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"We've been entrusted with those assets and those dollars to increase those dollars to the fullest potential."

- Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe during a Commercial Gaming Roundtable discussion held recently



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Police Commission ready to reset

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The EBCI Police Commission came to Tribal Council on Thursday, Aug. 6 to reestablish themselves as an asset to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Ord. No. 208 (2020) was unanimously passed by Council and did just that, offering a boost to the authority of the Police Commission.

A mistake on the agenda meant that the Commission's resolution was not scheduled, but the Commission drafted a letter to Council that requested the resolution be added. The letter was read and approved at the beginning of Thursday's session.

Ord. 208 states the following, "The purpose of the Commission is to provide performance and regulatory oversight to all Tribal law enforcement agencies and to act as the liaison between the community, law enforcement, and the Executive and Legislative branches of Tribal Government providing transparency and advocacy to issues influencing crime and justice on Tribal trust lands."

Gene Crowe Jr., chairman of the Police

Commission, presented the ordinance to Council. He said that the measures drawn up were done so to offer consistency to policy across the Tribe's law enforcement agencies. Crowe said that although authority had previously been granted to the Commission, the restatement and additions in this ordinance would give the Commission the opportunity to conduct business the way it was initially designed.

Crowe says there is a lot that the Commission wishes to review, but one of the immediate policy changes will be to clean up the HR policies for Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) officers.

Currently, CIPD has a separate HR policy for their officers despite the fact that they are still considered tribal employees. Crowe says the Police Commission is working hand-in-hand with Tribal HR to find the best way to merge the CIPD policy under the tribal umbrella. He said that if officers are considered tribal employees, they need to be treated like tribal employees.

Yellow Rep. Tom Wahnetah said that it would be important for the Commission to consult with the officers and the individuals in all of the entities they will be overseeing. This

is something Crowe agreed with, and it was also part of what the Commission discussed in their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 5. They have plans to host an anonymous survey in the departments to try and gather as much information as possible and to see where they can help improve each system.

Crowe spoke adamantly that the Commission is there to serve law enforcement and the community, and this ordinance is being used to help everyone involved.

He also said that this ordinance has been created in collaboration with the Attorney General's office to ensure the policies have been drawn up responsibly.

Attorney General Michael McConnell said that he approved the language and that it had been reviewed by multiple people in his office. He pointed to Commission Secretary Anita Lossiah as the person who was the driving force behind getting the reviews done in a timely manner.

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley also offered his support for this resolution. He said that it looked ready to go, and that it was good step to get the Police Commission the authority they deserve.

Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 is seeking contact information for active duty EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) troops currently deployed overseas.

All information will be held in the strictest confidence. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary wants to send care packages and notes of encouragement to the troops.

**Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657
or David McQueen 736-9572**



Tribal Council upholds Chief's veto of Cardinal Homes MOA legislation

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After review, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed has vetoed a memorandum of agreement between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah, LLC due to a \$2 million oversight. Tribal Council upheld his veto during its regular session on Thursday, Aug. 6.

Exhibit A of Res. 198 (2020), which was unanimously passed by Tribal Council on July 2, states that upon approval and execution of the Memorandum of Agreement and Understanding, the Tribe will

make a deposit payment to the Kituwah, LLC in the amount of \$2 million.

"The veto letter is pretty self-explanatory," Chief Sneed said during the regular session of Tribal Council on Aug. 6. "It was brought to my attention by the Vice Chairman the Tuesday following the Tribal Council session. He said, 'are you aware that the exhibit that was passed actually has a two-million-dollar appropriation?' I said no I was not, and he showed it to me, and I said that was not supposed to be in there."

He said that he then contacted Kituwah, LLC CEO Mark Hubble

for an explanation. Hubble said that that piece of the MOA was from the original draft and did not need to be in the resolution presented in July council.

The other areas of that MOA stated that the Tribe would cover the cost of acquiring land for the Kituwah, LLC, as well as the cost of placing model homes on those properties.

"The reason that was in there, if Tribal Council remembers, Council had previously passed a resolution authorizing funding in support of the Cardinal Homes project," said Chief Sneed. "So, with that, the \$2 million appropri-

ation did not need to be in there. However, it was included as Exhibit A, and subsequently passed by Council. So, that was the reason for the veto. It's not that it wasn't supportive of what the Kituwah LLC is trying to accomplish, it's just that the language of the MOA, because it did pass, is approving a \$2 million appropriation."

Following the quick explanation by Chief Sneed, Vice Chair David Wolfe made a motion to uphold the veto. After a second by Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah, Tribal Council voted unanimously to uphold the veto.

Two new TERO Commissioners sworn-in



Two new members of the TERO Commission were sworn-in by Cherokee Chief Justice Kirk Saunooke. Tony Cabe, photo at left, and Lavita Hill, photo at right, took their oath of office in Cherokee Tribal Court on the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 5. Both are appointees to the Commission from Tribal Council. Other members of the Commission include: Trista Welch, chairperson, appointee from Planning Board; Billy Brown, appointee from Principal Chief; and Steve Coleman, appointee from Principal Chief.

EBCI being “strategic and compliant” with millions in CARES Act funds

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has received millions in CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funds and related funding – all being used to aid tribal members and the local economy during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. Tribal leaders and officials have broken up the monies into several main categories for funding including: connectivity; tribal member basic needs; supplies, equipment, and facilities; tribal member financial assistance;

employment costs; and business stimulus.

“I would characterize the roll-out of CARES Act funding as being forward thinking, strategic and compliant,” said Cory M. Blankenship, EBCI Secretary of Treasury. “I think many tribes have rushed their processes where we have taken extra steps to ensure compliance with published guidance as to the use of funds. EBCI has also been very careful to make decisions that are forward looking as we cannot predict the end of this pandemic.”

Information from the EBCI Treasury Division states that the

Tribe’s funding eligibility was based on several factors including land base, number of tribal members, total payroll of the tribal government and tribal entities, and total expenditures of the tribal government and tribal entities for FY2019. “In all, the EBCI is tracking approximately \$67 million in available funding for the EBCI through both the CARES Act direct funding and through an increased number of grant opportunities for which the Tribe is eligible.”

The Tribe has set up a page on its official website where tribal members can apply for various types of assistance online: <https://ebci.com/government/covid-19/covid-19-assistance/>

Information from the EBCI Treasury Division states that connectivity is one focus for the funding and amounts to around \$18,000,000 (29 percent of total). “As the result of stay-at-home orders, the closure of Cherokee Central Schools and surrounding county schools, and the likelihood of modified school schedules for the upcoming school year, the EBCI has identified connectivity as a primary need in response to COVID-19. The allocation toward connectivity will be geared toward delivering high-speed internet



How do you say that in Cherokee?

Pumpkin - iya
Cake - gadu uganasda
Pie - gelisgi
Coffee - kawī
Soda - golvstanv

Note: These words are from the first book provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative in 2019.

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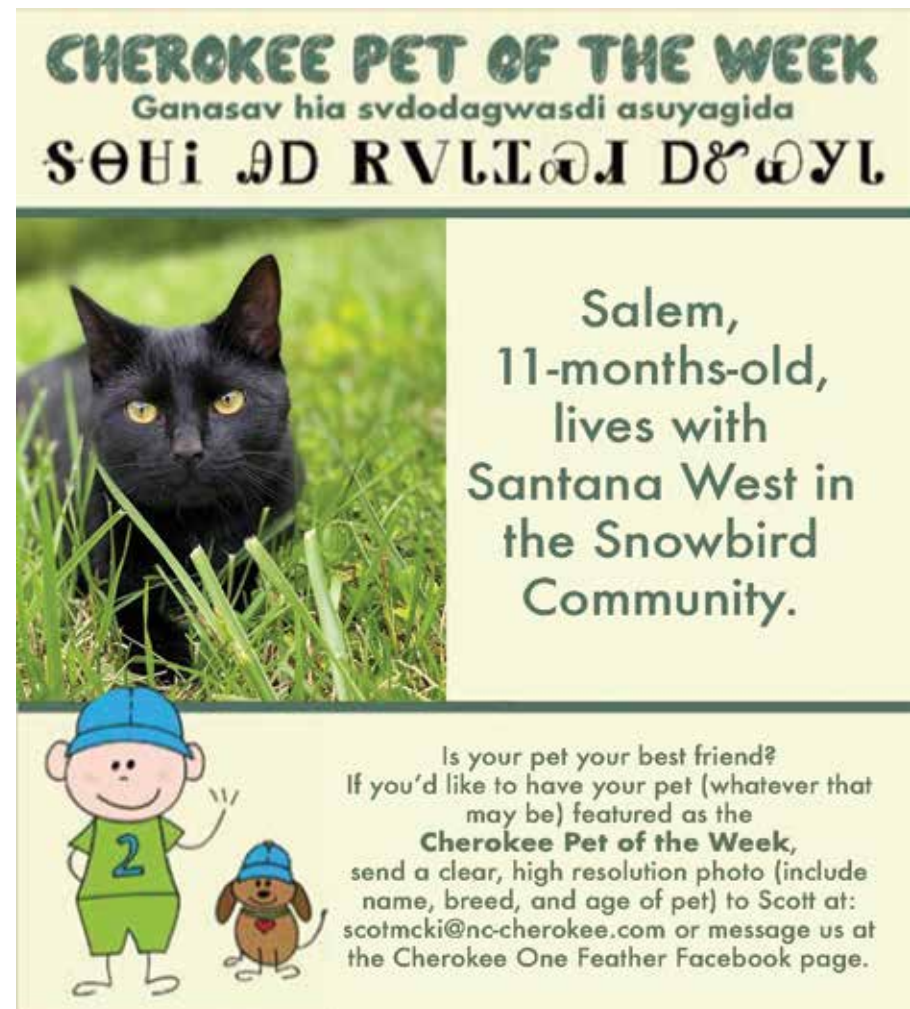
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TSALAGI MINUTE

Lloyd Arneach Sr., an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Yellowhill Community, is a nationally-known storyteller. He has told stories at the Kennedy Center, National Folklife Festival (Washington, D.C.), the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian (Washington, D.C.), the Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival (Canada), festivals, schools, universities, Pow Wows, theaters, and other venues throughout the United States. He is also the author of several books of Cherokee stories. He received the Mountain Heritage Award from Western Carolina University in September, 2011.

- Source: Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc. and Cherokee One Feather

Lloyd Arneach Sr.
(SCOTT MCKIE B.P. One Feather staff)



CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida
SŌHī ʌD RVLŬŬJ DŌŬYL

Salem,
11-months-old,
lives with
Santana West in
the Snowbird
Community.

Is your pet your best friend?
If you'd like to have your pet (whatever that may be) featured as the
Cherokee Pet of the Week,
send a clear, high resolution photo (include name, breed, and age of pet) to Scott at:
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throughout the community to give tribal members and residents of the Qualla Boundary increased access to critical technology to support tele-education, tele-medicine, and tele-work functionality.”

Other funding allocations include: tribal member basic needs, \$5,187,500 (8 percent); supplies, equipment, and facilities, \$5,625,000 (9 percent); tribal member financial assistance (\$6,550,000 (10 percent); entity allocations, \$24,790,191 (39 percent); business stimulus, \$1,200,000 (2 percent); and reserve for future use, \$1,612,117 (3 percent).

