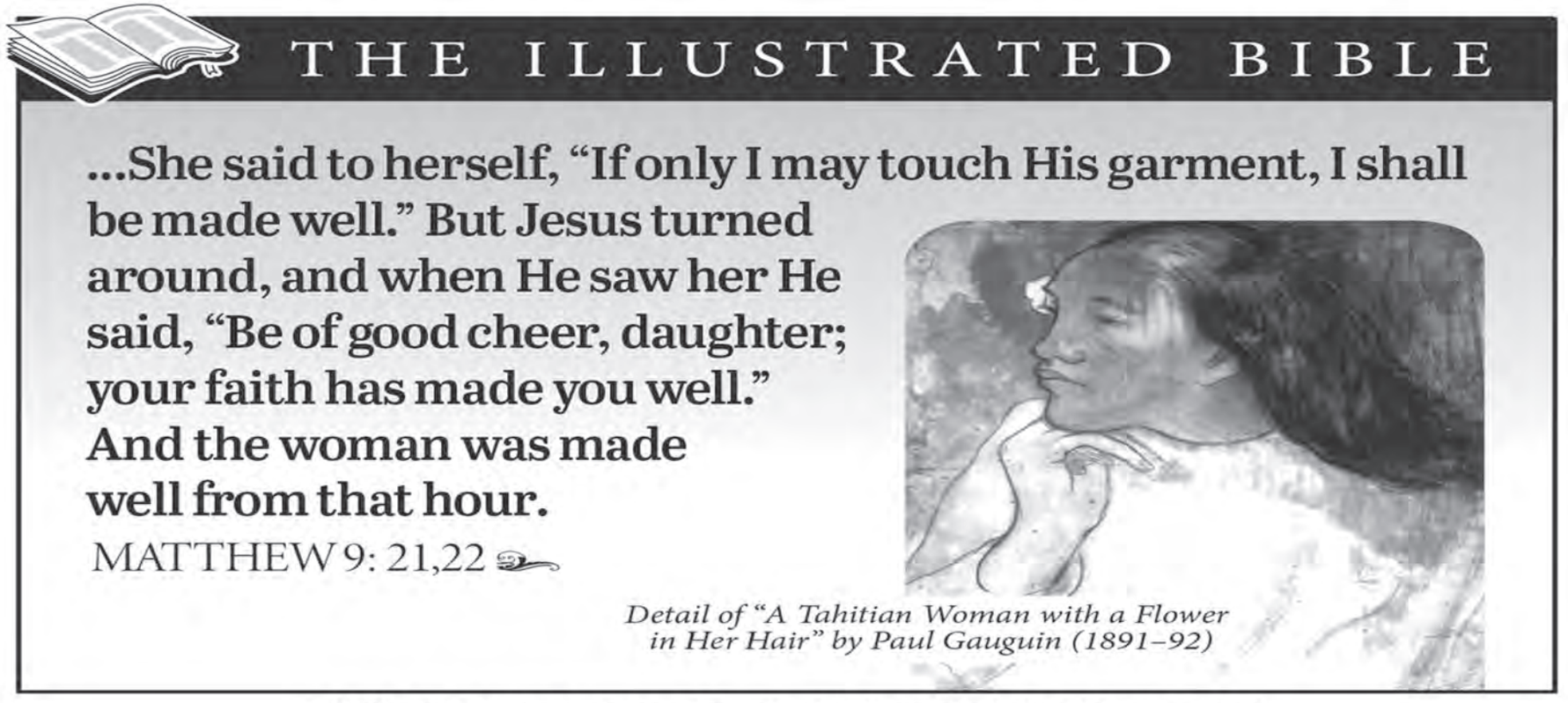
You see – I have reservations. Just like season tickets to seats in the stadium, I know when I get there, I have assigned seating, and I am not worried about it. Just like when I call ahead and make reservations at my favorite diner, at the appointed time, I am going to have a seat at the table.

What peace you have when you can walk by that line or right by all those others seated and walk up to the Maître D' and give him your name and have him look in the book and say, right this way, sir, and you go and sit down at the table. Even better. I love going to a place where they know who I am, have my seat, and lead me straight to my reserved spot. My reservation is secure because I have already answered His close call.

That is my hope and my faith in Jesus.

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

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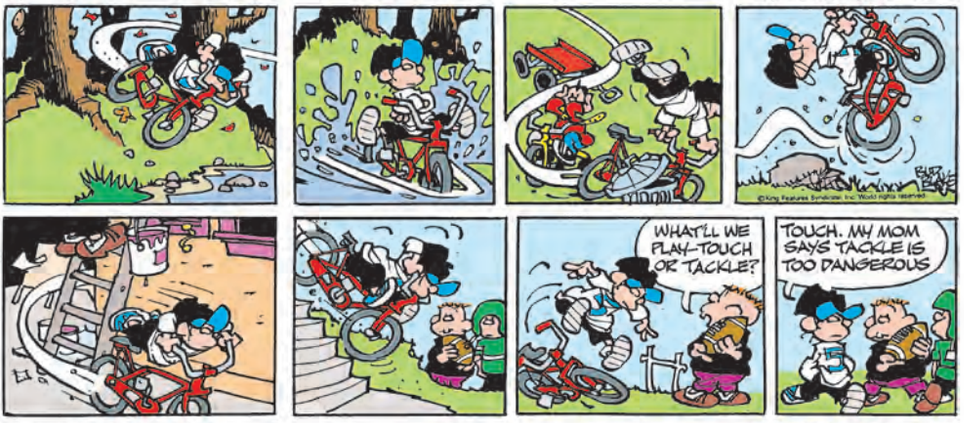
Amber Waves

