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- Lydia Raines, a first grade teacher at Cherokee Elementary School, on why she took the COVID-19 vaccine



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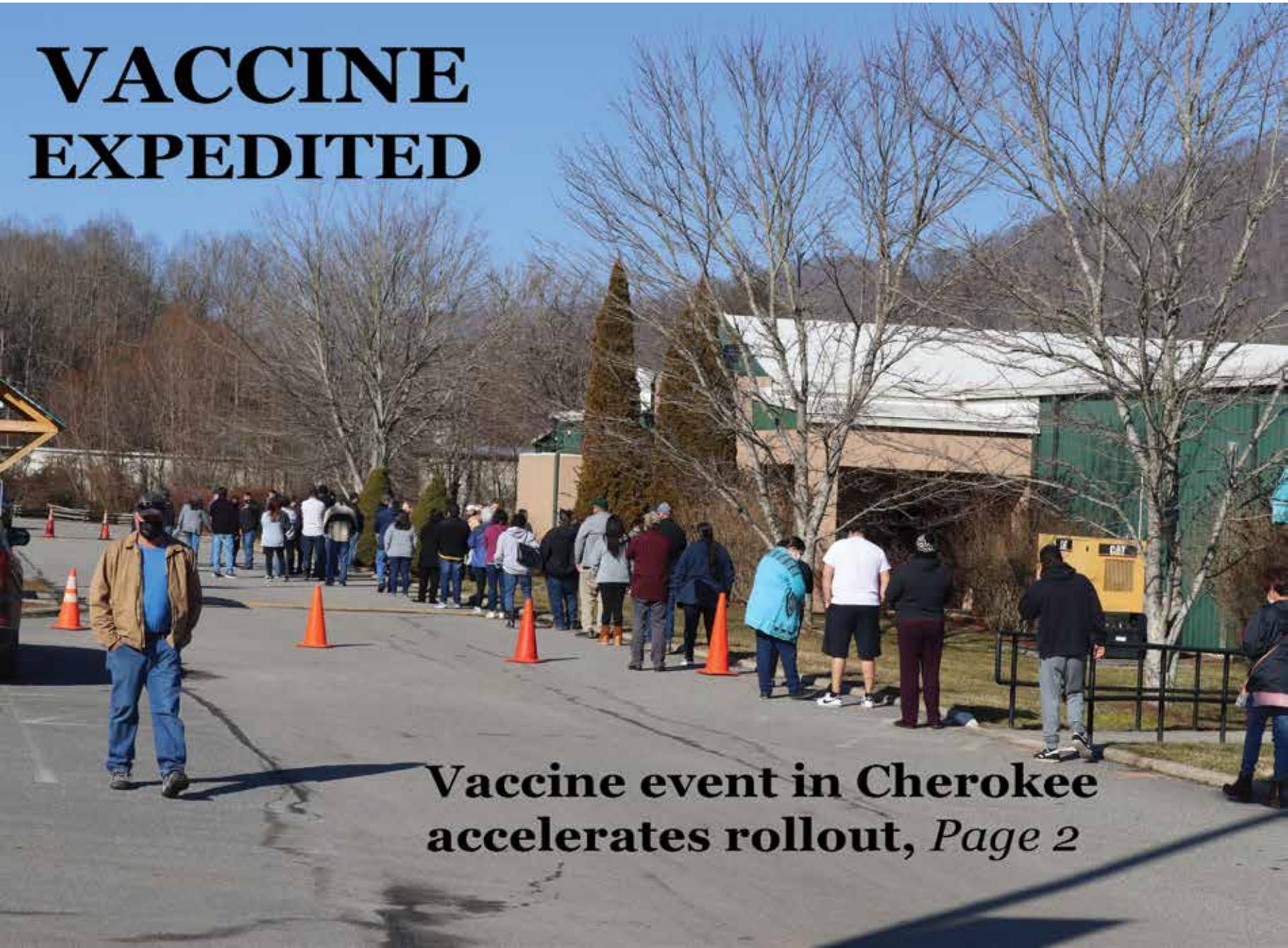
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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) ramped up COVID-19 vaccine distribution with the first fully public event on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Hosted at Tribal Bingo by the Cherokee Indian Hospital and EBCI Public Health and Human Services, the vaccine event was open to any EBCI tribal member over 40. The goal was to administer 975 doses in one day.

Lydia Raines, a first-grade teacher at Cherokee Central Schools, was one of the first people in line. She got there at 7 a.m., fully prepared to wait three hours and even teach a class to pass the time. Her virtual class was at 8:30 a.m., and Raines taught in line. She said her kids were why she was there, and that's why she didn't second guess this decision.

