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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“We would prefer no  
tomahawks, feathers, or  
Indigenous characters.”**

- Bo Lossiah, Cherokee Speakers Council, on  
talks with the Atlanta Braves organization



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# EBCI using CARES Act funds to supplement programs for tribal members

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) was signed into law by President Trump in late March, and funds from that have now been received by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Those funds are being used to supplement and add to many tribal programs and provide assistance for EBCI tribal members.

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

The One Feather has requested, from the EBCI Treasury Division, the exact amount received by the Tribe in CARES Act funding, but that information has not been received by press time.

Cory Blankenship, EBCI Secretary of the Treasury, stated in a video announcement last week that the funds received by the Tribe are substantial. "Our particular allocation is about as much as we'd receive in federal grant funding every year. So, think about this year, we have practically doubled the federal money that has come to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as a result of the CARES Act."

In that same video, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said the funds are being used to help as many tribal members as possible in a responsible manner. "We have gone about this in the same way that we go about everything else with two things in mind. The num-

ber one being strategic and number two being a good steward."

Several federally recognized tribes, such as the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, have issued per capita distributions with their CARES Act funds; something that both Chief Sneed and Secretary Blankenship say are against the federal rules.

According to information from the U.S. Department of Treasury, "Governments have discretion to determine how to tailor assistance programs they establish in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. However, such a program should be structured in such a manner as will ensure that such assistance is determined to be necessary in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and otherwise satisfies the requirements of the CARES Act and other applicable law."

It goes on to state, "For example, a per capita payment to residents of a particular jurisdiction without an assessment of individual need would not be an appropriate use of payments from the Fund."

Chief Sneed noted, "There's a lot of misinformation out there on social media. There's been a lot of comments made that other tribes have given, essentially, a per capita distribution to their people with their CARES Act funding. And, it's true that several tribes have done that. It's not authorized in the Treasury guidelines."

Secretary Blankenship said the Tribe undergoes an annual audit of its finances including a single audit that looks at federal monies received. He said going against the

rules by doing a per capita distribution from the CARES Act funds could affect other federal funding the Tribe receives. "If we don't comply with the rules of those federal programs, then we're listed as a high-risk auditee, and then it hampers our ability to secure future federal funding for essential funding."

Chief Sneed added, "We took a very conservative approach, based on those guidelines, to not just jump in and say 'we're going to do a per capita distribution because Tribe A, Tribe B, and Tribe C did it'. We are thinking long-term and for the long-term financial future of the Tribe."

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

• **Lighten Up Assistance Fund (EBCI Family Support Program 359-6092)**

- \$500 one-time electricity bill payment assistance
- Must live within five-county service area of Tribe
- One payment per household
- No dependency nor income requirements

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

- \$300 per person in monthly payments
- Must be actively seeking and applying for employment and must have been laid-off, furloughed, or out-of-work
- Must have custody of minor(s) or be age 60+

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

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

- No residency requirement

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

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

- No residency requirement

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

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

- Applicant for assistance must be primary care provider

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

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

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

- Must be ineligible for paid time off

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

- Student must be negatively affected by COVID-19

- Assistance for state quarantine requirements with additional requests considered

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

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



# Cherokee Speakers Council discusses language teaching and the Atlanta Braves

JONAH LOSSIAH  
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**KITUWAH MOUND -**  
The Cherokee Speakers Council held its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 30 at the Kituwah Mound site to decide upon matters regarding the Cherokee language and culture.

The first major area of discussion was how the Speakers Council wished to vet teachers of the Cherokee language. Several members of the Council were concerned with non-tribal members teaching the language.

They stated that if it is not regulated, false information could be spread. There was an example brought forth of a man teaching the language in Alabama. Another example was a community member charging for teaching services was brought up, saying that wasn't right for them to be charging money and to be doing so without the consent. Council Vice Chair Wiggins Blackfox was adamant that they meet with all those that wish to teach the language to be the final judge.

Council Chairperson Roger Smoker established a subcommittee made up of members of the Council to establish the parameters and language for a resolution they will submit to Tribal Council. Next, Council Administrator Bo Lossiah presented the Council's 501-c3 application. He showed the forms to each member and asked if there were any changes that were requested. The Speakers Council passed the application unanimously, and Lossiah said that he could carry on with the process to earn

nonprofit status.

The last significant topic was also presented by Lossiah, and that was an update on communication with the Atlanta Braves. He said that representatives from the Braves had been in contact with him and the Office of the Principal Chief, and that they wished to work directly with the Speakers Council to finalize a display of Cherokee culture on the Braves' uniforms. Lossiah sent a statement back to the MLB organization with his position.

"The term Braves we grew to understand is what Europeans named our warriors," said Lossiah. "The term itself is not insulting. Modern natives, as we are, live in an integrated culture with the rest of the world through media - books, movies, music, etc. It's hard to stomach some of the perceptions throughout our history. Still we're amazed by some of the current presentations as what others conceive as natives. At times, we are told to understand that the caricatures are compliments. They were and are not compliments. And the longer we endure them, the worse the insult,"

"Caricatures are exaggerated symbols that should no longer exist. After all, our modern warriors no longer carry hatchets, tomahawks to chop. We have many modern heroes like Jim Thorpe and Charles George. Mr. George did not require a tomahawk to dive on a grenade to save his brothers in arms in World War II. Of course, he was brave. He was a warrior," he continued.

"We have a rich history and culture. The overview is that we



JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo

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are happy to share for the education and goodwill to honor our neighbors. And, we expect the same. For that, the chop-chop chant must go. We would prefer no tomahawks, feathers, or Indigenous characters. You can honor your baseball team and the city of Atlanta without those items. Without those items, we would be happy to assist."

The Braves plan to have an alternate uniform that displays a word in Cherokee syllabary. They wish to have 'Braves' written in Cherokee, just replacing what is already on their uniform. However, Lossiah explained that there is not a direct translation for Braves as a noun in Cherokee. Bravery is something that would be assumed of a warrior, and so identifying an appropriate word could be difficult. There are several possibilities which the Speakers Council have brought forward, yet no consensus

has been made at this time.

Lossiah passed around an example that the Braves had mocked-up with a provided Cherokee word. That word was anetsovs-gi, and it is one of at least nine potential words that the Council will debate between. The example showed the word on t-shirts in two styles, as well as on the Braves playing uniform.

Chairperson Smoker established another subcommittee to continue discussion on this topic and to review the potential words. The final item was to set the date for the next meeting on the Speakers Council. Under resolution they are set to meet every third Friday, but due to the current schedule of the EBCI they have set a date for Thursday, Aug. 20. Any items that are to be brought before the Speakers Council must be submitted by the second Friday of the month.

# Second season of sochan gathering program sees increases

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An agreement many years in the making came to fruition on March 25, 2019 as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the National Park Service (NPS) signed an agreement regarding the gathering of sochan (*Rudbeckia laciniata*) in the Park by tribal members. Now, in its second gathering season, the tribal program has grown from 11 permits issued the first year to 24 this year.

Maria Dunlavey, EBCI Natural Resource Program conservation outreach coordinator, thanked the program's participants for their help and cooperation in guiding its growth. "The gatherers who

participated really helped us iron out the details of how to run the program, and this year we were able to hit the ground running."

She added, "The biggest challenge of the increased numbers was probably making sure we held a training session everyone could attend. The training, which covers the details and rules of the gathering agreement, is necessary to get a permit, so we wanted to make sure we didn't exclude anyone."

Dunlavey noted that the day of the two planned trainings in February saw widespread flooding in Cherokee. "We still held our sessions as planned, but we made sure to contact everyone who'd submitted an application and let them know we'd arrange a backup for them if they couldn't make it.

In a way, that was a helpful dress rehearsal for the COVID closures. I was already used to texting and calling and emailing everyone with last minute changes."

She said this entire year has been about adaptation. "We adapted a lot on the fly. The Park was tremendously supportive — Joey [Owle, Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources] and I were on the phone with Superintendent Cash the morning of their shutdown, making sure gatherers would have continued access to sochan-rich areas. There was a while when not even the NPS biological staff was coming onto the park, but our gatherers still were."

The EBCI Natural Resources Program issued a report on the second season of sochan gathering

in the Park recently noting that 12.3 bags were gathered which amounted to 330 servings of sochan. The first day of the gathering season was March 1, and the peak harvest week was April 6-12. The report goes on to state, "Overall, 78 percent of this year's sochan harvest occurred during the Park's COVID-19 closure (March 24 – May 9)."

Dunlavey said, "The other thing I wanted to make sure of was that all of our gatherers could submit their harvest reports safely. Usually, we'd accept them by email or by a physical drop box, but when our offices closed I reached out to everyone and asked them to get me the info however they could. A lot of people would fill out their form and text me a photo,



*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

Mustard Greens - ayosgi  
Turnip Greens - doquasini  
Sochan - sotsvna  
Ramps - wasdi  
Squash - wagiga

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

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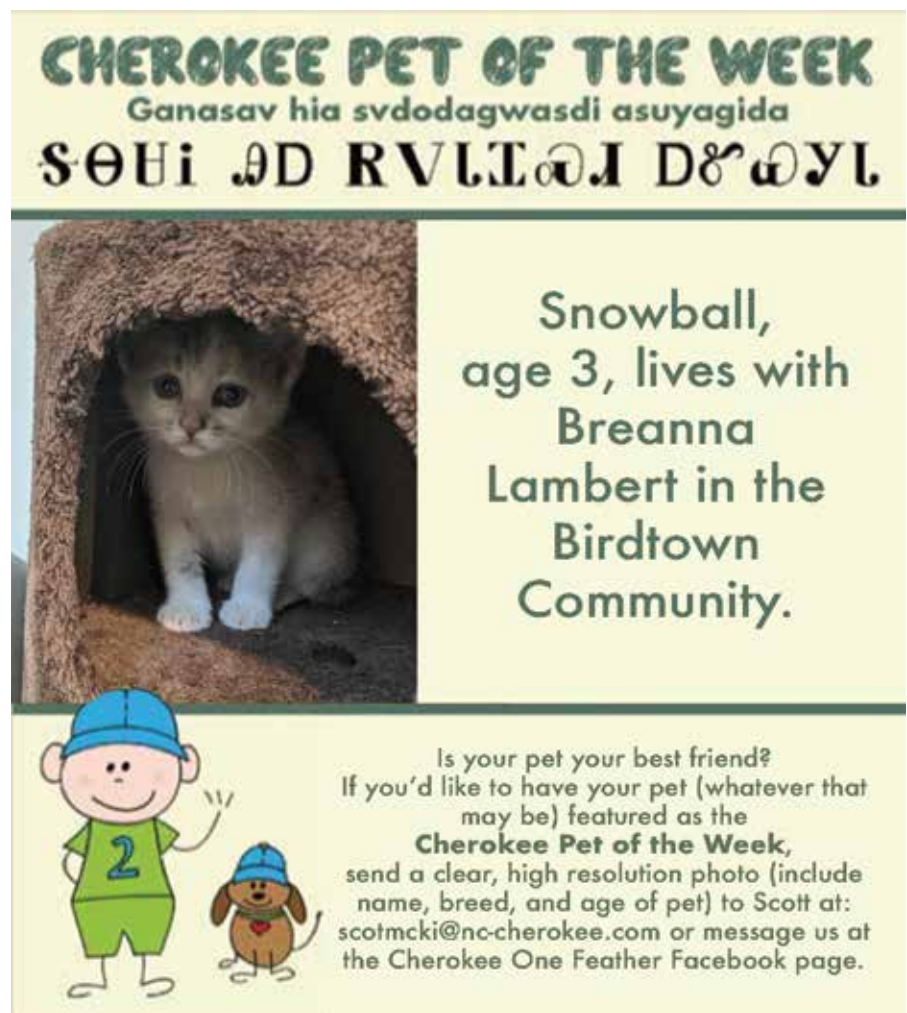
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**TSALAGI MINUTE**

The Treaty of New Echota was signed Dec. 29, 1835 by a minority of Cherokees, at the Cherokee capitol of New Echota. In 1839, Major Ridge, John Ridge, and Elias Boudinot were assassinated for their participation.

