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**“Durbin Feeling was our modern-day Sequoyah...”**

- Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. on the passing of Durbin Feeling, a Cherokee speaker instrumental in language revitalization efforts



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# Teaching the new normal: CCS enters an unprecedented semester

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Even in a pandemic, Sonya Edwards will be talking to her students every day. Even if that means answering a text from a student at 10:30 p.m.

Edwards, a Creative Learning Center teacher at Cherokee Central Schools (CCS), is among thousands of teachers who are having to adapt to world of remote learning due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Last month, the CCS Board of Education voted unanimously to begin the school year in Plan C, remote learning only. This is a decision that Edwards fully supports.

"I'm a little embarrassed to say this, but I cried. But, I knew it was the right thing for our school and our community. Because this was the thing - as far as our School Board choosing Plan C, and it was a unanimous decision, that let us know that the number one thing that they were concerned about was our safety."

The most difficult aspect moving forward is communication, explained Edwards. "Normally when I'm in a classroom, I can see when my students are not getting the information by the expressions on their face when I introduce this concept. I don't have that ability. We'll be doing live Google Meets, but that's only with the students that do have the internet and technology. So, when my students open up that flash drive and they see that assignment, I won't be there. That's the other big challenge."



JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo

**Sonya Edwards**, a teacher at the Cherokee Central Schools Creative Learning Center, provides one-on-one instruction to a student while online.

Greg McGaha, chair of the Social Studies Department, said that this shift has changed how they schedule their time.

"It's a lot of front-loaded work. It is a ton of front-loaded work," said McGaha.

"In traditional, typical instruction when they're all here, it's conceivable that you could have a veteran teacher coming in in the early morning and know exactly where they are on the unit and they've already got their stuff laid out. And you've already got it from previous

years. With this, you're having to front-load all of the work. I mean, right now I'm trying to make sure that I have at least five units for all of my classes complete."

McGaha says that this puts a lot of pressure on kids to schedule their own time appropriately. While he expressed concern that it may be more difficult for a lot of students, he has been encouraged by the attitudes of others.

"There are a lot of negative aspects to having to do this. I think all educators, the entire district,

we're ready to get back to a level of normalcy. But the bright side of this is that is an opportunity for students to really accept accountability and personal responsibility. And if they can be successful through all of this, it's really going to prepare them for the workforce, certainly for going into college. I spoke with a student just today, and he made the comment, 'I can't help but feel like this is in some ways what college is like. It's more personal responsibility.' And I said that's exactly what college is like.



In fact, most people that flunk out of college, it's not necessarily that they can't do the work. It's because when they go back to the dorms no one's making them do the work."

These barriers for communication are even more true in western North Carolina, where service and internet access are not a given. Many homes have no internet access, and this is something the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has been working to alleviate.

On Aug. 18, Tribal IT announced that Wi-Fi access would be extended to many of the community clubs across the Boundary.

Director of Tribal IT Bill Travitz sent out the following message to Tribal employees: "The Office of Information Technology and Cherokee Broadband are pleased to announce the availability of public Wi-Fi at the various Com-

munity Centers and Gymnasiums around the Qualla Boundary, Snowbird and Cherokee County. These have been provided to allow parents and students a place to go to access high speed internet should they not have availability at home. As of 8/14/20, all but two locations have been completed. The remaining two locations, Big Cove Community Center and the Soco Gym at Rough Branch are expected to be completed this week or by early next week."

Edwards acknowledged that internet access is spotty at best in the region, and she said that she has several students that are needing to use a jump drive due to a lack of Wi-Fi in their homes. She did say that she is very excited for the advancements that offer wireless access at Community Centers, but that it is still an immense

struggle for those families that don't have 24/7 availability.

A major asset that CCS holds is that the school has been transitioning to a 'blended learning' model over the past few years. The idea was to implement more technology and training in each of the schools for both students and teachers. This initiative has offered more preparedness for remote learning options.

"I'm so glad I have a tool kit. That I have resources available. And I have an amazing staff and administration that we can work with. Because with this, you've got to say 'I don't know how to do this. I do need some help'," said Edwards.

McGaha says that it will be a challenge this semester. That moving forward it will be important to be able to adapt as people grow into their new roles.

"I think it's going to be a lot of trial and error. What works in my classes and with my content of Social Studies may or may not work for someone teaching English or Math. I think it's going to be a tremendous amount of trial and error figuring out what works for you as a teacher. Also, what works for your students. Arguably with this situation more-so than ever in education, we've got to really take into account the entire family unit."

That idea is something that Edwards expressed as well. Teachers are often role models and offer


tremendous support for their students. However, communication will be a lot more intimate between families and teachers.

"We're coming into their homes. And I think that's something, as teachers, we have to pay attention to is we're actually in their space with this virtual learning. And so, we really need to be none-judgmental, we need to be really focused on the learning of the student and the well-being of the family."

When the Board of Education chose to move to Plan C, they did so with opportunity to reassess the situation as the semester progresses. Currently, CCS looks to address the issue in October. Depending on how the situation with the pandemic has progressed, there is a chance that students could be back on campus at that point.

Edwards says that as much as she wants to be back with her students, the last thing she wants to do is to put people in danger. She says that it is important that if there is anything a student needs, don't wait to ask.

"We're here. We're available to our students. We want to support our students and their families. If families have an issue, reach out to the school. Communication is going to be pivotal over these next nine weeks. I just want to really reassure the community that we're trying to do the best that we can under these circumstances."



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# Tribe, Indian Country working towards accurate Census count as deadline looms

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Earlier in August, the Census Bureau reversed an April decision that would have extended field data collection for the 2020 Census to the end of October – instead opting for a deadline of Sept. 30 in a decision that has many in Indian Country worried about the impacts.

In announcing the new deadline, U.S. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham said in a statement on Aug. 3, “The Census Bureau’s new plan reflects our continued commitment to conduct a complete count, provide accurate

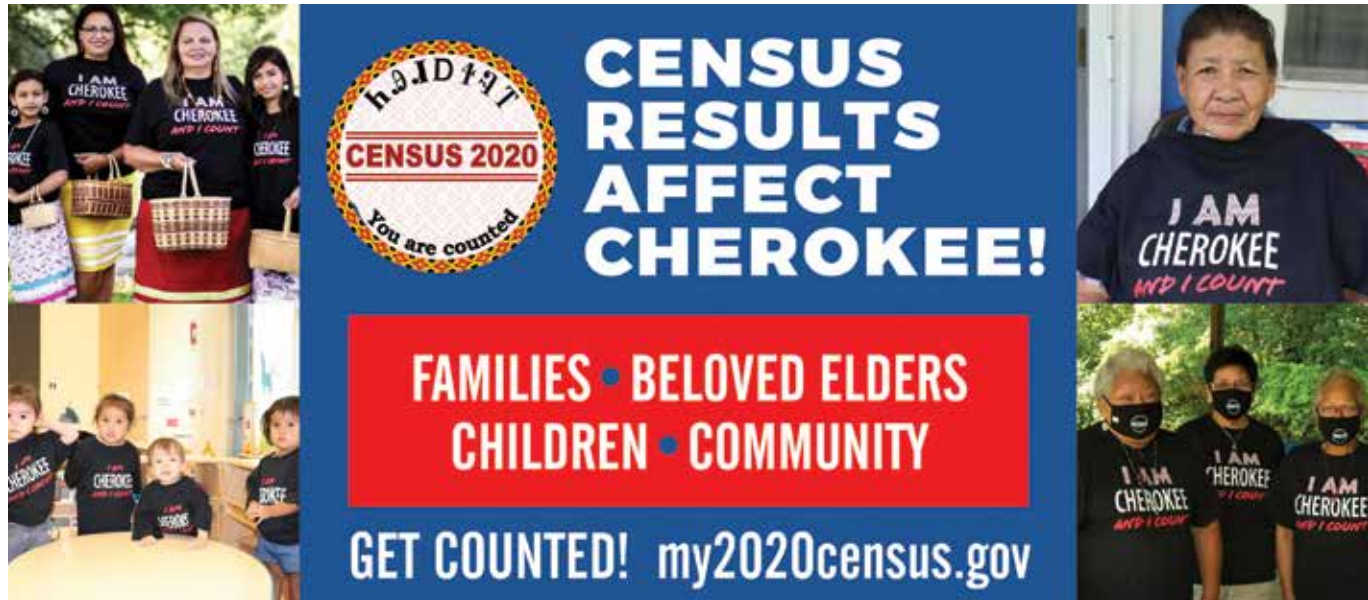
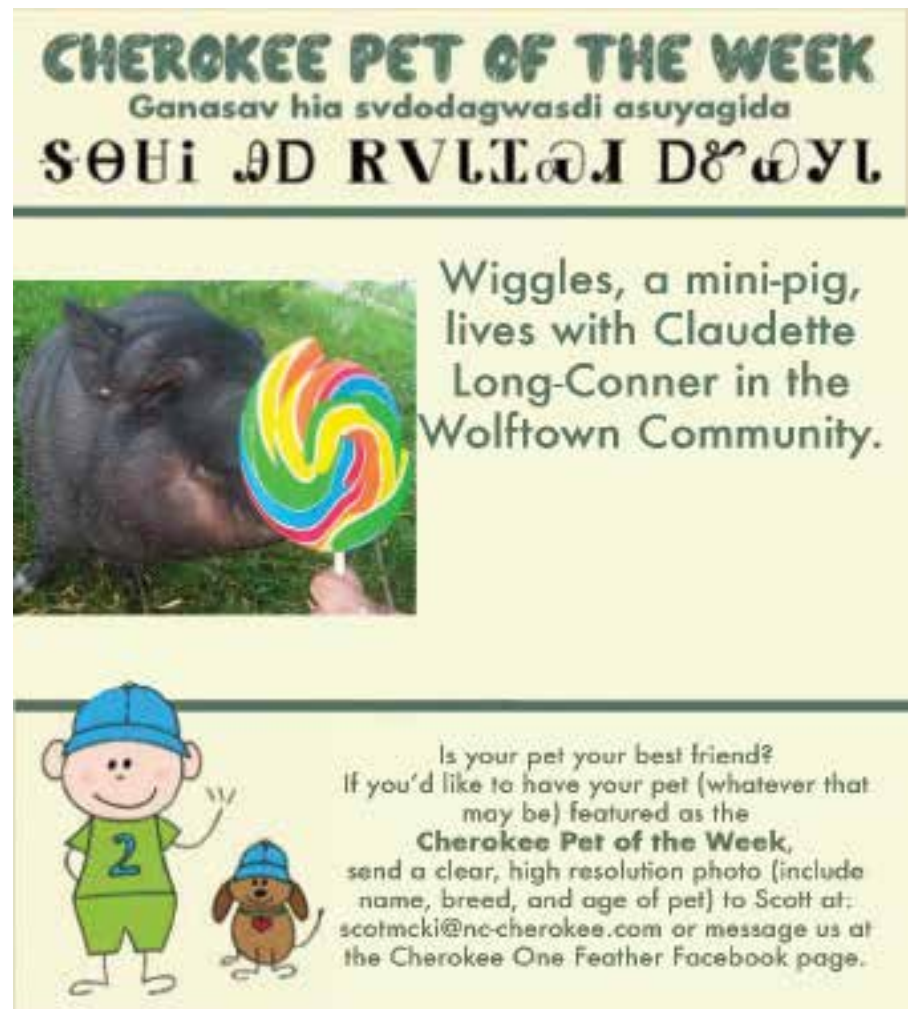