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by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



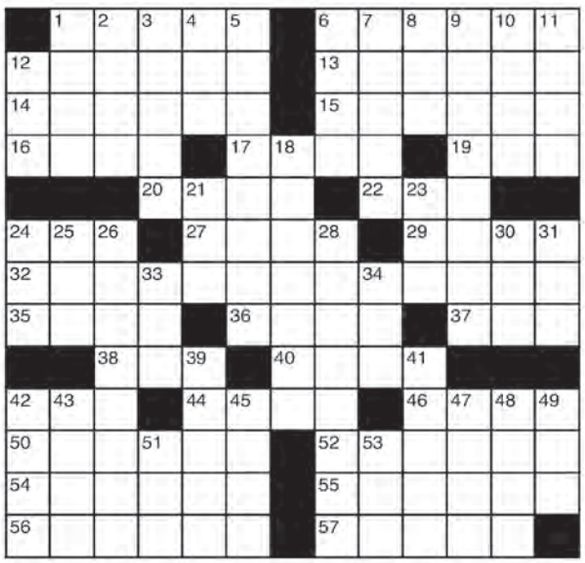
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Door is narrower. 2. Window is smaller. 3. Left arm is not showing. 4. Pencil cup is moved. 5. Chair leg is moved. 6. Plant leaf is moved.

King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Interior design
6 Views
12 Made over
13 "Phooey!"
14 Aromatic herb
15 Found out, to Brits
16 Party pooper
17 "Dream on!"
19 Prof's helpers
20 Poker pot money
22 Covert agent
24 Jungfrau, for one
27 Melodies
29 Emmy winner Falco
32 Paintings of artists, say
35 Dessert fruit
36 Not even one
37 Mom's mate
38 "— -hoo!"
40 Grant basis, at times
42 Home for mil. jets
44 Horse's halter?
46 Eight (Pref.)
50 Illusionist David
52 — app
54 Boris of tennis
55 Hearth remains
56 Gardeners, at times
57 Synthetic fabric

DOWN

1 Woodland grazer
2 Writer Buchanan
3 Line dance
4 Small bill
5 Affinity
6 Pieces for one
7 Kitchen VIPs
8 Coach Parseghian
9 Bowlful served with chips
10 Sicilian spouter
11 Swift jets
12 "Mayberry —"
18 Hot chili pepper
21 Snooze
23 Pod dweller
24 Nile viper
25 Director Spike
26 Listen to a recording
28 Football game prankster
30 Judge Lance
31 Mentalist's claim
33 Swing to and —
34 Deli bread
39 Proprietor
41 Surround sound name
42 Shortened wd.
43 Dog bane
45 Towel word
47 Jazz singer Laine
48 Shore bird
49 Hosp. areas
51 Mamie's man
53 "— Little Teapot"

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Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which pop music group sings at the wedding in "Bridesmaids"?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state's official dance is the shag?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which designer made the miniskirt famous?
4. MUSIC: How many strings does a standard violin have?
5. LANGUAGE: What does it mean to apricate?
6. TELEVISION: Who was the original host of "The Price is Right"?
7. ANATOMY: Which component of blood initiates clotting?
8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Age of Innocence"?
9. MONEY: What is depicted on the back of a $10 U.S. bill?
10. HISTORY: When did the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) go into effect?

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Trivia Test Answers!

1. Wilson Phillips; 2. South Carolina; 3. Mary Quant; 4. Four; 5. To bask in the sun; 6. Bill Cullen (The original show debuted in 1956); 7. Platelets; 8. Edith Wharton; 9. The U.S. Treasury Building; 10. 1994

EVENT LISTINGS

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

EBCI Community Events

Junalauksa Wreath Laying Ceremony. Nov. 5 starting at 11 a.m. Junaluska gravesite 151 Boring St., Robbinsville, NC. 28771. Info: kaylrock@ebci-nsn.gov or angejump@ebci-nsn.gov

2026 James A. Cooper Memorial Lecture: Luzene Hill (EBCI). Nov. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People TJ Holland Education Room at 589 Tsali Blvd. Cherokee, NC. 28719. The lecture is sponsored by the WCU Sequoyah Professorship, Cherokee Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences, and the Museum of the Cherokee People. Her lecture is called "To Rise and Begin Again". This event is open to all and free of charge, and registration is not required. Info: (828) 497-3481.

Prevention Partnership Event. Nov. 10 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Acquoni Expo Center, 1501 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719. Giveaways, prizes, FREE car seat checks, children's activities, food truck and community vendors, see community service vehicles in person.

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

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.)

None at this time.

