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- Mark Hubble, Kituwah LLC chief executive officer, on the operation at the Cherokee Cinemas and More theatre



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CCS to remain virtual until March

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In a 5-to-1 vote this week, the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education chose to remain entirely virtual until at least Monday, March 15.

In place of its traditional in-person meeting, the Board conducted the decisions via email poll from Feb. 1 to Feb. 2.

The Board narrowed its options to students returning on Feb. 22 or March 15. CCS teachers are due back much earlier, as was stated in the mass email to the Board.

‘Plans are to bring Teachers back next week (2/8/21) with Administration working closely with those that need more time before returning. We will be following all Protocols in making sure everyone is safe, as well as continue to monitor numbers, and if necessary, make

changes should anything occur.’

Big Y Rep. Tara Reed-Cooper was the lone vote for a February start. Painttown Rep. Regina Ledford Rosario, Birdtown Rep. Gloria Griffin, Wolfstown Rep. Isaac Long, Yellowhill Rep. Jennifer Thompson, and Big Cove Rep. Karen French-Browning voted in favor of a March reopening.

The decision may not be the final outcome, as increased COVID-19 numbers in Cherokee has forced the Board to delay reopening multiple times.

The Board passed the consent agenda unanimously, setting forth the following:

- Sebastien Brun approved as Varsity Men’s Soccer Assistant Coach.
- Shannon Smith approved as a Cherokee Middle School (CMS) Substitute Teacher.
- Cristina Forsyth approved as a CMS Substitute Teacher.

- Gerri Grady approved as a Cherokee Elementary School (CES) Teacher Assistant.
- Teresa Rodgers approved as a CES Teacher Assistant.

The Board voted down a resignation retraction that was sent in on Jan. 27. With the Board also considering a letter submitted by the employee’s superior, the vote was 5-1 opposed to the resignation retraction. Rep. Griffin was the lone vote in favor.

The Board had two more pieces of business in the poll. One approved an updated job description for the Property and Supply Clerk/Teacher Assistant position. The other was reducing the minimum number of training hours required annually for Board members from 40 to 12.

The CCS Board of Education meets every two weeks, with email polls being the virtual replacement for the time being.

Cherokee Cinemas and More to open after a year-long shutdown

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After being closed for a year due to COVID-19, Cherokee Cinemas and More is set to re-open its doors on Friday, March 19.

“We believe we will have the safest activity one can do in an indoor social setting,” said Mark Hubble, chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC which operates the theatre. “Our precautions are as strong, or stronger, than any other social indoor activity on the (Quala) Boundary. As far as I know, we are one of the few, if any, establishments being able to use disinfectant air fumigation equipment which we purchased last year.”

Hubble said normal COVID-19

measures will be in place at the theatre. “Masks will be required except when enjoying food and beverage as well as social distancing at a minimum of six feet. Every other row will be cordoned off for social distancing, and maximum capacity will not exceed 30 percent. Because we sell tickets, we will just limit the number of tickets to each showing. In order to eliminate crowding outside of the auditorium, games will not be available in the lobby. Employees will wear masks and clear barriers were installed earlier at the concession stand.”

Cleaning will be a priority as well, and hand sanitation stations are already in place in several parts of the facility. “Every auditorium will be air-disinfected using

a disinfectant mist at the end of each day in addition to normal enhanced cleaning protocols. As long as the number of new COVID infections continues to trend lower, we believe the theatre can be safely re-opened and the chance of infection is lower than almost any other activity currently available.”

Hubble stated another measure they’re taking to reduce crowding, “We are staggering shows so that no show starts within 20 minutes of another show to alleviate any crowds near ticketing or concessions.”

While March 19 is the target date for re-opening, Hubble relates, “Currently, we are set for that date, but if COVID infections start to rise again, it’s possible it could be delayed. We had at-

tempted to re-open earlier, but that lasted about one day because it coincided with a huge surge of infections on the Boundary. However, given the rapid vaccination process on the Boundary and the declining number of new infections, we believe March 19 is achievable.”

At the moment, the theatre will only be open on the weekends. “We are limited to Friday through Sunday because we may be conducting some improvements on the interior, and we are limiting contractors to Monday through Thursday work times so that they don’t disturb patrons.”

For more information, visit: <https://www.cherokeecinemas.com>

For information on tribal elections, contact the EBCI Board of Elections 359-6361

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Primary Election information

The Primary Election for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is scheduled for June 3 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Candidate filing dates are March 1-5 for all Tribal Council seats and the following Cherokee School Board seats - Birdtown, Big Cove, and Wolfstown. Candidate filing dates for write-in candidates is April 5-9.

Candidate filing fees are as follows: Tribal Council, \$500; School Board, \$350.00. Filing fees are non-refundable and shall be paid by cash, cashier's check, electronic payment, or money order.

Absentee requests are April 1 - May 17 by mail. In-person requests will be taken until May 28. Absentee ballots will be sent out May 1-28.

Voter registration is now open and will close on April 30. It will re-open on June 7.

Early voting will be held as follows: May 3-7, May 10-14, May 17-22 and May 24. Early voting hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The General Election is scheduled for Sept. 2.

Contact information:

Board of Elections Office: 359-6361; P.O. Box 1837, Cherokee, NC 28719; 810 Acquoni Road
Board Members:

Chairperson Lula Jackson (Paint-town): 736-1511

Vice Chairperson Roger Smoker (Cherokee County - Snowbird): 735-4959

Big Cove Rep. Margaret French: 788-3190

Birdtown Rep. Denise Ballard: 736-0286

Yellowhill Rep. Annie Owens: 497-4041

Wolfstown/Big Y Rep. Cindy Chandler: 269-7022 or 497-5850

- EBCI Board of Elections

WCU maintains steady enrollment numbers for 2021 spring semester

CULLOWHEE – Amid the pandemic and a recession, total enrollment at Western Carolina University has dipped only slightly for the 2021 spring semester, while the number of graduate students enrolled moderately increased over previous years.

There are 11,284 students enrolled this semester compared to 11,434 this time last year. There are 1,697 graduate students, up from 1,660 in spring 2020; with undergraduates recorded at 9,587 now vs. 9,774 then. The fall to spring retention rate was 86.5 percent.

The 2021 data was compiled by WCU's Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness following completion of the 10th day of spring classes, which is known as "census day." Enrollment numbers are considered preliminary until verified and files sent to the University of North Carolina System Office.

The semester began Jan. 25 with classes delivered via remote instruction. On Monday, Feb. 15, classes will resume as originally scheduled through in-person or hybrid instruction. Courses originally scheduled as online will continue that modality for the spring semester.

WCU experienced a new record of 12,243 students enrolled for the 2020 fall semester. Spring enrollment numbers at institutions of higher education are typically lower than fall enrollment as some students graduate in the middle of the academic year while others do not return for a second semester for reasons ranging from academic to personal, university officials said.

"As the Catamount community enters a new year and a new semester, WCU remains consistent

and focused on student success and helping individuals achieve their goals," said Chancellor Kelli R. Brown. "While I am pleased with these overall numbers in enrollment and retention, this institution never forgets that it's the students behind these numbers who matter."

The graduate enrollment growth reflects an adaptable selection of residential programs in Cullowhee, programs based at the Biltmore Park instructional site in Asheville, fully online programs and hybrid programs that combine in-person classes with online instruction.

"Amidst the pandemic, our graduate faculty and programs continue to facilitate a movement toward more flexible delivery modes to enable more graduate student professionals to build their academic credentials, even while they experience changes in family and job responsibilities," said Brian Kloepfel, dean of Graduate School and Research. "Graduate enrollment continued an upward trend with notable increases in master's degree programs in Business Administration, Human Resources, Social Work, Sport Management, the new Experiential Outdoor Education, and the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program. Our graduate students are learning and growing by building their educational credentials, thereby enabling them to experience a more secure future for them, their family, and their community."

For more information about graduate programs, visit the Graduate School website grad.wcu.edu, email grad@wcu.edu or call 828-227-7398.

For more information on undergraduate programs go to openhouse.wcu.edu or call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions toll-free at 877-928-4968.

- Western Carolina University
release

Park recruits Adopt-a-Plot volunteers

Great Smoky Mountains National Park rangers are recruiting volunteers to adopt a monitoring plot in areas throughout the park. In an effort to track nature's calendar, or phenology, volunteers will collect information as part of an important research project tracking seasonal biological data such as plant flowering dates and changes in tree canopy foliage.

Volunteers may adopt plots that are near parking areas or along trails at several locations across the park. Plots should be monitored at least one to two times per month from the first leaf bud in spring to the final leaf drop in fall, with less-frequent monitoring in June and July at most plots. Previous experience is not necessary. The Adopt-a-Plot project helps park scientists and visitors better understand how changing weather patterns affect our diverse ecosystem and the seasonal timing of wildflower blooms and fall color.

Volunteers must attend one virtual training opportunity on either Thursday, Feb. 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. or on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This 1.5-hour virtual workshop will include topics like tree identification techniques, fruit and flower identification tips, and data collection protocols

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please send an email to GRSM_Phenology@nps.gov to register for the training. For more information about phenology research efforts across the country, visit the National Phenology Network at <https://www.usanpn.org>.

- National Park Service release

**CIPD Arrest Report for
Jan. 24-31, 2021**

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

Cosgrove Jr., Roddy Leroy - age 35
Arrested: Jan. 24
Released: Jan. 24
Charges: Drunk and Disorderly

Hutson, Brandon Jarnigan - age 36
Arrested: Jan. 24
Released: Jan. 24
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Littlejohn, Emery Lee - age 35
Arrested: Jan. 24
Released: Jan. 24
Charges: Tampering with Evidence

Welch, Emily Lauren - age 21
Arrested: Jan. 24
Released: Jan. 25
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors; Injuring Real Property (two counts); Reckless Endangerment; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Brady, Nathan Karl - age 38
Arrested: Jan. 25
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Resisting Public Officer (three counts); Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (three counts); Breaking or Entering; Probation Violation; Felony Escape Local Jail (two counts);

Criminal Mischief to Property

Conway, Jessica - age 34
Arrested: Jan. 25
Released: Jan. 25
Charges: Possession of Stolen Goods

Montelongo Jr., David - age 41
Arrested: Jan. 25
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property; Fraudulent Use of Credit, Debit, or Bank Card; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Swayney, Ellisa Nicole - age 38
Arrested: Jan. 25
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Torres, Rudy Vasquez - age 62
Arrested: Jan. 25
Released: Jan. 25
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Blanton, Darius D. - age 22
Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Jan. 30
Charges: Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order

Brady-Smith Jr., Billy Joe - age 26
Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Jan. 28
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ivey Jr., Jacob Jackson - age 38
Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Jan. 28
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Zirpoli, Justin Andrew - age 33
Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Jan. 27
Charges: Assault on a Female

Bradley, Rashonda Lashae - age 33
Arrested: Jan. 28
Released: Jan. 28
Charges: Drugs - Manufacturing, Selling, or Delivering, Possessing with Intent to Sell or Deliver

Garcia, Jose Salvador - age 54
Arrested: Jan. 29
Released: Feb. 1
Charges: Assault on a Female

Hicks, Zane - age 28
Arrested: Jan. 29
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Rattler, Rajun River - age 18
Arrested: Jan. 29
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession of Schedule IV Controlled Substance (two counts), Obstructing Governmental Functions, Possessing Contraband, Probation Violation

Smith II, Greg Lillis - age 30
Arrested: Jan. 30
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Drugs - Possession with Intent to Sell Schedule II Methamphetamine, Trafficking in Methamphetamine

Smith, Jack Daniel - age 31
Arrested: Jan. 30
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Drugs - Trafficking in Opiate, Weapons Offense

Rosario, Loretta Lynn - age 51
Arrested: Jan. 31
Released: Jan. 31
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Cinda Justine - age 32
Arrested: Jan. 31
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Good Housekeeping

New Orleans-Style Rice and Beans

Our easy take on this classic Southern recipe is as hearty and satisfying as its longer-cooking cousin. Enjoy with your favorite hot pepper sauce.