Image courtesy of the 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee  
The 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee recently purchased several spots for the billboard shown above to help get the word out about the importance of EBCI tribal members participating in the Census.





apportionment data, and protect the health and safety of the public and our workforce. A robust field data collection operation will ensure we receive responses from households that have not yet self-reported.”

He added, “We will improve the speed of our count without sacrificing completeness. As part of our revised plan, we will conduct additional training sessions and provide awards to enumerators in recognition of those who maximize hours worked. We will also keep phone and tablet computer devices for enumeration in use for the maximum time possible.”

When asked if the deadline change will affect the count among the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Tammy Jackson, 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee chairperson, said, “It

probably will. Before the pandemic, our Complete Count Committee had set a goal of getting 80 percent of our residents to participate. Now, we have no idea what the results will be at the end of September. Losing a month will greatly impact all of Indian Country.”

She said overall, EBCI tribal members are responding to the Census and at a rate higher than before. “Response to the Census has been slow but good. With the shutdown of the Census Bureau and the Tribe, due to COVID-19, the Census had been the last thing on everyone’s mind, which is understandable. But, in the midst of all of this, our 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee continued to work to get information on the Census to tribal members through various media and events. Today, we have beat the

2010 percentage for self-response (12.6 percent) and are currently at 30.8 percent.”

Jackson said several factors have helped in this year’s larger self-response. “This is due to our education/information programs and a new program hosted by WNC Communities and Dogwood Health Trust. Our Cherokee Community Clubs are partnering with them and working to assist community members with completing the Census and with each person counted they receive funding for their community club. Participation in the 2020 Census really boils down to education and trust. You can do all types of media but it’s that personal contact with a tribal member who shares how important the Census is, and how it affects various tribal, education, and health programs for the next ten years, that makes the difference.”

Others in Indian Country are also worried that the new deadline will affect a proper count.

In a joint statement issued two days after the Bureau’s announcement, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), and the National Urban Indian Family Coalition (NUIFC) outlined its objections to the new deadline.

“Ending the 2020 Census count early during a global pandemic is not only bad policy, it puts at risk the ability of our communities to access social safety nets and other benefits that a complete Census count affords Americans wherever they are,” the organizations’ statement read. “Our tribal nations and tribal communities have been ravaged by COVID-19, and an extension of the Census enumeration period was a humane lifeline during an unprecedented

global health catastrophe that provided critically-needed additional time to tribal nations to ensure that all of everyone in their communities are counted.”

The statement continued, “For millions of American Indians and Alaska Natives, whether they live on rural reservations or in America’s large cities, an inaccurate Census count will decimate our ability to advocate for necessary services for our most vulnerable communities.”

A total of 20 U.S. Senators, all Democrats, sent a letter to the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Dept. of Commerce on Monday, Aug. 17 urging a deadline extension.

Among the Senators who signed the letter were Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA), and Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), SCIA member and former chairperson.

“American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian leaders have spent months coordinating with the Census Bureau to prepare their communities for the 2020 count and to meet the Bureau’s October 31 deadline,” the letter states. “Their herculean effort to get out the count even during a pandemic should not be discounted or cut short. Failure to get a complete and accurate count of these community populations will have long term and devastating impacts – from redistricting data, to federal funding, to congressional representation. A fair and accurate census is critical to Native communities’ continued and future prosperity.”

If you are an EBCI tribal member and need assistance with the 2020 Census, contact Tammy Jackson 359-6934 or Zena Rattler (Cherokee County and Snowbird) 735-4594.

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# Museum hit with cyberattack; all data still intact

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Eight months after the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was hit with a cyberattack, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian fell under attack. But, the Museum was lucky to not suffer any loss of money nor data.

“Near the end of July, we thought a severe storm had hit our system with a power surge, and we were trying to reconnect to our point-of-sale systems,” said Dawn Arneach, Museum interim executive director. “As that was not working, we decided to talk to our software provider to see if they could get our system reconnected. As they were trying, we noticed some of our files had the wrong file extension on them. This is when we figured out our system had been hacked.”

The Museum’s software provider put them in touch with a company that could help, Coherent Cyber LLC, based in San Antonio, Texas.

Arneach noted, “The company was able to look and tell that yes, we had been hacked and a ransomware virus had been installed.”

Herself and Museum staff worked for three weeks with their software provider as well as with Coherent Cyber, LLC and 7 Clans Technology. “We were able to recover and restore our data,” Arneach commented. “During this time, the Texas firm also did an investigation and wrote up their findings and will be submitting this paperwork to the FBI to add to their files of cyber-attacks. We have been able to do re-installation from our backups. Earlier this year, 7 Clans Technology advised the Museum to use an

offsite, Cloud back-up.”

Arneach said the attack came from outside of the United States but could not divulge an exact location at this point due to the ongoing investigation. “We did not pay a ransom amount. We were very lucky to be able to work around this issue. As far as we can tell, no money nor information was taken out of our systems. The archives had been backed up to an external drive so we did not lose any archival information.”

Steps have been taken to lessen the chances of a future attack. “We now will have a two-step authentication process for logging into our systems,” said Arneach. “Because most of our computers are worked on-site and internally, we have a better hold on our access.”

She praised the Museum staff’s resiliency during this time period.

“The staff was great during this whole time. We went to doing manual cash only sales for three days. Then, our software provider helped us get the ability to do sales on tablets set up and running so we were able to do credit card sales as well. We went back and did an inventory count of the store, and all of the staff pitched in so this would get done quickly and get our point-of-sale back in line with everyday use.”

Arneach added, “We were able to keep our doors open and even as trying as it could have been, the Museum staff stepped up, and I do not believe our visitors had an idea that anything was amiss.”

For more information on the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, visit: [www.cherokeemuseum.org](http://www.cherokeemuseum.org) or call 497-3481.

## CCS School Board approves final resolutions before school year

**JONAH LOSSIAH**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

In lieu of an in-person meeting, the CCS (Cherokee Central Schools) Board of Education voted to exchange its Aug. 17 meeting with an email poll over the weekend. Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Ike Long; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; and Board members Gloria Griffin, Karen French-Browning, and Regina Ledford Rosario all voted in the poll that closed the evening of

Monday, Aug. 17.

There were two items that were not brought forth due to the lack of a meeting. The Board had accepted a request for time from Sara Crow-Sampson, and there was also supposed to be a discussion about the School Board agenda. These items were not discussed via email.

Each of the six Board members voted ‘yes’ to all the following items:

- Sarah Crow-Sampson approved for a waiver.

- Langston Wood approved as a permanent substitute teacher at Cherokee High School.
- Rakesha Crowe approved as a part-time custodian for CCS.
- Maricela Johnson approved as a part-time custodian for CCS.
- Darren Buchanan approved as a part-time custodian for CCS.
- Approval of the revisions made in the CCS Athletic Coaches Handbook.

There was no other discussion held via the email thread. The CCS school year officially begins

Wednesday, Aug. 19 for all students. The School Board has previously voted to begin the school year under ‘Plan C’, which requires remote learning only.