Secretary Blankenship added, “Our goal is to ensure the highest and best use of these funds. We are very blessed, as a tribal nation, to be in the position we are in and the CARES Act funding helps

ensure we have the best resources possible to assist our citizens in navigating this evolving public health crisis. We know there are many obstacles that lie ahead for our community and the nation. We greatly appreciate our citizens’ patience as we work to expand and enhance programming to serve the needs of our community.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented in a video presentation on the Tribe’s CARES Act funding, “We have gone about this in the same way that we go about everything else with two things in mind. The number one being strategic and number two being a good steward.”

Information from the Office of the Principal Chief outlines some of the Tribe’s CARES Act assistance programs including:

• **Lighten Up Assistance Fund**

(**EBCI Family Support Program 359-6092**)

– \$500 one-time electricity bill payment assistance

– Must live within five-county service area of Tribe

– One payment per household

– No dependency nor income requirements

• **TANF Program expansions (EBCI TANF 497-4317)**

– \$300 per person in monthly payments

– Must be actively seeking and applying for employment and must have been laid-off, furloughed, or out-of-work

– Must have custody of minor(s) or be age 60+

• **Burial Assistance Program (EBCI Family Support Program 359-6092)**

– \$3,000 in additional funeral funding and death must be attributed to COVID-19

– No residency requirement

• **Caregivers Assistance Fund (EBCI Family Safety Program 359-1520)**

– \$500 one-time payment for foster parents to care for a COVID-19 positive child

– No residency requirement

• **Minor Assistance Program (EBCI Finance 359-6000)**

– \$500 one-time payment per EBCI enrolled minor living in the home as of Aug. 1

– Applicant for assistance must be primary care provider

• **Executive COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Program (Office of the Principal Chief 359-7002 or Office of the Vice Chief 359-7005)**

– \$300 weekly payment for individuals with additional \$50 per child amount up to four children

– Must be advised to quarantine or isolate due to a positive COVID-19 test or direct contact

– Must be ineligible for paid time off

• **Higher Education Emergency Fund (EBCI Higher Education Program 359-6650)**

– Student must be negatively affected by COVID-19

– Assistance for state quarantine requirements with additional requests considered

• **Housing Assistance Program (EBCI Housing & Community Development 359-6906)**

– Waived rental fees from Housing and Qualla Housing for laid-off, furloughed, or tenants directed to quarantine or isolate

EBCI 2021 Tribal Election information

It is time to start registering to vote if you have turned 18 since the last election. If you have moved communities, you need to update your card to be registered in that community.

Registration will close on Friday, May 7, 2021 and will reopen on June 7, 2021.

If you need to register to vote or make changes to your voter registration, you will need your ID and you may call your Election Board member who can meet you to let you register.

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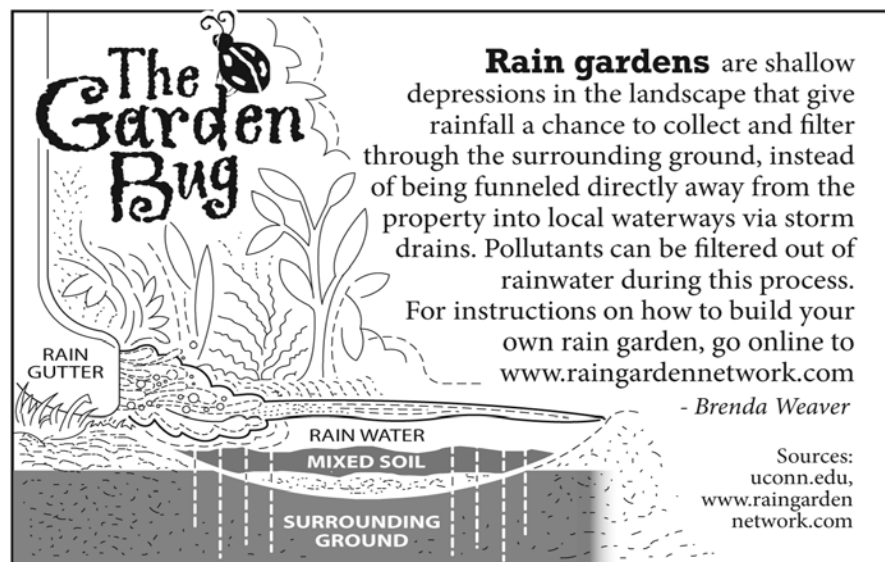
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Budget Council overview from Tuesday, Aug. 4

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Tribal Council tackled an agenda of 14 items, on topics ranging from agriculture to enrollment in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), during its Budget Council session on the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Officials from the University of North Carolina at Asheville submitted legislation, Res. No. 226 (2020), acknowledging that the land the university is built on is historically Cherokee. The legislation passed unanimously and was read into the record by EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver.

"The University of North Carolina at Asheville acknowledges, with respect, that the land we are on today is ancestral land of the Anikituwagi, more commonly known as the Cherokee," the resolution states. "We recognize the Cherokee as the native people and original stewards of this land. To the Anikituwagi, this land was known as Togiyasdi, Where they Race..."

The resolution continues, "We acknowledge that an act of recognition is not enough to overcome the settler-colonial history that has attempted to eradicate Indigenous people from the history and consciousness of these lands. The Eastern Band of Cherokee and UNC Asheville seek to affirm our work together to ensure a strong relationship rooted in relevancy, responsibility, respect, and reciprocity."

UNC Asheville Chancellor Dr. Nancy J. Cable, addressed Council, "We are partners and have been, and over the many years that the Cherokee suffered at the hands of

settlers and European influence, I want you all to know that the University of North Carolina Asheville is deeply connected to bringing that history alive always – not just for our Cherokee students who are always welcome on our campus, but for all of our other students. We are deeply committed to growing the already strong program on the campus to include more Native students and also to keep the language alive and flourishing..."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented that around 20 EBCI students are currently attending the university. "There's a real sense of community at UNCA. It's a great fit for our students."

Watson Harlan, an EBCI tribal member and UNCA alumni, helped to present the legislation.

Council voted unanimously to kill a resolution, submitted by a Texas man who was recently enrolled with the Tribe after having been adopted as an infant. Brandon Brake submitted Res. No. 222 (2020) whereby he requested "financial assistance from the Tribe to recover past per-capita distributions he missed due to being unaware of the Tribe and not yet being enrolled".

Information in the resolution stated that Brake was adopted in Long Island, N.Y. in 1972 and "has attempted for years to locate his biological parents, but was unable to do so until 2020". Brake, along with his 16-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter were all subsequently enrolled with the Tribe.

Cherokee Code Section 16C-4(e) was referenced in the denial of Brake's resolution and covers people who were enrolled as infants and subsequently adopted out of the Tribe. Brake does

not fit that criteria.

Vice Chairman David Wolfe made the motion to kill the resolution and noted, "(Section) 16C is pretty specific on the process, and I don't think he's going to qualify being enrolled as an adult and not as a minor. I hate that for him, but I'd like to welcome him to the Tribe and his membership to the Tribe. Any future benefits, he certainly would be entitled to. I don't think the resolution is in line with the ordinance."

During the session, Council also approved appointments to Boards including the re-appointment of Stacy Leeds to the Kituwah Economic Development Board and the appointment of Manuel Hernandez to the Atlanta Braves Cultural Advisory Committee.

Council also approved grant submission requests from several programs.

Res. No. 220 (2020), submitted by EBCI Grants Compliance on behalf of the EBCI Natural Resources Program, was passed unanimously and allows the Natural Resources Program to apply and accept grant funding to purchase a walk-behind cultivator known as a power ox. The \$5,000 grant would be from Farm Credit Carolina and does not require any in-kind monies nor grant match.

"...in purchasing this equipment, our staff will be able to expand our plant offerings while reducing our chemical input into the environment," the resolution states. "This project will have an impact on the EBCI, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, and the Cherokee Nation seed bank collaboration."

Res. No. 221 (2020), submit-

ted by EBCI Grants Compliance on behalf of the Dora Reed Children's Center, Big Cove Children's Center, and the Qualla Boundary Head Start and Early Head Start, was passed unanimously and allows those programs to apply and accept grant funding from the state for nutritional meals and snacks. The \$234,566 in grant funds would come from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

The resolution states, "...the Dora Reed Children's Center, Big Cove Children's Center, and QBHS/EHS program agrees to continue to provide required training with staff covering menu planning, nutrition planning, purchasing, record keeping, filing for claims and reimbursements, meal patterns and counts, civil rights, and monitoring as well as assurance that none of the responsible principles, providers, and facilities are on the National Disqualified List..."



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CCS working with the Tribe to solve remote learning issues

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The Monday, Aug. 3 meeting of the Cherokee Central Schools Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Board Chair Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Ike Long; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; Board members Gloria Griffin, Karen French-Browning, and Regina Ledford Rosario; School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle; HR Director Heather Driver; Superintendent Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Beverly Payne; and Wolfetown Tribal Council representative Chelsea Saunooke present.

It was a short meeting for the School Board, and most of the discussion was focused on one thing – remote learning. They wished to address the need for expanded services and online access. To do this, they had Director of EBCI Destination Marketing Mike Parker and Director of EBCI Communications

Chris McCoy in to talk about internet options moving forward.

“We got funding two years ago to develop a public access Wi-Fi system. That public access Wi-Fi system is a system of radios that stretches from Granny’s Kitchen up to the Village and Drama area, up to the flame across from Saunooke Village,” said Parker.

He said that it was initially planned to be used as a tourism asset, but recent events have shifted plans.

“Long story short, COVID hit. That kind of pushed all of our marketing efforts this year back,” said Parker.

“What that does is that we also have an opportunity to have that access available for our students if need be.”

McCoy and the Board discussed different locations that might work for hot spot areas. The plan is to choose multiple easy access locations throughout the Boundary.

Chairperson Thompson asked

them if they had plans for kids that live in more remote areas of Cherokee.

Parker said that part of this project would be to finish the job that Tribal IT started years ago with installing fiber. He said that IT runs fiber to most community buildings, but that it had never been hooked up. He’s hoping that the community buildings can also become hubs for internet.

Another piece of the puzzle is funding. Parker said that because of the recent funding through the CARES Act, the Tribe has additional funds to assist in COVID-19 related matters. Given that the school is operating in a remote learning setting due to the pandemic, Parker says that this project would then qualify for using the funds.

The Board then shifted attention to the consent agenda. It only held two resolutions. There were no objections and they were quickly passed. They set in place the following:

- Moriah Chavis approved for increase to Level 5 beginning school year 2020-21.

- Policy 7100 Recruitment and Selection of personnel be revised to define the term in-house employees.

There was only one piece of new business for the Board, and that was to address some policy changes to Title IX. This implements new policies and administrative regulations regarding sexual harassment, bullying, and discrimination. These additions were passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board finished the meeting in a closed session, stating that no decisions would be made in the session.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 17 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings are currently being held in the school’s Chief Joyce Cultural Arts Center to assist with social distancing.



Commercial Gaming Roundtable discussion transcription

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

Director of EBCI Communications Chris McCoy sat down with Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, and Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe recently to discuss new opportunities in commercial gaming.

McCoy: Chief, I want to open up with you to talk about that opportunity and some of the things that happened in the last Council.

Sneed: Collectively, Tribal Council and Tribal Leadership Executive Committee, we've been looking for some time at other opportunities. Investment opportunities to grow the Tribe's revenue. And one of the areas where we've been paying particularly close attention to is commercial gaming. That are a lot of opportunities opening up around in the Southeast, and we want to be involved in that.