1 1/2 cups long-grain white rice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 large onion
1 stalk celery
3 cloves garlic
1 can low-sodium red kidney beans
1 can low-sodium pink beans
1 reduced-sodium ham steak, 1/2-inch thick
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1. Cook rice as label directs.
2. Meanwhile, in nonstick 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add onion, celery and garlic, and cook 7-8 minutes or until vegetables are tender and lightly browned, stirring occasionally.
3. Stir in beans with their liquid, ham steak, thyme and pepper; heat to boiling over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes or until mixture thickens slightly.
4. To serve, spoon rice into deep platter; top with bean mixture. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

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Braves top Andrews in fourth straight win



PHOTOS By SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Cherokee's Camden Owle (#3) grabs a rebound in front of Andrews' Gavin Wilson during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Feb. 5. The Braves got their fourth win in a row with a 65-53 win over the Wildcats. Cherokee was led by Jordan Arkansas with 17 points followed by Tso Smith with 16. Other Braves scorers included: Camerson Sampson 4, Jonathan Frady 4, Owle 6, Don Bradley 12, Brandon Martin 4, and Tariq Underwood 2. Andrews scorers included: Gage Gillespie 13, Spencer Bateman 7, Isaac Weaver 9, Donovan Bateman 6, Wilson 3, Andrew Martin 4, and Bryson Holloway 11.



Cherokee's Don Bradley (#4) defends against Andrews' Isaac Weaver in the second half of Friday's game.



Cherokee's Jordan Arkansas (#2) goes inside for a shot between two Andrews' defenders, Gage Gillespie (#3) and Gavin Wilson (#15). Arkansas finished with 17 points.

Lady Braves dominate Andrews 85-17



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Cherokee's Praire Toineeta (#24) wrestles the ball from Andrews' Kingsleigh Dartez (#15) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Feb. 5. Led by AJ Hill with 18 points, the Lady Braves dominated throughout en route to an 85-17 win. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Loshi Ward 3, Naomi Smith 11, Deante Toineeta 17, McKenzie Reed 3, Zoey Walkingstick 3, Praire Toineeta 4, Alexis Smith 4, Rhyan Girty 12, Kamia Wiggins 5, and Triniti Littlejohn 5. Andrews scorers included: Emily Mealer 3, Americus Lequire 8, Dartez 3, Raven Wright 1, and Leah Preston 2.



Cherokee's AJ Hill brings the ball up court. She led the Lady Braves with 18 points on the evening.



Cherokee's Naomi Smith (#12) goes for a short shot inside ahead of Andrews' Gracie Skeens (#34). Smith, in her first game of the season, scored 11 points.

Deante Toineeta - field general with a jump shot

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President Theodore Roosevelt once said, “Speak softly and carry a big stick - you will go far.” That mantra encompasses the way that Deante Toineeta, a senior member of the Cherokee (H.S.) Lady Braves, approaches the game of basketball - at least from my sidelines’ perspective.

Each and every game, she is a field general at point guard, but she does so without screaming or unneeded emotions. She does so by directing traffic through the lane and trying to move the ball around to her teammates so that they can get the best shot.

On the court, her statistics and accomplishments are impressive. As a junior, she scored her 1,000th point. The N.C. Basketball Coaches Association named her to the first team All-District (12) team in 2020 and the second team in 2019. She was named All-Big Smoky Mountain Conference in 2019 and 2020 and Honorable Mention in 2018 while also receiving CHS Offensive MVP awards those two years. Also, in 2019, she won Cherokee High School’s Chief John A. Crowe Memorial Most Dedicated Female Athlete Award.

As a freshman, she scored 20 points to lead the Lady Braves to a 71-61 win at Mitchell to send Cherokee to the 1A West Regional semi-finals. Following that game, I interviewed her and she gave a quote that sums up her basketball mentality, “We are playing really good and not selfish.”

With her spot-on jump shot and ball handling skills, Toineeta has garnered attention statewide



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

In front of a packed crowd, Deante Toineeta, a senior member of the Cherokee (H.S.) Lady Braves, concentrates as she shoots a three-pointer during a playoff game at Murphy High School during the 2019-20 season.

and regionally. HighSchoolOT listed her among their top 15 1A players in the state to watch out for this season.

As with many athletes at Cherokee High School, she excels in the classroom - something else that college recruiters look for.

She is a constant on the honor roll lists, has received numerous Tribal Council Awards for academic excellence over the years, and was awarded a 2019 CHS Academic Award as one of the top students in her grade.

Having a jump shot without

the grades will cause a player to be overlooked many times. Toineeta has both.

Whatever the future holds for her, I’m sure she’ll approach it the same way she does on the court - with dedication, determination, and a smile.

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NASA extends partnership with SCC for five more years

SYLVA – Two years before a total solar eclipse left area residents breathless in 2017, Southwestern Community College started working with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in an effort to bring advanced Science, Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) education opportunities to Western North Carolina.

That made SCC the nation's only community college to have a scientific activation partnership with the renowned space agency, and the positive impact extends far beyond the college's classrooms.

As the lead institution in the NASA-funded Smoky Mountains STEM Collaborative, SCC has organized and oversaw dozens of science activities and projects aimed at increasing interest in STEM fields among K-12 students in the region.

The college's efforts were so successful that NASA recently extended its partnership with Southwestern for a second five-year term. Out of 23 projects across the U.S., SCC is one of just 11 that received an extension.

"It's an honor, and honestly humbling, to work with some of the world's brightest minds at the world's premier space agency," said Matt Cass, the NASA project's principal investigator who also teaches astronomy and physics at SCC. "Our partnership has already yielded so many success stories and built more bridges than I can count with the people and educational institutions of Western North Carolina. I can't wait to see what the next five years will bring."

Kristen Erickson, the NASA Science Program Officer fund-



SCC photo

Matt Cass, Physics and Astronomy Instructor at Southwestern Community College, serves as the principal investigator for the Smoky Mountain STEM Collaborative. SCC is the only community college in the nation to have a scientific activation partnership with NASA.

ing the SCC extension, said, "We recognize that SCC is now the hub of Earth and space content for the region having earned the trust of the community, and we can't wait to hear ideas on how to improve NASA's portfolio to meet the needs of rural and Native American learners."

In addition to his roles with SCC and the Smoky Mountain STEM Collaborative, Cass is co-investigator on one of the newly awarded projects: "SciAct STEM Ecosystems to Broaden Participation in Authentic STEM Learning: Connecting Subject Matter Experts, Communities and Learners of All Ages."

The project is hosted by Arizo-

na State University.

"It fits neatly into what we're doing here, especially since we're considered one of the expert voices on STEM education in rural communities," Cass said. "This new project will benefit the work we continue to do with the Smoky Mountains STEM Collaborative and allow us to share our best practices with those new to work in the rural setting."

For the Smoky Mountains STEM Collaborative, SCC's partners continue to be the Jackson, Macon, Swain County and Cherokee Central school systems; Appalachian State University; Boys & Girls Club of the Plateau; Cullowhee Kids in the Creek; Fontana

Regional Library; Great Smoky Mountains National Park; Haywood County Waterways; NASA Marshall Space Center; Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute and Western Carolina University.

Every year since starting the partnership with NASA in 2015, SCC has hosted or co-hosted summer STEM-themed camps for K-12 students. Southwestern also was the only community college to participate in NASA's high-altitude balloon project, which tracked the 2017 eclipse as it crossed the United States.

In 2019, SCC Astronomy Instructor Zack Stockbridge organized a nationwide effort to measure the earth's distance from the sun during the "Transit of Mercury" event.

SCC also annually serves as a host site for NASA's "Space Apps" challenge, a cooperative science weekend organized by SMSC program coordinator, Randi Neff. At the event, local teams work to find solutions for some of the biggest problems in the universe. The work of teams is judged by scientists and engineers, and winners advance to an international competition.

"Our faculty and students are making the most out of this unique opportunity we have with NASA," said Dr. Don Tomas, SCC President. "What excites me most about this partnership is how it benefits so many young people in and beyond our service area."

For more information about NASA's partnership with SCC, contact Cass 339.4384 or mcass@southwesterncc.edu.

- *Southwestern Community College release*



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

Cherokee was greeted by this magnificent sunrise on the quite chilly morning of Thursday, Feb. 4.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

Snow blanketed the area in and around the Qualla Boundary on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 6 and early morning of Sunday, Feb. 7. Residents woke up to a winter wonderland. By mid-morning, temperatures rose and much of the snow began to melt away.



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Thousands read the Cherokee One Feather each week. Our readers are a distinct demographic who are highly selective about where they get their news and what media they trust. No other media outlet reaches the Qualla Boundary like the One Feather. From tribal elders to youth stickball players, they check out their local newspaper for all the happenings in and around Cherokee. We live in a tight-knit community and we like to keep up with what is going on with our neighbors. It just makes good business sense to invest your advertising dollars where our readers will see it. And they will in the Cherokee One Feather. We have reasonable rates for print and online advertising. Check out the One Feather website, www.theonefeather.com, pick up a print copy at participating retail outlets (rack copies are free), and visit us on Facebook. Then get in touch with us and we'll help you find the size and frequency you need to make money. We'll even help you with ad creation. You may have the best product in the world, but if no one knows about it...Contact us today.

Fish Cherokee 2021 schedule

The Catch & Keep Enterprise Waters will be closed to everyone from March 13-26. The Catch & Release Enterprise Waters are open all year for trophy water fly fishing only.

Following is a list of tournaments sponsored by Fish Cherokee, a program of the EBCI Natural Resource Program (a two-day Tribal Fish Permit {\$17} and tournament registration {\$15} is required for all) :

March 27-28: Opening Day Tournament

- \$20,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadline is Friday, March 26
- May 29-30: Memorial Day Tournament
- \$10,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadline is Friday, May 28

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament: July 24-25

- \$10,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadline is Friday, July 23

Qualla Country Tournament: Sept. 4-5

- \$20,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadlines is Friday, Sept. 3

Tag turn-in for all tournaments is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail.

Participants may purchase a Tribal Fish Permit online at www.fishcherokee.com or from a local permit vendor. Children ages 11 and under may participate in tournaments under a supervising adult's registration and fish permit. Legal fishing methods apply to everyone. Report fishing violations to 497-4131 (10-fish limit per day per permit holder which includes catch of children, catch must be kept separate, fly-fishing in ponds is allowed, re-releasing

caught fish into ponds prohibited). Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Discarding fish remains anywhere other than trash bins is prohibited.

Info: www.fishcherokee.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/fishcherokee

- *EBCI Natural Resources*

Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund announces emergency COVID-19 funding

The Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund has announced emergency COVID-19 funding made available to qualified educational institutions in the seven surrounding counties bordering the Qualla Boundary (Jackson, Swain, Haywood, Macon, Graham, Cherokee and Clay).