**Major Ridge**  
Image courtesy of Museum of the Cherokee Indian

(Source: Museum of the Cherokee Indian)



**CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK**  
*Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida*  
**SŌHİ ʌD RVLṬṬJ DṬṬYL**

Snowball, age 3, lives with Breanna Lambert in the Birdtown Community.

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which was great. We also have some elders who aren't smart-phone users, and they would call me with their info so I could fill out the report for them. By the second week I was able to run the whole program from home."

She is hopeful that the program will continue to grow and grow. "There's a lot that goes into building a program like this from scratch, and at this point, we've pretty much done it all. If we ever have a normal gathering year, without any pandemics or floods or government shutdowns, it'll seem easy in comparison. But I think all those things put the significance of this program in focus, too. Safe access to healthy traditional foods doesn't become less important during a pandemic, it becomes more important. Hopefully, we can continue growing.

The gathering agreement allows 36 permits per year, so there's definitely room for more people to participate."

The National Park Service put into practice new regulations in August 2016 whereby members of federally recognized American Indian tribes can legally perform traditional gathering of plants in national parks that encompass their traditional territory. As part of those new rules, tribes must enter into agreements with their local park such as the EBCI did with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

With the sochan agreement in place and the program having finished its second year, the EBCI is now setting its sights on an agreement for harvesting ramps.

"Ramps are going to be tougher than sochan — they're

less resilient to disturbance, and they're being exploited all across the country, especially by people who don't practice good harvest ethics," said Dunlavy. "Right now, Tommy Cabe in our office is leading a multi-year study with the U.S. Forest Service that's going to show how ramp populations do when they are harvested with good ethics — cutting the shoot and leaving the root, etc. Western science hasn't looked at this before; none of the studies on ramps have used the Cherokee method of harvest. So, it needs to be a long-term study to show how the plants recover. Once we have those results, we'll take them to the park and see what we can do."

She said that the success in the sochan program will help in developing one for gathering of ramps. "Whatever that looks like,

I think the relationships we've built through the sochan program can only help. We have a really good working partnership with the park staff. And, we've learned a lot about how to support our gatherers. They're the ones out there forging — or re-forging — this relationship with the land, and I think they feel the gravity of that role. The more we invest in them, the more they rise to the occasion."



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. In 2001, what Arizona Cardinals placekicker suffered a season-ending knee injury caused by celebrating a successful 42-yard field goal?
2. What kind of bird did New York Yankees outfielder Dave Winfield strike and kill with an errant warm-up throw in Toronto in 1983?
3. What boxer achieved one of the sport's greatest upsets by beating Muhammad Ali to win the undisputed world heavyweight championship in 1978?
4. The Sid Waddell Trophy, named after the legendary English sportscaster, is presented to the world champion in what sport?
5. What player, nicknamed "Mr. White Sox," became the second player in major-league baseball history to play in five decades (1940s-80s)?
6. Where did Tony Mandarich, the Green Bay Packers' first-round pick in the 1989 NFL Draft, play college football?
7. Boston Red Sox great Wade Boggs made a guest appearance as himself in a 1988 episode of what TV sitcom?

#### Answers

1. Bill Gramatica.
2. A ring-billed gull.
3. Leon Spinks.
4. Darts.
5. Minnie Minoso.
6. Michigan State University.
7. "Cheers."

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# Dr. Bunio addresses direct contact, gatherings, and travel

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

The Cherokee One Feather presented Dr. Richard A. Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive clinical director, with several questions surrounding COVID-19 precautions. Following are the questions and his responses.

**Is any gathering safe at the moment? If so, what size restrictions would you recommend? Also, what precautions should be taken at the gathering?**

All gathering with people who are not a part of your immediate household contain

some risk. The larger the gathering the greater the risk that one person in that gathering will be contagious even if they feel perfect well.

North Carolina DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) recommends a 10-person limit and everyone should follow the three W's. Outdoor gatherings are less risky than indoor ones because of air circulation but the 3 W's are still recommended.

**What exactly is meant by a direct contact?**

Direct contact is being within six feet of a known COVID positive person for 15 minutes or more. Wearing masks decreases this risk. It is possible to catch the virus if you are near someone for less than 15 minutes particularly if that person is coughing or sneezing.

**Following testing, is it still advised to isolate until you receive your results?**

If you have been tested because you are a

direct contact or you are feeling ill, isolation is recommended.

**What are the quarantine guidelines for someone who has tested positive? For someone who is deemed a "direct contact"?**

An otherwise healthy person who is COVID positive should self-isolate for 10 days. A direct contact of a COVID positive person needs to quarantine for 14 days and be tested when recommended by public health authorities.

**Does the EBCI Joint Information Center suggest that it is safe to travel away from Cherokee for vacation at this time?**

Travel is risky, particularly if traveling to places with high COVID activity. There are safer ways to travel if you have to: in a personal vehicle, avoiding public transportation, avoiding large gatherings and following the three W's.

## Weekly COVID-19 updates with Dr. Bunio

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

Each week, Chris McCoy, director of EBCI Communications, interviews Dr. Richard A. Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive clinical director, about current COVID-19 updates and news. It is aired via Cherokee Cablevision Channel 28 and live-streamed by Communications.

Here is an edited transcript of the Q&A session on Wednesday, July 29. All answers presented below are from Dr. Bunio who has been in practice for more than 20 years.

"We are at COVID risk level red. (Per the tribal government's new tribal dashboard) Green is good. Yellow is caution. Orange is watch out, and red is not great."

**Early in the spring, experts suggested that the heat of the summer would retard the spread of COVID. Has that proved to be the case?**

"We are not seeing that and all you have to

do is look at Arizona and Florida to know that it is not slowing it down. One of the things is that when it gets hotter, we tend to go indoors and when you get indoors, the virus can spread. We do know that sunlight does help to kill the virus. So sunny days are a little bit better, but it is certainly not 100 percent. So no, it is not the miracle we thought it would be."

**Do the UV light "cleaners" work for phones, masks, etc.?**

"I can't speak to any particular product, but UV light does work. We are actually looking at that to sterilize some of our N95 masks. It can be used to decrease the time you need to wait before you go into a room. One study I looked at showed that in direct sunlight, 90 percent of the virus was killed after about 7 minutes. If you wait another 7 minutes, you are up to 99 percent. That plus the wind, that's pretty good. But, as we have said before, you can catch the virus in a second if somebody coughs near you even if you are outside. So, I don't want people thinking they can go without their masks outside. It's still a risk. Around here, I think it is pretty safe. I don't wear a mask when I am out in my yard or even if I go for a hike. But, if you're in a city or in an area where you will be potentially encounter-

ing people, it is a good idea to at least have your mask handy to be able to put it on when you might come within six feet of somebody. And definitely indoors, you should just wear it."

**We are at COVID risk level red. What does this mean?**

"We are seeing an increase in cases. We wanted to make sure that the community is aware. We are not changing a whole lot of our advice. We are just saying follow the three W's like we have said before. One of the things we have to be particularly careful about is people are getting a little stir-crazy, cookouts, parties, I know people want to see their families and friends, but that is where we are seeing some of this spread. It's those mass gatherings where we just can't control things. We just can't."

**Can you explain the risk levels? I am still confused.**

"Green means you really have everything under good control, but you still have to do your testing and contact tracing. When you get to yellow, you have to do that more rigorously. You have to be more aggressive. When you get

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to orange, you have to make sure you have a very sophisticated and robust contact tracing and we do. But we have invested a lot of time and manpower in having one of the best contact tracing teams anywhere. So, if you have a good contact tracing team, you can just leverage that and try not to get to red. But when you get to red, that is when you have to start thinking it is going in the wrong direction; is there something else we need to do? And I can't say exactly what that would be. That is a decision for leadership to make. Looking at the schools, I think that was a decision that was made by looking at the local and North Carolina data. I think the time wasn't right to have the big in-person class."

"We are hoping to see it level off in North Carolina. I was just on a call this morning, some of the chief medical officers in Western North Carolina and our sense is that North Carolina as a whole might be starting to level off, we're not sure, but Western North Carolina is still going up a little. We just have to be real careful. We have been relatively spared."

### Now that we are in COVID risk level red, what should we be doing differently?

"I think it is the three W's again. It's following that advice religiously. If you are not doing that, then you should be doing that differently. There are a lot of people out there who are following that advise 100 percent of the time and thank you. That helps. If someone is inviting you to a party or a cookout or a big mass gathering -this has been a real bad one for spreading virus. The more people you have in a small space, the more chance that one of them has got the

virus. When you are yelling or singing or talking, you spread it and we have seen some large numbers in these choir practices spread it."

"Really it is the number of people. The state says we are trying to limit that to 10. It is a mitigation or control strategy. If there are 10 people and one of those is positive, we only have to track down 10 people and get them tested and try to clamp it down. If it is 50 or 100 people, the chance that someone in there has the virus goes up, cause there is more people, the difficulty in controlling it goes up because you go from one case to potentially 50 within a couple of days. That's really hard to keep up with."

### Can you explain the graph regarding "New Reported Cases per 100,000"? This doesn't make sense to me since we are not even close to 100,000 community members. How is that accurate?

"We need to compare ourselves to a standard. New Reported Cases per 100,000 is one that this model that uses the color, that is what they use. So, one case here is like having 8 cases in a community of 100,000 people. So when you look at the graph and it says there are 21 new cases, I think we are up to like 28, averaged, that doesn't mean we have 21 cases every day, it means that if we had 100,000 people here, we would have had 21 cases. So then we can compare ourselves. The reason we do it is so that we can compare ourselves to other places in the country and know are we doing better or worse. We can compare ourselves to North Carolina, Western North Carolina, and so that tells us if we are on the right track or not."