"Not at all," said Raines. "That's because I'm a teacher, and I want to be able to teach again. I had heard the school was going to give shots, maybe. I wanted to make sure that not only am I safe but that I don't give COVID to any of my students."

She said that she was very excited that the EBCI held this event, and she jumped at the first opportunity she had to get the vaccine. The timing couldn't be better for Raines, as CCS announced that they are returning to in-person classes on March 15.

"I'm so excited because I get that last quarter with them because I teach them to write. We're teaching them to read. We're teaching them basic math and addition in first grade. It's just so important. It makes me really



Lydia Raines, a teacher at Cherokee Central Schools, was one of the first people to receive the vaccine on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo

emotional because I'm so worried. If I can get those nine weeks with them, I know I can do it."

Though Raines might have been first through the door, she is not the only individual buzzing to get the shot. By 10 a.m., the line stretched around the building, with some choosing to bring folding chairs with them.

Vickie Bradley, secretary of EBCI PHHS, says that she has been thrilled with the survey results they have been collecting about vaccine distribution.

"We don't want vaccinations in supply. We want to stock out every week. Because when we stock out, we can prove that we need more vaccines. We have forecasted, we know what our saturation point is, we know how people are in each age bucket that we anticipate. Our acceptance rate is running about 76 percent in each age bucket."

Bradley says that this is a good

sign considering they need a minimum of 75 percent of the community to receive the double dose of vaccine to reach 'herd immunity.'

This event was all made possible by an additional shipment of the Pfizer vaccine from Indian Health Services (IHS). Recently, the goal has been to administer about 200 doses a week. However, PHHS and the CIHA organized this event to use the entire additional shipment in one day.

"Our hope is that this will be one of many similar events," said Dr. Richard Bunio, CIHA executive clinical director. "Events like these are far more efficient at getting numbers of people vaccinated. At the hospital with the clinic we have there, we can do about 1,000 people a week if we have the vaccine. We're going to try to do nearly 1,000 in a day here."

Dr. Bunio says that the action plan has been in place for some

time. However, the problem comes with the unknown regularity at which they can hold events as they have on Wednesday. He said that IHS (Indian Health Service) often notifies them on Thursday of what they'll be receiving the following Monday.

"This is more of a one-time distribution. Unfortunately, we still don't know what we're getting next week or the week after that. We wish we did. Because then we could plan for these further in advance. But, we're in the same boat as everybody else," said Dr. Bunio.

Bradley says that they will be repeating this event on March 3 to ensure that everyone vaccinated today can come back to receive their second dose. She said that they also hope to hold mass distributions such as these whenever they have an additional shipment from IHS.

Cherokee Indian Hospital Lab receives accreditation

Last month, the Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) awarded accreditation to the Cherokee Indian Hospital Laboratory, based on results of a recent on-site inspection as part of the CAP's Accreditation Programs.

"The laboratory staff, at the Cherokee Hospital, are proud of the work we do serving the community of Cherokee," said Chad Cooper, Lab manager at Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA). "Achieving accreditation is a testament to the great team and commitment we have to meeting the stringent standards set forth by CAP. There are around 1200 regulations we are required to maintain."

During the CAP accreditation

process, designed to ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management.

Mary Beth Dorgan, CIHA chief operating officer, credits this accomplishment to the lab for their continuous work to provide high quality services to the community. "We are all very proud of the CIHA Labs accomplishment of obtaining CAP recertification. This remarkable accomplishment was recognized during a time when our lab is performing above and beyond with all the additional duties that have come about during the COVID pandemic. It's a pleasure

to work with so many people who are committed to taking excellent care of our community."

Members of the laboratory staff include: Laboratory Medical Director, William Selby; Staff Pathologist, Sam Davis; Laboratory Manager, Chad Cooper; Techs – Amanda Shuler, Alice Gibson, Kelly White, Tina Melin, Paula Coggins, Julia Lossiah, Shawna Belanger, Diana Allman, Mariah Lambert, Oscar Romero, Kelcei Fisher, and Mary Queen; Phlebotomists – Alyssa Cable, Alanah Tushka, Lisa Bradley, Lori Harrison, Lily Russ, and Jennifer Smith; and Clerk, Barbara Young.

- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority release

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs selects officers

WASHINGTON – U.S.

Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i) and U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) were both unanimously elected on Thursday, Feb. 11 as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for the 117th Congress.