Organizations may apply for emergency funds related to personal protective equipment, screening supplies, sanitization chemicals/equipment, safe food transportation, and other qualified needs resulting from COVID-19. Funding will not be provided for staffing, payroll, gift cards, or any items not specifically related to safety.

For an application and full qualification criteria, please contact: Yona Wade at yonawade@ccs-nc.org or 554-5032; or Sherri Booth at sbooth@harrahs.com or 497-8753.

- *Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund*

Life Recovery Bible-Based 12-step Zoom meeting. Started Nov. 10 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley kellideb@gmail.com

Life Recovery Zoom meeting. Started Nov. 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley

kellideb@gmail.com

Turkey Shoot. Feb. 13 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for the Brothers in the Wind Motorcycle Club. Virus measures will be followed. Good fun, good prizes, great benefit!

Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund UT fellowship

The University of Tennessee Graduate School will provide a \$15,000 fellowship for a graduate or doctoral student receiving a grant from the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for academic year 2021-22. Applicants for the fellowship must make a request in writing to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, P. O. Box 892, Cherokee, NC 28719 or email jans_28719@yahoo.com by March 1, 2021 to be considered. If more than one application is received, the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors will recommend a student to UT Graduate School to receive the fellowship.

- *Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund*

HELP Program Lawn Maintenance and Garden Plowing applications available

Applications for the HELP (Handicapped and Elderly Living Program) Lawn Maintenance and Garden Plowing are now available during Tsali Manor lunch drive-thru and/or over the phone. The deadline for applications is June 30.

Eligibility requirements:

- * Must be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- * Individuals applying for assistance must be living in the home.
- * Applicants must be 59 1/2 years

old or older.

* Applicants under 59 1/2 years old must not be physically capable of mowing. Proof of disability (Social Security Disability Statement) is required.

* For 2021, a doctor's note stating applicant is not physically capable will be required from each applicant (disabled and 59 1/2 or older). Attach statement to the application or request that it be faxed to (828) 497-3519.

Mowing information:

- * Client/family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash and/or debris.
- * The residence must be within the three-county service area of Jackson, Swain, and Haywood.
- * Mowing will occur between April 1 and Sept. 28.
- * Mowing and weed eating include a 50-foot perimeter around the home including carports.
- * Lawns mowed outside the 50-foot perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility.

Plowing information:

- * Available up to a 100 foot by 100 foot area.
- * One garden per household
- * Plowing will occur between March 1 and May 31.

Info: 359-6638

- *HELP release*

VITA Tax assistance program starting

The 2021 offering of Tax Assistance begins Tuesday, Feb. 16. If your annual income is less than \$57,000 or you are a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd. The offices are located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Due to the current public health situation, VITA Tax

Assistance will not be held face-to-face. Instead, a drop-off and pick-up service will be performed. Returns could take up to ten days to review and process.

Program officials note, "This process will be a bit lengthy compared to previous years. We will be limited in the weekly number of available appointments for the drop off service. As always, our program relies on volunteers to perform this service. Many volunteers are operating under the same, difficult circumstances as many of you may be and as our nation grapples with the challenges associated with COVID-19. . We are fortunate to continue providing this service given the current state of our community and country."

Bring the following items to your appointment/drop-off:

* All income related forms such

as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.

* Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture

* Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household

* Enrollment Card of Federally Recognized Tribe for NC Tax Exemption

* Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited

* Last year's tax return (if possible)

* The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

To schedule an appointment, call the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office 359-6939 or 359-6930.

If you reach the voicemail, please

leave your full name, your primary phone number, and one of the team members will promptly return your call.

Officials stated, "We will be scheduling your appointment on a first come first serve basis. We ask that you call the numbers listed to make an appointment as our building lobby is not open to the public currently."

- EBCI Cooperative Extension
Program release

Cherokee Nation Foundation offering free virtual ACT Boot Camp

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. —

Cherokee Nation Foundation is offering a free virtual ACT Boot Camp on Saturday, March 27, for Native American students preparing for the national exam.

"We were beyond pleased with

the results of our virtual program this fall and continue to refine and improve the way we bring these vital programs to students," said Janice Randall, executive director of Cherokee Nation Foundation. "The dedication and commitment of these students continue to amaze us, and we stand ready to help them achieve their goals in any way possible."

ACT Boot Camp is led by MasteryPrep, an organization dedicated to building students' confidence on test day by providing essential test-taking strategies and skills. Instructors guide students through content strategies for all four subjects and administer practice tests to help students identify their strengths and weaknesses.

The deadline to register is Feb. 26. Students interested in the course can call the foundation (918) 207-0950 or apply online at www.cherokeefoundation.org.

- Cherokee Nation Foundation
release

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEBRUARY 8-14, 2021

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	No January stocking.	All Day.	Rainbow, Brook, Brown.	BWO, Grey Midge, and Winter Stones.	Mop Flies, Egg Patterns, Hare's Ear, Red Copper John, Wolley Bugger, Girdle Bugs, Frank's Fly.
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	Afternoon.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Spotted Sedge Caddis, and Winter Stones.	Hare's Ear, Frenchies, Wooly Buggers, Prince Nymph, Stonefly.
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	Afternoon.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Midges, some Caddis, BWO, and Winter Stones.	Soft Hackle Hare's Ear, BH Pheasant Tail, BWO, Black Caddis, and Stonefly.

COURTESY OF ALEX BELL/AB'S FLY FISHING

BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, FEB. 8	TUESDAY, FEB. 9	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10	THURSDAY, FEB. 11	FRIDAY, FEB. 12	SATURDAY, FEB. 13	SUNDAY, FEB. 14
AVERAGE	BETTER	BETTER	BEST	BETTER++	BETTER	GOOD
9:04 AM-11:04 AM 9:33 PM-11:33 PM	10:02 AM-12:02 PM 10:31 PM-12:31 AM	N/A 10:59 AM-12:59 PM	N/A 11:51 AM-1:51 PM	12:16 AM-2:16 AM 12:40 PM-2:40 PM	1:03 AM-3:03 AM 1:26 PM-3:26 PM	1:48 AM-3:48 AM 2:09 PM-4:09 PM

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you for help with event

On Sunday, Jan 17., several of my friends came out to help hand out toiletry items, blankets, gloves, snacks, and a warm meal. The day was cold, and it reminded us of the need that people have. For most of us, spending time out in the cold is a choice but for many it is not.

It can be easy to stand back and say that people should make better choices, but the reality is that everyone is not born with the same opportunities. I also want to say that the disease of addiction does not discriminate. On Sunday, our event was also no questions asked other than how many meals would you like. There are many people who will not ask for help for fear of judgement. I was even able to go out afterwards with my tv tables to make a pop-up to prepare a meal for anyone who couldn't make it to the theater. For a day, we were able to provide a warm meal for those who wanted it.

Planning began for this just about one week before Christmas, we did have to change the date once, but I wanted ya'll to see what is possible and in just a short amount of time. It all started with an idea. The goal is to develop this idea into a non-profit and then who knows what all we can accomplish?

Thank you to all the volunteers and folks who provided donations. You are all amazing and I'm honored to have the support.

The funding for this was made possible through a request I made to work toward my leadership goal as a fellow in the Jones-Bowman Leadership Program and RezHope.

I want to personally think the following people, programs and

businesses: Deb Slee, Katlynn Ledford-McCoy, RezHope, Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute, Cherokee Preservation Foundation, Nancy Pheasant, Olivia Owle, Lori Saine-Rubio, Janelle Maney, Jessica George, Stephanie Almeida, Lisa Ward, Nicole, Michelle Queen with Cherokee Phoenix Theater, Tonya Carroll, Chris Reed, K&B Meat Processing, and my mentor Blythe.

"For better unity, help your community" -...for the Soul

Thank you,
Sassy Washington

Thank you from the family of H.J. Bradley

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone that was so supportive and prayerfully reached out to the family during the illness and passing of my husband H.J. Bradley. Even though given the best medical care at the Cherokee Indian Hospital and the Four Seasons Hospice team, God had a better plan for Jay.

I thank God, most of all for being with me through this valley and letting me know, through you all, God's love still shines.

Again, thank you so much.
Flora Bradley on behalf of the Bradley family

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

Siyo, my name is Jessica Rose Lambert. I am the daughter of Kimlyn Sneed Lambert and the late Douglas Lambert. I am from the Birdtown community, a 2014 graduate of Cherokee High School and 2017 graduate of Western Carolina University where I majored in biology. I am currently in my second year of attending post graduate school at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, earn-

ing my Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. Right now my classes are rigorous and I am working around the pandemic, but I am enjoying my studies and have recently declared my field of focus as pathology. I enjoy studying about different animal diseases and hope to focus my research on diseases and cures.

I would like to personally thank the Yogi Crowe Scholarship for helping with my costs of living in Raleigh and for helping to make my dream a reality. They have generously provided funding that makes it possible for graduate students like me to make ends meet while attending school. I also recently completed a campus interview where I discussed the Yogi Crowe Scholarship. I hope to be able to post this article to the Cherokee One Feather when it is completed.

Jessica Lambert
N.C. State Vet School
Class of 2023

Thank you from the family of James D. Wildcatt

We would like to take this time to thank the Tribal EMS, CIPD, Cherokee Fire Department First Responders, Tribal Council, and Tribal Council Member Albert Rose. We would like to thank all of the people who brought food - Granny's Kitchen, Vice Chief B. Ensley and wife Libby, Chief Richard Sneed, Barbara Jones, France and Brenda Littlejohn, Monica and Kevin Tafoya, John and Elsie Biddix, and Steve and Erin Kirkland. Thank you for all the flowers and your prayers. Thanks to Rev. Dan Consee and Long House Funeral Home. Keep our family in your prayers. God bless each and every one for being safe.

Good Housekeeping

Saucy Creole Shrimp

Sweet, succulent shrimp and zesty Creole spices is an unbeatable combination. This is the next best thing to booking a trip to NOLA for Mardi Gras.

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 stalk celery
- 1 large green pepper
- 1 medium onion
- 1 teaspoon salt-free Creole seasoning
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 medium tomatoes
- 8 ounces clam juice
- 1 1/2 pound peeled, deveined shrimp
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon Louisiana-style hot sauce
- 1 1/2 cup cooked white rice

1. In 5-quart saucepot, melt butter on medium. Add celery, green pepper, onion and Creole seasoning. Cook 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

2. Sprinkle flour over vegetables. Cook 2 minutes, stirring. Add tomatoes; cook 2 minutes or until tomatoes are very soft, scraping up browned bits. Stir in clam juice. Heat to simmering on high.

3. Add shrimp, Worcestershire sauce and hot sauce. Simmer 5 minutes or until shrimp are just cooked through, stirring occasionally. Serve over rice with additional hot sauce, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our Web site at www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/.

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OBITUARIES

Judy Alethia Murphy Myers Addy

Judy Alethia Murphy Myers Addy, 73, of Cherokee entered her Heavenly home Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 after an extended illness. She was born July 4, 1947 to the late Robert "Bob" Murphy and Edna Griffin. In addition to her parents, Judy is preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Ray and Bill Murphy; two sisters, Anna Lee Laws and Margaret Murphy; one step-son, Clint Addy; and great nephew, Robert Haigler.

Judy was a people person. She was well known for her love of telling jokes and going to the bingo. She was the kind of person who would make anyone feel like a million bucks. Her smile could light up even the darkest of days. Judy was a business owner for 22 years at Gateway Flea Markets

"Judy's Place" She loved all her customers and told all the kids she was their granny.