### There are significant delays in testing, some people can test

### Friday and get results back by Monday, while others are still waiting 10+ days for the results. Why?

"(We noticed an increase in delays in getting back results and started contacting the lab) We send these out to the lab companies, because we send these out to a nationally recognized lab, and they were just overwhelmed. Some cases we could identify as super important and a priority. And we could still get those back in about two or three days. But a routine test was taking longer and longer. I got really upset and said this is not good enough. We have got to get our tests back. We were getting tests back and the person had already completed their quarantine period. So, you cannot do contact tracing when the test delay is that long. It's useless. We started last week; we are in negotiations with a different lab company who is actually working with our lab to work on some of the paperwork. We are also very close to getting an additional rapid test and that is going to help a lot; mainly because we need as many testing options as we can before winter when, my prediction is we are going to see a little bit of a spike in cases."

### Why can't we just do rapid testing?

"The rapid tests are not as accurate. Some of the early studies say that they are about 85 percent accurate. When we first started down this road, I said I would rather have a test that is right 85 percent of the time in 15 minutes than a test that is right 100% of the time two weeks later. So now we are looking to develop a combined strategy where we use the rapid test then we might have to back it up with the other one. (We think we have enough tests to do the combined strategy)

Two advantages to the rapid test we are using is that it is self-contained. They are also cheaper to make and this company says they can make as many tests as all the other tests out there combined. This is the same technology that we have been using for years to do our strep tests."

"Here's what I want the community to know. I am real sorry that this happened. We were really upset about it. We've already taken steps to improve it. But it is going to take us a couple of weeks to get caught up. So, we are in the red. We have got to be really diligent. We have got to try not to be put in the situation where you need a test. So, if you never went to that cookout where we picked up a positive, I don't need you to come and get a test. And that is just going to help so that everybody who needs one will get their test and will get their results."

### What are the psychological effects of the virus?

"The virus can affect us psychologically in many ways. People getting down and depressed. There are a lot of people who really need a lot of social contact, interaction with family and friends. This is particularly difficult for people who live alone. That is why people get fatigued. They get tired of staying home, and they just go out. I understand that. When people catch the virus, it can really affect people for months and months after they have had it. They are very weak. They can't do the stuff they used to do. And that kind of sets some people up for a possible depression. The virus is affecting us all. We just need to support ourselves even if it is just virtually, making a phone call or Facetime."

The updates are currently being broadcast live on Wednesdays at noon.



# Language warriors

Cherokee Nation creates new language depy. to focus on preserving language, generating more proficient speakers

**T**AHLEQUAH, Okla. — The Cherokee Nation is establishing a new language department that will directly oversee the tribe's Cherokee Immersion School, a team of translators and the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program. The new department will focus on language preservation and perpetuation, and generating more proficient second-language Cherokee speakers.

Howard Paden, a Sequoyah County native and the tribe's current Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program manager, has been named as the executive director of the tribe's new language department. Wyman Kirk has also been named administrator of the Cherokee Immersion School, and Jeromie Hammer has been named as principal.

All three are Cherokee Nation citizens and each have been learning the Cherokee language for at least two decades.

"In order to save and perpetuate our Cherokee language, it is essential for our Cherokee language programs to be together in one department and in one location so that we can share resources, share the Cherokee language, and work together on the same objective,



Howard Paden

which is making sure our language not online survives, but thrives," Chief Hoskin said. "These leaders have been chosen because they not only speak Cherokee, but because they have a wealth of Cherokee culture and historical knowledge that will serve our speakers and language learners well. These programs will soon all be housed in the new Durbin Feeling Language Center."

Paden began working for the Cherokee Nation in 2003 with the tribe's Indian Child Welfare department, where he worked tirelessly for Cherokee children and family reunification. While working with ICW, Paden spearheaded new language initiatives including employee language classes, family cultural and language packets, and a Cherokee cultural camp for foster families across the country. In 2014, Paden was assigned to develop and design what became the Cherokee Nation's Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program, an adult Cherokee language immersion program that pairs novice learners with master-level, fluent



Jeromie Hammer

Cherokee speakers. He designed the master-apprentice program based on his experiences in a similar Spanish program he and his wife encountered while serving as missionaries in Bolivia and attending the Universidad de Idiomas, or the University of Languages.

"Unfortunately, we're losing upwards of a hundred fluent Cherokee speakers a year," Paden said. "We recently lost seven alone in one month, three of them from COVID-19. We're at a crossroads, so we must make language our priority and get our citizens behind this critical effort to continue saving our language. I believe the Cherokee Nation and Chief Hoskin are putting all of the pieces into place to help us teach new generations of Cherokee speakers how to use and pass along this beautiful tradition."

As administrator of the Cherokee Immersion School, Kirk will lead the Immersion School being responsible for the development, implementation, supervision and evaluation of educational and student services.



Wyman Kirk

Kirk, a Cherokee Nation citizen, was raised in Marble City in Sequoyah County, and currently resides in Cherokee County with his wife and two sons. As a child, he grew up in a Cherokee language-speaking home, and this influence paved a road for his passion in teaching and preserving the Cherokee language.

Kirk graduated from Northeastern State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in English. He also received a master's degree in cultural anthropology from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. He has more than 25 years of experience in Cherokee history and language curriculum development as a coordinator for strategic intelligence, assistant professor, lecturer, cultural specialist and independent contractor. Most recently, he worked as an instructor for Cherokee language courses in the Department of Cherokee and Indigenous Studies at Northeastern State University.

"I am humbled and honored at the opportunity to be involved in this very meaningful language



work at the Immersion School. Chief Hoskin has proven that language is a priority and knowing that this won't be just 'me' or just Immersion doing this, but rather the full weight and resources of the Cherokee Nation, all of us together, making this work. Being part of that, I am definitely looking forward to," said Kirk. "First and foremost, we want to bring a Cherokee-centric focus to the school. This goes beyond language into something else, something deeper. The idea for the school has always been to develop our children into Cherokees. We want them to embody our behaviors, our ways of thinking and doing, and to do so with our language as the foundation. For this to happen, we will need to incorporate those concepts into everything we do and how we do it."

Hammer, of Tahlequah, has served as a coach and administrator at the Cherokee Immersion School since 2009. Hammer has a bachelor of science in health and human performance, as well

The Act transferred Cherokee Nation Businesses' former Cherokee Casino-Tahlequah building to the Cherokee Nation for the new Durbin Feeling Language Center, named in honor

renovate and expand the Durbin Feeling Language Center, which will house all of the language departments under one roof. Another \$1.5 million is also included for operational costs associated with the language program's expansion.

The Cherokee Nation's Cherokee language programs include a translation office; community and online language classes; the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program; language technology; and now the Cherokee Immersion School. The goal of these language programs is to preserve and grow the Cherokee language in both spoken and written forms.

For more information on Cherokee Nation's Cherokee language programs, visit <https://language.cherokee.org/>.

- Cherokee Nation release and photos

**"In order to save and perpetuate our Cherokee language, it is essential for our Cherokee language programs to be together in one department ..."**

- Howard Paden, Cherokee Nation Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program manager

as a master's degree in education administration from Northeastern State University.

In September 2019, Chief Hoskin announced the Durbin Feeling Language Preservation Act, which allows the the tribe to make the largest investment into its language programs in Cherokee Nation history.

of first-language speaker Durbin Feeling, often referred to as a modern-day Sequoyah. Feeling wrote the Cherokee dictionary and is the single-largest contributor to the Cherokee language since Sequoyah.

The Act also included an additional \$5 million from Cherokee Nation Businesses dividends to

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## CIPD Arrest Report for July 19-25

*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.*

Lossiah, Johnnie Ray – age 28  
Arrested: July 19  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order

Mathis, Fredrick Jerome – age 50  
Arrested: July 19  
Released: July 22  
Charges: Fear of Infliction of Physical Harm

Toineeta, Samuel Abraham – age 41  
Arrested: July 22  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Assault on a Female – DV, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Wildcatt, Jacob Bodie – age 25  
Arrested: July 22

Released: July 24  
Charges: Non-Compliance with Wellness Court

Mitchell, Joshua Lloyd – age 22  
Arrested: July 23  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Probation Violation

Ward, Brandon Lee – age 39  
Arrested: July 23  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order

Panther, Rodney Allen – age 33  
Arrested: July 25  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Possessing Drug Paraphernalia, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Welch, Jaylen Raquel – age 24  
Arrested: July 25  
Released: July 25  
Charges: Simple Assault

Welch, Kelsey Anne – age 29  
Arrested: July 25  
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Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

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# SPORTS

## NCHSAA moving to phase two

**JONAH LOSSIAH**  
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The North Carolina High School Athletic Association announced on Tuesday morning that they will be shifting to 'phase two' guidelines starting Aug. 3.

The procedure for summer reopening is laid out in a table on their website, which outlines the aspects of each phase side-by-side.

The differences of phase two are outlined in grey. The following are some of the highlighted factors of phase two:

Sharing of equipment is permissible within small groups/pods.

Wearing protective equipment remains prohibited.

Equipment must be disinfected frequently, and it **REQUIRES** disinfecting prior to use by another pod.

LAT's/1st Responders are not **REQUIRED**; however, as noted in the Points of Emphasis, they should always be included when possible.

This move hasn't lifted much in the way of practice restrictions. Face masks are still encouraged to all coaches, as well as to participating athletes who are not actively working out. When it comes to sharing equipment, that primarily includes sports that implement

balls such as tennis, football, and baseball.

Numbers for congregation are also unchanged. Gatherings at outside venues should be limited to 25 total people, and that is reduced to 10 in gymnasiums. Students are still not allowed in locker rooms nor athletic training rooms. This extends to weight rooms, which are to be closed in phase two.

Spectators are still not allowed

at practices and events. Parents must stay in their car if they wish to stay close by, and there is no congregating allowed in those situations.

The NCHSAA previously moved the start date for athletic competitions to Sep. 1, and there has been no mention of extending that further at this time. The situation will be continually monitored as phase two began this week.