The Cherokee Central Schools Board of Education meets usually meets every two weeks. In-person meetings have been less consistent due to the social distancing measures needed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The next meeting of the Board is set for Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 4:45 p.m.



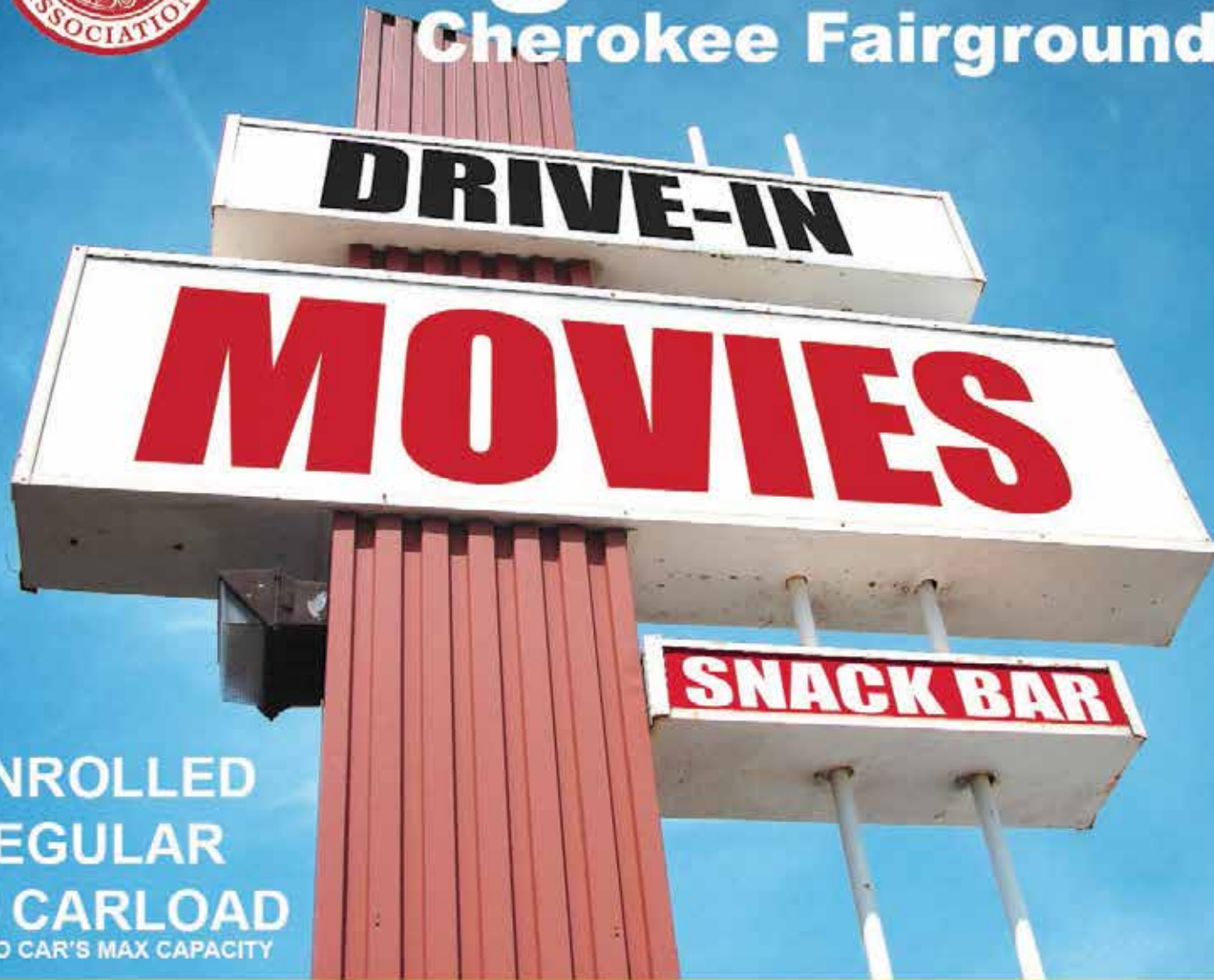
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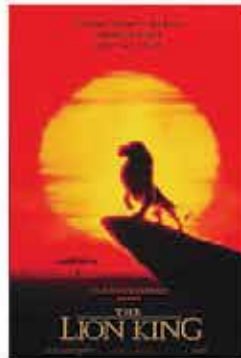
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## WCU trustees elect officers, make committee appointments, amend bylaws

**CULLOWHEE** – The Western Carolina University Board of Trustees elected a slate of officers for 2020-21, made appointments to several committees and approved changes to bylaws permitting more frequent electronic meetings as needed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The action came Wednesday, Aug. 19, during a special conference call meeting of the full board.

Bryant Kinney, a public and governmental affairs executive who resides in Lincoln County and is principal of Kinney Public Strategies, was reelected board chair. A 1982 graduate of WCU, Kinney was first elected as chair in August 2019 and served previously as vice chair since September 2017.

The board also reelected Robert C. Roberts of Asheville, regional executive vice president for First Citizens Bank & Trust Co., to serve as vice chair, and Rebecca Schlosser of Greensboro, a WCU alumna who is a former high school teacher and current community volunteer, to serve as secretary. All three officers were reelected by acclamation.

The trustees reappointed chairs and vice chairs for three standing committees. John Lupoli will continue to chair the academic affairs and personnel committee, with Haden Boliek as vice chair. Robert Roberts will remain as chair of the administration, governance and trusteeship committee, with former Principal Chief Joyce Dugan as vice chair. Kenny Messer will again chair the finance and audit committee, with Casey Cooper as vice chair.

The board also unanimously approved slight changes to its bylaws enabling trustees to meet via

videoconference or other electronic means when necessary because of the ongoing global health crisis. The bylaws previously limited electronic attendance of board meetings to once per year.

- *Western Carolina University release*

## Bicyclist fatality in Cades Cove

Great Smoky Mountains National Park rangers responded to a report of a bicycle accident in Cades Cove at 10:58 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16. The cyclist, 60-year-old Harold D. Pardue, from Elkin, suffered severe head trauma and was unconscious following the single-bicycle accident.

He passed away as a result of these injuries on Monday, Aug. 17. Pardue was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident which occurred on a downhill section of the Cades Cove Loop Road.

Park rangers provided critical care at the scene of the accident for approximately 30 minutes before American Medical Response (AMR) emergency responders transported Pardue by ambulance to a landing zone where he was flown to the University of Tennessee Medical Center by Mountain Area Medical Airlift. No additional details are available at this time.

- *National Park Service*

## CIPD Arrest Report for Aug. 9-15

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

Taylor, Taylor Norman – age 20  
Arrested: Aug. 11  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Probation Violation

Jackson, Rain Edwind-Swimmer – age 25  
Arrested: Aug. 12  
Released: Aug. 13  
Charges: Conspire Traffic Opium/Heroin

McCoy, Rhonda Beth – age 46  
Arrested: Aug. 12  
Released: Aug. 14  
Charges: Possession with intent Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance; Providing or Possessing Contraband

Wilnoty, William Jarrett – age 38  
Arrested: Aug. 12  
Released: Aug. 13  
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Wolfe, Keleeta Lynn – age 38  
Arrested: Aug. 12  
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## Bryson City man indicted on sex offenses

On Monday, Aug. 17 a Swain County Grand Jury returned true bills of indictment on Dennis Wade Anthony of Bryson City for the following charges:  
2 counts of FELONY CHILD ABUSE/SEXUAL ACT  
1 count of FELONY SECOND DEGREE FORCED SEX OFFENSE  
2 counts of FELONY STAT. RAPE/SEX OFFENSE 6 YRS. OR OLDER  
1 count of FELONY SEXUAL OFFENSE WITH A CHILD  
Anthony turned himself in to the Swain County Detention

Center on Wednesday, Aug. 19 where is currently being held on a \$1,000,000.00 bond.  
- *Swain County Sheriff's Office*

## Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• In 2015, Godzilla was made an official resident of the Shinjuku ward of Tokyo. The "King of Monsters" was not only given Japanese citizenship, but also appointed as the ward's tourism ambassador.

• When Henri IV of France wed Maria de Medici in 1600, he could not actually be present for the ceremony. Instead, he sent a life-sized sculpture of himself ... made entirely out of sugar.

• Knowing they might never return safely from the moon, Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 crew worried about the prospect of leaving their families without financial support, but couldn't take out life insurance policies due to the extreme risks of their mission. Instead, they signed hundreds of autographs to be sold if they didn't make it home. Thankfully, those weren't needed, but still show up in space memorabilia auctions today, going for as much as \$30,000.

• Only two sports have been played on the moon — golf and the javelin throw.

• At a NOAA conference in 1972, civil and women's rights activist Roxcy Bolton proposed naming hurricanes after senators instead of women. She also preferred the term "him-i-canes."

• Hot air balloons can't be used in the rain because the water would boil from the heat, destroying the fabric.

• A donkey will sink in quicksand, but a mule won't.

• Like to lie back and watch puffy clouds drift lazily by in the summer sky? Bet you'd never guess that a single one weighs about 1.1 million pounds! Researchers calculated that staggering amount by multiplying a cloud's water density by its volume. So how do they manage to float? Simple: The air below them is even heavier.