M: What is the definition of commercial gaming?

S: Commercial gaming is different from Indian gaming in the sense of who regulates it. So, Indian gaming is regulated by the Federal government under IGRA and under NIGC, the National Indian Gaming Commission. And, of course, locally we have our regulatory body, the Tribal Game Commission. Commercial gaming is regulated by the state. Each state, they make their own rules on as far as the amount of revenue that goes to the state, taxation, rules for licensure. But it's regulated by the state, so there's a state gaming commission that oversees those operations.

M: What does economic diversity mean in your communities, and why is it important?

Wolfe: First thing that comes to mind is the health care costs keep going up with the population rising, and those costs are coming by gaming funds. There are opportunities, the

school system. You can look around Cherokee and see what we've done with our gaming funds. We've done an awesome job creating a new hospital, a new school, of course it's ten years old but it's new to us and it was far better than what we had. That higher education fund for our kids going to school for four years, that's awesome.

M: Chairman, in Snowbird you have a little different economy, being kind of like a satellite community. How important has Indian gaming money been for your community?

Wachacha: It's really done really well overall. The programs have grown over the years. We got a new complex that is planned to be built in the next two years. So, the programs are expanding, as well as into Cherokee County. But for the community itself, it's provided a lot more job opportunities in both communities.

M: How important is it for you to make sure we're protecting that money and getting the best return on investment?

Wachacha: I feel it's very important in the fact that we can't be stagnant. And when we look at trying to expand our operations, because the Tribe – as the Vice Chairman spoke on – is growing. So, with that growing need we need to make sure that we have accommodations at every level. From the frontline employees all the way up to supervisor and manager levels throughout the Tribe and all of its entities. Wolfe: For me, I look back in history. I go back to just see what the Tribe relied on before gaming. It was basically tourism and Tribal levy. We've come a long way from that. I think it's our job and our duty to look for other opportunities outside of that and keep in mind that we still have our tourism industry and still like people to come to Cherokee and visit. But we still have to look at other opportunities.

M: While we're talking about these expenses and getting out into other industries, we're not talking about leaving behind what we have here, right?

W: No, we want to enhance that and always promote our culture and Cherokee.

M: Vice Chief, what's your experience

with opportunities taken by other tribes?

Ensley: There's been several tribes in the Southeast that's got into commercial gaming and it's done well for themselves, and their tribes, and their members. The Tribe, we've talked about diversifying over the years, and it's a great time for us to get into the market now. As David and Adam said, we got to sustain the revenue to keep our services to our people intact.

M: Chief, why commercial gaming?

S: Well, one of the conversations we have often in Council when we're looking at investment opportunities, is what's the return on investment? What's the ROI? There's not another industry that you can get into that is going to give you the ROI that gaming will give you. Indian gaming under IGRA, it's very difficult to expand that. We have a third gaming license we haven't activated, mainly because we don't have any place to activate it at this point. But commercial gaming allows us to get the most return on investment. When you think about spending a dollar and how much we want to get back per dollar, an eight to ten percent return on investment is good. But when you can get margins that are double digits, that's a much better investment.

M: How do we get into commercial gaming?

S: In the last Council session, Council passed a resolution to engage with a firm, Innovation Capital, they've done over nine billion dollars in casino deals over the last twenty years. The Vice Chief mentioned other tribes, Poarch Band of Creek, some of their acquisitions. Bethlehem Sands up in Pennsylvania. They also got into some hospitality and gaming up in Aruba, down in the Caribbean. They own two properties, Innovation Capital helped broker both of those.

M: So, we're working with an experienced group here?

S: Oh, absolutely. So, we're engaged with them. Next steps, they will bring opportunities to us. They'll help us vet those opportunities, and then they'll help us negotiate a deal for any acquisition that we may do.

M: David, how important is it that we take the Tribal dollar and get the biggest return on that dollar?

Wolfe: It's very important to take care of those assets. We've been entrusted with those assets and those dollars to increase those dollars to the fullest potential.

M: Is this the area we need to focus on for economic diversity?

Wachacha: I believe so. Just due to the fact that this Tribe has done really well in Indian gaming and it's something I feel that we can expand into the commercial gaming field. So, that would provide a lot of opportunity away from here and back here at home. We could see Cherokee grow as well as the surrounding counties even more.

M: Vice Chief, how do you keep the public at ease?

E: I think it's real important that all the Tribal leaders get out into the community clubs. I've seen over the past three years, just with Council members, the Chief, Vice Chief, us going to every community club meeting. If it's two or three people or fifty people, we got to be out there giving them all the information that they need to understand the best we can understand. We take the information we get from the experts that we hire and put that out into the community so they can better understand where we're trying to get to.

M: What do we do now?

S: I want to touch on one thing first. When we talk about return on investment, I think it's important for our citizens to understand that there's a long term, more conservative approach which we also do. So, we have the endowments, by Tribal law there's a percentage of revenue goes into those. That's more of a long-term investment strategy. This is something that more, I don't want to say short term, but you tend to get a greater return on investment immediately. Where our long-term investments, percentagewise it's a smaller return but it's a much more conservative approach. It's kind of the long game and the short game.

M: We're able to get into this industry

fairly quickly?

S: Yes, we are.

M: Would these be established-type facilities?

S: What we're looking at, and you have to look at it in these terms too, is you have a green field and brown field. Green field would be a brand-new development, much like when we did Murphy. We started from scratch, did the sitework, and built a brand-new facility. That would be considered a green field. Brown field is an existing facility. You purchase it, you take over operations, and keep right on rolling.

M: And typically you have cash flow immediately, so you're able to keep that business moving.

S: And that's a great way to frame it too. You're actually buying cash flow.

M: Where can people reach out if they have concerns?

S: I think the Vice Chief hit on it. It's incumbent upon us as leaders - all of Tribal Council, Chief, Vice Chief - to be engaged with the community. You know, one of the conversations we have fairly regularly is how important it is for us as leaders to be highly educated on the issue. Whatever the issue is. So that we can then convey that information to our citizenry. It's a little bit difficult now, because community clubs, most of them aren't meeting. If people have questions, feel free to call. I'm happy to field any questions. I know my colleagues here are the same way. We understand people have concerns. We live in a time now that's very challenging because there's so much misinformation put out there on social media. And unfortunately, even if you put good information out there it's kind of hard to combat. It just kind of takes on a life of its own. My preference would be is if someone has questions, call. We're happy to answer those at whatever opportunity we have, given the environment that we have with COVID right now not being able to have large gatherings. To get our information out we will do that.

M: Subject matter experts are handling this, is that correct?

S: Correct, and so that was the main purpose

of engaging with Innovation Capital. To answer your question from earlier, what the next steps? Next, we will have to begin looking at developing an enterprise board to oversee operations. Because when we're talking about moving into other states, as I mentioned earlier, the state determines what the criteria is for who can actually be in that position. So, there's a very deep vetting process, deep background checks, that sometimes take up to six months. Just to get somebody cleared to be in a position of oversight. So, that will be something that will be coming forward as well. There will be an ordinance, a proposed ordinance, to create a separate enterprise board to oversee operations.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. How many times did Iceland's Magnus Ver Magnusson win the title of World's Strongest Man?

2. How many consecutive scoreless innings did the Los Angeles Dodgers' Orel Hershiser pitch during his record-breaking streak in 1988?

3. What boxer handed Joe Louis his first loss as a pro with a 12th-round knockout at Yankee Stadium in 1936?

4. Former NFL running back O.J. Simpson played the character of T.D. Parker in what football sitcom that aired on HBO from 1984-91?

5. Nine-time NBA All-Star and 1996 NBA Defensive Player of the Year Gary Payton was known by what nickname?

6. The California Commotion, Aussie Peppers, Chicago Bandits and Cleveland Comets are teams competing in what women's pro sports league?

7. What two Chicago Bears greats had their jersey numbers retired at halftime of a 33-6 loss to the Green Bay Packers on a windy, rainy Halloween night at Soldier Field in 1994?

Answers

1. Four (1991, 1994-96).

2. 59.

3. Max Schmeling.

4. "1st & Ten."

5. "The Glove."

6. National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) softball.

7. Dick Butkus and Gale Sayers.

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Analenisgi moved into new locations last week

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The Analenisgi program opened in a new location, at the Cherokee Indian Hospital campus, last week. Analenisgi Adult Outpatient and Recovery Center Services opened at the new location on Thursday, Aug. 6, and Analenisgi Child and Family Services opened on Friday, Aug. 7.

“There will be no lapse in service as services transition to the new facility,” said Freida Saylor, Analenisgi director of behavioral services. “In the near future, we are hoping to have expanded medication assisted treatment options. Face-to-face services are still limited

due to COVID-19, but the priorities around in-person groups and meetings will be based on need.”

Analenisgi Outpatient will be located downstairs in the facility, and the Analenisgi Inpatient Unit will be upstairs. Precautions are being followed due to COVID-19 said Saylor. “If it is during business hours, patients can call to follow up on services and crisis walk-in hours are available. After hours, we have an on-call number (Adult: 269-0301, Child: 736-9797). Analenisgi can do a lot of services on the phone. So, if there are barriers for people coming in, they do a lot of services via telephone.”

Analenisgi Adult Outpatient and Recov-

ery Center Services is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with Walk-In Adult Hours being Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info: Therapy Services, Suboxone, BH/Substance Use Assessments 497-9163 ext. 7550; BH Medication Management Appointment/Follow-up 497-9163 ext. 7529.

Analenisgi Child and Family Services is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with Walk-in Child Hours being Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info: 497-9163 ext. 6549.

Information from CIHA states, “Outpatient Child Services will be relocated to their own office to the left of the Immediate Care Center (ICC) near the end of the Casino Parking lot.”

Gov. Cooper announces five more weeks of Phase II

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The State of North Carolina will remain in Phase II of COVID-19 re-opening for at least five more weeks. Gov. Roy Cooper made the announcement during a press conference on the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Some of the main components of Phase II include: restaurants at 50 percent capacity; bars and night clubs closed; barbers, salons, and personal care businesses at 50 percent capacity; theaters, indoor music venues, bowling alleys, skating rinks, etc. are closed; gyms and fitness studios closed; playgrounds closed; pools open with restrictions; and gatherings are limited to 25 people outdoors and 10 people indoors.

Gov. Cooper spoke of better numbers but said it is important to remain cautious. “Stable

is good, but decreasing (numbers) is better. While we are seeing stabilization of our numbers, that doesn’t mean we can let up. We know this stability is fragile, and these trends can change quickly if we let down our guards.”

He said the mask mandate is working. “Experts believe our mandatory mask order stabilized our numbers. And, just last week, we added a curfew on alcohol sales to keep restaurants from turning into bars which are high-transmission areas.”

Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services, agreed, “My glimmer of hope remains as we see subtle signs of progress. This is a testament to the hard work people have been doing across the state from our health care workers providing care in extreme weather conditions to the labs who have brought down test result turn-around times and to the many North Carolinians who

are always wearing a face covering in public.”

She went on to say, “Here, in North Carolina, we continue to take a measured approach making decisions based on the best available evidence and data that we have.”

Dr. Cohen said that while she feels the safety measures are working, it is important to continue with them. “While overall, we’re seeing signs of stability, we still have much work to do. Our recent trends show what is possible when we commit to slowing the spread, wearing face coverings, and following those simple, but powerful three Ws.”