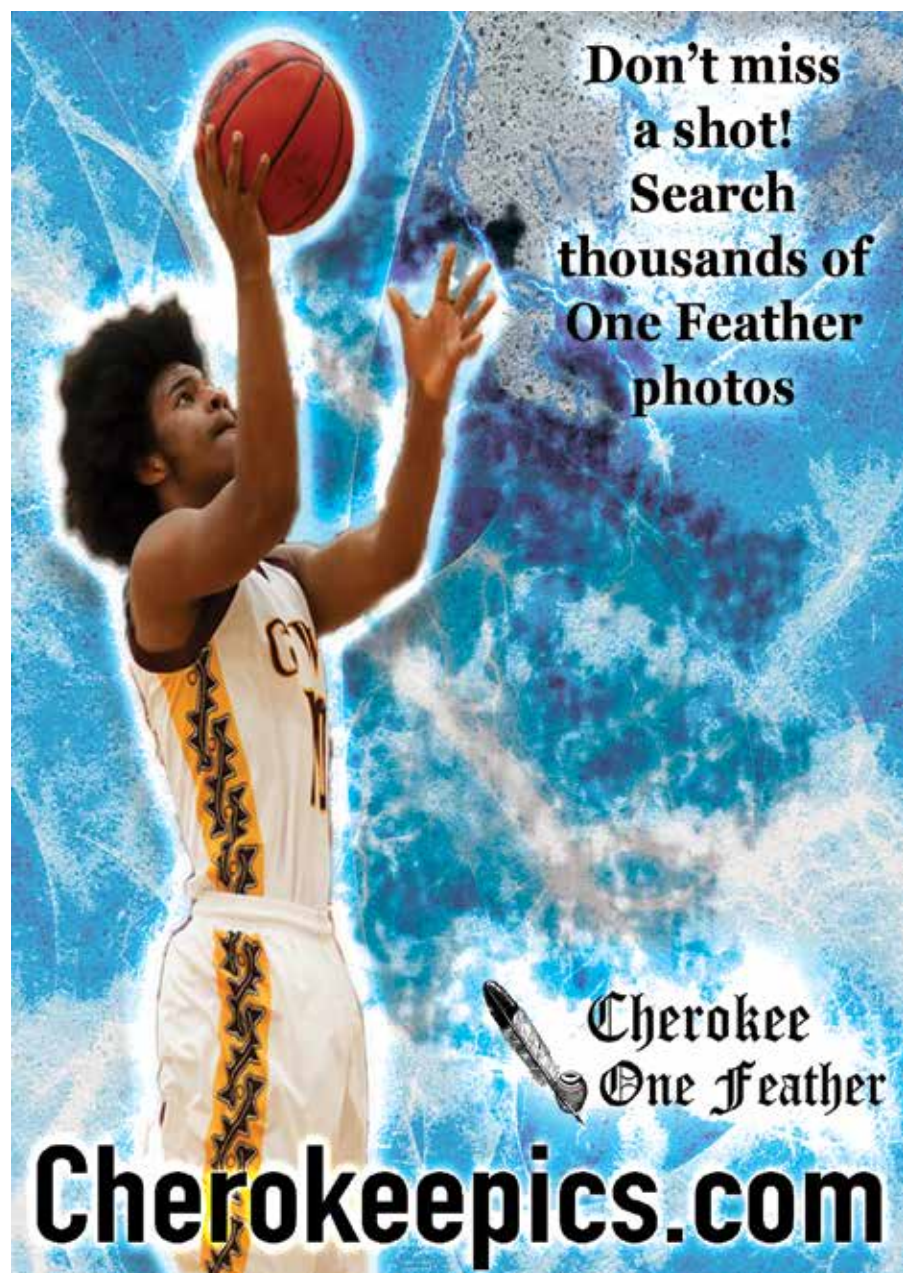
### EBCI 2021 Tribal Election information

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

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

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

**Birdtown Community:**  
Denise Ballard 736-0286  
**Painttown Community:**  
Shirley Reagan 331-8262  
**Big Cove Community:**  
Margaret French 497-3022  
**Wolfstown/Big Y Communities:**  
Pamela Straughan 736-2047  
**Cherokee County/Snowbird Communities:**  
Roger Smoker 736-4959  
**Yellowhill Community:**  
Annie Owens 497-4041



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## **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-chokeee.com.

- EBCI Cannabis Commission release

## **WCU's fall Opening Assembly to go virtual Aug. 12**

**CULLOWHEE** – Like so many activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, Western Carolina University's traditional Opening Assembly, an annual event for faculty and staff to kick off the new academic year, will have a different look this fall – and a broader audience, thanks to a scheduled video livestream.

This year's event also will include the

administration of the oath of office to WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown, who took office July 1, 2019. Brown's swearing-in ceremony was originally scheduled to take place as part of official installation activities back in March, but that event was postponed because of the pandemic.

This year's Opening Assembly will be held virtually beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12. After taking the oath of office, Brown will deliver her fall opening address, streamed live from the stage of the John W. Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The event will include brief remarks from Peter Hans, newly appointed president of the University of North Carolina System; Kadence Otto, chair of WCU's Faculty Senate; Ben Pendry, chair of the Staff Senate; and Dawson Spencer, Student Government Association president.

In addition to the usual faculty and staff attendees, WCU students, alumni and friends, as well as members of the surrounding community, have been invited to watch the assembly livestreamed on the university's Facebook and YouTube pages.

- Western Carolina University release

## **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  
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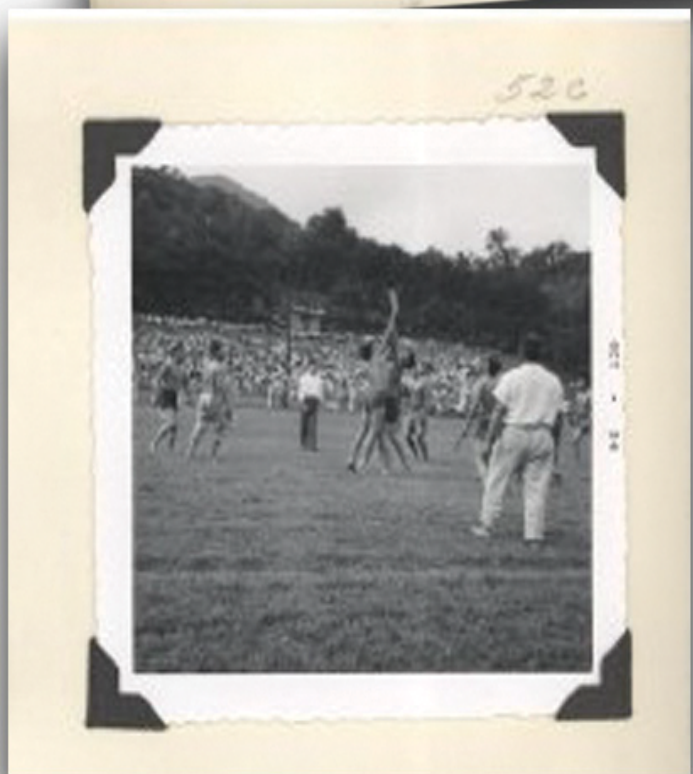
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## Beloved Women Committee seeking nominations

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

- Beloved Women Committee

## Cherokee Senior Citizens Program meal pick-up

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

Thursday.

All regular home-bound meal deliveries remain the same.

- Cherokee Senior Citizens Program

## EBCI Enrollment deadline notice for new applicants

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

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

6463.

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

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

- EBCI Enrollment Office

## Beware of suspicious seeds from China

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

and State departments of agriculture to investigate the situation.

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

- Joseph Owle, EBCI Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources

## WNC Communities' Get Counted Program encouraging census participation

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

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

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<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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12:21 AM-2:21 AM 12:47 PM-2:47 PM	1:12 AM-3:12 AM 1:37 PM-3:37 PM	2:00 AM-4:00 AM 2:23 PM-4:23 PM	2:45 AM-4:45 AM 3:06 PM-5:06 PM	3:27 AM-5:27 AM 3:48 PM-5:48 PM	4:09 AM-6:09 AM 4:29 PM-6:29 PM	4:49 AM-6:49 AM 5:10 PM-7:10 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

### **Cherokee Nation postpones 15th annual Cherokee Art Market**

**TULSA, Okla.** – As the COVID-19 global health crisis continues, Cherokee Nation announced today it is postponing the 15th annual Cherokee Art Market until 2021. The market was originally slated to run Oct. 10-11 at the

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa. As one of the largest Native American art shows in the state, thousands of visitors attend the market each year.

“We remain committed to a proactive, aggressive response to COVID-19 and will continue to do what is necessary to keep our community safe,” said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. “The decision to postpone this year’s event was difficult, but we must stay vigilant and do what we can to help slow the spread of the coronavirus and ensure the safety of our most revered artists.”

Cherokee Art Market hosts 150 elite Native American artists at the two-day event, representing 50 tribes.

“The artists featured at Cherokee Art Market have dedicated their lives to mastering their craft and have each played an important role in sharing the rich history and culture of Native nations,” said Travis Owens, director of cultural tourism for Cherokee Nation. “We’re working hard to identify new and exciting ways to showcase their talents in a safe way.”

For more information and updates on this year’s Cherokee Art Market, please visit [www.CherokeeArtMarket.com](http://www.CherokeeArtMarket.com).

- Cherokee Nation release

### **Correction**

A misidentification occurred in an article, “Tribal leaders decide on long-term care plan for Hospital”, in last week’s One Feather. The article stated that Christy Sabillon, with McMillan Pazdan Smith (MPS), gave a presentation. While she is with MPS, it was Christie Adams who gave the presentation referenced in the article.



## **Loud, Stinky Dog Not What He Ordered**

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** Help! I'm in over my head. I wanted a dog just like a cute, white, fluffy one that I saw on YouTube, so I bought one online called a “Samoyed” and picked it up at the airport. “Mikey” is cute, white and fluffy, but he's also hyperactive and loud! He barks all the time. He wants to run outside my apartment. He won't hold still for pictures. He chews everything, he smells terrible and he poops everywhere. I did not pay for this! How can I get my money back? — *Bilked in Buffalo*

**DEAR BILKED:** You didn't get cheated; you got a dog. That's exactly how dogs behave! They are energetic, communicative, living beings. They love to chew things. Their breath smells kind of funny, and their fur can smell funky after a run outside. They need exercise, training, food and love.

Samoyeds like Mikey are especially energetic, because they were originally bred for hunting and as guard dogs. You'll need to keep him on a leash outside, because he will chase smaller mammals, especially cats and rabbits. He'll get bigger, too; Samoyeds are medium-large to large dogs.

Don't try to return Mikey or get your money back (if that's even possible since you bought him online). The trauma you'll cause him may be unrecoverable. Instead, if you have friends with well-behaved dogs, talk to them and get advice. Pick up a book on caring for Samoyeds. And schedule some sessions with a dog trainer.

You chose Mikey to be your family member. He depends on you. He'll do his best to make you happy, but you need to care for him and show him how to be a good dog.

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## OBITUARIES



### Carol Sequoyah Standingdeer

Carol Sequoyah Standingdeer, 71, of the Big Cove Community, went home to be with the Lord Monday, July 27, 2020 at her residence on Big Cove. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Wilbur Sequoyah and Lula Wolfe Sequoyah. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by siblings, Lewis Sequoyah, Charles R. Sequoyah, Sharon Moore, and Kori Penland; and a daughter, Missy Bradley.

Carol is survived by her husband of 28 years, John C. Standingdeer; children, Joe Holiday and wife Lina, and Karen Holiday all of Cherokee; step-children, John Standingdeer Jr., Shan Standingdeer, Vicki Daggs (Steve), and Sheila Toineeta (Gary) all of Cherokee; grandchildren, Amelia Holiday, Alex Holiday, Siah Holiday, and Carys Holiday all of Cherokee; and siblings, Cindi S. Ayers (Paul) of Bryson City, Frances Sequoyah, Reva Sequoyah, Loleta Lossiah (Randy), and Sammi Sequoyah all of Cherokee.

A private graveside service will be held at Standingdeer/Holiday Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Kenny Davis, Kensen Davis, Jeremy

Hyatt, Damian Solis, Travis Hicks, Joseph Solis, and Alfred Welch.

### Adam Conseen

Adam Conseen, 93, of Waynesboro, Va. went peacefully to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at his residence. He was born in Whittier on March 12, 1927, the son of the late James Conseen and Caroline Toineeta Conseen.