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**Thought for the Day:** "Instead of letting anxieties and uncertainties fence off your life, they can become signposts showing you where to turn to do what really matters to you." — *Mark Freeman*

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# New home for buffalo

Cherokee Nation welcomes two Yellowstone bison to herd in Delaware County

**T**AHLEQUAH, Okla. —The Cherokee Nation recently welcomed two bison bulls from Yellowstone to its herd in Delaware County.

“This partnership with the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council continues to benefit the Cherokee Nation by allowing the tribe to grow a healthy bison population over the last five years,” said Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. “Historically, bison provided an essential food source for tribes. Every part of the bison was used for food, clothing,

headquartered in Rapid City, South Dakota, awards its member tribes surplus bison from national parks each year. This year, Cherokee Nation is one of 16 tribes across the country to receive bison from Yellowstone National Park.

The bison from Yellowstone are genetically significant, as remnants of the buffalo that once roamed free more than 100 years ago. These bison are expected to help boost the long-term health of buffalo herds across tribal lands due to their unique genetics and lineage.

“It’s a great day to welcome these two young buffalo bulls to our bison herd. Yellowstone buffalo are significant to tribes because they descend from the buffalo that our ancient ancestors actually lived among and this is just one more way we can keep our culture and heritage and history alive,” Deputy Chief Bryan Warner said. “By adding these new bulls, we can create diversity within the herd so we can grow it and look at a long-term plan as well as preservation efforts for years to come.”

Although bison are associated more with the Great Plains tribes, woodland bison once roamed the Cherokee Nation and all along the Atlantic Coast. Prior to European colonization, the animals played a critical role for the Cherokee people. When the buffalo migrated east of the Mississippi the Cherokee people survived, in part, by hunting buffalo and using them as a vital food source. However, after European colonization, bison were mostly wiped out from the east and southeast parts of present-day United States.

Until 2014, the Cherokee Nation had not raised bison on the reservation in 40 years. The tribe spent about



Cherokee Nation photos

**The Cherokee Nation welcomed two new bison bulls** to its heard in Delaware County recently. The two bison originated from Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, and were transferred to the Cherokee Nation’s bison ranch, as part of a preservation effort to reconnect tribes with the historically significant animals through the InterTribal Buffalo Council.

The InterTribal Buffalo Council awarded the Cherokee Nation the surplus bison in July. The new additions traveled over 1,000 miles from Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming to the tribe’s bison ranch in Northeast Oklahoma, where they arrived this week.

shelter, tools and ceremonial purposes. These newly acquired bison will help revive some ancient cultural traditions, as well as provide expanded economic opportunities for future generations of Cherokees.”

The InterTribal Buffalo Council,



two years working with the InterTribal Buffalo Council on grants and applications to reconnect the animals.

“I was incredibly honored when Chief Hoskin appointed me to the InterTribal Buffalo Council to help work on expanding our bison herd. This is an effort I have been passionate about since I was elected to serve on the Tribal Council,” said District 5 Tribal Councilor E.O. Smith. “Seeing the two new buffalo being released into their new home makes me grateful to be a part of the preservation of bison on Cherokee land.”

The Cherokee Nation Natural Resources department manages 22,000 acres of tribally owned land in northeast Oklahoma, with the tribe’s bison ranch being housed on approximately 1,000 acres near the Kenwood community in Delaware County.

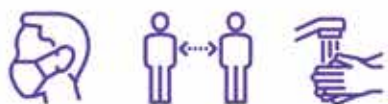
Today, the tribe’s herd is made up of approximately 180 bison.

- Cherokee Nation release



**Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Deputy Principal Chief Bryan Warner** welcomed the two new bison bulls on Monday, Aug. 17 to their new home at the tribe’s bison ranch near Kenwood, Okla.

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# Language treasure

Cherokee National Treasure Durbin Feeling, noted speaker and linguist, passes away

**TAHLEQUAH, Okla.** — The Cherokee Nation's single largest contributor to the Cherokee language since that of Sequoyah — Durbin Feeling — has passed away at age 74.

Feeling, born April 2, 1946 just east of Locust Grove, was a renowned Cherokee linguist who wrote the Cherokee dictionary and worked for the tribe since 1976, most recently in the tribe's language translation and technology department.

Some of Feeling's accomplishments include adding Cherokee Syllabary on a word processor in the 1980s. He also started the process to add the Cherokee language on Unicode, which today allows smartphones to offer Cherokee Syllabary, and he developed hundreds of Cherokee language teaching materials that remain in use by speakers today.

"Durbin Feeling was our modern-day Sequoyah, a Cherokee National Treasure who was the very first person chosen to sign our Cherokee Language Speaker's Roll because he was so cherished by our first-language speakers and entire tribe. Everything we are doing for language revitalization is because of Durbin," Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. said. "Durbin was also a dear friend to me and First Lady January, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and want them to



Cherokee Nation photo

**The Cherokee Nation's single largest contributor to the Cherokee language** since that of Sequoyah — Durbin Feeling — has passed away at age 74.

know how deeply sorry our entire Cherokee Nation family is for this tremendous loss."

Feeling was a first-language Cherokee speaker not learning English until he started first grade at Little Rock School in Mayes County.

He learned to read and write Cherokee Syllabary at the age of 12. His dad was always sitting in the shade reading aloud song-books or the New Testament.

Feeling credited his linguistic skills to standing near his father, watching him take out a pencil and guide him through root words in the Cherokee language.

From there he would launch a career authoring or co-authoring at least 12 books, contributing to countless research articles, and teaching Cherokee at colleges ranging from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Tulsa to the University of California.

"As Durbin called his language family to his bedside, he shared

one final charge: 'Everyday, just keep speaking Cherokee. If you do that, it will all be OK.' Just as Durbin sculpted the landscape for Cherokee language revitalization work for generations to come, he also touched the heart of every language learner he encountered," said Cherokee Nation Language Department Executive Director Howard Paden. "Though our hearts are devastated by Durbin's passing, we are humbled by his generosity. In his honor, we will do our best to continue his work. History shall read that there was a man who was born among the Cherokee people, who stood up in the face of numerous adversities, who saw the future of the Cherokee people would be grossly at a disadvantage without its language, and who worked tirelessly to build tools and a vision for the better part of his lifetime to prop up a language which was endowed by the Creator from the beginning of time, to serve the uniqueness of the Cherokee people. For this, the

Cherokee people will forever be indebted to Durbin Feeling."

Durbin was a Vietnam Veteran, having earned a Purple Heart and National Defense Medal, and was an ordained minister.

In 2011, he was named a Cherokee National Treasure for advancing the Cherokee language and was the parade marshal at the Cherokee National Holiday in 2013.

"Most of our translators credit him for teaching them to read and write Syllabary," said Roy Boney, manager of the tribe's language translation team. "His Cherokee English Dictionary is the standard publication for Cherokee language reference with learners and speakers referring to it constantly. Any time we thought we had a new idea, I remember Durbin would dig in his archives and pull out a research paper or proposal he had already written for it."

In 2019, through the Durbin Feeling Language Preservation Act, Chief Hoskin named the Durbin Feeling Language Center in Feeling's honor. The future language center will house all three of the tribe's language programs including its translation office, immersion school and Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program under one roof.

"I can say without a doubt that Durbin Feeling laid the groundwork for this generation's preservation of the Cherokee language," Council of the Cherokee Nation Speaker Joe Byrd said. "Donadagohvi."

- Cherokee Nation release





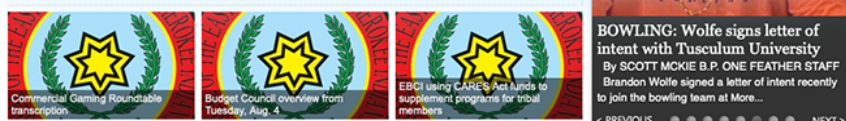
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## Beloved Women Committee seeking nominations

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 now 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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## WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

AUGUST 24-30, 2020

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckasegee River</b>	Stocked May 4. Hatchery Supported Waters are open	Early morning and evening.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Yellow Stone, Light Cahill, Sulfur Duns, Female Hendrickson, Yellow Sallies	Deer Hair Popper, Soft Hackle Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Tellico, Golden Stone, Red Copper John, Olive Woolly Buggers
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	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
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	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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MONDAY, AUG. 24	TUESDAY, AUG. 25	WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26	THURSDAY, AUG. 27	FRIDAY, AUG. 28	SATURDAY, AUG. 29	SUNDAY, AUG. 30
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD
5:12 AM-7:12 AM 5:39 PM-7:39 PM	6:06 AM-8:06 AM 6:33 PM-8:33 PM	7:01 AM-9:01 AM 7:29 PM-9:29 PM	7:57 AM-9:57 AM 8:25 PM-10:25 PM	8:53 AM-10:53 AM 9:21 PM-11:21 PM	9:49 AM-11:49 AM 10:15 PM-12:15 AM	N/A 10:41 AM-12:41 PM

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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



### **COVID Plays Havoc With Puppy's Vaccines**

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My Labrador puppy, “Charlie,” is six months old. He received his first and second round of vaccines, but then our state went into lockdown. Can I hold off on getting the rest of his shots for now, until restrictions ease? — *Blake F., Sacramento*

**DEAR BLAKE:** Contact Charlie's veterinarian first to find out if they are allowing non-urgent visits. The first year of vaccinations is extremely important for your dog's development and long-term health.