Gov. Cooper started Wednesday’s press conference by speaking of the 2,050 people statewide who have passed away due to COVID-19. “They are more than numbers on a chart. They are North Carolinians who are missed dearly, and, we continue to pray for their families.”



COVID HOTLINE

497-3743

Jackson County confirms fourth and fifth COVID deaths

The Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH) has confirmed that two recent deaths in Jackson County resident are related to COVID-19, bringing the total COVID-19 deaths in the county to five. The first individual was between the ages of 65-74 years of age and had underlying health conditions. The second individual was greater than 75-years-old with underlying health conditions.

Since the individuals had underlying health conditions, JCDPH investigated the death and was able to confirm that COVID-19 was a contributing factor. To protect the families' privacy, no further information about the individual will be released.

Following the fifth reported

death, Deputy Health Director Melissa McKnight released a statement on Wednesday, Aug. 5, "An additional death is devastating not only to the family and loved ones of this individual but also to our community. Please use our best public health tools to slow the spread of this virus and protect those who are most vulnerable in our community - stay home if you can and if you must go out, follow the three Ws."

- Jackson Co. Dept. of Public Health

CIPD Arrest Report for July 26 – Aug. 1, 2020

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.

Taylor, Derrick Kyle – age 27

Arrested: July 26

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Burglary

Bigwitch, Jacob – age 24

Arrested: July 28

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Domestic Violence, Kidnapping, Assault on a Female, Reckless Endangerment, Robbery

Armachain, Albirida Ann – age 46

Arrested: Aug. 1

Released: Aug. 1

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Braun, Randall Wyatt – age 25

Arrested: Aug. 1

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Assault on a Female; False Imprisonment; Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order; Injuring Telephone Wires, Wires, or Other Communication Equipment; Interfering with Emergency Communication

Kalonaheskie, Gavin Rodrick – age 28

Arrested: Aug. 1

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (three counts)

Pheasant Sr., Thomas Eugene – age 42

Arrested: Aug. 1

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: False Imprisonment, Kidnapping, Assault on a Female

Rosario, Loretta Lynn – age 51

Arrested: Aug. 1

Released: Aug. 1

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance



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Park to receive millions in maintenance backlog funding

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The Great Smoky Mountains National Park will soon be able to get to work on some maintenance issues due to federal funding approved in recent bi-partisan legislation. The Great American Outdoors Act, signed into law by President Trump on Tuesday, Aug. 4., will permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund and provide up to \$9.5 billion “to support deferred maintenance projects on federal lands” in the next five years.

Cassius Cash, Great Smoky Mountains National Park superintendent, said, “We are grateful for this opportunity to address long-standing maintenance needs in the Smokies. We are standing at the ready with a project list in hand and a plan to efficiently put these funds to good use in the Smokies. And, I can assure you that we’ll make the most of every dollar.”

Park officials noted there are more than \$200 million in maintenance needs with the greatest being water treatment/wastewater systems, administrative and public buildings, and transportation corridors (roads, bridges, and tunnels). A total of 13 water and wastewater systems in the Park, installed between 1940-60, have been deemed in need of a full replacement at an estimated cost of over \$41 million.

The Park’s roadways - including over 300 miles of roads, six tunnels, and 146 bridges - are also in need of repair said officials who noted that could run over \$162 million. Officials also noted that the Park’s maintenance and administrative buildings, most of which were built in the 1950s, need repair or replacement at an estimated cost of over \$67 million.

Another building being looked at for replacement is the Sugarlands Visitor Center which Park officials note was built in a by-

gone era when annual visitation was between 5 to 6 million people. According to the National Park Service, over 12.5 million people visited the Park last year. A new facility is estimated to cost around \$25 million.

“The facility does not provide enough space to adequately provide opportunities for people to receive information for trip planning and to learn about Park resources,” said Dana Soehn, Park spokesperson. “A new visitor center is estimated to cost approximately \$25 million and would be designed to serve visitors into the next century.”

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) in a statement, “North Carolina is home to some of the most beautiful national parks including the Great Smoky Mountains and the Blue Ridge Parkway. I am proud to have co-sponsored this bipartisan legislation and get it signed into law so we can preserve our parks and allow our kids and

grandkids to enjoy them in their best form.”

Conservation groups praised the bill as well.

“You cannot overstate the importance of this bill and what it will mean for national parks, public lands, and communities across the country,” Theresa Pierson, National Parks Conservation Association president and chief executive officer, said in a statement. “This is the largest investment our country has made in our national parks and public lands in more than 50 years, and it comes not a moment too soon.”

She added, “With this passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, our parks’ crumbling roads, decaying buildings, and outdated water systems will be fixed, more than 100,000 people will have much-needed jobs, and every American, no matter where they live, will have more access to outdoor spaces. This bill is a conservationist’s dream.”

Lambert sentenced to 45 months for stabbing

ASHEVILLE – George Allan Lambert, 48, of Cherokee, was sentenced on Thursday, Aug. 6 to 45 months in prison and three years of supervised release for stabbing a victim with a knife, announced Andrew Murray, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

On Nov. 5, 2019, a jury convicted Lambert of assault resulting in serious bodily injury, and assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to do bodily harm.

Chief Doug Pheasant of the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) joined U.S. Attorney Murray in making Thursday’s announcement.

According to filed documents, evidence presented at trial and witness testimony, on May 2, 2019, Lambert and the victim were visiting a residence in Swain County, within Indian Country. Over the course of

the evening, Lambert quarreled with the victim, after Lambert accused the victim of stealing his money. During the argument, Lambert took out a knife and stabbed and sliced the victim multiple times in his shoulder and torso area. According to court records, the victim sustained heavy blood loss and required emergency surgery and more than 30 stitches as a result of the wounds inflicted by Lambert.

Following the stabbing incident, Lambert fled the scene. CIPD arrested Lambert shortly thereafter. Lambert is currently in federal custody and will be transferred to the custody of the federal Bureau of Prisons upon designation of a federal facility.

In making the announcement, U.S. Attorney Murray thanked CIPD for their investigation of this case. Assistant United States Attorney John Pritchard, of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Asheville, prosecuted the case.

- U.S. Dept. of Justice release

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Photo courtesy of Tsali Care Center

Landon Strohm, right, presents an iPad to Donna Stephens, Tsali Care Center administrator, as a donation to the entire center for all residents to use to Face Time family and friends during the current COVID-19 quarantine. The donation occurred at the Center on Friday, Aug. 7.

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Cowee School seeks input for Cherokee Exhibit

The Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center is creating an exhibit for the Cherokee Room, to tell the story of Cherokee people at Cowee and in the Little Tennessee River Valley. The school is seeking input from the public about the exhibit.

"This is a place for the Cherokees to tell their story," said Stacy Guffy, director of the Center. "And this story is part of who we are in Cowee, for the more than one hundred enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who live in Macon County as well as for the local families with Cherokee ancestry."

Cherokee people and their ancestors have lived in Macon County for more than 14,000 years, but were forced to give up their land here in the Treaty of 1819. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians purchased Cowee Mound in 2007 and the Hall Mountain tract next to it in 2010. Their history and culture are an important part of the National Historic District at Cowee, along with African-American history at Snow Hill Church and Anglo-American settler history in the area.



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Stacy Guffy, Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center director, right, and Juanita Wilson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, unveil information panels, part of a set of cultural kiosks, at Cowee Mound during an event at Cowee School on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 21, 2018.

What would you like to learn about Cowee from the exhibit? What questions do you have about the Cherokees at Cowee and in Macon County? What artifacts should be included?

"We get a lot of questions from visitors about daily life at Cowee before European contact," said Guffy. He notes that Cherokee and

English language will be used in all materials, in order to help with revitalization efforts for Cherokee, which is an endangered language.

In addition to welcoming ideas and input for the exhibit, Cowee School invites community members to consider loaning artifacts in private collections from the Cowee area. There is no

law against picking up artifacts on private, county, or state land, and any collections would remain the property of the owners.

Barbara R. Duncan, former education director at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, is coordinating plans for the exhibit, which has been funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. She is coordinating input from the public, from scholars, and from the Cherokee community as well as conducting research.

Share your input with the school by Tuesday, Aug. 25. Send email to: maconheritagecenter@gmail.com. Send comments by regular mail to Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center, 51 Cowee School Drive, Franklin NC 28734.

The Cowee Arts and Heritage Center is a non-profit organization supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, Macon County, the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, and donations from individuals. Find out more at www.coweeshool.org

- Cowee Arts and Heritage Center
release

Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors nomination information

A Club Member is any person who is: (1) 18 years of age or older and, (2) an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, or (3) has attended Cherokee Central School, or is (4) a current or former employee, with at least two years of full time vested employment, of the Cherokee Boys Club.

Any Club Member may nominate himself or herself or any other Club Member to run. Each member may nominate as many candidates as they wish. To make nomina-

tions, complete a nomination blank and put it in the nomination box which will be at the Club Information Desk from Aug. 10-14. Nominations submitted on anything except an official nomination form will be discarded. Those nominated will be contacted to see if they are willing to run. If you are not already a Club member, you must obtain a membership card.

COVID-19 precautions – you must wear a mask to enter the CBC front lobby. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you. If you are sick, please do not come in.

Info: Beth Grant 497-9101

- Cherokee Boys Club



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Beloved Women Committee seeking nominations

The Beloved Women Committee is seeking nominations for the title of Cherokee Beloved. Guidelines and nomination packets can be picked at the Chiefs office or via email with request to committee chair Kim Smith at ksmit102@gmail.com. Nominations and supplemental documents will be accepted Aug. 1 through Oct. 1 at 4:30 p.m. Please speak with nominee to ensure willingness to accept Beloved title and requirements prior to nomination submission.

- Beloved Women Committee

Cherokee Senior Citizens Program meal pick-up

Effective immediately, drive through meal pick-up is reserved for eligible persons only (no one under the age of 59 1/2). Meals cannot be purchased. As a reminder, all eligible persons must call before 10 a.m. Monday –

Thursday.

All regular home-bound meal deliveries remain the same.

- Cherokee Senior Citizens Program

EBCI Enrollment deadline notice for new applicants

In order to be considered for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) December 2020 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for new applicants must be submitted to the EBCI Enrollment Office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Enrollment applications received after this date and time will not be considered for the December 2020 distribution.

An application will only be considered complete with a county or state certified birth certificate, certified DNA results and certification of all other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment for DNA please call Michelle Stiles 359-

6463.

DNA testing must be collected by Wednesday, Aug. 26 for the results to be in by Sept. 15. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be returned by the deadline.

Applications may be obtained from the Enrollment Office located at 808 Acquoni Rd. or at www.ebci.com. Info: EBCI Enrollment Office 359-6465

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Beware of suspicious seeds from China

Recently, the USDA acknowledged being aware of people across the country receiving suspicious, unsolicited packages of seeds that appear to be coming from China. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) is working clothing with the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection, other federal agencies,

and State departments of agriculture to investigate the situation.

If you have received one of these suspicious package of seeds, please immediately contact Joy Goforth, North Carolina Plant Pest administrator (919) 707-3753 or at Joy.Goforth@ncagr.gov or you may contact Joseph Beckwith, USDA State Plant Health director (929) 855-7600 or at Joseph.Beckwith@usda.gov.