Pow Wow Listings

14th Annual Gitchi Gami Veterans Pow Wow. Nov. 6 in Ashland, Wisc. Info: Joseph Corbine (715) 682-7089, jcorbine@sdak12.net

Choctaw Pow Wow. Nov. 6-8 at the Choctaw Event Center in Durant, Okla. Emcees: Howie Thomson, Marty Thurman. Info: powwow@choctawnation.com

Sacred Path X The Autry Museum Pow Wow. Nov. 7 at the Autry Museum in Los Angeles, Calif. Info: powwwow@sacred-



path.org

San Carlos Apache Tribe Veteran's Pow Wow. Nov. 7-8 at San Carlos High School in Peridot, Ariz. Emcees: Chris Dinehdahl, Erny Zah. Host Northern Drum: Ho-Chunk Station. Host Southern Drum: Cozad. Info: Kodee Goseyun (928) 475-1794, kodee.goseyun@scat-nsn.gov

Veterans Gourd Dance and Pow Wow. Nov. 7 at the Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center in Seattle, Wash. MC: Arli Neskahi. Host Drum: Quahada. Info: Benjamin Bryer (206) 450-0969, veterans@unitedindians.org

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

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you're out and about, rushing to get more done. This is fine, but slow down by the weekend so that you can heed some important advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're in charge of your own destiny these days, and, no doubt, you'll have that bull's-eye of yours right on target! But don't forget to make time for family events.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared for a power struggle that you don't want. Look to helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains that you've made.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations! You're about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find it difficult to shake off a listless feeling, but be patient. By week's end, your spirits will perk up, and you'll be your perfectly purring self again!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate. They could discover a situation that could prove to be helpful to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they're only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stay with it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your creativity is recognized and rewarded. So, go ahead and claim what you've earned. Meanwhile, an irksome, mysterious situation will soon be resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new associate brings ideas that — the wise Sagittarian will quickly realize — can benefit both you and them. Meanwhile, someone from the workplace makes an emotional request.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It might be a good idea to ease up on your hectic pace and spend more time studying things that you'll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it'll bring you some well-deserved boons and benefits.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Go with the flow, or make waves? It's up to you. Either way, you'll get noticed. However, do make up your own mind. Don't let anyone tell you which choices to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to examine everything before you agree to accept what you're told. Your need for the truth and your skepticism keep everyone around you honest.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Fast rewards for whistleblowing

There is a new tool in the toolbox to catch criminals who steal from government agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Justice Department has now started the Fraud Whistleblower Incentive Program (WHIP). The highlight: Instead of waiting years to receive a reward for turning in the thieves and scammers, waiting through the appeals and delays that always occur, whistleblowers can receive an upfront award for their tips.

In other words, the government is asking for our help. And you know they're quite serious because whistleblowers can receive an award of $10,000 to $30,000 for information on certain categories of offenses that lead to criminal charges.

A few items on the list of basic eligibility criteria to receive the award include voluntary participation, information that is truthful and in writing, and tips that lead to criminal charges. The information needs to concern a long list of government agencies that provide healthcare and benefits, such as the Department of Labor, the Small Business Administration, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services and, of course, the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Weeks ago the DOJ sent a directive to all fraud division personnel saying they will "zealously prosecute" those who defraud taxpayers and "aggressively target" them. They instructed the fraud division to create a program to "incentivize whistleblowers to bring forward credible information pertaining to fraud." A mere 19 days later the Whistleblower Incentive Program (WHIP) was announced.

So, they're quite serious. If you are ever in a position to save the government (and your fellow taxpayers) money by blowing the whistle on those who are scamming, stealing and defrauding all of us, check out the Whistleblower Rewards Program website at www.justice.gov/fraud/whistleblower. Also see america.gov/fraud.

There is another whistleblower awards program as well that might result in a monetary award: the Criminal Division's Corporate Whistleblower Awards Pilot Program (www.justice.gov/criminal/criminal-division-corporate-whistleblower-awards-pilot-program).

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Paw's corner

by Sam Mazzotta

Should I buy a Christmas present for my sister's dog?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My sister recently adopted a large puppy whose favorite pastime is chewing up her furniture. She will be bringing "Benny" along to the family Christmas get-together where we exchange presents. My mom said not to worry about buying presents for anyone except immediate family, since I'm still in college and don't have much money. But I'd like to get Benny some heavy-duty chew toys to help distract him from the table legs. What do you think? — Carl in Portland, Maine

DEAR CARL: While it's nice of your mom to try to keep you from spending too much money, ultimately it's up to you what presents you buy and for whom. And your sister hasn't specifically forbidden presents for her dog.

The good news is that sturdy chew toys for big dogs are affordable. For your budget's sake, just buy one present for Benny.

The situation reminds me of one that I face each holiday. One of our family members owns a big, friendly, slobbery mixed-breed who loves to find the toughest object in the yard and chew it to shreds. Kong chew toys last about 10 minutes with this dog. Out of concern for his digestive tract (which, fortunately, has passed a shocking amount of non-food items without injury), I stopped bringing bigger and tougher chew toys for him and instead put a big bag of real-meat treats into his stocking each year. They're appreciated by both dog and owner, and I don't have to watch sadly out the window as my thoughtfully chosen gift is crushed, mangled and shredded.

So, one gift is fine. And if you're not sure, just give your sister a call beforehand to ask what she needs for Benny.