Adam was an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokees and a fluent speaker. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army, and the U.S. Air Force and served during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Following his many years of service, he worked in the heavy equipment, logging and construction industry. He loved fishing and walking the mountains of North Carolina and was an avid Washington Redskins fan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo Womble Conseen. He was the last remaining sibling of his four brothers and four sisters: West Driver, Richard Driver, Macadoo Driver, Irving Conseen, Ruth Driver Bushyhead, Lucy Ann Conseen Queen, Emily Conseen McCoy, and Nancy Conseen. Survivors include his stepchildren, Patricia Engleman and Virginia Trimble; step grandchild and caregiver, Jenni; other step grandchildren, Kim, Sarah and Chris; step great grandchildren, Catie and Jayden; step great, great grandchildren, Afton, Ava, and Jack. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, the children of his siblings, and his special dog, Daisy Mae.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the VA Home Based Primary Care Team. Funeral Services were held Thursday, July 30 in the Chapel of

Charlton and Groome Funeral Home in Fishersville, Va., conducted by his nephew, Pastor Dan Conseen. Military Honors followed in Oak Lawn Memory Gardens in Staunton, Va.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or [www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org).

Share memories and condolences at [www.charltongroomefuneralhome.com](http://www.charltongroomefuneralhome.com).



### Becky Ann Walker

Becky Ann Walker transitioned from this life on Friday, July 31, 2020 at the age of 47. Becky was born into the Deer Clan July 9, 1973 in Cherokee (of Eastern and Western Cherokee and Lakota Sioux ancestry).

Her spiritual beliefs followed traditional Cherokee and Lakota values. Becky had a deep love for not only her people, but all people. Becky's children Cameron (TsuWaYuGi) Jackson, KoDeSgi Jackson, and Haley Smith were the loves of her life.

Becky received her bachelor's of science degree in anthropology from Western Carolina University and her masters in social work degree from The University of Ten-

nessee at Knoxville. She worked as a counselor at both the White Path Center (Children's Home) and Analenisgi. She also worked as program manager of BIA Social Services/Cherokee Agency.

Becky spent many of her days in Cherokee Tribal Council fighting for her people. Her final resolution submitted to and approved by Tribal Council was named "Becky's Law". Becky's joy of crafting, beading, and sewing will be remembered through all of the women that she taught how to make ribbon skirts, and how to do traditional beadwork.

Becky is survived by her children, Cameron Jackson (TsuWaYuGi), KoDeSgi, and Haley Smith (Noqwisi); her mother, Amy Walker; siblings, Alvin Shawn Grant, Mark Grant (Dinah), Dakota Melody Parker (Dwight), Tina Wildcat, Angela Hutchinson, Julio Casas, Sam Stover, and Stan Crowe; niece, Nevada Bone; nephews, Brant Grant, Mr. Bone (Caity), Keawe Bone, Raven Grant, Menoch Grant, and Beau Wildcat; special sister, Trina Rhinehart; and Becky's Ace Boon, Rahkie Mateen. She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Walker, (Cherokee Nation).

Final ceremony presenting Becky to the Creator was held on the day of her passing. Pipe ceremony was conducted at Kituwah (Mother Town) at sunset per her wishes. The ceremonial songs were sung by John John Grant, Ute Grant, Amy Walker, and Dakota Parker. Ceremony was conducted by General Grant (Uncle).

A memorial foundation will be established at a later day and the community will be notified. The appreciation committee would like to thank the many visitors, and friends of Becky that provided food, flowers, and fellowship.



Becky received care from Four Seasons Hospice, and her sisters. Appalachian Funeral Services assisted the family. An online registry is available at: [www.appalachianfuneralservices.com](http://www.appalachianfuneralservices.com)

The community saw the way Becky advocated for her people through constant appearances at Tribal Council and through her Cherokee and Lakota values and beliefs and Becky said, "I didn't leave here a colonized Indian."



### Frank Black Miller, MD

Frank Black Miller, MD. November 6, 1947 – July 30, 2020. It is with profound sadness and tremendous love that Dr. Miller's family announces he passed away on Thursday morning, July 30.

For over ten years, Dr. Miller met and overcame numerous health challenges, always with fierceness, dignity, a warrior-like courage, and a tremendous sense of humor. His life was intensely unique. He was born in New Mexico, and lived in Colorado, Tennessee, Israel, British Columbia, Texas, Michigan, North Carolina, Arizona, and South Carolina. He spoke English, Hebrew, and Spanish. He was valedictorian of his high school class at Holston High School in Knoxville, Tenn. and attended the University of Tennessee

at Knoxville for one year before he transferred to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. There he was asked to enter the accelerated BS/MD program and was able to skip undergraduate studies and receive both degrees early so that he could do extensive rotations in neurosurgery. Because he paid for his own education, he held many jobs during medical school, including doing autopsies, working at Ypsilanti Forensic Center and at the children's unit at the University of Michigan hospital.

In 1974 he received his MD from the University of Michigan and moved to Duke University Medical School where he received residency training in psychiatry. Frank was a uniquely gifted psychiatrist, touching the lives of an estimated 150,000 patients in his over 45 years of dedication to psychiatry. He was certified in adult, geriatric, and child psychiatry. He was one of the first physicians in western North Carolina to be certified in opiate recovery medicine. He was also gifted at diagnosing patients with symptoms that often stumped his colleagues. He was so beloved by his patients that several followed him for decades.

He loved teaching and took great care in passing on his wisdom to the upcoming generations of psychiatrists. One of his proudest accomplishments was twice receiving the Golden Apple Award for teaching Psychiatry. In addition, he was named one of the Ten Top Physicians in the state of North Carolina. He was also an acclaimed blogger about mental health reform, a subject he was passionate about and which he studied tirelessly. Another blog he published is called Pen and Psychiatrist. While he leaves us with a heavy heart in his passing, he leaves a legacy of touching so

many people's lives through his unending dedication to his work and his heartfelt care for his patients. Often noted for his goofy persona and famous for his jokes, Frank was also a generous, warm, and funny soul as well as a deeply loyal friend to those in his orbit.

He was a committed partner to his wife, Judy Shelton Miller, transforming her life as a loving husband, a devoted father, and truly admirable life partner. Their attachment was indescribable, and she was his true emotional center. He leaves behind a sister, Ann Miller Ammons, and a brother-in-law JD Ammons, with whom he had a deep, remarkable bond. He also leaves behind his daughters, Carolyn Miller Yentsch and Megan Elizabeth Miller, and his son, Jesse Zachariah Miller. He leaves a legacy of two granddaughters, Madeline Elizabeth Yentsch and Dakota Rose Szeman, and three grandsons, William Andrew Yentsch, Maxwell Edward Szeman, and Gabriel Jaxon Szeman, and numerous nieces and nephews


and cousins, all for whom he had endless affection.

Dr. Miller was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Asheville on Monday, Aug. 3. Shiva services were held on Tuesday, Aug. 4 and Wednesday, Aug. 5 at the Miller home in Morganton, and over Zoom.

Dr. Miller loved to make people laugh, so in conclusion here is his last laugh: A psychiatrist is a person who will listen to you as long as you don't make sense. We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. ~ Winston Churchill.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, <https://www.nami.org/About-NAMI/Donate-to-NAMI> or Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, <https://themmrff.org/>.

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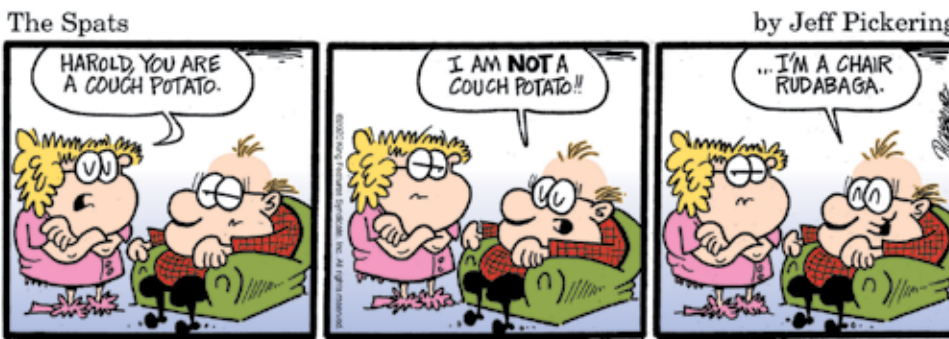
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Golf club is missing. 2. Swim trunks are different. 3. Cloud has moved. 4. Boy's hair is different. 5. Shrub is gone. 6. Hat is different.

King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Autumn mo.  
4 " — Breckinridge"  
8 Drag along  
12 That girl  
13 Quite some time  
14 Shrek is one  
15 Remiss  
16 Flattery  
18 Eye-related  
20 Marry  
21 Hen pen  
24 Famous  
28 Flowering vine  
32 Clinton veep  
33 Standard  
34 Billow  
36 Watch chain  
37 Sister of Osiris  
39 Grump  
41 Eighth Greek letter  
43 Rip  
44 Historic period  
46 Healthy  
50 Dairy item  
55 Aye opponent  
56 Heap  
57 Carte  
58 Conk out  
59 Choir member  
60 Vail gear  
61 On in years

**DOWN**

1 Norway's capital  
19 Lemieux milieu  
22 Piece of work  
23 1992 presidential candidate  
25 Bean curd  
26 Cupid's alias  
27 Society newbies  
28 Skewer  
29 Laundry  
30 One of HOMES  
31 Chills and fever  
35 Dutch Renaissance scholar  
38 Audiophile's setup  
40 Expert  
42 Joan of —  
45 Weaponry  
47 Loosen  
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49 Changed the color  
50 Hot tub  
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52 Last (Abbr.)  
53 "A mouse!"  
54 Blackbird

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**

by Wilson Casey

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Hungary?  
2. MOVIES: What is the name of the necklace given to Rose in the movie "Titanic"?  
3. TELEVISION: Which TV comedy led to a spinoff series called "The Andy Griffith Show"?  
4. HISTORY: The Motion Picture Association of America established modern movie ratings in which year?  
5. ADVERTISING: What is the name of the rooster in the Kellogg's Cornflakes advertisements?  
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many gills are in a pint?  
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is spumoni?  
8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century poet once wrote, "August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time"?  
9. BIBLE: How many times did Noah send a dove from the Ark to seek land?  
10. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the clavicle?

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## COMMENTARY

# COVID Tourism

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
 ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Since the early 1950s, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has depended on tourism in some form or fashion to be a sustaining economic community driver. The Tribe, for decades, was sustained by a combination of monetary grants and dollars generated by levy, which was primarily contributed by tourists. Family tourism has had its ups and downs over the years, but still contributes tens of millions of dollars to the Qualla Boundary economy through levy and occupancy (we call it “privilege”) taxes. Tens of millions sounds like a drop in the bucket compared to the hundreds of million dollars that we receive in direct revenue from the use of our gaming facilities, but in hard economic times, every dollar counts.