- Joseph Owle, EBCI Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources

WNC Communities' Get Counted Program encouraging census participation

Regional nonprofit, WNC Communities, is partnering with active community clubs who participate in the annual WNC Honors Awards Program to assist in getting communities across western North Carolina get counted in the 2020 census.

Director of Community and Agriculture Programs for WNC Communities Terri Wells states, "It is critical that we get all of our community members counted because of the direct impact on funding and services for the next ten years. At this time, western North Carolina is underreported, and we are excited to work in partnership with our community club leaders across Western North Carolina on our 'WNC Communities Get Counted Program' to assist their community members in getting counted. Everyone counts, and we want to ensure that no one is left out. We also appreciate the partnership of Dogwood Health Trust who is providing funding for this program. This funding directly benefits our participating communities across western North Carolina including the communities of the Eastern Band of the

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Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	Early morning and evening.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Yellow Stone, Light Cahill, Sulfur Duns, Female Hendrickson, Yellow Sallies	Rubber Leg Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Red Midge, Eggs & Worms
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	Early morning and evening.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Yellow Stone, Light Cahill, Sulfur Duns, Golden Stones, Yellow Sallies	Yellow Palmer, Light Caddis, Yellow Stimulator, Terrestrials, Soft Hackles, Girdle Bug, Olive Woolly Buggers

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5:30 AM-7:30 AM 5:51 PM-7:51 PM	6:13 AM-8:13 AM 6:35 PM-8:35 PM	6:57 AM-8:57 AM 7:21 PM-9:21 PM	7:45 AM-9:45 AM 8:10 PM-10:10 PM	8:36 AM-10:36 AM 9:03 PM-11:03 PM	9:31 AM-11:31 AM 9:59 PM-11:59 PM	1:00 AM-3:00 AM

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Cherokee Indians.”

Community efforts are underway this summer to assist community members who have not participated in the 2020 Census. Community Club members are not working for nor representing the census. As trusted voices in their communities, they are volunteering to ensure that their community members get counted.

The following community clubs are participating in this program. If you need assistance with completing the 2020 Census form and would like to help your community raise some funds, please contact the following members:

- Snowbird Community Club, Roger Smoker, 735-4959
- Yellowhill Community Club, Virginia Johnson, 788-8659
- Big Y Community Club, Trudy Crowe, 788-5579

- Wolfstown Community Club, Tuff Jackson, 788-4088
- Big Cove Community Club, Lisa Hardesty, 788-1646
- Towstring Community Club, Janice Crutchfield, 497-9330

If you have any questions concerning the 2020 Census or this program, contact Tammy Jackson, EBCI Community Development Coordinator, 359-6934 or tam-mjack@nc-cherokee.com

- WNC Communities release

EBCI Cannabis Commission seeking community input

Tribal Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 215 (2020) on Thursday, July 9 authorizing the Cannabis Commission to submit the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' (EBCI) Hemp Regulatory Plan to the United States Department of Agriculture for a final

federal review and subsequent approval. This action is the result of many years of advocacy and months of intense work by the members of the Cannabis Commission to achieve this milestone.

In effort to gauge the level of tribal resources needed to administer the regulatory authority, the Cannabis Commission would like to solicit feedback from EBCI tribal members that can help determine an adequate organization structure to meet the anticipated needs for permitting. An EBCI Hemp Permit would only be valid on tribal trust land.

The EBCI Hemp Regulatory plan states that in order for an EBCI tribal member to qualify for an EBCI Hemp Permit, they must demonstrate “Evidence of income from a farming operation from the two previous years.” This evidence can be in the form of:

- (1) for individual filers, Schedule F of the Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return;
- (2) For S corporation files, Page 1 and Schedule B, of the Form 1120S, U.S. Income Tax Return for S Corporation;
- (3) For C corporation files, Page 1 and Schedule K, of the Form 1120, U.S. Corporation Income Tax return; and
- (4) For partnership files, Page 1 of the Form 1065, U.S. Return of Partnership Income and Schedule F of the Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

Individual who meet these criteria are invited to submit the following information via mail or mail: name, community, phone number, and email (actively used). Send all paper responses to: Joseph Owle, P.O. Box 1747, Cherokee, NC 28719. Please send all email responses to: joeyowle@nc-cherokee.com.

- EBCI Cannabis Commission



Keyboard-Loving Cat Sees Computer as Rival

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Whenever I'm videoconferencing from home, my cat insists on jumping into my lap and pawing at the screen and the keyboard. If I put him outside the room, he will meow loudly and non-stop until I let him back in. Once the call is finished, he quiets down and goes away. To my co-workers, this is just a funny distraction, but I worry that it will have a negative impression on clients. How can I calm him down? — *Melanie in Pittsburgh*

DEAR MELANIE: This is a tough one that many cat owners have faced. And now that so many of us are exclusively working from home, it's going to continue — unless you take some proactive steps.

Cats jump onto your keyboard because they know it gets your attention. They're not trying to figure out how to write social media posts. They just want you to pay as much attention to them as you do to the laptop screen. And locking a cat out of the room can trigger separation anxiety or just plain frustration that they can't get in to be with you.

Try this: Before a video call, give your cat 10 to 20 minutes of undivided attention. Pet him, play with his favorite toys, scratch his belly. This may help stop or reduce the number of times he jumps into your lap.

Use positive reinforcement to teach your cat to do more of what you want and less of the things you don't want him to do. To learn more about this training method, go to napahumane.org and search for “cats, positive reinforcement training.” Its basic premise is to reward your cat when he does something right.

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John Robert Hornbuckle

John Robert Hornbuckle, 37, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Thursday, July 30, 2020. The son of the late Larry Robert Hornbuckle and the late Judith Ollie Roberts, he is preceded in death by his brother, Nathaniel Shinkman.

John is survived by his fiancé, Amanda Patrick, along with his sister, Jessica George. John also leaves behind his nieces, Kyla and Makayla George, Rosa and Maria Reyes; and nephews, Joshua Hornbuckle and Khadijah Soap.

John was an avid Xbox player, with his current favorite game being Call of Duty, Warfare. One of his favorite pastime activities was riding around with his fiancé and looking at waterfalls. In his

younger days, he enjoyed running and playing basketball. His love of basketball continued into being a Duke Fan.

The family had a private, graveside service for John Robert Hornbuckle on Friday, July 31 at the Hornbuckle Cemetery. Reverend James "Bo" Parris officiated. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

The family would like to give a very special thank you to the Cherokee Fire Department as well as the Cherokee Tribal EMS for all of your assistance, kindness and respect that they have shown throughout this difficult time. All of the love and prayers the family has received is much appreciated.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Jane Lossie Taylor

Jane Lossie Taylor, 83, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020 at St. Joseph's Long Term Care Center in Asheville. She was the daughter of the late John Rome Lossie and Charlotte

(Welch) Lossie of the Big Cove Community.

Jane will be welcomed to her Heavenly home by her husband, Jeff Taylor; her sons, Ted, Michael, and Dennis Taylor; her brothers, Paul, Charlie, Larch, Homer, John-Adam, Noah, and Woodrow; along with her sisters, Mary, Luzene, Frieda, Frances, Martha, Maggie and Dorothy. She will also be reunited with her nephews, Anthony Lossiah, John Russell Lossiah; great nephews, Martin Perez Jr.; great grandson, Mickey J. Meuse; and son-in-law, Richard Meuse Sr..

Jane is survived by her children, son, Jeremiah Taylor; daughter, Cynthia Ann Meuse of the home; brothers, Jack Lossiah (Ruth) and Willard Lossiah. In addition, she is survived by six great grandchildren, eight grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jane was a member of the Straight Fork Baptist Church where she will be remembered for being active in supporting and

showing love for anyone that she came in contact with. As well as a fluent Cherokee Speaker, she was a basket maker and a member of the Qualla Arts and Crafts Cooperative. Jane worked at Barclay Home Products for 30 years before she went to work at the Oconaluftee Indian Village. Later on, she worked at the Grand Hotel. Jane had a wonderful sense of humor that she would share with anyone around her. One of her favorite past times was loafing around and going shopping. Jane was loved by those who knew her. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her and loved her.

Jane was taken to the Lossiah Family Cemetery for graveside service on Friday, Aug. 7 with Reverend James "Bo" Parris officiating. Pallbearers were Earl Martin, Albert Martin, Noland Crowe, John Lossiah, Eddie Bird, Kirk Lossiah, Maury Lossiah, and Dwayne Bird.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Good Housekeeping

Asian Coleslaw

A crisp low-calorie side dish. To cut prep time, use a food processor to slice the cabbage and shred the carrots.

- 1/3 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons Asian sesame oil
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 large head savoy cabbage, thinly sliced and tough ribs discarded
- 1 bag (16 ounces) shredded carrots
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped

1. In large bowl, with wire whisk or fork, mix rice vinegar, vegetable oil, sesame oil and salt.

2. Add cabbage, carrots, green onions and cilantro; toss well. If not serving right away, cover and refrigerate. Makes 16 servings.

• Each serving: About 55 calories, 2g total fat (0g saturated), 0g cholesterol, 260mg sodium, 9g total carbohydrate, 2g protein.

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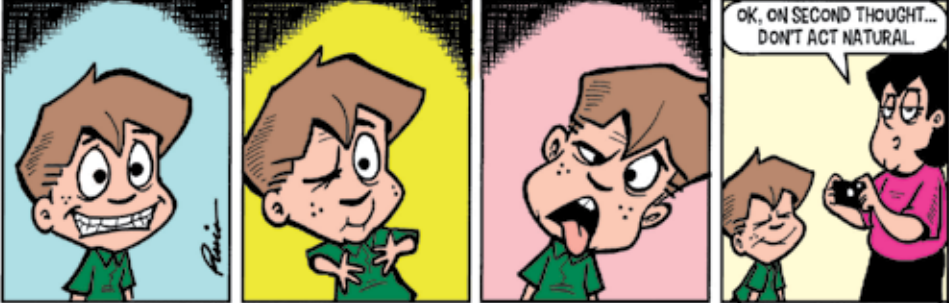
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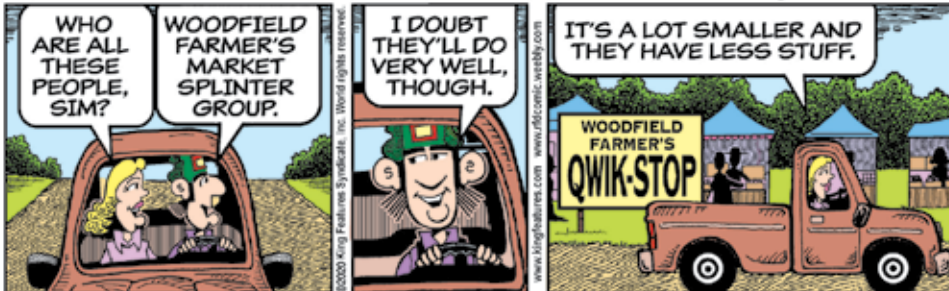
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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

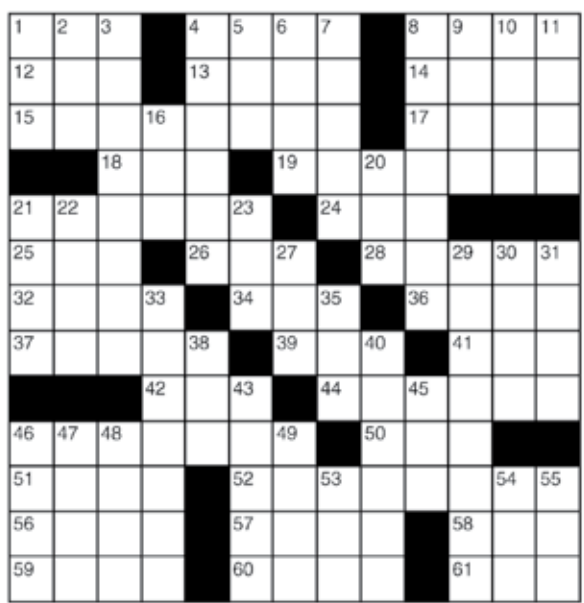
Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tree limb is missing. 2. Swim trunks are different. 3. Walkway is missing. 4. Boy's hair is different. 5. Umbrella handle is gone. 6. Windmill is missing.