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

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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

Grandma Gatewood's Walk. Nov. 4 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the Great Smokies Welcome Center 7929 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Townsend, Tenn. 37882. Explores the inspiring story of the first woman to solo hike the Appalachian Trail in 1955. Info: (865) 436-7318 or smokieslife.org

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Wendy Myers will take participants on a virtual hike of the Noland Creek settlement. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation which is free and open to the public.

21st Annual Pottery Festival. Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Bridge Park 76 Railroad Ave., Sylva, NC. 28779. Throwing and firing demonstrations. Info: (800)962-1911 or WNCPotteryFestival.com

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 Robert Stalcup (828) 736-0149

Cherokee Houses of Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Church of Christ.

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

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday Service 3 p.m. Thursday Service 6:30 p.m. Pastor Marty Pressley

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Goose Creek Baptist Church.

The Garden Bug

Sedums

There are multiple species of sedum available to growers. "Autumn Joy" is a popular choice for many. When the leaves start to droop late in the season, trim them off and collect the stalks and blooms for dried floral arrangements. Sedums are perennial and bloom from spring to fall each year. They are drought-tolerant and don't need much care. Bees and butterflies love feeding from them. – *Brenda Weaver*



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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Mosaic law, what would happen to the person who cursed his father or mother? *Imprisonment, Outcast, 10 lashings, Death*
3. In Genesis 14:3, what lake is called the Salt Sea? *Galilee, Lake Pison, Dead Sea, Euphrates*
4. From Daniel 2, who had a dream about a statue composed of different materials? *Jezebel, Daniel, Rezin, Nebuchadnezzar*
5. In Acts 7, who said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge"? *Philip, Stephen, Luke, David*
6. Whose biblical name means "salvation"? *Jude, Ahaz, Hosea, Ruth*

ANSWERS: 1) New. 2) Death. 3) Dead Sea. 4) Nebuchadnezzar. 5) Stephen. 6) Hosea

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Moments in time

• On **Nov. 16, 1960**, iconic American actor Clark Gable, who was often referred to as the "King of Hollywood," died at a Los Angeles hospital from a massive heart attack at the age of 59, not long after completing "The Misfits" with Marilyn Monroe. He was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California, beside his third wife, actress Carole Lombard, and her mother.

• On **Nov. 17, 1970**, Douglas Engelbart received a patent for the first computer mouse, which was officially named "X-Y position indicator for a display system" and earned its nickname "mouse" due to the cord extending from its back like a tail.

• On **Nov. 18, 1865**, Mark Twain published his breakout story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" under the title "Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog" in the New York Saturday Press. Inspired by a tall tale Twain overheard while drinking at a hotel, the story became an overnight sensation and was republished in multiple U.S. outlets.

• On **Nov. 19, 1861**, the first petroleum shipment (1,329 barrels) from the U.S. to Europe left Philadelphia for London on the brigantine Elizabeth Watts in response to Europe's widespread need for cheap lamp illuminants like kerosene.

• On **Nov. 20, 1911**, Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin attended the funeral of Paul and Laura Lafargue (daughter of Karl Marx). The socialist Lafargues died in a suicide pact, believing their political usefulness had come to an end.

• On **Nov. 21, 1934**, the New York Yankees acquired 19-year-old outfielder Joe DiMaggio's contract from the San Francisco Seals in a deal reported as $25,000 and five players.

• On **Nov. 22, 2014**, 12-year-old Tamir Rice was shot and killed by police officers in Cleveland, Ohio. The boy had been playing with an airsoft plastic pellet gun and was reported to the police by an observer, who noted that he was a minor and likely holding a toy, but a dispatcher noted only a suspect with a gun. One of several African Americans killed by American law enforcement at the time whose deaths garnered national attention, Tamir became a martyr of the Black Lives Matter movement.

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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., 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 Coordina-

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Tsalagi NATURE

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Chinese Silvergrass (Miscanthus sinensis) is a non-native invasive plant species found in our area. Chinese Silvergrass was brought into the US as an ornamental grass and can still be purchased for this purpose. You can commonly spot this plant along roadsides and areas with disturbed soils. This grass spreads quickly through its root system and seeds, which quickly shades out native plant species surrounding it. Chinese Silvergrass is also extremely flammable. Physical and mechanical removal is usually ineffective due to its root structure.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• "Hodophobia" is the fear of traveling or road traveling.

• Some scholars speculate that Christopher Columbus may have received secret information from a close friend, sometimes dubbed the "Unknown Pilot," about lands far west across the ocean. No present evidence of this exists, however.

• The only time koala bears leave their tree is to find another tree with more leaves to eat.

• A starburst galaxy contains an unusually high amount of gas and dust, resulting in a high rate of star production.

• Every winter, at least one septillion (1 followed by 24 zeros) snow crystals fall from the sky.

• In the 1960s, Jell-O offered celery-flavored gelatin mix.

• Historical figures with suspected bipolar disorder include Winston Churchill, George Handel, Lord Byron, Virginia Woolf, Edgar Allan Poe, Napoleon Bonaparte and Vincent van Gogh.

• The three biggest glaciers outside of polar regions are in Pakistan.