Judy is survived by her husband, Larry Addy; son, Richard (Elizabeth) Myers; step-son, Andy Addy; step daughter, Laurie (Missy) Addy and brother, Les (Judy) Murphy. She also leaves behind eight grandkids, Kisha Hatcher, John Morales, Nneka Brisco, Hunter Myers, Tyler Nikki and Codie Addy, Brent Tyler; 15 great grandchildren and special nieces, Sheila Hyatt, Annette Rodriguez; nephew, Jim Haigler whom she was a mother figure to for the past 30 years.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 4 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Burial was at the Birdtown Cemetery.

Jesse Eugene Winstead

Jesse Eugene Winstead, 77, of Cherokee, passed away on Tues-

day, Feb. 2, 2021 after a period of declining health.

Jesse is a veteran of the United States Air Force and lovingly reminisced about his time serving in Korea. He owned and operated a private security company and a training camp for dogs in the mid 1970s, and otherwise supported his family as a telephone contractor in the southeastern United States. He was known for his wit and his generosity and he loved to be the center of attention. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Jesse was the son of the late Claud E. and Inez Winstead of Sylva. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by brothers, Leroy Cunningham and James Winstead; sister, Dorothy Parr; and son, Randy Oocumma.

Jesse is survived by his sister, Gail Anderson (Ray); daugh-

ters, Beth Vachon, Myra Lambert (Tommy), Karla Winstead (Jeanne), Quana Winstead (Amanda); son, Mark Winstead; and six grandchildren, Adam Kyle Lambert, Ann Toineeta, Sara Toineeta, Nikki Toineeta, Meli Winstead, and Levi Winstead. He is also survived by the mother of his children and lifelong friend, Mary Ann Winstead. In addition, he leaves behind nieces and nephews and several close friends which he considered family.

Because of the pandemic, no immediate services are planned. A celebration of life is tentatively planned for Saturday, June 19 at Cherokee United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Jesse Winstead to Cherokee United Methodist Church, PO Box 367, Cherokee, North Carolina.



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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



Constitution vs. Charter: Article II

Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution

Article II – Territory and Jurisdiction

Section 1. Territory. The Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall be comprised of all Tribal lands within the Qualla Boundary, and all lands held by the United States for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or its citizens, and any additional lands acquired by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in fee. The Territory shall include all surface and subsurface lands and waters, submerged lands under navigable or non-navigable water, all air, water, minerals, timber, and any other natural resources.

Section 2. Jurisdiction. The Jurisdiction of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall extend to all persons, activities, and property within the Territory based upon inherent sovereignty of the Cherokee tribe. Every public highway or any other ingress into the Territory shall be accompanied by a public notice that entry is conditioned upon the acceptance of the Jurisdiction of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Any person who enters the Territory shall, by entering, be deemed to have consented to the Jurisdiction of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Every license or permit issued under the authority of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or within the Territory shall include a provision submitting all parties and their assigns to the Jurisdiction of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Current Charter

The topics of territory and jurisdiction are not covered in the Charter.

What difference does it make to include territory and jurisdiction?

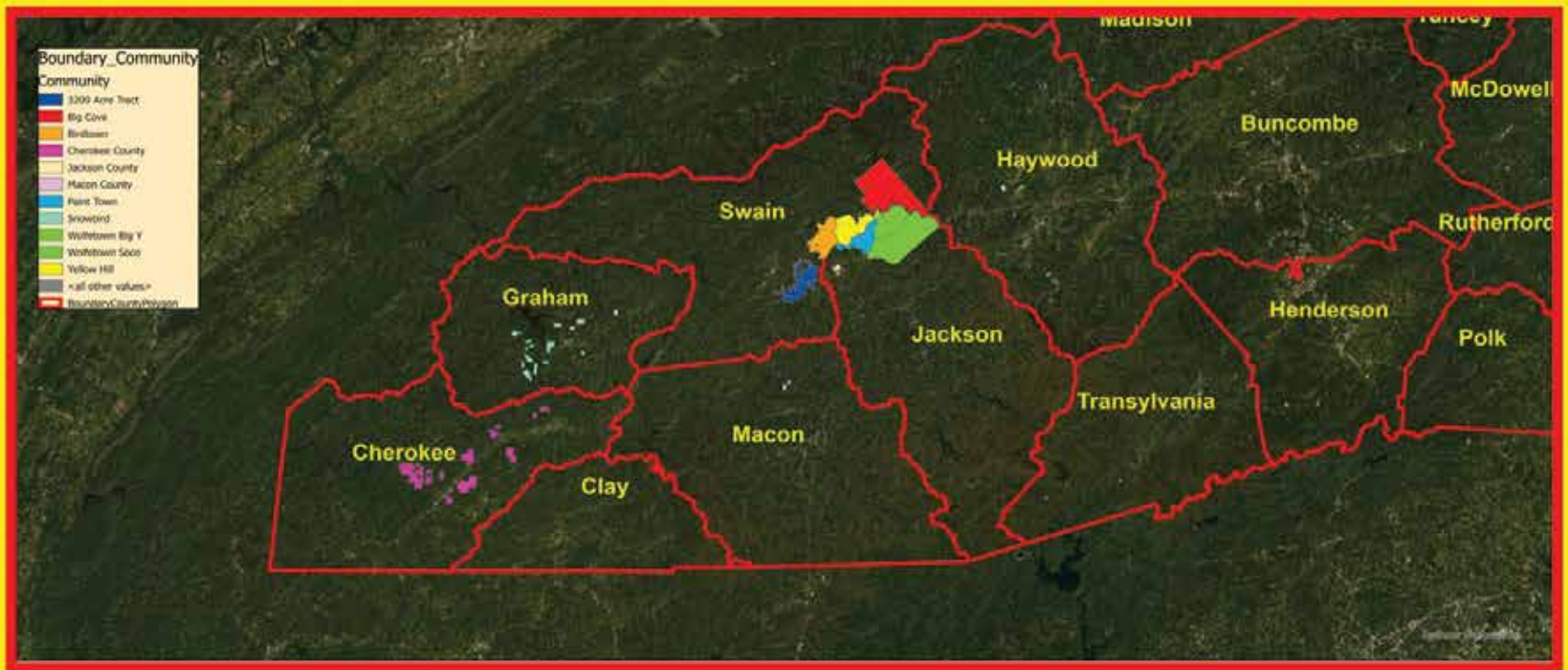
The first section of the second article of the proposed **Constitution of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians** lays out what makes up the territory or land of the Eastern Band. Its inclusion in the Constitution is about being proactive in describing what makes up the territory of the Eastern Band so there are no misunderstandings in the future about what is covered by this Constitution and the makeup of its territory.

The inclusion of the second section may not be enforceable currently, but by acknowledging that the tribe has a jurisdiction that is defined, we are not surrendering sovereignty over the tribal territory by not explicitly stating it. Maybe at some point in the future, when other jurisdictions recognize tribal jurisdiction over people who are not tribal citizens, we can apply our laws equally to all who are within tribal territory. It should be considered the same as traveling from one state to another or from county to county, as long as people are aware that they are entering another jurisdiction their rules and laws should be applicable to everyone.

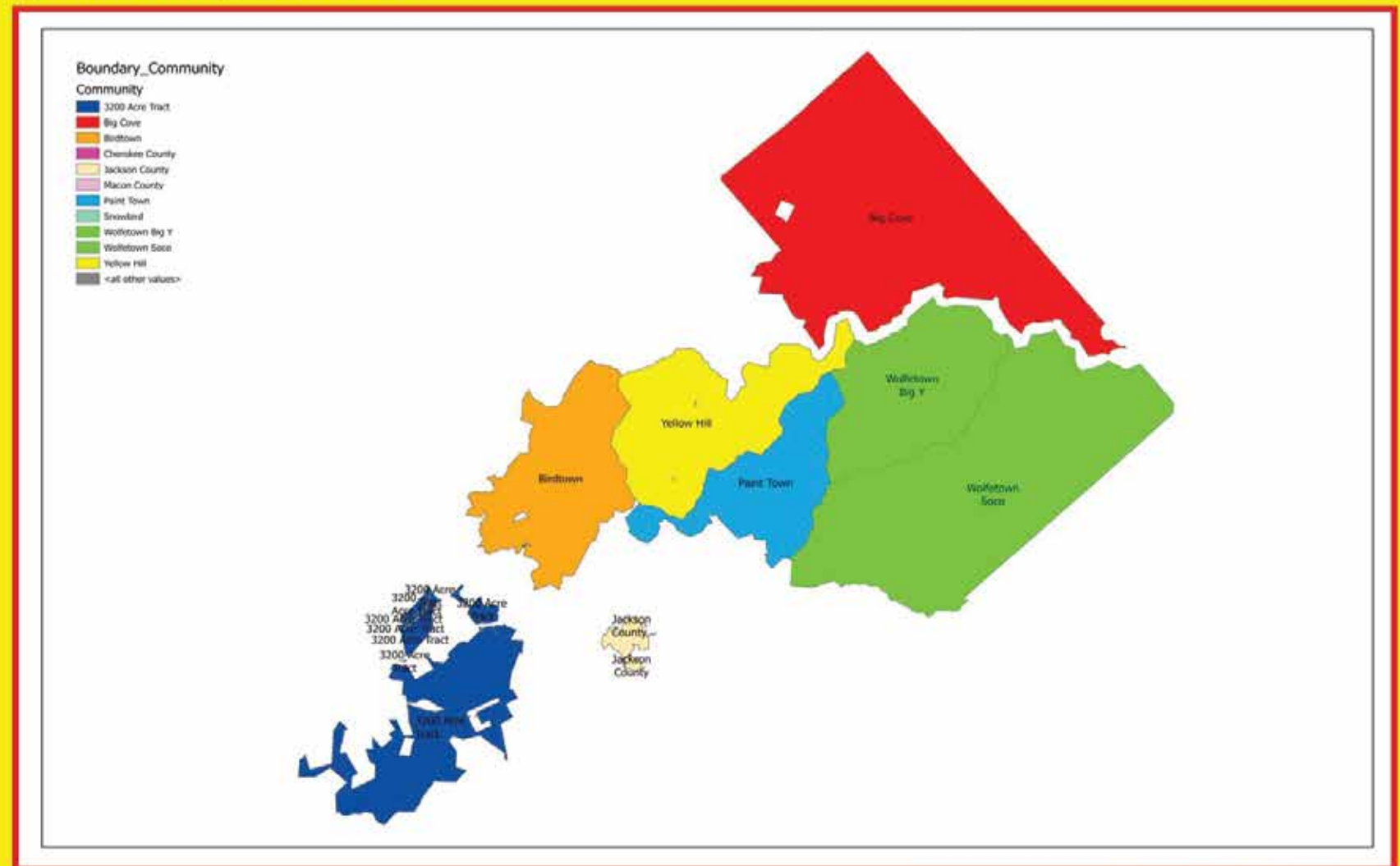
The **Charter and Governing Document** does not speak on these topics.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS CONSTITUTION AND HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS CREATION: VISIT WWW.SGADUGI.ORG OR CONTACT LLOYD ARNEACH AT lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com Constitution Committee meetings are held weekly on Thursday beginning at 6 pm. Meetings are virtual. If you would like to join the meetings and you are a member of the

Qualla Boundary location in



Qualla Boundary Communities



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COMMENTARY

Economic Diversification - Are we there yet?