Many tourism organizations are struggling to find the right marketing message in a time when travel is seen by many as a dangerous proposition. Some are considering eliminating tourism messaging altogether. Cancelling tourism promotion at any time is also a hazardous proposition. Destination marketing success depends on the customer continuing to keep a vacation destination top of mind. Once potential clients lose sight of a vacation spot, they will seek and identify with other locations. And believe it or not, brand recognition and loyalty still exist. Once I am familiar with a destination and have a good experience, I tend to make that vacation spot a place I go back to often and will even keep it as a fallback spot if my “new” vacation spot falls through in any given year. So, once we lose them, we may lose them for some time.

Many tourism organizations do

not have the budgets needed to continue marketing like they did before the pandemic struck. They aren’t reducing dollars because they want to, they are reducing because they are marketing to the income they have. Why market at all since municipalities don’t necessarily want to encourage visitation during the pandemic? Besides the one previously stated, regardless of advertising, tourists will come to our area. Since March and all through the first four months of this pandemic, I have seen as many or more out-of-state tags on and around the Boundary as I ever have. Regulations didn’t stop it and barricades did not prevent all outside traffic.

Since tourists regularly read and inquire at tourism websites and other media outlets, the marketing programs of municipalities have the means to send the community’s message on how to help make everyone safe. One local municipality is encouraging responsible tourism through their media messaging. They can promote the destination for future visitation, while ensuring that those who chose to travel to their county during the pandemic know how to provide a level of safety for themselves and for the community they visit.

This approach keeps the destination top of mind for our prospective clients for visits beyond the pandemic and encourages safe practices beyond the pandemic. Many of our local businesses are tourism dependent. Hundreds of thousand dollars are being spent to “prop up” local businesses because of the economic impact of the pandemic. It is critical that we, to the best of our ability and with safe practices, open all revenue streams available to us. A critical element to successfully doing that is maintaining our destination messaging and advertising.



We are legitimately concerned about the impact of tourists on our community health. We need to listen to our health experts on the issues of safety during the pandemic. In a recent interview, Dr. Richard Bunio, executive clinical director at Cherokee Indian Hospital, was asked about some of the community calling for a reclosing of the Cherokee township border and the risk of tourists spreading the virus.

He said, "So we actually started looking at this because we knew that the community was concerned about tourism. So there are a couple of different factors here. How likely are you to get near a tourist? Me, not very. I may pass by them in the grocery store, but I am not going to spend a whole lot of time with them. So I think the risk there is pretty low. But, if I am going to a friend's BBQ unless I

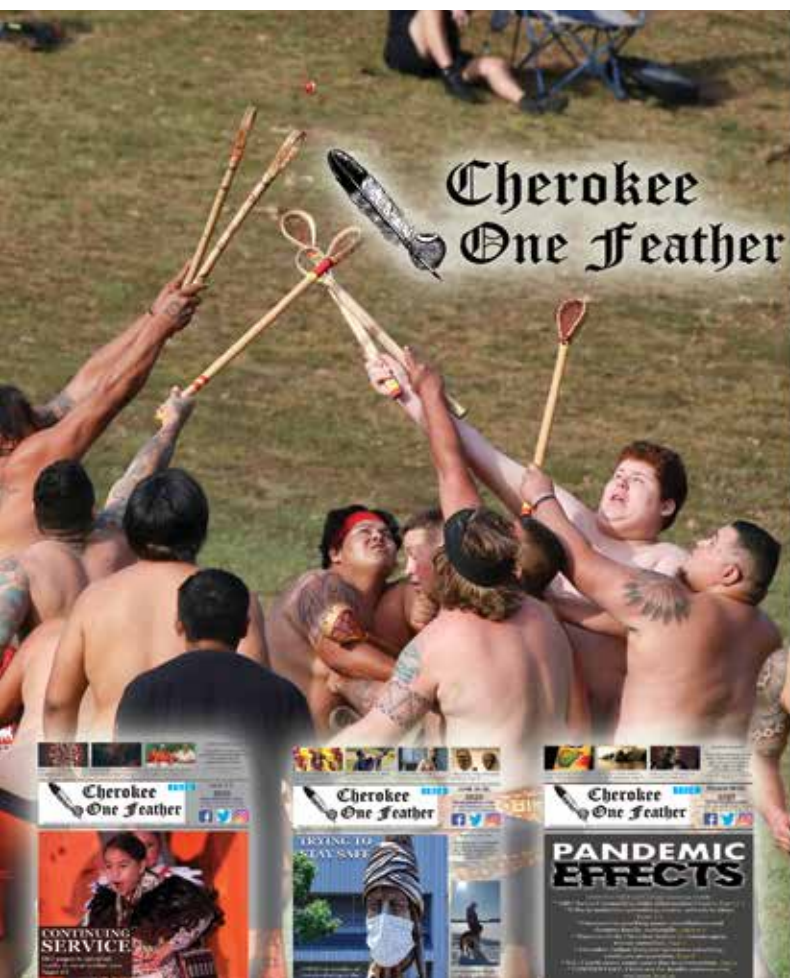
am wearing my mask and keeping my distance, I think that is actually a higher risk. We looked at all the positive cases that we've had and about 25 percent of the cases are related to people in the same household. So, no tourists there. Another 25 percent are related to these gatherings-cookouts, some funerals. And then there is another 50 percent that we call community spread where somebody tests positive-we don't know where they got it. Could it have been a tourist? Maybe, but I think we have to ask ourselves, aside from the casino, how often do tourists really interact with us less than six feet for more than 15 minutes? So, I think the risk is pretty low and this is where we are; the virus is everywhere. We are probably just as likely to give it to a tourist as they are to give it to us. It depends on where they come from too. People

coming from high risk areas could be a little bit concerning. You know, even when we closed the border, we didn't stop people in Cherokee from traveling back and forth."

Tourism continues to be a vital part of our ability to be an economic driver. And being an economic driver is a powerful tool toward our continued perception of sovereignty. Surely, we must put public safety first. And surely, we must continue to find ways to stabilize our economy. We must be wise in our spending and we must be wise in the decisions we make about budgeting. We must think beyond the end of our noses. We have lost much ground over the last two decades with short-sighted plans. We have focused on building municipal infrastructure and missed or stalled on economic diversification.

Painttown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke put it this way, "I never thought in my lifetime that we would be going by a needs-based budget or performance-based approach. I know growing up I always thought 'we waste a lot of money'. It took a pandemic to come in and hit us hard to get us to this point. It shouldn't have taken a pandemic. But, we are a wealthy Tribe. And even though we are wealthy, we don't need to live like there is no tomorrow."

We need tourism as we are thinking about what tomorrow will look like. Reducing or eliminating our tourism message could damage our future economic growth. There are responsible ways to communicate that "we are still here" as a destination and make good choices for the safety of the community and the traveling public.



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**Question of the Week #1:**  
***If the NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association) approves fall sports, do you feel fans should be allowed to attend the games/events?***

**Brittany Moore:** At least the parents should be able too.

**Jennifer Wachacha:** Yes, I think we should be able to attend the outdoor games.

**Allison Kin:** If we put in some effort to maybe tape off stands for distancing so family can come. It should be safer than trips to Walmart.

**Terry Whitner:** Yes, fans need to be able to attend - maybe limit how many people each player can have attend the game.

**Samuel Crowe:** Most fans sit in the same spot year after year and mostly with family. If masks make it that much safer to be in public, then it should be safe enough for fans to attend games.

**Xavier Siweumptewa:** Not at all, model after professional sports and Live Stream.

**Mary Long:** Yes, with temperature checks and face masks.

**Denise Cochran:** Yes, parents of players at least

**Cindy Arch:** As my child's biggest fan, yes I think parents should be able to attend.

**Vangie Hyatt:** Yes, the parents and grandparents should be able to attend.

**Eddie Lewis:** If everyone would do as they should, then yes! Unfortun-

nately, only a few will practice safe social distancing and that is why I say it's an extremely bad idea.

**Jan Brooks:** Yes, we need to see our kids play.

**Mischa Hoenig:** If our kids are sent to play will it be safe for them? If yes, family they live with under the same roof will be safe to attend.

**Kathie McCoy:** I think parent(s), brother(s), sister(s), and grandparent(s) only. And, they should tape off the stands for social distancing.

**John A. Chastain:** Why not? We all go to Walmart in Sylva and Waynesville, even to Tennessee, all the time and never think twice about who we are around. What's the big deal about being outdoors watching our kids play ball?

**Question of the Week #2**  
***What is your opinion of the new digital billboard in downtown Cherokee? Do you feel billboards should be allowed in the downtown area?***

**Robert Taylor:** One digital billboard is good. It can display multiple ads and important local information such as amber alerts.

**Dallas Bennett:** I think it is a great way to bring in customers to various businesses around the Boundary. It should prove to be a great investment. It can also be used to display important public service announcements as well as multiple advertisements.

**Cedric-Sandra Maney:** It may be a problem if folks get to watching it instead of watching the traffic light.

**Amy Marie:** They will cause wrecks at night until people get used to them. So be careful, even if you

don't stare at the sign they will still cause temporary night blindness immediately after the placement of each lit board. (similar to the way the Interstate 40 tunnel does at the state line) They've been a disaster in my home town.

**Paul Mitchem:** They're unsightly and cause too much light pollution.

**Lydia Roach-Raines:** Cheap and tacky

**Matt Bryant:** Is it even legal?

**Gerri W. Grady:** I'd rather not have so many signs in our community. They detract from the beautify of our area and offer no cultural significance.

**Tosh Welch:** Nice new sign in the downtown area that still looks like a train-wreck of tacky craft shops and poorly planned parking.

**Juanita Plummer Wilson:** Not a fan of digital billboards

**Kelley Thomas-Hill:** I'm afraid it could trigger migraines or seizures.

**Faye McCoy:** Very unnecessary and a total waste of money!

**Paula Owens:** I am not from Cherokee. I am a tourist. I think the sign takes away from the beauty of Cherokee.

**Iris Long:** No one cared or was upset with the casino sign. Yea it was only casino-related but same difference.

**Sam Driver:** I'm going to crash trying to look at it! So, no...

**Cyndi Lambert:** How will it benefit us? Who does it actually benefit? In my opinion it will benefit the land

owner. It's an eye sore but do they care what any of us think? After all it's set in cement! So to answer that question - no they do not. Just another deal done in secret.

**Earl Weikel:** What will it hurt? Nothing. Just a way to promote businesses in the area.

**Joshua Rory Welch:** It's no more dangerous than the 1,200 people who drive without license and go 65 mph through there. Lol, it's nice though.

**Loretta Smith:** I am not from Cherokee, but have been vacationing there for years. I love the tranquility of the place and it's natural beauty. I wish it would just stay simple. The beauty of the place is all it needs.

**Regina Rosario:** Well, how much did we spend for that! And, why can't we have flashing signs at the crosswalks for the tourists before someone gets run over?

**Clint Hyde:** Good way to cause a rear-end collision.

**Kierstyn McCoy:** Where I live, we have them all over. They are very useful for getting out important information such as weather advisories, amber/silver alerts, road conditions and closings, emergency announcements. I do not find them to be a distraction. It's not near as bad as people texting and driving.

**Brenda Grady:** Love billboards, but not in congested areas...variance should not have been granted!

**Marie Clark:** Concerned it might be too distracting in town with vehicles closer together, multiple lanes, traffic lights, making turns, and pedestrians in crosswalks.



## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# God is watching us!

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON

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“Obedience is better than sacrifice, saith the Lord,” stated Pastor Melton. In today’s Christian-‘ese’ the ‘Fear of the Lord,’ has long been neglected in being lived out and is scarcely emphasized. Yes, He loves all the people He has placed on this Earth. The only way any of us can honestly show our love for Him, is by our simple obedience in doing just as He tells or shows us in His Word, accurately obeying His instructions. Yes, there are instructions. More importantly, they are actually ‘the commands of God.’ They are not merely ‘suggestions’. As such, just as in the military, all commands must be obeyed promptly and completely at the time given. Remember, too, God is God.

“God respects everyone’s right to make their own ‘free will’ choice, with each one choosing rightly and well. All governance does depend and can hinge on the reasonable hope that all will be handled as ‘for the ‘common good’. Everyone gets to make their own good or possibly bad choices. However, no one gets to choose all of the consequences that may come as a result of a bad choice having been made. Any rejection of an order or command, has to be considered as being ‘in rebellion,’ since even the timing for completion is absolutely vital to any mission. If timing is missed, there could be a serious cost of someone’s life or grievous injury.

“In living a life, everyone should have a good plan. Life concerns everyone’s right to a good existence, and each person should be considered as being precious and important. We are all extremely valuable to God.

“Look into 1 Samuel 15:10-26 to see what happened that caused such grief to the Prophet Samuel, and to Saul, the newly anointed King of Israel. Saul, as the first leader of the nation of Israel, had broad shoulders and ‘stood head and shoulders’ above his people. Saul, as a new leader, did not completely understand his role

of leadership. By choosing not to accurately fulfill all the commands of God as given to him, through the Prophet Samuel, he lost it all. He seemed to think his choices made would bear no consequences for him. However, Saul had been given the responsibilities for all of Israel as well as the privileges that would come through his being their King. Not realizing the heaviness of carrying them, it was in trying to balance his leadership role with simply following and obeying God, that he erred. By listening more to the people instead of choosing God’s always more perfect plan, he lost his own good legacy, and that of his son and grandson. Saul should have always chosen to follow God’s leadership plan first, then the people could have more readily and easily followed him with God’s perfect plan.

“The command given was to completely destroy the nation of Amalek. He chose not to do so in God’s way.

*“...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken, than the fat of rams.”*

*“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.”*

1 Samuel 15:22b-23 (KJV)

“Rebellion is pride. Every deed done, every thought that is thought, attributes a person with an identifiable characteristic of what he has done. Lost fellowship can result, as when Adam and Eve used sewn-together fig leaves, all that was covered was still visible to God, explained Pastor Melton.

“My God created me. Nothing is missed, He is able to see it all, to turn everything around, even brokenness. Follow Him. Get into the Bible. The good fight of faith is when faith rises up and attacks that ‘fallen angel’. When our flesh is weak, faith is stronger and blesses us! The Holy Spirit, All of God, is inside of me. All power is inside of me. He is the Teacher, and all of His knowledge is accessible.

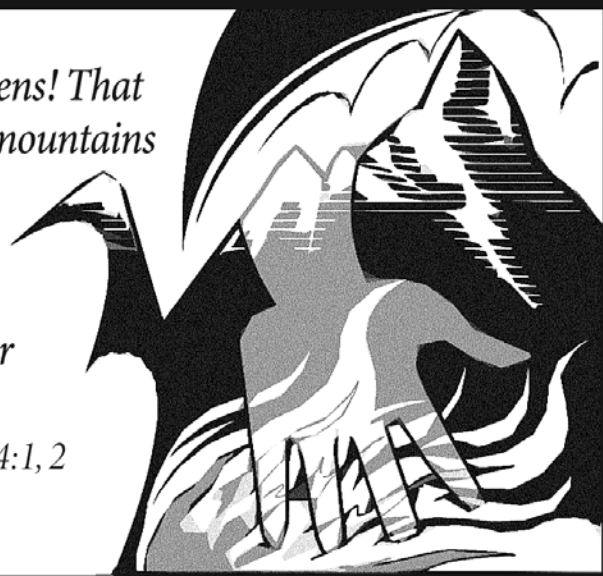
“The Glory has to come out of each of us. You have to know how to love Him. He loves to know that when there is a problem, our deliverance spills out. When we have a problem, He can fix it.”

“Read Proverbs 15:3; Proverbs 22:12 Psalm 32:8; 1 Peter 3:12; Job 2:31; Zechariah 4:10; Proverbs 5:21; Psalm 33:18. Bless Israel, we are grafted in. Bless Pastors, Prophets. ‘We are precious in the Eyes of God,’ he added, ‘Do great and mighty things!’”



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence as fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil, to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! Isaiah 64:1, 2*



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## COMMENTARY

# The more things change, the more they remain the same...

WILLIAM LEDFORD

It's official. Things are gonna get worse before they get better. Masks help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The virus will eventually vanish. These are the latest statements from our fearless leader. He has finally changed his narrative maybe because the virus didn't vanish when warm weather arrived and Joe Biden called him out. After nearly 145,000 (and counting) deaths it's absolutely not a "hoax". Masks aren't a personal choice, or shouldn't be. How long will his new

narrative last? Only time will tell. And...done! It's already over. He's back to his usual stuff.

As of this writing we are nearing a milestone, 150,000 deaths related to Covid-19. There are many more that may have been caused by the virus but haven't been "officially" attributed to the virus. To put that number in perspective, the coronavirus has killed more Americans than have died in combat in WW I, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. I have long given up on the idea that our POTUS will come out and vocally assure the nation that he is with us. Maybe if we all hung out at the golf course but...we can't... social distancing. And he and his people don't wear masks.

I thought that anti-vaxxers were the only people that dug into their pockets and said, "I ain't got no cents." Now we've got the an-

ti-maskers. While the anti-vaxxers only harm themselves and their children, the anti-maskers endanger us all and I'm kinda starting to take it personally. To use a tired saying, "many others are also."

A side note. As Trump and his surrogate, Secretary of Education pushed the reopening of schools across the country by saying that "kids can't transmit the virus" with absolutely no proof or basis. And, Barron Trump, The Donald's youngest, will not be returning to school because of the virus. Do as I say, not as I do.

The Washington football team has been hit again not long after dumping their racist name. They have another scandal that came to light. A sexual harassment scandal. Seems the good ol' boys in the organization never grew up and still think that they can say stupid high school stuff to the female employees. It's not cute anymore boys. Probably never was.

News flash! That's the name of the Washington Football Team for the 2020 season, if there is a 2020 season. What name you might ask? I would say, The Washington Football Team. Yep.

It appears that the POTUS has decided that the "unseen enemy" we are fighting against was much too bigly and threw in the towel. We no longer have a "wartime President". Now he's a "law and order" President. He sent federal officers from Homeland Security and other agencies to Portland, Oregon to "protect" Federal installations. These guys wear no identifying insignia or uniforms and have been grabbing protestors off the street, throwing them into unmarked vehicles, driving them away and then releasing them. A very curious "snatch and grab" operation. He's decided to send feds to Albuquerque because "violent crime" is out of hand here. I've lived

here since 1978. We've always had gangsters offing each other, no biggie, simply avoid downtown or West Central at night and you're safe from the crossfire. Don't need no HS or ICE cops here. The homies police themselves.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, junior Representative from NY, lit up fellow Representative Ted Yoho on the floor of the House of Representatives after he screamed at her, stuck his finger in her face, called her a vile insulting name and then offered a cringingly weak semi-apology. He then went to the male playbook for dealing with sexist behavior by mentioning that he's married and has daughters. Before the dust settled the GOP men had put their wagons in a circle with Yoho (I love that name, Yoho and a bottle of rum!) in the middle. Pathetic, simply pathetic.

Mike Pompeo, USSOS, appeared on TV and declared that TikTok users were in danger of having their data stolen by China. Maybe. I remember that TikTok users burned the Trump Campaign rally in Tulsa by requesting tickets online. So many requests that they flooded the servers. Trump crowed about the millions of requests. The rally happened and surprise! It wasn't the sold-out spectacle that he expected because TikTok users had pranked the campaign. Trump's campaign manager was subsequently fired. TikTok is now Public Enemy Number 1.

Get the picture? These things going on are all distractions from the Administration failing miserably. You should do as I do, ignore those distractions and pay attention to the real stuff. Vote! These days it really could mean life or death.

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7:45am-4:30pm

The TERO Office is pleased to provide the following jobs listing for the Cherokee area. We ask that when applying for any of these jobs, to please reach out to us to enroll in our Job Bank. We moved to the Aquoni Building at 756 Aquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC.

If you have any questions or need more information about a specific opening, please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy. If you need a Job Bank Application, please email Hillary or Doug. Their contact information is listed below.

Hillary Norville – TERO Job Bank Coordinator  
828.359.6422  
hillnorv@nc-chokeee.com

Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator  
828.359.6478  
dougmc@nc-chokeee.com

### Local Job Openings for August 2020:

**Peter's Pancakes:** cook, bus boys, and wait staff. The phone number is 828.497.5116

**Bernhard:** plumber, pipefitters, and fire watch.

**Granny's Kitchen:** positions available. The phone number is 828.497.5010

**C.I.C. Technologies, Inc.:** The requirements are: a) must pass a criminal background check by SBI, which includes being fingerprinted; b) cannot have felonies or any convictions of theft and burglary; and c) must be approved through the NC Alarm Systems Licensing Board. The open positions are:

**Low Volt Technician:** must have minimum 3 years' experience in any of the following areas: a) security system installation; b) access control installation; c) fire alarm system installation; d) fiber optic cable installation

**Technician Helper:** responsible for assisting technicians in day to day activities; work on small and large construction sites; data cable installation preferred but not required

**CNC, Inc.:** openings for construction and new restaurant. You can apply at CNC's office building at 1204 Tsalagi Rd. in Cherokee.

**Cherokee Enterprises:** general laborers, CDL truck drivers, heavy equipment operators, project superintendent, and assistant project manager. You can pick up an application at 1371 Aquoni Road in Cherokee from 8:00am-4:00pm Monday through Friday. The phone number is 828.497.5617

**Shell Gas Station:** customer service representative. You can apply on [www.snagajob.com](http://www.snagajob.com)

**Subway:** night shift. You can apply at Subway or online at [www.mysubwaycareer.com](http://www.mysubwaycareer.com). The phone number is 828.497.1268

**Cherokee Electrical:** 1 electrical supervisor (electrical schooling, 6+ years journeyman experience; 3 electrical helpers (some construction experience preferred). The phone number is 828.497.9321

**Cherokee Mechanical:** 1 service tech (5+ years of experience in all phases of HVAC and refrigeration); 1 installation supervisor (3+ years' experience with installation of duct work); 3 helpers (no experience necessary). The phone number is 828.497.9321

**Shoe Show:** 2 part-time sale associates. Apply at Shoe Show. The phone number is 828.497.8918

**Cherokee Central Schools:** custodian, substitute teacher, elementary teacher, interim school counselor

**Alan's Jewelry and Pawn:** sales/pawnbroker. The phone number is 828.554.0431

**Wendy's:** job openings available. You can apply at Wendy's or [www.snagajob.com](http://www.snagajob.com). The phone number is 828.497.1277

**Burger King:** job openings available. Apply at Burger King and ask for Chad Phillips. The phone number is 828.497.6120. They ask that you please bring an affidavit with you if you are an enrolled member of the EBCI

**Taco Bell:** job openings available. You can apply online at [www.midsouthtacobell.com](http://www.midsouthtacobell.com). The phone number is 828.497.1440

**Mini Donut Place:** full time and part time crew members. You can apply on the "Mini Donut Place" Facebook page. The phone number is 828.293.0055

**Ruth's Chris Steak House:** bartender, food runner, broiler, host/hostess, pantry cook, prep cook, side cook, and steward. You can apply at Ruth's Chris website under "careers."