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Height of fashion?
 - 4 First victim
 - 8 Expansive
 - 12 Retirement plan acronym
 - 13 Sushi bar soup
 - 14 Grooving on
 - 15 Plaid garment
 - 17 Greek vowels
 - 18 Small barrel
 - 19 Irish overcoats
 - 21 Wunderkind
 - 24 Thither
 - 25 Atmosphere
 - 26 — sauce
 - 28 Florida city
 - 32 Mid-month date
 - 34 Chow down
 - 36 Painter
 - 37 Archaeologist's find
 - 39 Cushion
 - 41 Opposed
 - 42 Plaything
 - 44 Malign
 - 46 Young child
 - 50 Mongrel
 - 51 Hodgepodge
 - 52 Yankee Doodle's feather?
 - 56 Huff and puff
 - 57 "Zounds!"
 - 58 Erstwhile
- DOWN**
- 1 That guy
 - 2 Mound stat
 - 3 Holy fish?
 - 4 Pedro's pals
 - 5 Recycling receptacle
 - 6 Jacob's brother
 - 7 Humble
 - 8 "Platoon"



- acorn
- 9 Initial stake
- 10 Celebrity
- 11 Pitch
- 16 Barbie's companion
- 20 Drunkard
- 21 Twosome
- 22 Stash
- 23 Curly's brother
- 27 Shrill bark
- 29 Coconut cookie
- 30 Senior moment?
- 31 Zits
- 33 Take a chair
- 35 Slight amount
- 38 Army rank (Abbr.)
- 40 Ten-year period
- 43 Sanaa's land
- 45 Bear hair
- 46 Country singer Keith
- 47 — podrida
- 48 A-line designer
- 49 Sitarist's rendition
- 53 Upper limit
- 54 Aye rival
- 55 Mamie's man

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. Is the book of Simeon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 - 2. Whose first chapter begins, "Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab"? Exodus, 2 Kings, Job, Proverbs
 - 3. In Luke 7, where did Jesus raise a widow's son from the dead? Amos, Nain, Lystra, Philippi
 - 4. From Genesis 4, who is considered the father of all musicians? Jeremiah, Joash, Jubal, Job
 - 5. In Luke 1, what was Elisabeth and Zacharias' child named? Elisabeth, Zacharias, Thomas, John
 - 6. From Genesis 12, where did Abram go after leaving Ur? Iconium, Nineveh, Haran, Salem
- "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.
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- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is the only one whose name ends with the letter "Q"?
 - 2. COMICS: What was the name of Dennis the Menace's dog?
 - 3. GOVERNMENT: Which Cabinet department oversees the National Park Service?
 - 4. ANATOMY: What is a common name for metacarpophalangeal joint?
 - 5. SCIENCE: What is absolute zero?
 - 6. MUSIC: Which famous musician's nickname was Bocephus?
 - 7. MOVIES: What was the setting for Alfred Hitchcock's film "The Birds"?
 - 8. ASTRONOMY: Which moon is the largest in our solar system?
 - 9. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin word "veritas" mean?
 - 10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only U.S. president who also served later as chief justice of the Supreme Court?
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Starting school...cautiously

Fall semester at WCU to get underway with care, caution in place

CULLOWHEE – Fall semester 2020 will look different than anything Western Carolina University has experienced before.

Residential living move-in began Saturday, Aug. 1, with carefully coordinated measures of physical distancing, frequent sanitizing and other health measures in place, and no disruptions or problems were experienced, according to Keith Corzine, associate vice chancellor for campus

services. “The smaller numbers of available appointment slots per residence hall allows for a social distanced move-in process that would not otherwise be possible,” he said. “So far, we are extremely pleased with how the move-in process has gone.”

Classes – traditional classroom, online instruction and hybrid delivery – will begin Monday, Aug. 17. For activities with a physical presence, facial coverings will be required and limited gatherings will be the norm, while other events typically associated with the resumption of a semester could be modified or suspended. For example, new students will receive information online about

campus organizations and community resources available to them. A dedicated webpage has been established to keep the campus community and the region updated on WCU functions.

There will be no fall break and the last day of in-person classes will be Friday, Nov. 20. Classes on Monday, Nov. 23, and Tuesday, Nov. 24, which are immediately prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, will be held online. “This schedule maximizes instructional time in the early fall and minimizes the opportunities for students, as well as faculty and staff, to travel away from campus on extended breaks,” said WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown. “This strategy should

reduce exposure to and spread of coronavirus.”

Enrollment for the semester is experiencing some effects from the pandemic, said Phil Caucey, associate vice chancellor for undergraduate enrollment, who is anticipating increased graduate and distance student enrollment. Forecasting enrollment is akin to tracking a tropical depression as it approaches shore – “and in this case, we have to calculate the potential impact of the COVID storm,” he said. “The pandemic potentially could interrupt successive surges the university has experienced in fall total enrollment, if enough students choose to delay or discontinue enrollment, or

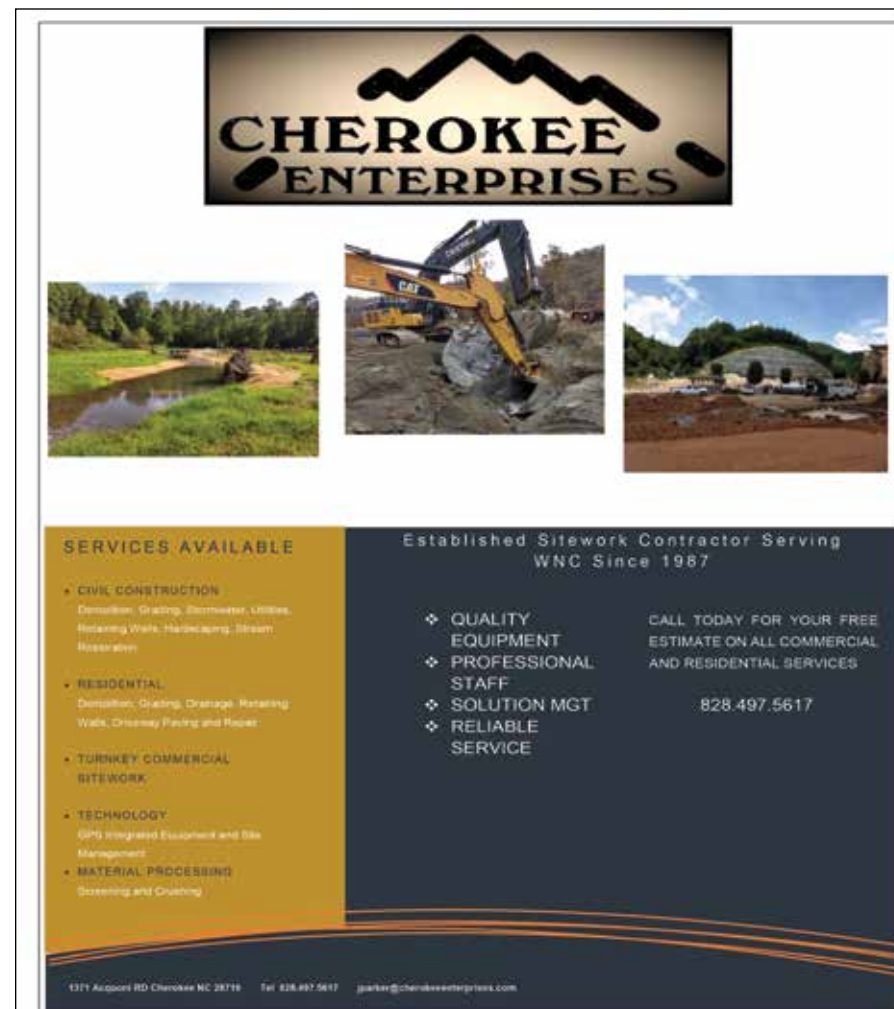


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WCU may yet celebrate surpassing last year's record enrollment of 12,167. Interestingly, we're seeing a bump in applications for spring 2021."

The official fall enrollment numbers will be established Friday, Aug. 28, the census date as specified by the University of North Carolina System.

"Because of the unprecedented challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic and the high priority of both sustaining the well-being of our campus community and implementing the academic mission of WCU, we plan to restrict or cancel most large-venue and mass-gathering programs and events for the fall semester," said Sam Miller, vice chancellor for student affairs. "We will continue to monitor Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state guid-



WCU photo

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ance from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services as the semester unfolds and will make additional changes as warranted by the circumstances."

The first step for returning students, as well as commuter students, faculty and staff, is receiving a "Catamounts Care" packet, which contains reusable cloth face coverings, a large container of sanitizing wipes, a refillable bottle of hand sanitizer, a thermometer and a copy of WCU pandemic standards.

"Cat Tran" campus transportation is again fully operational, with the following restrictions in place:

- Shuttles will run at 50 percent of normal seating capacity to allow social distancing.
- Passengers and drivers will be required to wear a face covering at all times.
- Eating or drinking will not be permitted on buses.
- Plexiglas barriers have been installed between the driver's seat and the passenger seating area.

Shuttle cleaning procedures have been established in accordance with CDC guidelines for public transit.

Such stringent protocols, social distancing and cleaning procedures also have been implemented across campus in public areas, classrooms and offices. Dining halls will have limited seating and provide take-out meals. No outside visitors will be allowed in residence halls and only one guest will be allowed in a residence hall room at a time. Classroom and lab space have been reevaluated, with space between occupants increased and capacity decreased.

WCU is continually updating the general public and campus community on fall 2020 operations at info.wcu.edu/fall2020.

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A new digital billboard has been placed at the intersection of Acquoni Road and Hwy. 19 in Cherokee.

COMMENTARY

We didn't "sign" up for this

ROBERT JUMPER
 ONE FEATHER EDITOR

One of the appealing things about Cherokee is the natural beauty of the homeland. Indeed, all western North Carolina was homeland for the Cherokee people at one time. The concept of land ownership was foreign to most Native Americans. Land could be occupied, but land and nature were resources and ownership was the Creator's. Using more than needed was a strange concept to the indigenous peoples of the North Carolina mountains. If nature did not need to be disturbed for shelter and sustenance, Cherokee people believed that they could do nothing to improve on the work of the Creator and they left it alone.

Now, keep in mind that this is a commentary and made up of my opinion. It is not anyone else's necessarily and definitely not reflective of the opinion of the One Feather or the Tribe; simply the thoughts of one tribal member.