• The award for worst campaign slogan in history probably belongs to the anti-Prohibition Al Smith, who advertised: "Vote for Al Smith and he'll make your wet dreams come true."

• NFL players weren't required to wear helmets until 1943.

• When Adolf Hitler's close associate Ernst Hanfstaengl told him that his mustache wasn't fashionable, Hitler replied: "If it is not the fashion now, it will be because I wear it."

• Adding salt to a dropped fresh egg makes clean up easier.

• While banned in Europe and Japan, brominated vegetable oil, a toxic flame retardant, can still be found in some American soft drinks.

• In the mid-19th century, cardboard was used to line men's hats for better structure and added warmth.

• The word "halibut" means "holy flatfish" because it was only eaten on holy days.

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Thought for the Day: "Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears." — *Les Brown*

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tor: German Vivas (904) 314-6123

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Straight Fork Baptist Church. Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m. Youth group services are Sunday evenings only. Interim Pastor – Harley Maney Jr.

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

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

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

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

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



Event listings are FREE of charge.

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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**

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 26-077
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Phillip Charles Pheasant
All persons, and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 26-075
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Henry Martin Dover
All persons, and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
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Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-068
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
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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

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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

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INVITATION TO BID

Re: 2027 Residential Remodeling Advertisement:

The Cherokee Housing Indian Division (CIHD) is seeking qualified TERO-certified vendors to provide lawn mowing and related grounds-maintenance services for properties located in the following service areas:

- Snowbird
- Robbinsville
- Cherokee County
- Cherokee/Qualla Boundary

Please contact CIHD for additional information. Ernest Tiger, Property Manager, Qualla Housing Services, Cherokee Indian Housing Division,PO Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd., Office 828-359-6748, ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov. **11/4**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians — Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT)
20-Year Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, through CDOT, invites qualified engineering and transportation planning firms to submit proposals for the development and/or update of a comprehensive 20-year Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Qualified firms should demonstrate experience in Tribal Transportation Program requirements, transportation planning, roadway and bridge inventory assessments, GIS mapping, traffic and safety analysis, public involvement, project prioritization, and transportation funding strategies. Experience with the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI) and Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS) is required.

The selected firm will evaluate existing and future transportation needs, recommend prioritized improvements, identify potential funding sources, and deliver an implementable plan supporting the Tribe's transportation goals.

RFP Number: CDOT-LRTP-2026-01

Interested firms may request the complete RFP and submission requirements from:
Uriah Maney, CDOT Engineer
Email: umaney@ebci-nsn.gov
Cherokee Department of Transportation, 680 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719

Proposals may be submitted electronically or by hard copy in accordance with the complete RFP.

11/4

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**

NOTICE

The EBCI Cannabis Control Board is proposing the issuance and amendment of administrative rules pursuant to Cherokee Code 17-18 and 150-4. Changes to Title 17 of the Cherokee Administrative Regulations are proposed to allow for and govern the responsible and safe operation of marijuana consumption lounges. Written comments may be mailed to the EBCI CCB at Attn: EBCI CCB, P.O. Box 549, Cherokee NC 28719 or emailed to info@ebci-ccb.org. The period for public comment will continue for at least 30 days from the publication of this notice. The date, time, and location of any public hearings concerning this matter will also be published in advance. **11/4**

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Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwotiyi
Behavioral Health Consultant Supervisor
Qualified Mental Health Professional
Residential Technician – Female – Part Time without Benefits

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

EVS
EVS Supervisor

EYE CLINIC
Optometrist

LABORATORY
Medical Lab Technician
Phlebotomist – Part Time with Benefits

MEDICAL
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Physician and IM Rural Track Director

NURSING
Emergency Registered Nurse - Temporary
License Practical Nurse – Primary Care -$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager - $10,000 Hiring Bonus
Nurse Resident/Intern
Specialty Services Registered Nurse - $10,000 Hiring Bonus

NUTRITION
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Clinical Dietitian - Temporary

Radiology
Radiology Technologist I

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Tribal Option Care Manage Specialty Lead – RN Preferred

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2. Maintenance Utility Worker – Facility Management – Operations (L7 $16.61 - $20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
3. Dadiwonisi Apprentice – Snowbird/Cherokee County Language & Culture – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L5 $15.00 - $20.28 per hour)
4. Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 $22.26 - $27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
5. Elementary Immersion Instructor – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – CERS (L11 $20.39 - $25.49 per hour)
6. Receptionist – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L5 $15.00 - $20.28 per hour)
7. Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L9 $17.27 - $21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 $26.81 - $33.52 per hour) per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 $20.39 - $25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Sergeant (Patrol) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 $29.71 - $37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
4. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 $17.27 - $21.59 per hour)
5. Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 $18.74 - $23.43 per hour)
6. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 $29.71 - $37.14per hour)
7. Driver (Cherokee County) – Transit – Operations (L8 $16.94 - $21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

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K-6 Self-Contained Teacher Assistant - Must have 48 Completed College Hours or submit ParaPathway exam for a reading/writing and mathematics.
7-8 Special Education (Inclusion) Teacher
Cherokee Language Instructor / Teacher
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Substitute Teacher
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Contact: For more information, please contact Charlene Wolfe at 828-359-5516.

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

Public Notice
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).