Lockdown mandates are making it difficult for everyone to figure out if and when they should visit the vet for their pet's checkups. But veterinarians know how important it is to keep to the vaccine schedule (to learn more, go to [akc.org](http://akc.org) and search for “puppy shots schedule”). By this point they should have some guidelines and a plan for scheduling routine appointments.

That also goes for maintaining adult pets' vaccinations and keeping their licenses current. Contact the veterinarian to find out if they're booking routine appointments.

What if you aren't able to get an appointment to get Charlie's third round of shots? For now, limit his exposure to other dogs, as he still has some risk of contracting serious illnesses like parvovirus. That means no dog park visits or play dates (unless you know the other dog's vaccine status). Let him run in the backyard or go to a state park or other large outdoor area that allows pets and doesn't have many people or animals around. Spend more time training him on basic obedience commands — if you're both stuck at home, now is the perfect time.

As soon as a vet appointment opens up, take Charlie in and get him up to date on his shots.

Send your tips, questions or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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## OBITUARIES



### Gary Dean (Boots) Smith

Gary Dean (Boots) Smith, 64, passed away unexpectedly in his home on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020. A lifelong resident of Cherokee, he loved gardening and the outdoors. Boots is the son of the late Fan-

cheon L. (Snook) Elders of Wildwood, Fla. He is the grandson of the late Charles Smith and the late Elma Arch Smith. He is preceded in death by his son, Kevin B. Smith; sisters, Ernestine Smith Crowe and Nancy Taylor; aunts, Osceola Smith, Wanda Lee (Joe Lou) Bradley, Nancy Smith, and Linda Sue Raby; uncle, Delbert Smith; and two cousins.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Bradley Smith; four stepchildren, AJ Owle, Tonya Owle, Phillip Pannell, and Cody Pannell; two daughters, Deanna Smith and Becky Chiltoskie; four grandchildren, Joseph Smith, Kayla Smith Garcia, Levi Winstead, and Meli Winstead; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Libba Smith Wolfe and Debra Smith Rameriz; aunts, Connie Cabe, Joan Henry and Rebecca Bridges; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Aug. 21 at Crisp Funeral Home in Bryson City and were conducted by Pastor Foreman

Bradley of the Yellowhill Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Bethel Cemetery in Cherokee. Pallbearers were special friend, Allen McCoy, and cousins Terance (Tince) Cabe, Tommy Cabe, Tony Cabe, James Raby, and Dean Bradley.

### Douglas Swimmer

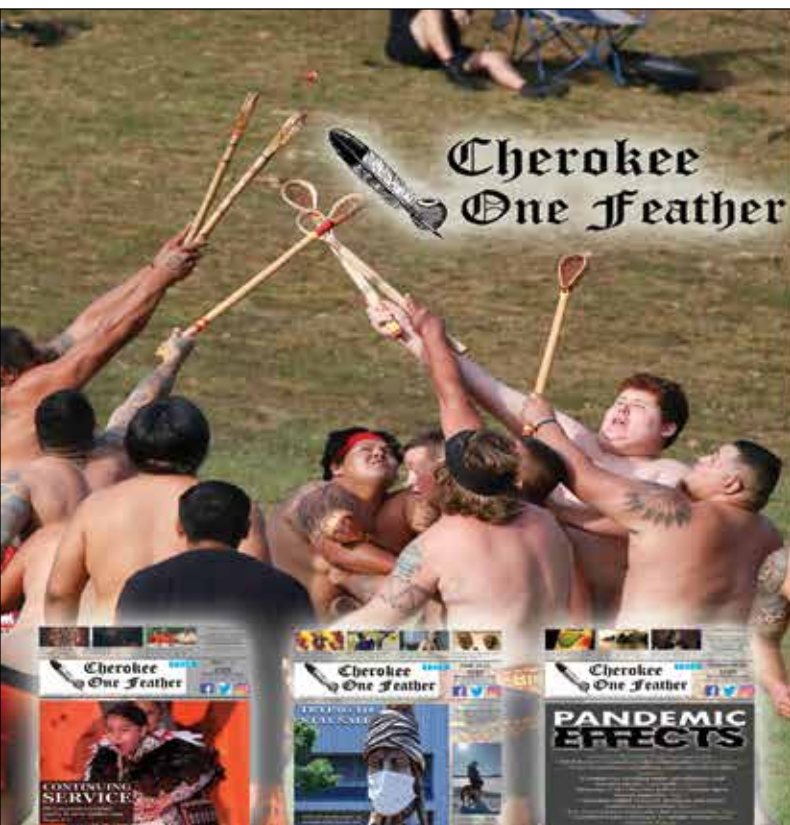
Douglas Swimmer, 72, of Cherokee, passed away peacefully at his home, after an extended illness, on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020. The son of the late Thomas Swimmer and Alice Sherrill Swimmer, he is preceded in death by his late paternal great grandparents, John Swimmer and Lucy Toe; his late maternal great grandparents, John Ute Sherrill and Mollie Trampler; his sisters, Betty (Sherrill) Smith, Sarah M. Swimmer; brothers, Robert W. Sherrill, Thomas E. Swimmer, Ammons Swimmer; and his nephews, Donald Smith and Robert "Dinky" Sherrill.

Douglas is survived by his brother, Dwight (Linda) Swimmer;

nephew, James "Spooky" Sherrill; his nieces, Rowena Smith, Cynthia Williams, and Salina (Chris Lee) Swimmer; and he also leaves behind several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Douglas was an outdoors man. He enjoyed a life of logging in his younger day but always enjoyed hunting and fishing. If weather permitted, he would be outside. Douglas was a quiet man, but once you got him going there was no stopping him. He was a funny man who enjoyed joking around as well as being a Master Fish Storyteller. His presence will be greatly missed.

The family will had a graveside service for Douglas Swimmer on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at the Thomas Swimmer Cemetery on Swimmer Branch. Reverend James "Bo" Parris officiated. Pall bearers were Jimmy Smith, Adam Smith, Jacob Wilnoty, Anthony Lee, Matthew Lee, and James "Spooky" Sherrill. Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.



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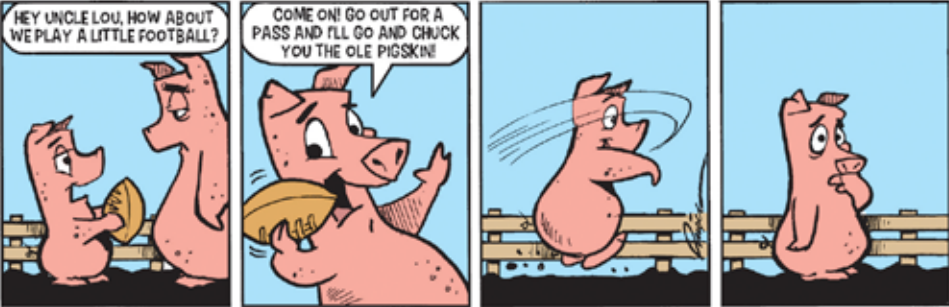
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by Linda Thistle

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8 Molt  
12 By way of  
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15 Work unit  
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17 Long-billed wader  
18 Sprinter's device  
21 Many millenia  
22 Parcel of land  
23 Allude (to)  
26 Driver's license datum  
27 Foundation  
30 Out of control  
31 "Oklahoma!" baddie  
32 Stead  
33 Vat  
34 Haw partner  
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37 Emeril's shout  
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24 Ostrich's cousin  
25 Pass (off)  
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27 Auction action  
28 Wet wriggler  
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31 Football garb  
32 Genie's home  
34 Chapeau  
35 Expires  
36 Marching-band section  
37 Half of 49-Across' fight song  
38 Booty  
39 Otherwise  
40 Census statistics  
41 Snare  
42 PC picture  
43 "Unh-unh"  
44 Attend

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which activity uses terms such as baste, bias and selvage?  
2. MYTHOLOGY: What are the Norms?  
3. AD SLOGANS: Which product uses the advertising slogan "Vermont's Finest"?  
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of New Zealand?  
5. MUSIC: Which Madonna song features a recitation of 16 cultural icons?  
6. U.S. STATES: How many states begin with the letter "A"?  
7. HISTORY: Who was queen consort to French and English kings in the 12th century?  
8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "All children, except one, grow up"?  
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president detested broccoli and banned it from his meals?  
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of crabs called?

## Senior Citizens heating assistance

Applications for the 2021 Senior Citizens heating assistance season will be available at Tsali Manor on Monday, Sept. 14. Applications will be available Monday through Thursdays after 1 p.m. each day due to the preparations and meal drive-thru each morning.

Fuel applications will be handed out at the drive-thru. Please stay in your car. Applications will be brought out to you. Applications can be returned Monday through Thursdays after 1p.m.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2021. If you are applying for Electric Heating Assistance, attach a current billing statement. If you do not use contract companies, it is yours and your company's responsibility to get your delivery invoices in.