I was mildly curious when, a few weeks ago, traffic in one lane downtown was routed around some construction occurring at the intersection of Hwy 19 and Acquoni Road. You run into those types of things all

the time on streets, and I assumed it was some sort of utility or road repair. They are barely more than a nuisance and are soon cleared so that traffic gets back to normal.

But week after week, this construction continued and in the last week of traffic disruption, large pylon pieces were on the side of the road. After making a few inquiries at work, I was told that this construction was a large digital billboard. And within days of being told what it was, the completed sign was in place. As of this writing, no messaging has appeared on the billboard, but it looks like it is ready to go.

It is a westward-facing sign, so you can't see it when you are driving through town. But, coming east from the direction of Bryson City, driving down the hill to cross the bridge on Hwy 19 into town, the billboard is a large presence and it isn't even lit up yet. From the Cherokee First Baptist Church looking downtown, it would be most prominent looking diagonally across the bridge.

So far, I have asked EBCI Planning, Realty, Attorney General's Office, and the Executive Office about the billboard. The Chief was kind enough to advise that indeed, a variance was granted by the Business Committee to allow the placement of

the billboard. I even reached out to the billboard company through their email customer line, but they did not respond to my inquiry.

The AG's office advised that we (the One Feather) could obtain a copy of the "minutes pertaining to the discussion of the sign". Tribal Realty is the repository for the documentation of the Business Committee meetings. How it is documented is not in the traditional minutes format. Minutes are typically a summary of discussion and actions taken by a body. The Business Committee meetings are documented in word-for-word transcriptions by an outside transcription company located in Asheville. Very similar to a court stenographer, a representative of the company comes to Business Committee meetings and does an audio recording of the meeting, takes those recordings to Asheville and does a verbatim printed version of the meeting to send back to the Tribe. At least that is how I understand the process. Now, it can take weeks or even months for that documentation to return to the Tribe, depending on the workload of the transcription company.

For any tribal member to do research on any issue, like the billboard installation for example, would require patience and tenacity. Materials that should be readily available to the citizenry are kept in such an antiquated format that it could take months to extract the information to be made available. And in the fast-paced world with officials with tens, if not hundreds, of items on their plates, having your request stay top-of-mind with them will be entirely your responsibility.

We make information requests all the time, and with similar results. The delays in the government providing information to the public and to the press can be long and winding. The One Feather's job

is to press for information for the public, so waiting is part of the job. But, those who have jobs and lives beyond the information request must take valuable time out of their lives to press for information that should be readily available for the membership.

So, I wanted to talk about the size of the billboard, other than to say it is big, but so far, no one contacted has been able to comment. I wanted to explain to you what was waived and why, but that information is not available. None of the transcription is likely to be available for some time. I am requesting some information from the Office of Planning and the Attorney General's Office, but, at the time of this writing, responses are in progress.

This billboard is a significant departure to signage in the downtown area and looks to be a reversal of the vision of Article I of the Cherokee Code. Great authority is given to the Business Committee on all matters concerning the Qualla Boundary economy, with some decisions not having to be reviewed by Tribal Council.

Section 136-8 states, "Variances shall be submitted to the Planning Office for review and forwarded to Business Committee for approval or denial."

Acceptable variances are not defined in the billboard section, so one must assume that any part of the billboard requirements could be waived by Business Committee. The date of adoption of most of the ordinances pertaining to the billboard section of Tribal Code is 2012. In 2012, Tribal Council wrote into law that "Billboards shall not be allowed within the Business District of the Qualla Boundary of the Cherokee Indian Reservation." And then it defines the business district to include US 19 and Acquoni Road (the new billboard sits at the intersection of

these two roads).

Section 136-6(a) concerns non-conforming billboards, saying again that all existing billboards in the Business District must be removed. So, it calls into question not only the new downtown billboard, but potentially at least two other billboards in the downtown area.

Continuing, Section 136-6(b) indicates that those existing billboards must be removed "within three years of the effective date of this article, or upon termination of the present lease, permit, or license, whichever is earlier (Ord. No. 310, 11-5-2012)."

There may be good reasoning for allowing existing billboards to remain in place. Maybe they are not close enough to the roadway or maybe they provide some positive community service. But, there seems to be a clear intent in the construct of the law to eliminate billboard advertising from the downtown or "Business District" area. Now, granted, there was a billboard previously in place at the corner of Acquoni and US 19. But, it was not in the same location on the corner as this new digital billboard. And, you will have to be the judge. It is just my opinion that the intent of the law based on 136-3 was to eliminate billboards in that area.

Section 136-2 discusses the jurisdiction of the Business Committee regarding billboards. In that subsection, it states, "The Business Committee is authorized to adopt standards, rules, and procedures for the regulation of billboards so long as such measures are consistent with this article and are not less restrictive than this article." Allowing this billboard seems, at least on the surface, to be less restrictive than the article allows. One reader asked why bring this up since it is a "done deal"?

I guess my answer would go

back to my first few sentences in this opinion piece. Do we need another billboard in the downtown, especially one that will be illuminated and, if they have more than one message on it, animated? The community's definition of progress is different than general American society's definition of progress. Surely, we, culturally speaking, take what we need - electricity, fuel oil, internet connectivity, cell phone service, and the like. These have become necessary for our existence. But we decided that when possible, we would consider aesthetics in relationship to our culture. We have struggled with the look of the downtown for as many years as I have worked with the Tribe. Particularly in this case, as is borne out in the language of Section 136, this billboard represents a significant shift from the direction we had previously expressed.

There is an ongoing debate about the transparency of our government. Sorry, I know that word "transparency" is so overused that you audibly moaned when I used it. But, I am about to use another. I feel that the things that keep us from being as transparent are systemic. It is not the fault of those on the ground in these offices who house the information, nor is it the fault of our elected leadership per se. It lies in antiquated systems that do not serve the Cherokee people in the way it should in a modern society. Its in antiquated policies and regulations that also are not effective in a modern Cherokee society. I believe we have good people trying to do good things but are hindered by old rules and old processes. It will take true focus and true commitment to true transparency to reverse the systematic failures of our processes of governance.

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“When Elisha was in his last illness, King Jehoash of Israel visited him and wept over him. ‘My father! My father! I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!’ he cried.

“Elisha told him, ‘Get a bow and some arrows,’. And the king did as he was told. Elisha told him, ‘Put your hand on the bow,’ and Elisha laid his own hands on the king’s hands.

“Then he commanded, ‘Open that eastern window,’ and he opened it. Then he said, ‘Shoot!’ So he shot an arrow. Elisha proclaimed, ‘This is the Lord’s arrow, an arrow of victory over Aram. (NLT) (Syria in KJV).

(“And he said, ‘The arrow of the Lord’s deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them. (In KJV).

“Then he said, ‘Now pick up the other arrows and strike them against the ground.’ So the king picked them up and struck the ground three times. But the man of God was angry with him. ‘You should have struck the ground five or six times!’ he exclaimed. ‘Then you would have beaten Aram until it was entirely destroyed. Now you will be victorious only three times.’ (His final prophecy.)

“Then Elisha died and was buried...”

2 Kings 13:14-20a (NLT)

“You give up too easily,” Pastor Melton heard this week in his quiet time with the Lord. “The Church loses its relevancy and no one is losing sleep over that!”

“Just like Elisha told the king in this passage, ‘We need to be striking the ground with each one of us hitting it on our knees!’, added Pastor, “Maybe five or six times for the things

which are coming to this world, our nation and this Cherokee nation demonically-fueled by hell, including addictions, abortions, etc. I have issues in my own house when the enemy hits our house in the spiritual realm with distractions during our spiritual time together with the Lord, and during our time. Devils are so bad! Some even had to be chained up until they are destroyed!”

“Jesus said, ‘I have overcome the world.’”

“He certainly did that by suffering and dying on the cross then resurrected. Death couldn’t hold Him! “Shoot!” “Shoot that arrow of the Lord’s deliverance into your own life. It has been made possible for us on by way of His suffering Calvary. It is the arrow of the Lord’s Victory! Strike the ground until the Victory comes. He knows what happens tomorrow and He will fight for our victory! God fights our battles. God doesn’t have an enemy in satan. He has already been defeated. We are the ones who still have to defeat satan in our own lives. In the spirit realm, God has already fired the shot across the bow. By faith, declare and decree, proclaim the Victory. As Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ He now opens the very way that we cannot see. By faith declaring and seeing, by His illumination coming on our confessing and believing, while placing demand on the Lord,

as He desires of us, we praise and worship Him. Where Jesus is, the devil flees!

“Also, when you catch on to what the devil is doing you can demand he return seven times what he stole. We give up way too easy,” Pastor said. “It’s wonderful if you can learn to do anything, about finances, addictions, sicknesses, diseases in a world we are supposedly ‘not allowed to say’ anything. We give up too easy. The Church has gotten used to, ‘We’ll lose our jobs if we say anything.’ We have to change the thinking. It is broken, so we are here to fix it and break the hand of the enemy! Come to that battle! Our stripes should match the severity of the battle. Come to that battle with the attitude, ‘I will not let You go until You bless me!’

Pastor added, “Moses had to keep his hands up, praying for the Lord to have the sun stand still, continuing the battle until it was over and won. They spoke the words of God He had given them, and us, saying, believing the same things He speaks, ‘We’re in agreement.’ They are powerful words that way. We are on the same ‘hit list’ where the world is trying to silence the Church, the Praise/Worship, and it’s the only thing honestly that helps. Riots are okay? but, Church is not? God is more than enough. Go all in! Never be half-hearted. God is everything!



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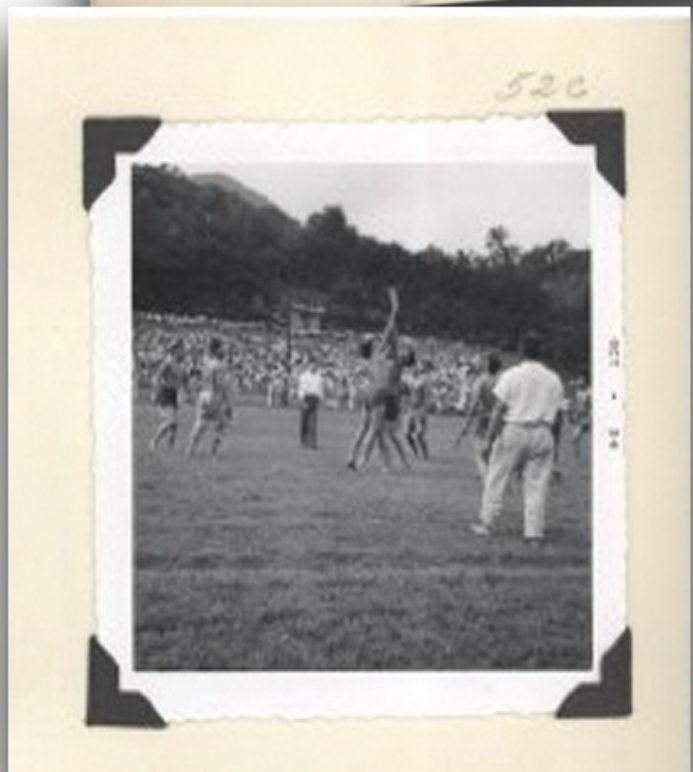
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8 Rm Lodge for sale near Bryson City. Income Producing and Big Views. Price \$745,000. Jack A. Calloway, Broker 828-421-3939. jaccallo-wayre@gmail.com