ROBERT JUMPER
 ONE FEATHER EDITOR

We have been saying it for years. The Tribe needs to diversify. For years, for decades, we have talked about how much we need to diversify. Until the casino arrived, we were like many other Indian nations, drawing in a relatively meager revenue from tourism taxation and heavily dependent on grants for sustaining ourselves year-to-year. If there was any kind of per capita distribution, you might see a few hundred dollars in a year, and not necessarily every year. Municipalities around us were not very supportive, partly because politicians in those municipalities had a duty to their constituencies to make every dollar work in their municipalities. Supporting the Tribe with monies that could be used for their citizens could cost them votes and position. So, we lived on tourist pennies, federal assistance, and commodities.

I went to college, pre-casino. The Tribe had an education program, but nothing like we have today. I went to Sylva-Webster High School. Like many Cherokee and Jackson County youth, I grew up poor. My original plan for after leaving high school was to enlist in military service. It was the only path that I could think of to get to higher education.

I will never forget the first time I met a man named Phillip Smith. He was one of the tallest men I had ever seen. I remember the big turquoise bracelet and ring he used to wear. He worked with the education program in Cherokee and would visit Cherokee tribal members in the local schools to advise them of funding that was available for tribal members to go to college. He talked with me,

saying that with a combination of what then was called a Pell grant and tribal funding, I could get a college education. I hesitated at first, but Mr. Smith was offering an opportunity that I couldn't pass up. I definitely qualified for the Pell, because I was definitely low income, but the Pell depended on federal appropriation and the amount of support varied from semester-to-semester. On the tribal side, the education program would sometimes fund more than half of the tuition to offset the disparity in the Pell.

So, I had a job on the side and my parents were helping me with food and between the federal government, tribal government, my parents, and a little elbow grease on my part, I earned a four-year degree. This was back in the days when the Tribe's economic engine was equivalent to a moped motor, not the sports car engine it is today.

In 2007, I was able to get into a masters degree program and by 2009 had an MBA. All tribally-funded, including grade incentive payments for getting good grades, again, all completely tribally-funded - one of the many differences in an economic Schwinn engine and an economic Corvette engine.

Our leaders, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe, and all the members of Tribal Council have reminded us how blessed we are to have the economic driver that our casino is. The great things we enjoy are primarily due to the revenues generated by the casino operations. When the casino arrived in the late 1990s, tribal income rose from the low tens of millions of dollars to the low hundreds of millions of dollars.

Chief Sneed recently explained, on the Tribal Council broadcasts, that Harrah's Cherokee has been one of the top performing casinos in the country. Not just Indian Country, but the entire United States. So, what's to worry about? Who needs diversification?

The truth is that our tribal leaders have been telling us for many years that we must diversify. As long as a cash cow is the only cow in the neighborhood, life is good. But let just one tribe or entity bring in another cow, and your cow slowly starts to starve. Bring in another cow, and your cow starves a little faster. If you don't buy some more livestock, you are looking at economic death.

Humans are creatures of habit. We tend to live to our means and many times beyond our means. If you ask an elder if they could have foreseen a time on the Qualla Boundary when our Tribe would be generating \$300 to \$400 million and would be having to operate programs on cost containment measures to conserve funds, they probably would have laughed at you, first for suggesting that the Tribe would ever make that kind of money and then for saying we wouldn't be able to live on it. And yet, here we are.

So far, actual competition on the ground hasn't happened yet, but we certainly have had a taste of what it can be like. Like COVID-19 weakened and sickened human bodies, it also decimated local economies, and Cherokee was no exception. Tribal programs were initially told to cut their spending by 50 percent across the board. Tribal members were waiting on tribal and federal stimulus checks. Long lines of nervous tribal members picking up boxes of food at the Fairgrounds. Are we really that

far from where we were-living off tourist pennies, federal assistance, and commodities? As a side note, I have yet to see one of those large portions of block cheese (that were so delicious back-in-the-day) in those weekly food distributions. I miss those.

Our Chiefs and Council have told us the economic impact on us, directly, if threats like a Catawba casino and Lumbee entrance into gaming would have on our lives if they became a reality. We have wasted a lot of time focusing economic development efforts on bricks and mortar on the Boundary, instead of taking note of the examples of successful tribal gamers like the Seminole, who have built an international empire.

Part of it is political. It must be when our government leaders are in perpetual campaign mode, having to appease a constituency that will have opportunity to vacate their seats every two years. So, instead of economic diversification, we end up with municipal spread. We build municipal infrastructure, or worse, we build buildings and design programs with no plan for funding the day-to-day operations. Initially, there may be a grant to build or create, but grants do not typically sustain a program or building long-term.

Part of the problem is that we are complacent, apathetic about economic development. As long as we can goad our leaders into giving us our community buildings, hospital and school upgrades, and other municipal programming, not to mention our per capita distributions, we are content.

But, the rules of cause and effect are catching up with us. We cannot continue to build buildings and programs that make us feel good if we don't provide an offsetting way to pay for those ameni-

ties. We were at the tipping point before COVID-19 ever came along.

The Hicks Administration, the Lambert Administration, and now the Sneed Administration, and the corresponding Tribal Councils of those administrations, all said the same thing - we are spending as much or more than we are making. Now that we have had the experience of nearly a year of stifled income, closed borders and businesses, and restricted work schedules, we should be getting the hint.

We, the constituency, bear some blame. When was the last time you saw an annual report from the casino operations? Remember when we used to get those in our mailboxes? How about those annual state of the tribe annual reports that Chief Hicks used to put out? When was the last time you got a concise, understandable report from your leaders? Do any of the tribal entities provide you with a summary document on their work and progress? How often do we get reporting from Sequoyah National or the Kituwah LLC? Have you ever complained because the sound went out or someone didn't turn on their microphone when the business of our tribe was being conducted on cable or on the livestream? Do you understand that the audio/video they record during the Tribal Council sessions is the one and only official documentation of those governmental meetings? No transcription is done, no minutes for the Tribal Council to review and approve, and none for us to examine.

Are we any more economically diverse than we were two decades ago? Certainly, we have more buildings and programs than we had 20 years ago. We may even feel like we are doing better because we are leveraging what

we have to the betterment of our lifestyles.

But what about the future? If we build programs and municipal buildings without planning to generate the income to offset the cost, are we really planning for our futures or, more importantly, our children's futures? Or, will there come a time when the threats become reality, or the next big pandemic kills the cash cow that shuts down programs, lays off workers, and brings a great sovereign nation back to near total dependence on the federal government? I don't know the answers to those questions. Do you? And if you don't, what are you going to do about it? Will we do something to promote economic diversification or just sit and eat another hunk of cheese?

We are definitely not there yet.



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One Feather Question of the Week:

In other municipalities, school personnel have been deemed essential workers and have received the COVID-19 vaccine? Should Cherokee Central Schools staff be considered essential workers?

Ashley Sessions: Yes! Get these kids back in the classroom or throw this whole school year in the trash!

Gail Huskey: Yes

Donna Sue George: Yes

Bev Smith: Yes

Kathy Burgess: Yes, these kids need to be in school. Please give our teachers a vaccine!

Linda Rhinehart Kelly: Yes, education staff are essential workers and kids need to be in school for sure.

Denise Lambert Ballard: Yes. Why would teachers not be considered essential workers! This is one more deterrent keeping our children out of school! Please don't we value our teachers!

Jais Crusenberry: Yes! I can't believe this is even a question.

Leslie Swayney: Yes

Dana Argo Crisp: Yes, kids will suffer mentally and physically not being in school. They need social interaction with other kids. Teachers should not have to be scared to go to work. They should be on the list next after Healthcare workers

and elders.

Jolynn Welchg: Yes. If teachers in public school got their vaccine, so should our teachers.

Shirley Taylor: Yes

Kerrie Freeman: Yes

Lea Wolf: A double-edged sword will be wielded with this one. While I don't have school aged children, I think it's best to keep everyone safe right now until this is over or at least controlled. How are you going to say don't gather, then send large numbers of small and young adults in closed rooms? You never know who's been exposed over the weekend or just going to the store. My personal opinion, I wouldn't expose my child but this is my personal opinion. And, the teachers need to be safe as well if they get sick and can't overcome it who will keep filling those places? For our people only, but if our leaders can spend hundreds of millions on a risky venture then they can make sure the people are taken care of.

Rory Howe: Only if they're going to be teaching face-to-face. If not, the elderly and informed should get it first.

Heather Dawn Rednour: No, give them Jesus.

Chell Murphy: Yes

Marie Clark: Yes. Teachers are essential and front line workers in the classroom setting with multiple children! After working with children for 40 some years, loving every moment, children can carry illnesses to others more vulnerable. I have a husband and Mom who are at risk due to diagnoses

and age. I have always made a practice even before COVID to bathe and change my clothing first thing when I go home from working with children. We have all been in our bubbles for a while now. Teachers and children alike have vulnerable family members who may be impacted by this decision. Teachers are essential workers and need to have the option to have a vaccination before returning to a classroom setting.

Kim Sneed Lambert: Yes, get the teachers vaccinated and get our kids back in school. Our kids are suffering due to being isolated and not having any social time at all. They need to be off the screens and back to face to face interaction. I hope the teachers give these students time to readjust and I hope they teach everything all over again, because the children are behind. Give all the teachers and support staff the vaccine as soon as possible. I have said this since the vaccine came out!

Mitzi Cutshaw Isaac: Yes, teachers should get the vaccine - also the Fire Dept., Police, EMTs...

Melanie Lambert: Yes

Christina Huntsman: Yes, our teachers should be considered essential! It shouldn't even be a question! Our kids need social interaction! They need to be in school!

Tammy Lambert: Yes

Kathy Burgess: Yes, any school employee is a front-line worker.

Brenda Grady: No question about it!

Mona Taylor: Yes!



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Katrina Maney: No, because everything can be done at home.

Jewell Salyer: Yes, definitely

Jackie Ellis: Yes, definitely

Dennis Burgess: Yes! Right after grandpas...lead by example. They asked the kids to sit still and try to do their lessons. Show the teachers taking the vaccine. Do it.

Teresa Leffew: Yes. Schools should vaccinate all employees and children. By now, most nursing homes should have been vaccinated and healthcare workers. Could schools be setup as clinic sites for teachers, staff and students?

Paula Maney: Yes

Rose James: Yes!

Teresa McCoy: If they were not deemed essential a year ago, then why not? Good grief! Teachers have always deserved so much more than anyone has ever provided. We can offer hope. What have we been waiting on? Read the charts! Every other day they are posted. The 20- through 59-year-olds have high numbers. This age group has little children needing to be in school, money issues just to pay bills, stress, reason to move about, food for families, looking for jobs, etc., If they are out there exposed more, their numbers go up. Can we vaccinate our members starting with oldest (elders), and at the same time, younger members who because of their need to be out there meeting the needs of their families get the vaccines too? We must burn this candle from both ends. We can get our members to safety sooner. Plz. It will

work faster, and our numbers will go down.

Nancy Wahnetah: Yes

Elvis Crisp: Absolutely!

Amanda Smoker: Yes

Elaine McDonald: Absolutely

Lauren Crowe: I know I would really appreciate access to the vaccine before being back in the classroom, for me and my coworkers. I'll be there no matter what. But, I think we can all enter more confidently and with a little less fear if we had access to the vaccine.

Brandi Lambert: Why is this even a question? Yes, they are essential and should be offered the vaccine immediately?