Info: 359-6294  
- EBCI Senior Citizens Program

## Cherokee Fitness Complex Class schedule and guidelines

Group Exercise Schedule:

### Monday:

10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. - Youth Total Conditioning (Gymnasium) Harley Maney

10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Step (Aerobic Room) Karen Walter

12 p.m. to 1 p.m. - Spin (Spin Room) Karen Walter

4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. - Cardio/Strength Conditioning (Aerobic Room) Karen Walter

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. - Zumba (Gymnasium) Angel Squirrel

5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Cardio/Strength Conditioning (Aerobic Room) Karen Walter

### Tuesday:

10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Functional

Fitness (Aerobic Room) Karen Walter

12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. - Youth Total Conditioning (Gymnasium) Harley Maney

12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Cardio/Strength Conditioning (Aerobic Room) Karen Walter

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### Wednesday:

10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. - Youth Total Conditioning (Gymnasium) Harley Maney

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### Thursday:

10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Functional Fitness (Aerobic Room) Karen Walter

12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. - Youth Total Conditioning (Gymnasium) Harley Maney

12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Cardio/Strength Conditioning (Aerobic Room) Karen Walter

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### Class Size Limits:

Youth Total Conditioning (ages 12-18 years): 8 participants

Step: 5 participants

Cardio/Strength Conditioning: 5 participants

Zumba: 12 participants

Spin: 5 participants

Functional Fitness: 5 participants

Tabata: 12 participants

### Group Fitness Guidelines:

- Classes will begin Aug. 24
- Interested participants must call to sign up for a class
- Classes will be open to EBCI enrolled members and non-enrolled members (non-enrolled members will be subject to the \$5 daily fee)
- Class participants must exit the facility after their class is over
- Participants are required to sign up within 24 hours of the class they plan to attend.
- Participants are required to check in and be screened before each class
- Locker rooms and water fountains will not be available so please plan accordingly.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle, towel, and equipment (mat, weights, bands, etc. if available)
- Participants are required to sanitize the equipment they use at the end of each class
- Face coverings will be required to enter and walk around the facility. Face covering can be removed only while participating in class.
- Social distancing (6 feet) must be maintained while class is in session and throughout the complex.
- Fans are not permitted according to PHHS guidelines.
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## COMMENTARY

# Only 18 weeks till Christmas

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
 ONE FEATHER EDITOR

I am not a very social person. I wasn't when I was younger and I am surely not as I grow older. I like people and actually have a few that I love, but as far as chit-chat and "hugginess", I have had to train myself to engage in those activities. I guess it comes from being the oldest child and from not having a totally functional family growing up. In that environment, love was more of an understanding than displays of outward affection. There is an old joke about a woman who approached her husband after many years of marriage and asked him the question "Why don't you ever tell me that you love me?" He answers, "I told you I love you when we got married, and, if that ever changes, I will let you know."

I am sure that I am not alone in that mentality of raising. We thought caring and providing for our loved ones was enough. Back in my day, it was about survival and when someone helped you survive, they loved you. No hug required. And no hug would be expected. We spent so much time ensuring survival that we were either working or too tired to engage in petting. Not just in my family, but in many of the families in my neighborhood.

But, our world is different now. Outward displays of affection are the mark of caring or at least the perception of caring. We care, therefore we hug. But, even that comes with caveats. Some will use outward affection as a tool to satisfy their own wants. We all know of or have a Brutus in our life. The one who outwardly supports and has affection for us, but in their hearts, they are desirous or repelled by something we have or are. They are waiting for the right moment to plunge the dagger during one of those

embraces.

We see it in social media circles. A poster will put up a picture of an injured animal, a child or adult in intensive care, with the tag "if you care about this, copy and paste". The poster will feign caring when, in reality, they have googled the picture and are using it only to boost their post rate or to attempt to lure the gullible into contributing to a cause that is usually lining their own pockets. No care for the subject of the photos. The same is true of these phone scam artists who attempt to lure our elders into divulging enough information to tap into their bank accounts or divert their social security checks to fleece them of their little bit of security.

And life in the era of COVID-19 has just made it easier for those who are more interested in self-care than they are someone else's autumn care to access the elderly. With limited access to family, both the homebound and those in senior adult care facilities are more isolated from the protection of their loved ones than ever. And with a limited pool of people to interact with, elders are more likely to engage those friendly, seemingly caring strangers who volunteer to engage them, some with good intentions and others not so much. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish between the ones who truly care and those who are about to bury the dagger in your back.

Social distancing has made it even more challenging to figure out who has your best interests at heart. You surely do not want to live a cynical life and push everyone away. That is not our nature. We are social creatures and actually crave interaction with others. The "I said I loved you once and will let you know if I change my mind" group is not favored in today's environment. And the current coronavirus has created the perfect storm. People who want interaction and



affection are being preyed upon by those ready to fake affection long enough for a nice, easy payday. I have mentioned elders, but they are not the only targets of the unscrupulous. Take for example, the COVID infection rate itself. High numbers of infection are being seen in the teenage to 30-year-old age category, basically because of their desire to have physical interaction with their peer group, some knowing that they are infected with the virus - reckless disregard for the health and safety of others to satisfy self-interest.

Very recently, someone vandalized the tribally-maintained decorative fountains in downtown Cherokee. They used red paint and made handprints on walls and signage and smeared paint on rocks. They had thrown beer cans in and around the fountains and vandalized the picnic area. It is not known if the culprits are members of our community, but

if they are, they should know that those fountains are maintained with your tribal dollars and labor. When tribal, community property is vandalized and destroyed, each member of the community is damaged. Monies that could be used for community services for orphans, elders, physically challenged, and indigent people will be used to clean and repair the damage done by these vandals. Again, reckless disregard for the community to satisfy momentary self-interest. A little childish fun at a lot of expense for the community.

This week, I began to feel that first little chill in the air; the one that tells you that fall temperatures may be around the corner. Before we know it, fall will be upon us. Fall and early winter bring family times. October is typically a reunion month for the Qualla Boundary. No Fall Festival this year - formally. Will families meet? Almost assuredly. Then

there is Thanksgiving and Christmas, the big traditional gathering times. But we are challenged this year. COVID-19 infection and governmental mandates will limit the amount of physical contact that is safe. Currently, there doesn't seem to be an amount that is deemed safe by the medical profession. We will need to be responsible in our family activities and there will be a cost in human contact.

This may be the strangest holiday season that we'll experience in our lifetime. Like many other life decisions, we must plan to ensure health and safety. As we have seen, reckless behavior has a cost, whether it is property or human suffering. And while a hug is warm and comforting, it may have the opposite meaning in the era of COVID-19, just like ignoring the mask mandate sends the message that you care less about your community than you do your personal preferences.

We like to put trust in friends and family. We act like our loved ones have a choice as to whether they give us the virus. We think, "So and so is okay. We love each other. No way would he give me COVID-19". But, he doesn't have a say in it if he is a carrier of the virus. And he would have no choice if he made physical contact with you or some particles from his body, through sneezing, coughing, or talking, got in yours.

As difficult as it may be for some, this may be a holiday season of tough love. Love that says in providing for you and caring for you, I will celebrate with you from a distance. It will be difficult so we better start thinking about how we will do it now. The heat of summer will be over sooner than we think. I am already organizing the decorations and dusting off the tree. I wonder what color Santa's mask will be this year...



## Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

The Cherokee One Feather would like to share your stories in a column we call "Veteran's Corner". Send your written stories to Robert Jumper, editor, at [robejump@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:robejump@nc-chokeee.com). Or, if you prefer to sit down for an interview with one of our reporters, call 359-6482 (Robert), 359-6263 (Scott), or 359-6264 (Jonah).

Thank you for your service, and we look forward to hearing from you so we can share your stories of service with the entire community.



**Cherokee  
One Feather**

## Question of the Week:

***Are the crosswalks effective in downtown Cherokee? What could be done to improve safety in the downtown area?***

**Terri Townsend:** Crosswalks need the signs to remind drivers to stop for pedestrian crossing. I see a lot of drivers not stopping and allowing pedestrian crossing.

**David Green:** There are signs in Gatlinburg, but those don't help much either. Those flashing lights, when pedestrians push the button the light flashes indicating that someone is walking. Drivers will have no excuse then.

**Mike Owens:** 90 percent of the walkers cross wherever anyway. (It) all depends on what store they are going into next.

**Ashley Sessions:** If people are at an actual crosswalk, yes. Most just try to cross wherever they want. I don't stop to let them if they aren't at the crosswalk.

**Trudy Crowe:** Patrol the downtown speedway more.

**Donnie Smith:** Put some of these cops are sitting around on foot patrol.

**Will Tushka:** As a local, I would say the flashing lights might help. Maybe even add more from the Veterans Park to the red light by Econo Lodge. The Island parking along the road tends to make visitors just cross wherever and whenever.

**Eddie Swimmer:** If people actually used them, but how about the vehicle parking – out in the road?

**Diane Lively:** People let their kids just pop out into the road from the blind side of the big trucks. They take up half a lane or more. I don't drive mine downtown to shop because it takes up too much parking, which there is even less of since the pretty fountain that does not produce revenue for anyone was put in. The sad thing is, if I've been told correctly, the pedestrian has the right of way anywhere in Cherokee. So, if they pop out from beside a vehicle and we

can't stop, we're at fault. It's not an unavoidable accident. The driver is charged with what can be vehicular manslaughter if the person dies. After having a close call with a kid, I don't even drive thru downtown anymore unless going to Subway or Front Porch or the coffee shop.