FOR SALE

For Sale: Violin - new concert, 4x4 full size, ebony tail. Collector knives, Rough Riders, set of nine, Case made hand carver Jade. Crossbow, Barnett 380-ft. a second. Set of chrome wheels, six lug, 20". (828) 341-5552. 8/19

Classified listings are FREE of charge. Send them to Scott at scotmcki@nc-chokeee.com or message them to us on Facebook.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A previous misunderstanding continues to taint the atmosphere to some extent in the early part of the week. But cooler heads prevail, and the situation eases by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While the artistic aspect of the Divine Bovine is well-served this week, that practical side is also getting the sort of recognition that could lead to a new and well-deserved opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With home-related matters taking on more importance this week, now could be the time to make some long-deferred purchases. But shop carefully for the best quality at the best price.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations. While that family problem might still rankle, it should be easing thanks to your efforts to calm the waters. Also, a workplace situation seems to be moving in your favor.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat's energy levels should be rather high these days, and you might do well to tackle any tasks that still need doing. This will clear the way for those upcoming projects.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone's criticism might not be as negative as you perceive. Actually, it could be helpful. Discuss the matter with your critic, and you both could learn something valuable.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business matter could cause some friction among your colleagues. But once again, that logical mind of yours comes to the rescue. And the sooner it does, the better!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There might still be some heated temper flare-ups out there. But your sensible self should advise you to stay out of these situations until things cool down and calm is restored.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Changing your mind could be the right thing to do if you can't resolve your doubts. You might want to discuss the matter with someone whose advice you trust.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You still need to demand those answers to your questions. Remember, your wise counseling earns you respect, but it's your search for truth that gives you wisdom.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An educational opportunity could lead to something other than what you had planned. But keep an open mind, and before you decide to turn it down, check it out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean wit and wisdom helps you work through a situation that might have been accidentally or even deliberately obscured. What you unravel could prove to be very revealing.

BORN THIS WEEK: Loyalty is important to you. You demand it, but you also give it generously and lovingly.

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

For deadlines and applications call 359-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents
eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates

Closing Sunday, August 16, 2020

- Fire Systems Technician – Security and Surveillance – Office of Information Technology (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
- Education Program Specialist – Higher Education and Training – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
- Child Advocate Coordinator – Heart to Heart – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
- Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
- Teacher Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- Cook Aide – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L2 \$20,965 - \$26,218)
- Early Childhood Supervisor – New Kituwah Academy – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
- Ground Maintenance – Public Works – Support Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- Part-Time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour)
- Maintenance Technician – Snowbird/Cherokee County H.E.L.P. – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)

Open Until Filled

- Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
- Detention Officer (Multiple) – Corrections – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)

Notice: At this time, due to the tribal State of Emergency caused by the coronavirus, only job openings for existing positions that are classified as essential or critical positions will be advertised for hiring. All other open positions will be addressed at a later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:
www.ebci.com/jobs



CHEROKEE INDIAN
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing, Thursday August 13, 2020

PTI Patient Registration Clerk
Registered Nurse/Emergency Room (2 Positions)
Certified Nursing Assistant/Emergency Room

Closing, Thursday August 20, 2020

Clinical Pharmacist
PTI Nurse Practitioner or PA/Emergency Room

Open Until Filled

Case Management Support/CNA - Analenisgi
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center (Multiple) Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.
CMA/LPN – Primary Care
CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient
Cook – Tsali Care Center (Multiple)
Cultural Coordinator – Kanvwtiyyi
Dental Assistant II
Dietary Services Supervisor – Patient Side

Director of Nursing – Tsali Care Center
Housekeeper I – Tsali Care Center
License Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center
License Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center
Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi (Multiple)
Pharmacy Technician I (Level II Preferred)
Physician – Primary Care
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PTI Licensed Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center
PTI Physician – Emergency Room
PTI Registered Nurse– Tsali Care Center
PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient
Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.

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EMPLOYMENT

Kituwah, LLC has the following job available:

President of Hospitality

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday. This position will close August 21st, 2020 at 4pm. Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. **8/19**

Programs Assistant for Mountain Mediation Services

Looking for a self-starter with good communication and computer skills to provide admin support to the Executive Director and Youth Coordinators; one year experience with youth, volunteer or paid. Multicounty agency with main office in Sylva. Full-time; some travel required. Send cover letter and resume to: rherbers@mountainmediation.org. **8/19**

Adult Mediation Coordinator

Mountain Mediation Services is seeking a person to work with court personnel and community partner, providing intake and scheduling for the adult mediation program. Multicounty agency with some travel required. 20 hrs/week \$11/hr
Send cover letter and resume to: rherbers@mountainmediation.org **8/19**

Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start job opening

Position Title: Early Childhood Mental Health Therapist

Primary Function: Early Childhood Licensed Mental Health professional provides a wide range of prevention and early interven-

tion services to infants, young children, and their families using a trauma-informed approach. Collaborates with early care and education providers to enhance their understanding of and capacity to meet the behavioral/emotional/mental health needs of the children (ages birth to five years) and families they serve. Develops and implements Mental Health plans for program. Records and maintains confidential data using Child Plus software.

A master's degree in social work, psychology, or counseling is required. Closing date will be August 19th, 2020 Please submit a resume to laurdavi@nc-chokeee.com

For additional information on this position, contact William Maney, Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start human resources and office administrator, willmane@nc-chokeee.com. **8/12**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-053

In the Matter of the Estate of McAdoo Levi Driver

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

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

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

Victoria P. Wolfe Driver, P.O. BOX 1302, Cherokee, NC 28719

8/12

BIDS, RFPs., etc.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ENGINEERING SERVICES

Housing & Community Development is releasing this RFQ to solicit proposals from professional firm(s) for Engineering Consulting Services (ECS) for environmental assessment for the Acquoni Rd. Housing Development.

- Proposals shall be delivered to the office of HCD at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 or mailed to PO Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719, not later than 4:00 PM on August 25, 2020 at which hour and date all proposals will be publicly opened. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, and the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked, "ENGINEERING SERVICES". It is sole responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is received in proper time. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time shall be rejected.

- Any bidder may withdraw his or her bid, either personally or by written request at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposal, but no bidder may withdraw his or her bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening thereof.

- All proposals submitted shall include a completed "Proposal", identifying unit costs and qualifications to do the work. The work performed under this contract must conform to requirements of the specifications, which are included in the bidder package.

- The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose work, in the opinion of the Tribe will best meet the requirements of the Tribe. It is clearly understood by all bidders

that the Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive informalities in said proposal.

- A Bidder's Package, including bidder specifications, special requirements and sample contract and forms may be viewed and an electronic copy can be obtained at the HCD Office, located at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719.
- The contact person for technical questions concerning project specifications, the bid process and general project information should be directed to Bunsey Crowe, Housing Production Manager, via e-mail at buncrow@nc-chokeee.com or by phone at (828) 359-6903 or (828) 788-6785.

Dated: July 28, 2020

Edwin Taylor,

Secretary of Housing. **8/12**

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS TRIBAL COURT
IN THE MATTER OF J.H. (CVJ 19-037)

TO CARLOS MONTANO PINEDA and ANY UNKNOWN FATHER: TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action concerning the minor child, J.H., whose birth date was April 13, 2018 in Jackson County, North Carolina. The nature of the relief being sought is the ADJUDICATION OF NEGLECT FOLLOWED BY AN APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION for the minor child, J.H. This action was filed on September 5, 2019 in the Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than September 20, 2020 in the Cherokee Tribal

Court. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Department of Human Services Family Safety Program, seeking service against you, will apply to the Cherokee Court for the relief sought. This the 12th day of August 2020. /S/ Sybil Mann, (N.C. Bar # 16729), Attorney for Petitioner EBCI Department of Human Services Family Safety Program, PO Box 666 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719 (828) 359-1559. **8/26**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS TRIBAL COURT
IN THE MATTER OF O.R. (CVJ 19-038)
TO DAKOTA CARO and ANY

UNKNOWN FATHER: TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action concerning the minor child, O.R., whose birth date was January 3, 2017 in Jackson County, North Carolina. The nature of the relief being sought is the ADJUDICATION OF NEGLECT FOLLOWED BY AN APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION for the minor child, O.R. This action was filed on September 5, 2019 in the Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than September 20, 2020 in the Cherokee Tribal Court. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Department

of Human Services Family Safety Program, seeking service against you, will apply to the Cherokee Court for the relief sought. This the 12th day of August 2020. /S/ Sybil Mann, (N.C. Bar # 16729), Attorney for Petitioner EBCI Department of Human Services Family Safety Program, PO Box 666 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719 (828) 359-1559. **8/26**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS TRIBAL COURT
IN THE MATTER OF S.H. (CVJ 19-039)
TO JUAN NICHOLAS RAMIREZ and ANY UNKNOWN FATHER: TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action concerning the minor child, S.H., whose birth date was June 22, 2014 in Jackson County, North Carolina. The nature of the relief being sought is the ADJUDICATION OF NEGLECT FOLLOWED BY AN APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION for the minor child, S.H. This action was filed on September 5, 2019 in the Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than September 20, 2020 in the Cherokee Tribal Court. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Department of Human Services Family Safety Program, seeking service against you, will apply to the Cherokee Court for the relief sought. This the 12th day of August 2020. /S/ Sybil Mann, (N.C. Bar # 16729), Attorney for Petitioner EBCI Department of Human Services Family Safety Program, PO Box 666 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719 (828) 359-1559. **8/26**

Request for Qualifications

Advertising Agency of Record
The purpose of this Request for Qualifications is to obtain proposals from qualified marketing and advertising agencies interested in becoming the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) long-term partner and Agency of Record by providing strategic marketing and advertising planning and subsequent campaign development.

The EBCI is looking for a marketing partner to create an advertising campaign for 2021 that will build intent to visit and length of stay in Cherokee. The selected agency will collaborate with the EBCI Department of Commerce staff to create an integrated campaign strategy that may include, but certainly not be limited to:

- Television
- Radio
- Print
- Viral/mobile/social media campaigns
- Non-Traditional and/or traditional out-of-home
- Strategic partnerships and sponsorships
- Grassroots efforts/tie-ins
- Online Advertising/Website

Complete hard copies and one electronic copy of each response must be received before 4:00pm E.S.T., on August 26, 2020 at the address on the last section of this RFQ. Responses must not be sent by facsimile.

For any additional information about this Request for Qualifications, please contact:
Michael A. Parker, Commerce Division, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, P.O. Box 460, 810 Acquoni Road/Suite 122B, Cherokee, NC 28719, Phone (828) 359-6481, E-Mail: michpark@nc-choerokee.com. **8/19**

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 2 Kings; 3) Nain; 4) Jubal; 5) John; 6) Haran



1. Iraq
2. Ruff
3. Interior
4. Knuckle
5. The lower temperature theoretically possible: -273.15 Centigrade or -459.67 Fahrenheit
6. Hank Williams Jr.
7. Bodega Bay, Calif.
8. Jupiter's Ganymede
9. Truth
10. William Howard Taft

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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	KEG	ULSTERS			
PHENOM	YON				
AIR	SOY	TAMPA			
IDES	EAT	MARC			
RELIC	PAD	CON			
	TOY	DEFAME			
TODDLER	CUR				
OLIO	MACARONI				
BLOW	EGAD	OAK			
YARN	NAPE	NYE			

— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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