Paul Mitchem: Teachers are very essential and I support them have an early access to the vaccine after the most vulnerable populations. As much as many of us want to get back to normal, I'm not so sure in classroom teaching is essential given everything going on.

Desiree Iwanicki: Yes

Judy Ownby Allison: Yes! They are essential workers.

Kina Armachain: Yes. The teachers should be given the vaccine. They work with the community also.

Sandi Owle: Absolutely! All staff including housekeeping, food service, administrative, and school safety personnel along with teaching staff! We need our teachers to feel safe and our students need to return as soon as possible! Not sure who removed them as essen-

tial...but, it was an unwise decision. It needs to happen now!

Margaret Dominguez: Yes

Christine Bradley: Yes! Socialization is so important for our children, but also for their teachers. I can not imagine the anxiety all teachers are feeling. One year you are overwhelmed with what you have to cram into your lesson plans, then the next year (2020) you hope you are giving and helping parents and your students as much of your teachings as you can. Y'all are always in my prayers especially the children.

Alesia McCaslin Pendleton: Absolutely, they are essential.

Moonshaw Larch: Yes

Debbie Blalock: Yes

Tootie Lambert: Yes

Jessica Huskey: Yes!

Justin N Michaela Davis: No

Charmane DuPree: While I consider teachers to be essential for lots of reasons, I think the kids and young adults should be vaccinated first.

Regina Haft: Of course they should! All teachers are essential workers regardless of where and whom they teach.

Omer Buchanan: Yes

Margaret Hollenbeck: Most definitely they should

Chris Reed: Yes. Teachers and school employees are often overlooked by those in government. It is a win-win for our teachers to

not only get the vaccine but also appropriate pay, healthy/safety materials for the classroom and benefits for their chosen profession.

Leslie Lossiah Sneed: Yes

Teddy Bird: No, they have virtual connection!

Margaret Anne: Most definitely

Verna Stankevich: While all life is essential, say no to the shot - too many adverse reactions. They have no idea what the mRNA ingredient will do within the body long-term.

Ingrid Emmitt: Yes, teachers and pre-school workers should be protected.

Kyle Carroll: The science supports getting the kids back in school. The lockdowns support the leftist unions and Democrat's narrative and agenda.

Maxine Stigman: Definitely, as they are in contact with the public and close contact with children.

Becky Murphy: Anyone who leaves their home to work is essential. Think about it. The community has decided who is essential. If employers have said you can work from home generally you would be a bit less at risk. If you leave the safety of your home you are essential.

Guy Rappaport: Teachers deserve the shots so our kids can go back to school. There are no adverse reactions.

Melanie Parton: If they are

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QUESTION: Poll answers from page 21

going to have in-person classes again, I think they should be. But, if it remains as is, I don't know.

Jeff Tatham: They should be. Meaning they should be offered the vaccine as well as return to in-person instruction.

Victoria Simon: Yes. If teachers are considered essential employees every where else. Why is this even a question? Our teachers work just as hard as any other teacher if not harder. Just because they are teachers at Cherokee Schools doesn't mean that they are any less of the other teachers that are teaching in another school. Our teachers are raising the future of our tribe, and therefore should be counted as essential and should have all been vaccinated with the doctors and nurses. There is seriously something wrong if a teacher isn't considered essential on the Rez, but in reality teachers everywhere have always gotten the short end of the stick.

Arlene Huskey: Most definitely!

Becky Garrett: Of course, especially if they're returning to in-class teaching.

Angel Averitt: Yes

Viv Wildcatt: Definitely!

Judy Hyatt: Yes. Teachers need to be vaccinated so schools can open to in person learning. Our children are suffering. For a lot of children a year of education has been wiped out along with healthy social interactions.

Rachel Pope McGaha: Definite-

ly

Ginger Littlejohn-Cucumber: Yes!

Christina Terrell: Yes, absolutely! They are going to be exposed to these children and wherever they and their families have been every day and vice versa. They are essential.

Vicki Driver: Yes

Melisa Arch: Yes, definitely.

Karen Stockton: Yes!

Dennis Neal Williamson: Absolutely!

Clement Cucumber: How about the valet at the casino?

Arthur Wade: Most definitely

Paula Wojtkowski: Absolutely

Niki Bernhisel: Yes, they should be considered essential. They work with our babies and should be considered essential.

Debra Hoppe: Absolutely - every person who works in the school system should be vaccinated.

Jessica Myers: Oh my gosh, yes! Teachers are everything!

Mary Buchanan Smith: Absolutely!

Selene Pheasant: Yes, anyone who works in dangerous circumstances should be considered as essential. They work when others are at home.

Janice Griffin Jenkins: Yes! This should include all Dora Reed staff as well.

Lois Wiggins: Absolutely

Patrick Gallagher: Absolutely - the Cherokee children should be granted "favored-nation" status and be given the same rights of every other child in this country. Their teachers should be equal in status and rights with every teacher in this nation.

Barry Craig: Yes, absolutely

Tina Smith: Yes, they should

Shirley Reagan: Yes, teachers and school staff should be - not only for the staff's safety, but for the students. Some have asthma and other health problems which could be more dangerous to them.

Carol Long: Yes, definitely!

Amanda James Shaw: Yes!

Roxie A. Boynick: Yes, they're high risk and the children's future is at stake.

Sara Freeman: Yes please. I am a wife of a teacher and a mom of three students at Cherokee Central Schools. I want to see my son's teachers and my husband vaccinated for their safety and the safety of the students.

Barbara Bush Hale: Absolutely, they are with children every day!

Shayna George: Absolutely! Without the pandemic, teachers are the essential workers. Teachers mold children just as much and sometimes more than the children's parents.

Renee Willert Lenz: Yes!

Bert Printup: Yes

Billie Shifflett: Definitely

Kerri Wolfe: Not just Cherokee Central Schools and Dora Reed, but all child care centers should be vaccinated.

Sherri Greene: Yes, they are definitely exposed to one another and they have families, spouses, children, and elderly people they have to take care of.

Janie Underwood English: Yes

Karen Miller Stiwinter: Yes

Valerie Deitz Tissue: Yes!

Debbie Hines Carter: Yes, if they want kids back in school (esp. full-time). I have worked in the school system and know it is hard to keep little ones from doing things like not putting hands in mouth, wiping their noses, etc. Then there's the teens who think they are in love, or invincible. Rules are made for breaking and seeing if they can get by with it. Not to mention they say kids tend to be more asymptomatic. Glad I retired two years ago before this hit.

Teresa Pindur: Yes!

Heather Driver: Yes! They are frontline workers and are exposed to all kinds of germs daily.

Jeff Girty: Yes

Patty Sikes: Yes, they will be teaching our children - for everyone's safety.

Linda Ramsey Murr: Yes

Susie Bradley Haynes: Yes! Vaccinations of teachers should

have already happened especially if we expect schools to re-open. Teachers are essential workers. In the real world, teachers spend more time with kids than parents do.

Donna Sherrill: Yes

Frances Walkingstick: Yes!

Elizabeth Hall: Yes, I think all teachers, doctors, and nurses, along with EMS and police officers, should be first in line!

Gail Winstead Anderson: What about the elder and more fragile ones?

Jonah Tee: Yes

Nancy Trull Driver: You shouldn't have to ask this question. Teachers teach kids.

Donna Pruitt Conner: Yes, definitely

Heidi Ramsey Woodard: Absolutely. Teachers and staff are essential because their health allows for the children to attend more regularly and allows the kids to get face to face instructions, assistance, and interaction. It also allows the children to be in a supervised setting so that parents and caregivers are able to work. We want our teachers to be healthy and avoid getting sick. Their well-being is essential, and so are they!

Bob Monteith: Absolutely - along with elders and other essential workers.

Tina Hyatt: Absolutely - no doubt about it along with everyone working in and for the school system.

Shauna J. Conseen: Yes, they take the time to educate our children.

Lisa Rector Smith: Absolutely - with their exposure high, they need to be protected.

Brianna Brooke: Yes! I know some teachers (co-workers) who have to travel elsewhere just to get working WiFi so they can teach their class - even when it snows or rains!

Martika Welch: Yes. They gotta deal with our lil' crazy ones so their parents can make money. They are literally our free day babysitters who teach and play with our kids...while being treated like a babysitter and getting paid like one. They already don't get paid enough...let's not act like they aren't essential in our kids lives to educate them, and allow us to have a job.

Heather Queen: Yes

Debi Lemmond Bourgeois: If they are around the students, yes!

Joe Bernhisel: I feel they should be.

Lori Reed: Yes, I'm a teacher and I know my kids are struggling. Heck, my own child is struggling and wants to go back to school so bad...I have a lot of students who don't have a strong signal where they live and I can relate because my Wi-Fi goes in and out as well. When I am trying to do a demonstration, sometimes my screen and the students screen freezes. Its very frustrating so I can totally sympathize with my students. It's not their fault and it's not my fault. We live in the mountains that

otherwise provide protection for us but also is a hinderance sometimes. I want to be safe and I want my students to be safe.

Deidre Brown: Yes they should. It is bad enough the children come home from school with colds, viruses, lice, scabies, and whatever else they can catch and spread to family. They all need to be protected.

Gale Johnson: Yes

Clara Calhoun: Yes because they work with children from homes all over the Boundary and who knows that child's family may have the virus or be overcoming the virus and still be carrying unsanitized books and book bags.

Pam Taylor: Yes. Two of my grandchildren tested positive after their day care teachers had tested positive. It's a step that needs to be taken to help protect the children.

Jean Cooper: Absolutely

Laura Walkingstick: Yes, of course!

Cindy Lucinda: Teachers are essential workers. Especially since there is no vaccine for children, they are vulnerable!

Alice Bellamy: Yes, they're around children every day.

Bobbi Jo Styles Jenkins: Yes! If we expect to open the schools and keep them open it is a good idea to vaccinate the teachers. This group is vulnerable to getting COVID from the kids that can't be vaccinated. It's just another way of slowing the spread and helping to keep schools opened!



Nuisance Critters Worry Rural Newcomer

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I am relocating soon to rural Tennessee, in an area that the real estate agent said is filled with critters like raccoons, opossums, woodchucks, foxes, coyotes, muskrats, mink, snapping turtles, venomous snakes, crows, free roaming hogs, stray dogs and cats. My question is, What are the regulations for dealing with nuisance critters? Are there any restrictions I need to be aware of? I'm not computer literate and don't know how to look these up online. — *Karl B., via email*

DEAR KARL: I'm more of a pet-care specialist than a wildlife specialist, but I looked up some information for you. Tennessee allows landowners to capture nuisance wildlife and either release or euthanize the animal — unless it's a protected species. You must use a box trap or other live trap. You can hire a professional to do the trapping for you. And you can call a state wildlife management official for advice, especially if you aren't sure whether an animal is protected. To learn more, perhaps someone who is computer savvy can access the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency website for you and search for "wildlife damage control."

I do hope you'll relocate rather than eliminate most of the species that you trap. Opossums are becoming endangered, and they're not ferocious at all; they eat ticks and are immune to Lyme disease. Bats are a threatened species that love to roost in dark, quiet attics. But they also eat tons of mosquitos. We really need these little natural vacuum cleaners around. Snakes keep the rodent population down. Coyotes and bears play their role in balancing the natural environment, even though they are quite scary to discover near your house.

Send your questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

“Ready or Not, Here I Come,” Jesus said.