**Michael Henson:** Too many times, I have seen a car stop for a pedestrian to cross only to see some idiot behind them pull around and try to pass not knowing why they've stopped.

**Reggie Smith:** We need sidewalks on White-water Drive. There are a lot of folks that walk that road. Lighting would be good also. The weeds on the side of the road in the curve need to be cut down regularly.

**Becky Watty:** Something more needs to be implemented. Cars speed by when people are in the crosswalk. We are at the Island a lot and seeing families with their kids trying to cross the road is scary because of idiots speeding through.

**Joanna Jane Martin:** When I worked in town, I was cross this street and this woman saw me walking and never stopped. They almost hit me. I could see in the car and there were four adults – all of them with a beer, even the driver. Put up speed trap signs or speed bumps like the one at McDonald's.

**Bela Moose:** They would be effective if people actually used them. Someone or a group will stand five feet away from one and not use it. And, also depending on which one they're at, you can't see pedestrians trying to cross if cars are parked near one. Oh, and cars aren't doing the speed limit. During pandemic I was still doing 20 and others would speed past. One had to be doing 60 because she was gone - all local.

**Alison Robertson:** A huge, loud blowhorn that goes off on the street corners when tourists walk into traffic not on cross walks and walk on cross walks when there's the signal telling them not to cross.

**Jennifer Rapaich:** Bill was almost hit once... they didn't slow down. The people cross where

they want when they're walking and don't pay attention when they're driving. I don't know the answer.

**Shoshoni Medina:** A lot of times, I can't see the pedestrians that are trying to cross due to the vehicles parked halfway out in the road.

**Dennis Burgess:** I said a long time ago to tear out the pavement and put cobblestone or brick surface...don't know if it is practical, but it'd be cool. Also, would be neat if we had a drawbridge like on "Blues Brothers" or "Smoky and the Bandit".

**Agnes Reed:** No. The crosswalks are not effective because visitors aren't using them, but they aren't being used because visitors are just trying to cross when and where they can get across. Locals aren't very respectful when it comes to slowing down through the downtown area all the way up past the Island Park. More traffic patrol, with consequences! And, I'll try to slow myself down too.

**Peggy Hill:** Make downtown more pedestrian-friendly; lower speed limit to 5 mph, widen walkways, more pedestrian signage, and paint walkways orange! Enforce the speed limit! Give right of way to pedestrians and elk. Drivers are responsible for obeying the traffic laws.

**Kevin Blackfox:** Locals and tourists don't observe the 20 mph going through downtown anyway. They should have signs like Dillsboro has with signs that tell people to stop for people at crosswalks. People act like the casino is going to take off into outer space or something.

**Eleanor Priest Crim:** People give right-away to the person crossing. It works. Everything is ok.

**Atreyu Queen:** Installing raised crosswalks, enforcing traffic violations, enforcing jaywalking

**Adam Owl:** Need to get rid of the street parking through downtown. This would help in seeing pedestrians trying to cross. A parking deck would be a nice option.



**John Reed:** The elk seem to understand how they work. Unfortunately, most people are still trying to grasp the concept.

**Kim Shuler:** Skyway bridges would be nice.

**Mark Herron:** Speeders are a problem. Jaywalkers are a problem. Lack of enforcement is a problem. The crosswalks and speed limit are not the problem.

**Destiny Crowe-Howell:** Jaywalking offenses should be issued. It is unsafe. They just run out in front of cars out of the crosswalk, especially around downtown and the Island. I don't know how many times someone's kid or some adult has almost been hit just coming out between vehicles in blind spots not even watching where they're going and if cars are coming.

**Faye Pheasant:** No, because I have seen people speed through town and not stop even for people who are in the crosswalks. I have seen people speed through town and almost hit people on the sidewalks and one pedestrian did get hit on the arm by a mirror on a truck. I am not perfect because I too have failed to stop because if a vehicle bigger than yours is beside you, then you can't see when people are coming across the crosswalk. It is mostly locals that I have seen, a couple PD cars, and tourists. And, far as I last knew, pedestrians have the right of way whether in the crosswalks or not. If you know you have to be at a certain place at a certain time, pace yourself for the unknown factors that may arise so that you can get there on time safely without hurting someone or causing an accident.

**Neil Ferguson:** Regular and consistent police foot patrols

**Deb Perry:** Didn't we have a bike patrol a long time ago? That would be great. They could issue citations for the vehicles hanging out in the road, people not stopping for pedestrians, and pedestrians not using the crosswalk. Find a good cause to use the money coming in. But, there needs to be better parking, however I don't know where a parking garage could go. I feel bad for those businesses around the Visitors Center, the restaurants, there is so much

going on there you can't find parking to go there for lunch.

**Joshua Thompson:** The elk stop and look both ways before crossing the road. Tourists don't even look. They just walk out in front of a moving car. The crosswalks are useless. People don't use them, but nature does. That, to me, says elk are smarter than humans.

**Cindi Foster:** Just a reminder - the main road through Cherokee is a state road. I know because we had to get permission to use downtown for the trick-or-treat night. It is everyone's responsibility to watch for people at the crosswalks. And, I have seen locals stop while tourists speed on through.

**Judy Castorena:** No parking deck...isn't there parking available behind the stores on the river side?

**Regina Rosario:** Well, I have complained about downtown forever! I have asked for speed limit signs. We could have signs like the one at the school. It's run by solar. So, good luck to anybody saying anything. And, it's not just the tourists that speed downtown and ignore the crosswalks that you can barely see!

**Daryl Webb:** As long as you don't have idiots driving, it is safe.

**Marie Hall:** I feel safe using them.

**Stephanie Cahill:** Flashing lights for all crosswalks for cars to see people entering - not just Cherokee, but anywhere in western North Carolina...I drive all over and while I may see crosswalks, I sometimes don't see people about to enter them.

**Clint Hyde:** People need to slow down! That needs to be enforced.

**Jessica Myers:** A road safety audit would be good.

**Tammy Cooper Holtzclaw:** Speed bumps

**Jim Parker:** All these years and millions spent and still no sidewalk to Birdtown. Build-

ing a sidewalk there would increase safety.

**Terry Hines:** Speed bumps?

**Dustin Armachain:** Eliminate parking where vehicles are sticking out along the road across from Burger King. How long will it be that a kid steps out from behind a car and gets hit?



## You are in business to make money ...right?

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## COMMENTARY

# Voting - use it or lose it

MARY HERR

CHEROKEE, N.C.

Decisions made at all levels of government (President and Congress in Washington, DC, General Assembly in Raleigh and County Commissioners, Sheriffs, Courts, etc.) impact the daily lives of Cherokee people. If you shop anywhere off the Boundary, you are paying state sales taxes. These amounts are determined by the county and state. If you are arrested off the Qualla Boundary, state laws apply and you will appear before a District Court or Superior Court judge who is elected.

All federal laws passed by the U.S. Congress directly impact Cherokee people. Congress determines the amount of funding for Indian Health Service, education and many other programs that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) depends upon to provide services. The number of people voting in each county determines the amount of funding received so your vote is very important.

Would you be able to vote if you had to pass a literacy test? Can you count the number

of bubbles in a bar of soap? Can you count the number of jelly beans in a jar? These were some of the tests that were required for Black citizens prior to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Some of you may remember when Cherokees could not vote in the county elections. Can you imagine the pain and trauma many people endured when trying to exercise their rights as American citizens and were denied?

The late Congressional Representative John Lewis actually shed his blood in his efforts to draw attention to the fact that people of color were not allowed to vote. He was beaten, insulted and his life threatened along with many others involved in fighting for civil rights and voting rights in the 1960's.

In the 2018 general election, only 39 percent of registered voters in the Whittier-Cherokee precinct voted. Are you OK with letting these people vote for you? Do you take your right to vote for granted? Do you exercise that vote every time there is an election? In addition to John Lewis and others fighting for voting rights of minorities, think of the thousands of Americans who have served and died in military service defending democracy and our right to vote.

Payson Kennedy, co-founder of the Nantahala Outdoor Center, participated in the marches in Selma, Ala. in 1965. He and some students marched to the court house in Selma

to register Blacks to vote but they were refused. Kennedy said the speeches and marches all emphasized non-violence. They were asked to remain non-violent despite taunts and threats. Protestors today should follow their example.

The marches in which Payson Kennedy and his students participated plus the famous "Bloody Sunday" march from Selma to Montgomery on March 7, 1965 led to the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. This act prohibited racial discrimination in voting and was signed into law on August 6, 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson. Kennedy is puzzled why people don't vote when so many people put their lives on the line for this right. He believes our country is in a crisis today probably as bad as any other time in recent history.

In a letter written days before his death to be read on the day of his funeral, John Lewis repeated something he often said, "If you see something that is not right, you must say something and you must do something."

Filmmaker Michael Moore stated: "Democracy is not a spectator sport, it's a participatory event. If we don't participate in it, it ceases to be a democracy."

When you exercise your right to vote, you'll be doing your part to maintain our democracy. Use your right to vote or lose it.