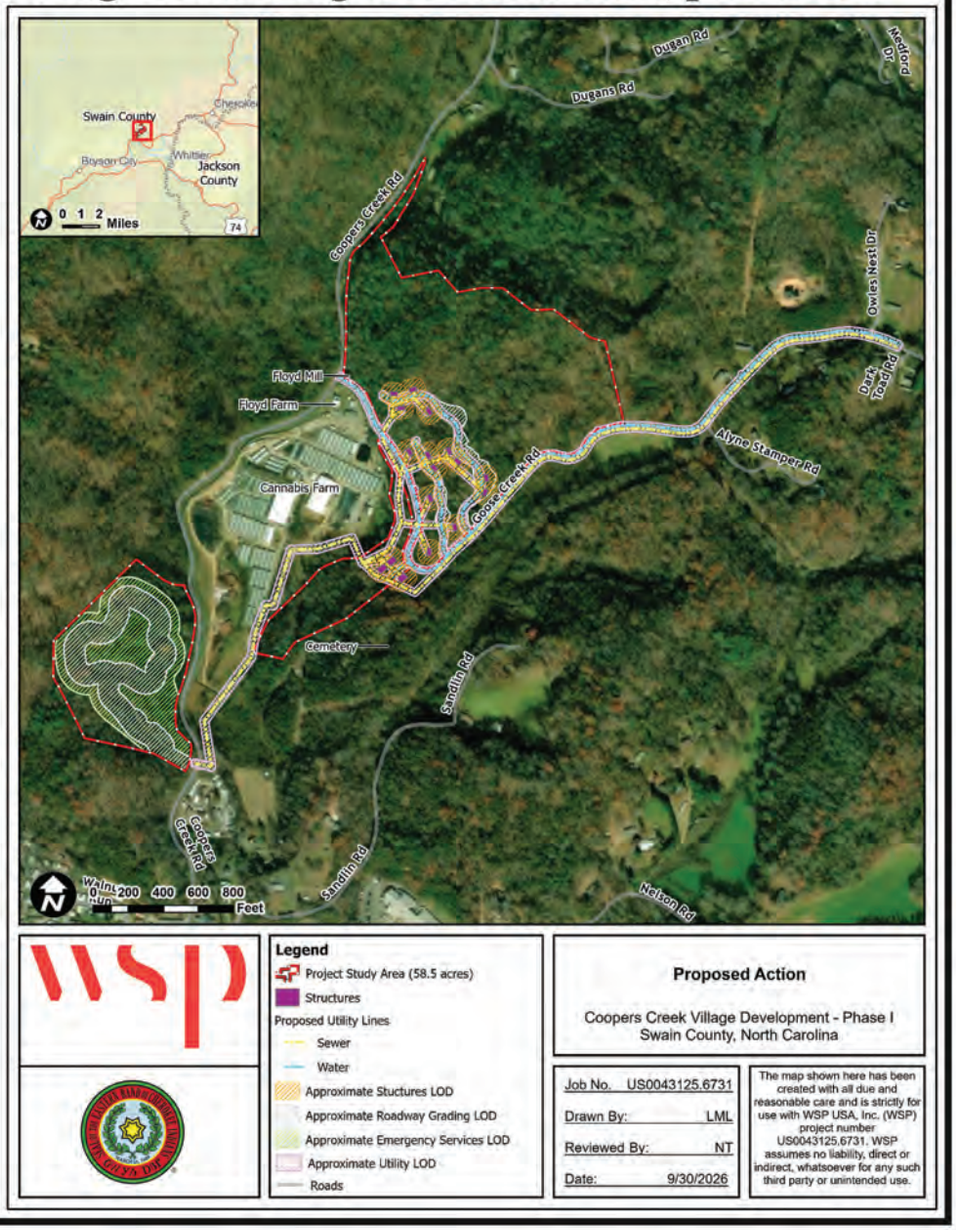
The project would be located near the intersection of Goose Creek Road and Coopers Creek Road, in Swain County, North Carolina. The Project Site comprises approximately 58.5 acres of Tribal trust land (Exhibit A). The preliminary site design includes up to 29 residential buildings with access roads, 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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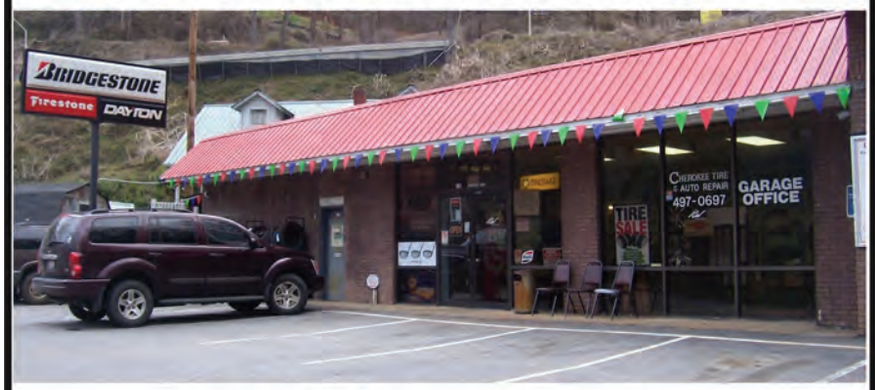
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EVERY APPOINTMENT MATTERS, SHOW UP FOR YOUR HEALTH

EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility: Common Community Concerns



We hear you. There are a lot of concerns and questions about how this facility might impact your life. Here are some answers to the most common questions we have been asked.