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

Read John 15:15-19

Jesus has told us that the Authority for the healing of others, has already been given to each believer. He has chosen those who are following Him, to be the ones letting others know. We are to tell them He has chosen each believer, because He has first loved us. He has ordained and appointed those who follow Him, to show His love and care for all people. It is the time to take Him at His Word. They can and should begin by first becoming a ‘priest’ in their own homes.

We must also remember to think of every preacher or pastor as a gift from Jesus. Pastors are to live, loving every person, and those who have chosen to become a part of His Church, by becoming a part of that congregation. They are to live life loving each member of the flock as they are to be held responsible for each one of them, each one now having the Mind of Christ.

A pastor, as shepherd of the flock, is responsible, not just in their hearing of each message they have been given. They are now responsible in helping the congregation in the ‘doing’ of the Word, as found in each Love Letter. The Letter, or letters, they have been hearing, should give them answers to most of their questions concerning their actual ‘doing’ and being obedient to the given Word. (For He tells us so, throughout the collection of His Letters, found in The Holy Bible.)

Each hearer of the Word, should also begin to grow up into a full maturity as a follower of Christ Jesus. Along with their deepening understanding comes the knowledge that there are definite rewards. The producing of ‘fruit’ brings rewards, and a duplication of that ‘fruit’, also reproduced, can accrue to their own account, through others also helped. By their obedience of instructions given to them in both the Word and by their Pastor, the work and their rewards, received according to their obedience, will definitely be multiplying.

God has told us from the beginning “to be fruitful and multiply.” Whatever one has planted, or asked for with a good attitude is to remain in each person’s proper account. What are we doing for the Lord? What is needful for these jobs to be completed? We should always be looking for and finding ways to be His obedient children. God rewards even the ‘wants’ of His children and not just their ‘needs’. Each person is called and is expected to participate heartily as unto the Lord. They should want to be able to say as good pastors, just as He did, “I preached because I loved them.” It is in His will, and promises many benefits.

It is not in His will, when governments in today’s world have clearly tried to remove God from even being considered as part of their ruling determinations. When also coupled with their premeditated failure slated for their own middle classes, their actions truly can be called diabolical.

Exempting God from any consideration is only one of this self-centered type of government’s primary goals. All previous attempts to implement Socialism have failed with these same undeniable results.

Governments need law and order, to func-

tion well, but for many, it also brings a condemnation of their own selfish ways of doing things. Ignoring the Laws of The Creator can only hurt the people foolish enough to violate them. Laws like the Law of Gravity, of Lift, and of Motion can always be counted on by people to be true.

Babies in mothers’ wombs, are made, 100 percent, with innocent blood. It is written, God has said He hates the shedding of innocent blood. Consider what He must think of countries which use abortion for population control?

Read John 16:1-33

It has already been programmed that He’s coming back, so be ready. Already it’s been said that the times are coming when first we shall weep, but our tears shall soon turn to joy. The Earth travails to give birth and God’s Glory is soon to come in.

Right now social workers are the world’s way of helping people, while God is implementing His way of using the Church by their willingness to help others, and is needed because the world’s systems are failing. Refocus on Jesus, find peace, storms are coming.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools...

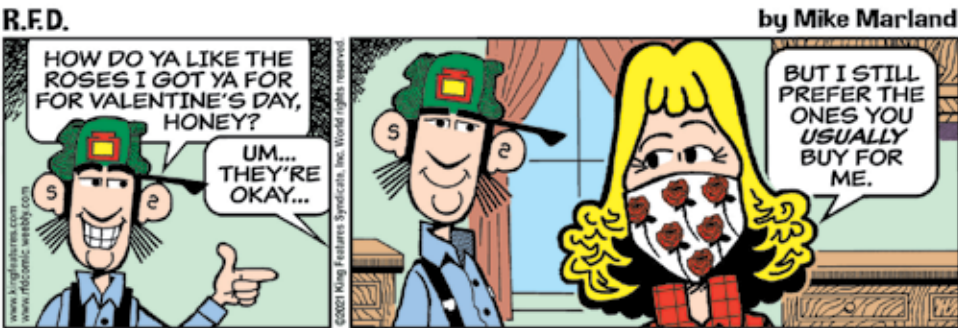
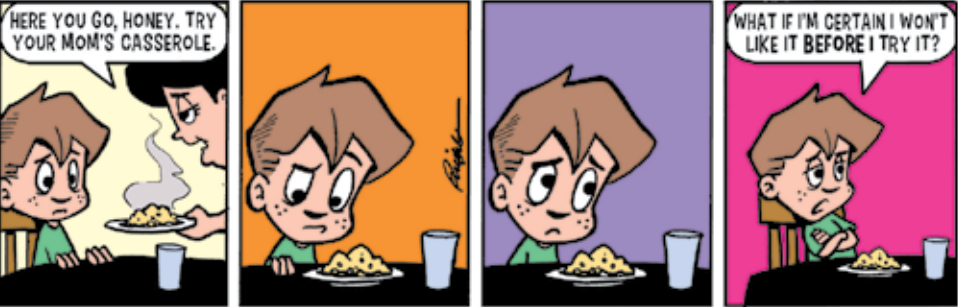
ROMANS 1: 21, 22

“The Three Kings” by Karl Schmidt-Rottluff (1917)



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Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Snowman's hat is different. 2. Boy has a scarf. 3. Snowballs have been added. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Teacher's nose is different. 6. Boy is holding an apple.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 To boot
5 Tummy muscles
8 Writer Rice
12 Appeared suddenly
14 Earth
15 Regatta
16 Pout
17 "— a Camera"
18 Decisive moments
20 A Musketeer
23 Prejudice
24 Reddish horse
25 Lake activity
28 CCV x X
29 Pre-diploma hurdles
30 Dig in
32 Straw hats
34 Carton sealer
35 School orgs.
36 Used a sponge
37 Stir-fry veggie
40 Crony
41 Slanted type (Abbr.)
42 Yacht lover's event
47 French 101 verb
48 Veteran
49 Easy targets
50 Ballot marks

DOWN

1 NYPD alert
2 Brit's restroom
3 Hotel amenity
4 Choice
5 Leading man?
6 Tampa Bay NFLer
7 Dishes not on the regular menu
8 Home of St. Francis
9 Entre —

10 Egyptian river
11 BPOE members
13 Historic times
19 "Phooey!"
20 Branch
21 Pyramid, maybe
22 Sainly ring
23 Wild pigs
25 Challah holder
26 Tide variety
27 Be slack-jawed
29 "Beetle Bailey" dog
31 Danson of

33 Granny Smiths
34 Mild cheese
36 Bulb measure
37 Slapstick arsenal
38 Jazzy James
39 Seniors' org.
40 Cushions
43 Flamenco cheer
44 Med. plan option
45 Not 'neath
46 Like some humor

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Song of Solomon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Revelation 21, what perfectly square city is described as having walls made of jasper? *New Damascus, Jericho, New Jerusalem, Philadelphia*
3. In Matthew 5, to what two things did Jesus compare Christians, salt and ...? *Water, Bread, Light, Mountains*
4. Saint Luke said Jesus was about how old when he began to teach? *18, 22, 30, 45*
5. Who became leader of the children of Israel after Moses' death? *Isaac, Joshua, Aaron, Abraham*
6. What was the trade of Paul? *Shepherd, Carpenter, Tentmaker, Tax collector*

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: What is the hardest substance in the human body?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Off which U.S. state's coast is Santa Catalina Island located?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to hold a press conference?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many breaths does the average human being take in one day?
5. MOVIES: Which movie featured the Seal song "Kiss From a Rose"?
6. U.S. STATES: A city in this state became the first in the world to install a parking meter?
7. ANCIENT WORLD: Before he became a philosopher, what was Socrates' profession?
8. LANGUAGE: What is the only letter that does NOT appear in any of the U.S. states' names?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?
10. LITERATURE: Which dystopian 1950s novel was originally titled "The Fireman"?

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WANTED

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Doing something nice for others is typical of the generous Arian. But be prepared for some jealous types who might try to question one of your more recent acts of kindness.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises" later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a long-standing family matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter, leaving you free to move on to another project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, the Big Cat can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold so much potential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pay attention to those niggling doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out — especially where money matters might be involved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you work through this time crunch.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive aspect helps you get a clearer focus on how to handle your time so that you can deal with several responsibilities that are just now showing up on your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A very close friend (you know who that is!) has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it. You'll be glad you did.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly. Doing so can help reveal the underlying reasons for the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation. You have more important things to do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Support for your work comes as a surprise from someone you thought was critical or, at least, indifferent. Your spouse or partner has big plans for the weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your spiritual strength often acts as an inspiration to help others make decisions about their lives.

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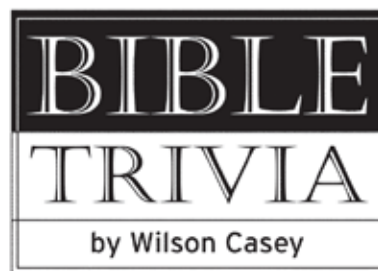
The Jones-Bowman Leadership Program is conducting a survey within its program alumni. The survey will ask about alumni's participation in the program and general information. The results of the survey will help the Jones-Bowman program specialist and Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute manager provide more quality alumni engagement opportunities.

The survey is active from now until February 19th. The survey is **ONLY FOR** Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program Alumni. To access the survey please visit our Facebook (Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program) or Instagram (@Jones.Bowman.LAP) pages.

Information collected will only be used within the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute and the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program for official business.



Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) New Jerusalem; 3) Light; 4) 30; 5) Joshua; 6) Tentmaker



1. Tooth enamel
2. California's
3. Woodrow Wilson, March 1913
4. About 23,000
5. "Batman Forever" (1995)
6. Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)
7. Stone mason
8. Q
9. A tower
10. "Fahrenheit 451", Ray Bradbury

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

ALSO	ABS	ANNE
POPPEDUP	SOIL	
BOATRACE	SULK	
IAM	CRISES	
ATHOS	BIAS	
ROAN	BOATING	
MML	ORALS	EAT
BOATERS	TAPE	
PTAS	WIPED	
PEAPOD	PAL	
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

Open Until Filled:

Children's Home
PT Residential Counselor -
two positions

Agelink Childcare Center

Full Time - Lead Teacher
Full Time - Teacher
Assistant
Full Time - Kitchen Aide
Full Time - School Age
Group Leader
Full Time - Custodian
Part Time Contract
Position -
Tutor/School Age
Virtual Program



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, February 11, 2021

EVS Technician

Nursing/Medical Administrative Assistant

Closing, Thursday February 18, 2021

Supply Warehouse Technician

Registered Nurse - Inpatient

Open Until Filled

Behavioral Health RN (Grant Funded) - Analenisgi

Billing Technician II

Business Analyst

Certified Nursing Assistant - Primary Care (Grant Funded)

Dental Assistant II (Multiple)

Dentist

Dentist - Satellite Clinics

Dietary Services Supervisor - Patient Side

EVS Technician

Infection Control/Employee Health RN (COVID Grant)

Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center

Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi

Masters level Therapist (Grant Funded)-Adult/Analenisgi

Medical Laboratory Technician (Emergency Hire)

Pedodontist

Psychiatry Mid-Level (Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner)

PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)

PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)

PTR Clinical Dietitian

Registered Nurse - Primary Care (Grant Funded)

Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom

Tsali Care Center

Open Until Filled

Certified Nursing Assistant - (Full Time- Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.
+ Retention Bonus Eligible)

Certified Nursing Assistant (Part Time Intermittent - Starting Pay
\$14.36/Hr.)