**Sequoyah National Golf Course:** three positions for outside services (carts) and golf operations. Some golf knowledge preferred, but not required. Part-time. The phone number is 828.497.3000

**Cherokee Grand Hotel:** housekeepers. Apply at Cherokee Grand Hotel. The phone number is 828.497.0050

**Hampton Inn:** housekeeping. Apply at Hampton Inn. The phone number is 828.497.3115

**Chestnut Tree:** laundry, part-time floater, front desk. Apply at Chestnut Tree. The phone number is 828.497.9181

**Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort:** laundry attendant; level 1 security officer; houseperson; food court cashier; rooms controller; cleaning specialist; room attendant; table games technician; heavy duty cleaner; shift supervisor for housekeeping. For a complete list of job openings and information on how to apply, please visit <https://harrahsherokeejobs.com/>



# 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](mailto:jaccallo-wayre@gmail.com)

## FOR SALE

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

Classified listings are FREE of charge. Send them to Scott at [scotmcki@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:scotmcki@nc-chokeee.com) or message them to us on Facebook.



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Avoid adding to the tension around you. Even a well-meant reaction against something you perceive as unfair could be misunderstood. Let things calm down, and then talk about it.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for romance for unattached Bovines, and a good time for reinforcing the bonds between partners. Children's needs are important during the latter part of the week.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A compliment from a surprising source sends you wafting way up into the clouds, where — sorry to say — your view of what's going on is obscured. Come on down and face some reality.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Even a family-loving person like you sometimes can feel you're at the end of the line with contentious kinfolk. But things can work out. Remember that it's better to talk than walk.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A job-related move might hold more positive surprises than you'd expected. Go into it with confidence, and look for all the advantages it offers. Then decide what you'll do with what you find.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Driving yourself too hard to get something done on a deadline you set up can backfire. Ease into a more realistic finish date, and add more breaks to your work schedule.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of humor can brighten any dark period, and your laughter can dispel those gray clouds swirling around you. The weekend presents a surprising but welcome change.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about the words you use, especially in touchy situations. The old Chinese saying that the spoken word is silver, but the unspoken gold could well apply here.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Some facts could emerge to shed light on unresolved past problems. What you learn also might help explain why a once-warm relationship suddenly cooled down.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Don't let your pride get in the way of checking into what could be a great new opportunity. Get the facts first, and worry about procedure and protocol later.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A health problem in the family might have other relatives assuming that, as before, you'll take over the health-care duties. Surprise them and insist they share in the caretaking.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A series of changes can be unsettling, but in the long run, it can pay off with new perspectives on what you plan to do. Keep your mind open to the possibilities that might well lie ahead.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You might be under a "royal" sign, but you have a wonderful way of embracing everyone as an equal.

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SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo  
**The moon** is super bright over Cherokee on the evening of  
Thursday, July 30.

# Know your Ws!



**WEAR**  
a cloth face covering.

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**WAIT**  
6 feet apart.  
Avoid close contact.

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**WASH**  
your hands often  
or use hand sanitizer.

**#ebcistrong**





# 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

## Puzzle Answers

### BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Simon; 3) Two daughters; 4) Jezebel; 5) Gold; 6) Asenath

### ? Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Budapest
2. The Heart of the Ocean
3. "The Danny Thomas Show"
4. 1968
5. Cornelius
6. Four
7. A layered Italian ice-cream desert
8. Sylvia Plath
9. Three
10. Collarbone

### — King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

OCT	MYRA	HAUL
SHE	AEON	OGRE
LAX	SWEET	TALK
OPTIC	WED	
COOP	NOTED	
SWEET	PEA	GORE
PAR	SURGE	FOB
ISIS	SOURPUSS	
THETA	TEAR	
ERA	SOUND	
SOUR	CREAM	NAY
PILE	MENU	DIE
ALTO	SKIS	OLD

### — Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

2	1	8	6	9	5	7	3	4
6	4	5	3	2	7	8	1	9
3	9	7	1	8	4	6	5	2
1	3	9	4	6	2	5	7	8
7	2	4	8	5	1	9	6	3
8	5	6	7	3	9	2	4	1
9	7	2	5	4	3	1	8	6
4	6	1	9	7	8	3	2	5
5	8	3	2	1	6	4	9	7



## BETTER WAGES. BIGGER BONUSES. HARRAH'S MUST BE HIRING AGAIN.

These days, we're putting extra emphasis on our cleaning. So we've increased our hourly wage to \$13/hour for select positions, like room attendants. And we're offering hiring bonuses, too. Interested? Apply today at [HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com](http://HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com).



Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2020, Caesars License Company, LLC.

## 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\*

### Open Until Filled

• Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

• Detention Officer (Multiple) - Corrections - Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)

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

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:  
[www.ebci.com/jobs](http://www.ebci.com/jobs)



## EMPLOYMENT

### Qualla Boundary Head Start/ Early Head Start job opening

Position Title: Early Childhood Mental Health Therapist  
Primary Function: Early Childhood Licensed Mental Health professional provides a wide range of prevention and early intervention services to infants, young children, and their families using a trauma-informed approach. Collaborates with early care and education providers to enhance their understanding of and capacity to meet the behavioral/emotional/mental health needs of the children (ages birth to five years) and families they serve. Develops and implements Mental Health plans for program. Records and maintains confidential data using Child Plus software.

A master's degree in social work, psychology, or counseling is required. For more information on this position, contact William Maney, Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start human resources and office administrator, (828) 359-2218, willmane@nc-chokeee.com. **8/5pd**

### Kituwah, LLC has the following job available:

#### President of Hospitality

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

## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate  
File No. 20-037

### In the Matter of the Estate of Geraldine Stamper

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

Carmen V. Junaluska, P. O. Box  
1112, Cherokee, NC, 28719. **8/5pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 20-045

### In the Matter of the Estate of Michael Brian Terrell

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

Christiana Terrell, P.O. Box 784  
Cherokee NC 28719. **8/5pd**

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

In the Matter of the Estate of



CHEROKEE INDIAN  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Closing, Thursday August 6, 2020

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician Supervisor  
Director of Nursing – Tsali Care Center  
Controller – Accounting

### Closing, Thursday August 13, 2020

PTI Patient Registration Clerk

### Open Until Filled

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

License Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center  
License Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center

Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi (Multiple)

Pharmacy Technician I (Level II Preferred)

Physician – Primary Care

Psychiatry PA or NP - Analenisgi

PTI Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center (Multiple) Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.

PTI CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient (Multiple)

PTI Licensed Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center

PTI Physician – Emergency Room

PTI Registered Nurse– Tsali Care Center

PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient

Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient

## Happy Birthday!



Henry Turner, from the Snowbird Community, turned 6 on July 21. He had a small celebration at home with family. The party was out of this world, and he had a blast!

To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](https://careers.cherokeehospital.org)

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



### McAdoo Levi Driver

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

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

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

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

8/12pd

BIDS, RFPs., etc.

### HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

#### Construction Jobs Available for Quality

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is accepting applications for heavy construction employees. Our company is interested in qualified candidates interested in providing quality performance for quality pay and benefits. Applications for the following job titles are currently being evaluated:

- General Laborers Entry Wage \$15.00 / HR
- CDLTruck Drivers Entry Wage \$17.50 / HR
- Heavy Equipment Operators Entry Wage \$20.00 / HR
- Project Superintendent Entry Wage \$ Contingent Upon Experience
- Assistant Project Manager Entry Wage \$ Contingent Upon Experience

Excellent benefit package is also provided. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. You may also pick up an application at 1371 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Pre-employment drug testing, background check, drivers license and reliable transportation required. Four year college degree, preferably in construction management required for Asst. Project Manager.

### ENGINEERING SERVICES

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

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

rejected.

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

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

• The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose work, in the opinion of the Tribe will best meet the requirements of the Tribe. It is clearly understood by all bidders that the Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive informalities in said proposal.

• A Bidder's Package, including bidder specifications, special requirements and sample contract and forms may be viewed and an electronic copy can be obtained at the HCD Office, located at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719.

• The contact person for technical questions concerning project specifications, the bid process and general project information should be directed to Bunsey Crowe, Housing Production Manager, via e-mail at [buncrow@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:buncrow@nc-cherokee.com) or by phone at (828) 359-6903 or (828) 788-6785.

Dated: July 28, 2020

Edwin Taylor,

Secretary of Housing. 8/12pd

### TV TRANSLATOR RENEWAL-NEWSPAPER NOTIFICATION

On August 3, 2020, WYFF Hearst Television, Inc., filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for

renewal of license of TV translator station W10AL-D, which is licensed to serve Cherokee and Big Cove, North Carolina. The station is licensed to transmit from a site at following coordinates: Latitude 35-29-45N, Longitude 83-20-04W on channel 10, with an effective radiated power of .0286 kilowatts. The station rebroadcasts WYFF, Greenville, SC, which operates on channel 30. Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to the renewal application and to whether this TV translator station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions, with the FCC by November 2, 2020, by writing to FCC, Washington, DC 20554. 8/5pd

## Good Housekeeping

### Southern Peach Pork Chops

Juicy peaches hot off the grill are perfect with tender seared meat.

- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch black pepper
- 1 clove garlic, crushed with garlic press
- 4 (about 5 ounces each) pork loin chops, 3/4-inch thick
- 4 large peaches, each cut in half
- 1/2 cup peach jam, substitute apricot jam or preserves
- Arugula, for garnish

1. In cup, stir curry powder, brown sugar, olive oil, salt, cinnamon, pepper and garlic.

2. With hands, rub both sides of pork chops with curry mixture.

3. Brush cut side of peach halves and 1 side of chops with some jam. Place peaches, brushed side down, and chops, brushed side up, on grill over medium heat; cook 5 minutes.

4. Turn chops and peaches over and brush grilled side of chops with some jam; cook 5 minutes longer. Remove peaches from grill when browned and place on platter. Turn chops and brush with remaining jam; cook 2 to 3 minutes longer, until chops are browned on the outside and still slightly pink on the inside. Place chops on platter with peaches; garnish with arugula. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 475 calories, 24g total fat (8g saturated), 23g protein, 42g carbohydrate, 58mg cholesterol, 325mg sodium.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at [www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/](http://www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/).

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