## 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**





# God's Samson Course

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR  
CHEROKEE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS  
CHURCH

Read Judges 13–16, and then Hebrews 11:32–33

“Samson had tremendous potential. Not many people have started life with credentials like his. Born as a result of God’s plan given by the angel of the Lord, to Manoah and his wife, a childless couple in Israel. Samson was to do a great work for God—to rescue Israel from the Philistines. According to the angel of the Lord, they were not to drink any wine, eat grapes, nor eat any other forbidden food, from before his birth, and never to razor his hair afterwards, either. They were able to take the Nazirite vow for him, and trained him to follow the instructions given them for their son. To help him accomplish God’s plan, he was given enormous physical strength, especially when the Holy Spirit would come upon him, and whenever there was a great need he would ask God for His help.”

“Samson wasted his strength on practical jokes and getting out of scrapes, and because he gave it up altogether to satisfy the woman he loved, we tend to see him as a failure. We remember him as the judge in Israel who spent his last days grinding grain in an enemy prison, having had both eyes gouged out. Yes, Samson wasted his life. He could have strengthened his nation. He could have returned his people to the worship of God. He could have wiped out the Philistines. But even though he did only begin to do those things, he still accomplished the purpose announced by the angel who visited his parents before his birth. He actually slew 1,000 Philistine men with one ‘jawbone of an ass.’ In this final act, he died taking more Philistine people and leaders out with what he did, while also causing his own death. He humbled himself and had asked God for the strength to collapse the idol temple’s roof as they tormented him. The death numbers counted more than from all the other events in

over twenty years of his life combined. Samson had clearly begun to rescue Israel from the Philistines.” —From notes in the NLT)

Said Pastor Melton, “Perhaps the lie that satan told Samson was the same as what he also tries to tell each one of us. He seems to like telling most of us that ‘we just aren’t good enough, no matter what we do.’ We should be aware that it has to be a lie because everyone ‘is good enough to be filled with the Holy Spirit,’ if they will follow God’s instructions.”

“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise.

“Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

“Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

“Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

“And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NLT)

“Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.

“For if you live by its dictates, you will die.

“But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you

will live.

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

“So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, ‘Abba. Father.

“For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.”

Romans 8:12-16 (NLT)

“And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groaning that cannot be expressed in words.

“And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

Romans 8:26-28 (NLT)

“During these days, Israel had no king; and all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.”

“Does this sound somewhat familiar to us today?” asks Pastor Melton.



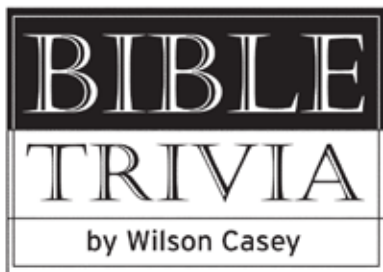
## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Do not let your adornment be merely outward — arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel — rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 1 Peter 3: 3,4*



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## Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 3 John; 3) Rivers; 4) Pergamos; 5) Perga; 6) Solomon



1. Sewing
2. Norse goddesses of fate
3. Ben & Jerry's ice cream
4. Wellington
5. "Vogue"
6. Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, and Arkansas
7. Eleanor of Aquitaine
8. "Peter Pan"
9. George H.W. Bush
10. A cast

### — King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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### — Weekly SUDOKU —

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## MARKETPLACE

### FOR RENT

2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/background check required. \$550/month. \$550/deposit. 488-8752 UFN

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

### BUYING

Buying wild ginseng starting Sept. 1. Green only until Sept. 15 then green or dry. Info: Ricky Teem 371-1802. 9/23

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) This could be the time to try soothing whatever bad feelings might be lingering 'twixt and among colleagues, friends or family members. But be sure you do so without favoring any side.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) An idea is only an idea until you put that clever Bovine mind to work to develop it from concept to substance. This could lead to something rewarding, both emotionally and monetarily.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The early part of the week could have some disconcerting moments, but approaching them with a calm, unruffled attitude goes a long way toward helping to get things nicely settled down.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Getting used to change continues to mark much of the week. But accepting what you have to do makes adapting that much easier. A welcome visitor could turn up sooner than expected.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Learning how to live with a decision is a challenge, but one you Leos and Leonas could really enjoy. You'll also be pleased to see your social life take that upsurge you've been hoping for.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Use your perceptive Virgo instinct to help you see the positive aspects of what, at first, appears to be a disappointment. You could find that it proves to be quite the contrary.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain a balance between sense and sentiment once again helps you sort through apparently conflicting choices and ultimately arrive at the right decision.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Before you seek the advice of colleagues about a potential career move, you might be better off getting counsel from someone who won't be affected by the choices you make.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It can be a challenging week for some relationships if the normal give-and-take flow changes with one side doing most of the giving and the other the taking.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A new opportunity could bring with it much anticipation along with some anxiety. Take time to sort out your options as well as your emotional considerations.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Are you sure you have all the facts you need to let that matter move to another level? Don't be rushed into a decision unless and until you feel it's the right thing to do.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Pace yourself as you prepare to take on that more demanding project. Be careful not to let your energy reserves drain away. Take time to relax with people close to you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have the ability to see both sides of a situation. You would do well as a counselor or a judge.

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# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101).

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

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

## Children's Home Open Until Filled PT Residential Counselor - two positions



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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\**


- 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. EBCI HUMAN RESOURCES (EMPLOYMENT) DEPARTMENT

Notice: At this time, due to the tribal State of Emergency causes 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.

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## 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**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 20-58

### In the Matter of the Estate of Mary W. Youngbird

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

Faren Fleetwood  
8919 SW 102ND Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32608. **9/9**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 20-063

### In the Matter of the Estate of Wynn Anita Jones

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

Nellie Washington  
P.O. Box 734  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
**9/16**

### BIDS, RFPs., etc.

### HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Conceptual Design Services

Housing & Community Development is releasing this RFQ to solicit proposals from qualified firms to provide Conceptual Design Services .

- Proposals shall be delivered to mailed to PO Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719, not later than 12:00 PM on September 1st, 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, "CONCEPTUAL DESIGN 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 from Bunsey Crowe, Housing Production Manager, via email at [buncrow@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:buncrow@nc-chokeee.com) or by phone at (828) 359-6903.

- The contact person for technical questions concerning project specifications should be directed to Bunsey Crowe at [buncrow@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:buncrow@nc-chokeee.com) or by phone at (828) 359-6903.

Dated: August 11, 2020

Bunsey Crowe, Housing Production Manager. **8/26**

## Request for Proposals General Notice

Qualla Housing Authority (Q.H.A.) is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for services and labor for Q.H.A. properties, including rental units on the Cherokee Indian Res-

ervation (Swain, Jackson, Graham, and Cherokee Counties).

Q.H.A. Construction bid packages include:

- \* Portable Toilet Services
- \* Fire Extinguisher Services
- \* Fire Sprinkler Monitoring/Main-tenance
- \* Demolition Services
- \* Tree Removal Services
- \* Paving Services

These bid packages can be picked up at the Qualla Housing Authority Warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. The Warehouse is open Monday-Thursday, from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Q.H.A. Housing Services is also requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for services and labor for Q.H.A. properties, including rental units on the Cherokee Indian Reservation (Swain, Jackson, Graham, and Cherokee Counties).

Q.H.A. Housing bid packages include:

- \* Pest Control
- \* Propane
- \* Lawn Care Maintenance

These bid packages can be picked up at the Qualla Housing Authority Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719. The Main Office is open Monday-Thursday, from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

All bids/proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope. The deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on 09/10/2020. Proposals received after this time and date will be rejected. **8/26**

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Project Management Program  
Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg.  
810 Acquoni Road, Suite 117  
P.O. Box 1328

Cherokee, N.C. 28719

Ph. (828) 359-6700

Project Title: Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Shelter Remodel Project

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program, in partnership with the tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Program, is requesting a statement of qualifications, tradesman fee structure, and an anticipated timeline for undertaking the tasks described in the Statement of Work. The project entails remodeling or refurbishing several areas of the existing residential shelter located at 2975 Governors Island Rd, Bryson City, NC.

Materials submitted by individual contractors will be evaluated and a contract executed with the firm that best meets the qualifications, cost, and availability to complete the work within the specified time. Proposing companies must have experience in residential and/or commercial remodeling and be properly insured for the scope of services to be provided. A statement of work will be provided to any qualified contractor upon request. To request a package, ask questions about the project, or provide comments, contact Ken Green at (828)359-6120 or by email at [kengree@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:kengree@nc-chokeee.com).

com.

Qualifications, fee structure and statement of availability must be submitted to Mr. Green in accordance with the instructions and must be received by 11:00 a.m., September 10, 2020 at which time submittals will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any submittals received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of this contract. **9/2**

## EBCI Parcels 25 & 26 Invasive Plant Removal Project

EBCI Natural Resources is requesting bids for the services of a licensed pesticide applicator with experience in invasive plant removal projects for the purpose of treating 8.5 acres of oriental bittersweet, tree-of-heaven, multiflora rose, grapevine, and privet infestation on a forested tract in Cherokee, North Carolina. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on September 8th and proposals are due on September 21st. For more information, contact Maria Dunlavey at [maridunl@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:maridunl@nc-chokeee.com) or (828) 788-3628. **9/2**







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