Cook Aid (Hiring Bonus)

Housekeeper

License Practical Nurse (Full Time)

License Practical Nurse (Part Time Regular w/Benefits)

Registered Nurse (Part Time Intermittent)

RN Supervisor (Part Time Regular w/Benefits)

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If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at
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EMPLOYMENT

Cherokee Cinemas & More

Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities: We plan on opening Friday, March 19th, 2021

Assistant General Manager
Floor Staff – Part Time/Full Time
Janitor – Part Time (after last show)

Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, NC 28789, Log Building across from Waffle House, if you have any questions please call Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553. Open until filled. **2/24**

The NC Division of Services for the Blind is hiring for a social worker position for Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon,

& Swain Counties. Interested candidates should apply at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina>. Information on applying for employment with the State of NC can be found at: <https://oshr.nc.gov/work-for-nc/how-do-i-get-job>. **2/10**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-109

In the Matter of the Estate of JANE WOLFE

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

Amy J. Smoker
P.O. Box 1516
Cherokee, NC 28719
2/10

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-107

In the Matter of the Estate of Jeremy Justin Raby

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.

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below.

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

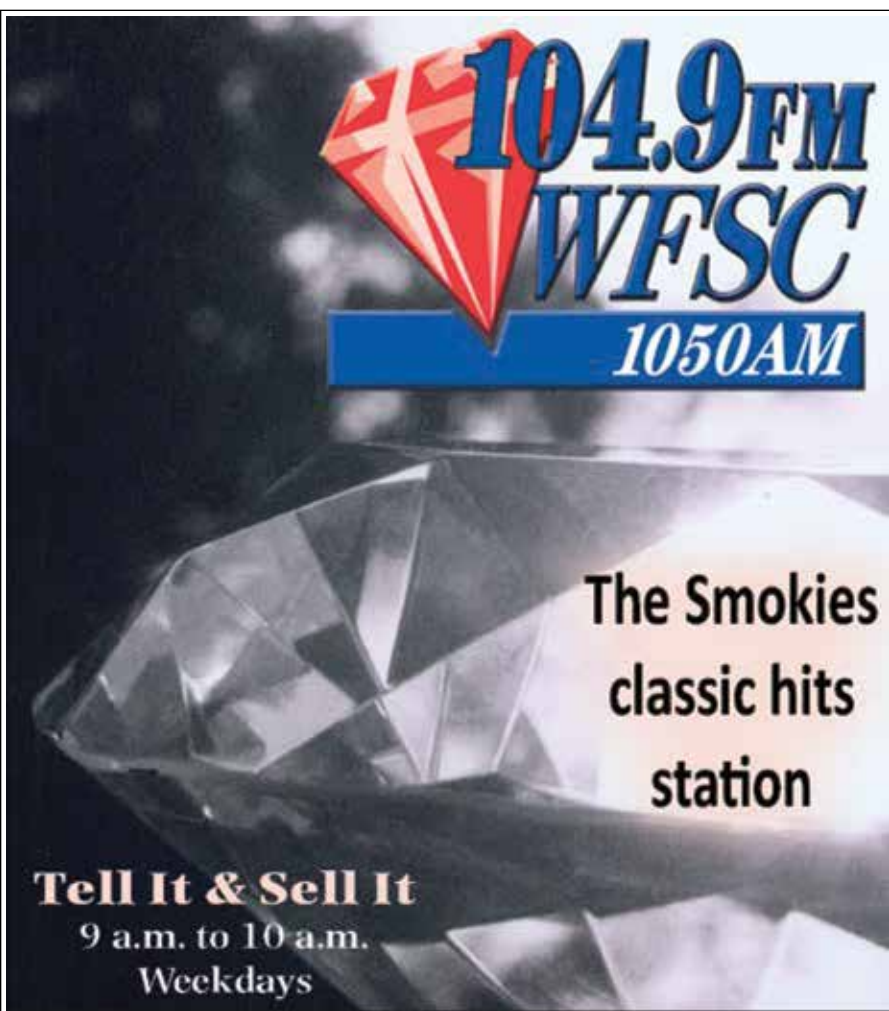
Jerry Max Raby
204 Mary Jackson Road
Whittier, NC 28789
2/17

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-009

In the Matter of the Estate of Gary Dean Smith

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Cherokee, NC 28719
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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-008
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Deanna Smith**

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Debtors of the decedent are
asked to make immediate payment
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below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS

FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-
CATION
Mary E. McCoy
330 Sim Taylor Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719
3/3

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Proposals
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of Trans-
portation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6533
Design Build Services
The Eastern Band of Cherokee
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ting Proposals will be February 25,
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You may request the full
request for qualifications and
proposal requirements through
the CDOT Office. If you have any
questions or comments, please
contact CDOT at (828)-359-6533
or (828)-359-6122. **2/17**

Request for Proposals

Kituwah, LLC as owner of
the Kituwah Office on the Qual-
la Boundary in Whittier, NC is
issuing a Request for Proposal for
grading and foundation services
to expand the offices at the Kitu-

wah office building. Kituwah is
requesting that interested vendors
be available for a pre-bid date of
02/15/2021 @10:00am to look at
the proposed site, receive the site
plan package, bid form, obtain
measurements, and ask questions
that are pertinent to the RFP.
VENDORS THAT DO NOT SHOW
FOR THE PRE-BID MEETING
WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED NO
EXCEPTIONS. A full RFP may be
requested or picked up at Kituwah,
LLC 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whit-
tier, North Carolina 28789. Please
call (828)-477-4536 or e-mail
ccooper@kituwahllc.com with any
questions or requests. Proposals
must be received by February
22nd, 2021, 11:00am at the above
address. **2/17**



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, February 14, 2021

- Project Monitor – Project Management – Operations (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
- Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
- Family Safety Case Aide – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)
- Community Health Representative – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- Hatchery Technician (SEASONAL) – Natural Resources – Agriculture and Natural Resources (L4 \$12.14 - \$15.18 per hour)
- Administrative Assistant – Legal Assistance Office – Office of the Attorney General (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
- Corrections Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

Open Until Filled

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

**All applications and job descriptions are available at
www.ebci.com/jobs**

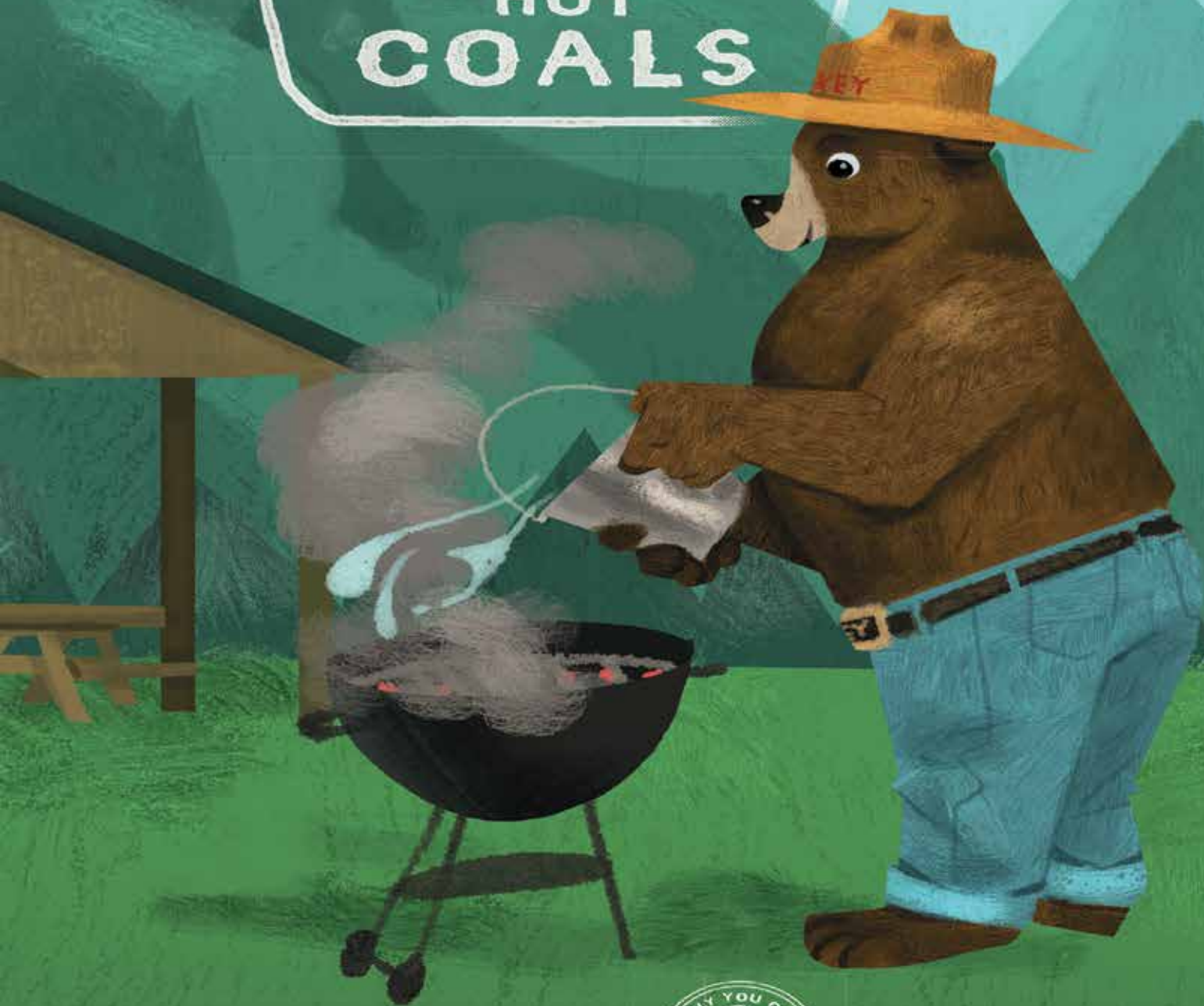
Please attach any licenses, certificates, diplomas, resumes, etc. with application. If you are unable to attach the documents, you may drop them off at our offices located at 806 Acquoni Rd. Suite 100 or email them to the Employment Specialists listed on our website. Indian Preference does apply. NOTICE: Due to the Tribal State of Emergency, we will only advertise positions that are classified as Essential or Critical to Tribal Operations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch
497-4131

**Cherokee Indian Police
Dept.**
359-6600

Tribal Fire and Rescue
359-6584

Tribal EMS
359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line
Dispatch**
359-6300

Tsali Manor funds passes for Tsali Manor residents and communal lunch attendees. This pass provides unlimited trips within the service area and on shopping trips. Out-of-town shopping trips are currently on hold due to COVID-19.

Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

Tsali Manor - contact is Debbie West
359-6291 or 736-3950

**HELP (Handicapped, Elderly Living
Program)** -
contact is Stephanie Welch
359-6638

HIP (Home Improvement Program) -
contact is Cindi Squirrel
359-5520 or 507-7748

**Congregate, Homebound Meals,
Supplement** - contact is Sherry Welch
359-6290

**Heat Assistance/Emergency
Assistance** - contact is Krisna Ashe
359-6294 or 421-7364

EBCI Home Health/Home Care
497-9163 (ask for nurse on call)

EBCI Domestic Violence
359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance
507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic
554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center
497-6866

Snowbird Senior Center main line
479-9145

Tsali Manor main line
359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line
835-9741

**Cherokee Boy's Club Elder Fuel
Delivery and Elder Mowing** -
contact is Donnie Owle 736-7612

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