"Cherokee is getting a Red Meat Processing Facility?
But what about ..."



The Smell?

Our facility will process no more than 10 animals per day, which means animals are only on-site for a short time — minimizing manure and odor. Byproducts like bones and organs are stored in sealed barrels inside a climate-controlled room, then picked up weekly by a licensed rendering company. And the strongest smell you're likely to notice? Delicious smoked meats from our bacon making smoker — just like a bonfire!



The Location? Isn't it near some homes?

We had lots of things to consider when picking a location; so many we made another infographic! In summary, all operations will be indoors, with no waste exposure, no feedlot, and no visual impact to nearby homes. Since this is EBCI Tribal Land in Jackson County we will manage it under tribal land-use codes and county regulations. The location will receive approval from both the EBCI Planning Board and Environmental Office, ensuring it's suited for meat-processing operations without conflict to residential zones.



The Money? Will this be another Tribal Expense?

The facility is being built with a $6.46 million USDA grant specifically awarded to support Indigenous meat processing. To ensure long-term sustainability, the facility will generate income through, Processing Fees, Retail Meat Sales, Value-added Products, and Byproduct Sales. These revenue streams will help cover operating costs and reduce future financial burden on the Tribe, all while feeding community members and supporting local food production!

- For more details, check out our "Financial Opportunities & Savings" infographic.



The Environmental Impacts? Will this facility pollute the River?

This facility is designed with strong safeguards for land, water, and air — including a USDA-approved waste collection system, NEPA compliance, and there will be no animal discharge into the river or sewer. All processing operations are indoors, with overnight animal holding pens limiting manure waste.

- For more details, check out our "Place & Planet" infographic.



Recruiting & Keeping Employees?

We're building a workplace that values and invests in its people by offering competitive pay and part to full time, stable employment; Training and certification for meat cutting, food safety, and equipment use; Work-life balance with daytime shifts and no feedlot or overnight animal care; A safe, respectful environment aligned with Tribal values and food sovereignty.

Our goal is to create career pathways, not just jobs — building skills that support the community for generations.

- We will probably start hiring in Fall 2026 - keep an eye out if you'd like to apply!



The Employees? Isn't it Dangerous to work at a Meat Processing Facility?

The facility will follow all OSHA and USDA FSIS safety standards, including, Proper Protective Equipment, Cold Storage Safeguards, Sanitation and Hygiene Protocols. We're also working with Friesla, whose "Safe, Robust, Human Processing" model prioritizes ergonomics, injury prevention, and respectful working conditions — creating a safer environment for every employee.



The Noise?

All processing happens indoors, and animals are only present for a few hours at a time, with no feedlot. The design follows Temple Grandin's noise audit principles to reduce stress on animals and maintain a quiet environment. Calm handling, quiet equipment, and sound-dampening measures help protect both animals and nearby neighbors.



Animal Well-Being? Will this be Humane?

In alignment with Cherokee values, we're committed to the respectful, humane treatment of all animals — especially those offering themselves to nourish our community. Unlike large-scale industrial operations, our small-scale processing allows for calmer environments and gentler handling. We will use captive bolt stunning, a USDA-approved method that renders animals instantly unconscious and without pain, minimizing suffering. Following Temple Grandin's low-stress handling principles, our facility uses quiet equipment, minimal wait times, and respectful care in an animal's final moments. Animals are only on site for a few hours, not days — reducing fear, stress, and exposure to unfamiliar surroundings.

Have more questions about our facility?



Come by the **EBCI Cooperative Extension Office** or Give us a Call! We'd love to talk with you.

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TRIBAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY INITIATIVES

EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility: Financial Opportunities & Savings

Big Picture information on how the EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility will be self-sustaining, create Tribal Economic Opportunities, and save households Money!

Revenue Streams:

We are creating an EBCI Specific Tribal Meat Brand featuring jerky, ground meat, sausage, and premium cuts. These products will be created from meat purchased from local farmers and raised by Tribal Extension. Additionally, processing fees and pay-to-raise fees will be collected from clients needing to process domestic and wild animals.



Pay to Raise Fees

Allows tribal members without land the ability to buy an animal that the facility or extension raises and processes.



Processing Fees

Collected from ranchers, hunters, households and food businesses who need animals processed.



Value Added Processing

For anyone looking to turn their meat into jerky, sausage, bacon, burgers and more! Farm-Raised Animals will have a USDA Label so the meat can be sold.



Sales Channels of Tribally Branded Meat

We will get our product to the people through *Direct-to-Consumer Sales* (Tribal Grocery Store is in the works!) *Wholesale* to Institutions (CCS, CIH, Casino & more!)

Potential Bonus Revenue Opportunities!



We are also exploring **Byproduct Sales** of hides for leather, bones for broth or bone meal, organs for pet or fish food, skulls for artisans, and more! This aligns with the Cherokee Tradition of using the whole animal and revitalizing traditional leather working processes.

How do Tribal & Local Farmers Benefit Financially from this Facility?



- Local processing saves Farmers **Time and Money;** currently farmers are driving 4+ hours and sometimes have to wait a year to get on a processing schedule! We can offer **reliable, consistent processing** that farmers can depend on.
- A variety of high quality, USDA Certified Value Added Products allows Farmers to **diversify the items their business sells,** creating new market opportunities.
- A Cohesive Tribal Brand allows Small Farmers the opportunity to sell their food to larger institutional buyers they otherwise couldn't. This means **access to larger markets, more consistent customers, and increased product demand.**

How does this Facility help Households save Money?

- We will be implementing an optional **Gadugi Fee** to offset the customer's processing costs. Customers can donate cuts of their processed meat to the Tribe to cover some or all of the costs of processing an animal. This way, everyone who wants to be more food sovereign in their food choices can participate regardless of cost barriers. Plus, the Tribe can build a surplus of meat to donate to our community now or in case of a future emergency.
- This facility will be run as a **non-profit model,** meaning we only need to cover our costs, then we will reinvest profits into expansion, local buying programs and more! This keeps our meat affordable to those wishing to purchase fresh, local meat from our up-and-coming retail location, keeping more money in your pocket.
- We plan to sell our meat to ourselves! Tribal entities will be able to purchase our Tribal Brand of Local Meat to feed to community members accessing their services at **competitive, low prices.** So someday when someone you love is at the hospital or your kids are heading to school, local, healthy, fresh meat will be on the menu!
- Local food keeps money in our economy where **we are more resilient during inflation and less dependent on outside suppliers.** This will help all of us save money and achieve some of our Food Sovereignty Goals.



Have more questions about our facility's financial plans?

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TRIBAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY INITIATIVES

EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility: Place & Planet Infographic

Here's some Big Picture information on how the EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility is being built responsibly, with ethical consideration for people, the planet & animals.

What Features do we need at the Facility's Location?



Three Phase Power
To connect the facility to electricity



Sewer Hook-Ups
So employees can wash their hands & clean the equipment



Trailer Access
So customers can easily bring their animals to the facility & buyers can pick-up finished products



Out of a Flood Zone
So our facility can stay safe from a Flood & remain accessible in case of an emergency



On Tribal Land Near the Boundary
So Tribal Members can easily access the facility

Why some locations we considered couldn't work:





Swain County's sewer system is at capacity & they can't take on new business now



THPO prevents ground disturbance of archeological significant locations; no digging or construction



Some Land options aren't owned by the Tribe & they were too expensive to purchase

What Tribal Regulations keep the Land & People Safe?

- The **Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO)** analyzes the archaeological significance of the land and denies digging or construction at any sites that are culturally important. THPO is in full support of this location and project.
- **EBCI Environmental Office** reviews all land development projects for compliance with Tribal environmental codes and sustainability goals.
- **EBCI Planning & Development Board** evaluates site suitability based on proximity to homes, utility infrastructure, and long-term environmental impact.
- **Land Use and Zoning Guidelines** ensure the selected site is appropriate for processing, with safeguards against noise, waste, and environmental disruption.

What Federal Regulations keep the Land & People Safe?

- The **National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)** ensures that air, water, land, and historical sites are not harmed during a construction project. In order to receive the USDA funding to build the meat processing facility, the Tribe had to conduct a *NEPA Review* for the original site, and we plan to conduct another one for the final site.
- Federal **Clean Water Act** protects surface and groundwater from contamination from facility runoff, waste discharge, and processing effluent. The Federal **Clean Air Act** regulates emissions from equipment and refrigeration systems to ensure clean air quality around the facility.
- Our processing facility will be certified by **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)** the highest regulatory body that requires continuous inspection and strict adherence to federal food safety standards protecting the public's health. USDA's **Food Safety Policies and Inspectors** will enforce sanitation, waste disposal, and health protocols to ensure safety for all.
- **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** requires safe working conditions, equipment use, and employee training in meat processing environments.

Animal Welfare Policies being Implemented:

- **USDA FSIS Humane Handling Enforcement** includes inspections, facility design standards, employee training, and clear consequences for non-compliance.
- **Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA)** requires animals be treated humanely and rendered insensible to pain before slaughter; enforced by USDA FSIS.
- **Temple Grandin's Animal Handling Guidelines** is widely regarded as the gold standard for facility layout and stress-free animal movement.
- **North American Meat Institute (NAMI) Animal Welfare Audit** covers everything from stunning to unloading, a certification often required by retailers and institutions.

Have more questions about our facility's location & regulation implementation?



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Mingo Falls in Autumn
The colors are beautiful in this drone photo of Mingo Falls in Cherokee, N.C. on Tuesday, Oct. 27. (Photo by Mac McEntire/EBCI GIS mapping tech)

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Friday sunrise
The sunrise on Friday, Oct. 30 was brilliant as shown in this photo taken in Elawodi (Yellowhill) in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



THE GOOD STUFF



Healthy Halloween
Cherokee Elementary school nurses Kimberly Hensley and Devy George participate in the school's Healthy Halloween event at the Cherokee Central Schools track in Cherokee, N.C. on Thursday, Oct. 29. (Photo by Donna Robertson)

the GOOD STUFF

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