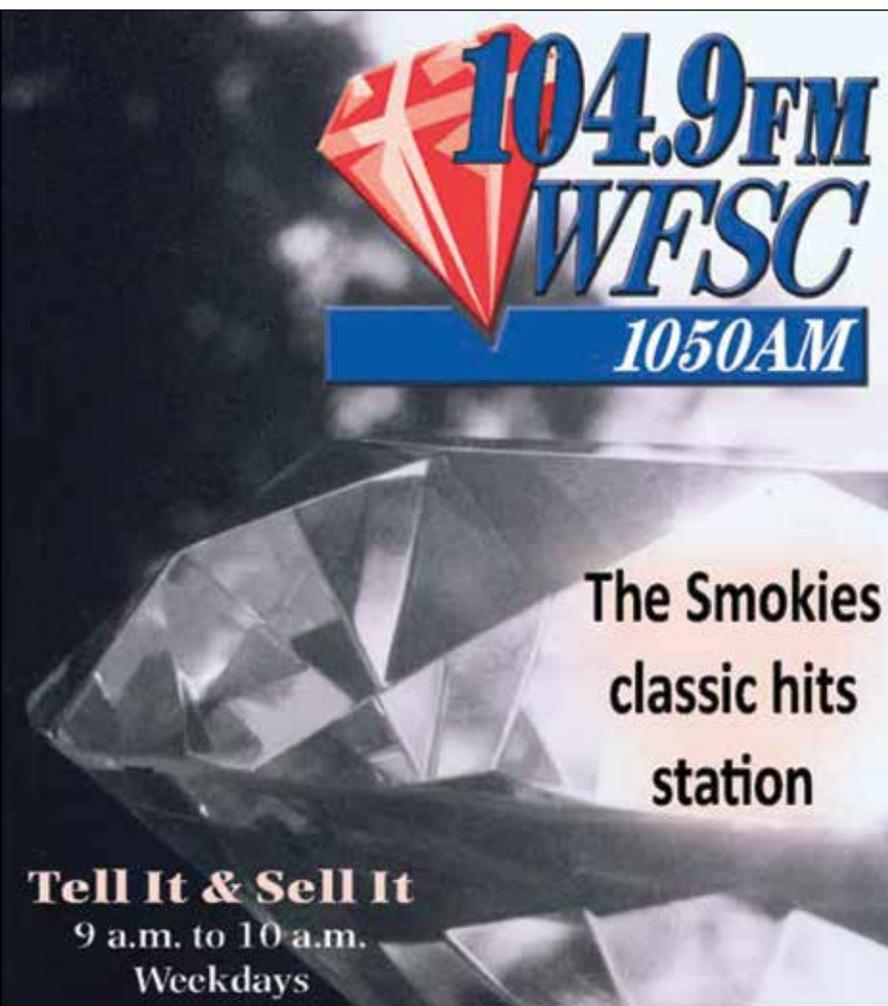
Schatz emphasized his intent to continue the committee's bipartisan tradition in addressing issues important to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians:

"This Committee is unlike any other. On a bipartisan basis, it has always committed itself to the solidarity of Native people in Indian Country, in Alaska, and in Hawaii," said Chairman Schatz. "Through languages, cultures, and knowledge systems, Native communities across the country have contributed in so many ways to our shared American history. Today, our federal trust responsibility to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians

remains true, and should be the guiding light in our service on this Committee."

"I am honored to again serve as Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for the 117th Congress," said Vice Chairman Murkowski. "Being a long-time member of the Committee, I will continue to support tribal communities by promoting economic recovery through job creation and workforce development; increasing public safety and law enforcement; enhancing health care access; addressing overcrowding and housing issues; and developing better infrastructure and broadband capabilities for Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians, and American Indians. The Committee has a rich history of considering legislation in a bipartisan manner and I look forward to working with Chairman Schatz and the rest of the members this Congress to pass bills that help Native Americans."

- Senate Committee on Indian Affairs release



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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Jan. 31 - Feb. 7**

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

Maney, Joe Edward - age 49
Arrested: Feb. 1
Released: Feb. 1
Charges: Possession of Stolen Vehicle

Smith, Jacob Colby - age 21
Arrested: Feb. 1
Released: Not released as of report

date
Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property (two counts); Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers, Probation Violation

Watty, Jonah David - age 43
Arrested: Feb. 1
Released: Feb. 4
Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense; Weapons Offense; Assault with Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill, Inflicting Serious Injury

Martinez, Benjamin Scott - age 44
Arrested: Feb. 2
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts), Assault on a Female

Cline, Alyssa Plummer - age 31
Arrested: Feb. 4

Released: Feb. 4
Charges: Receiving or Receiving Stolen Property

Plummer, Valerie Michelle - age 41
Arrested: Feb. 4
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance

Bigwitch, Jacob - age 25
Arrested: Feb. 5
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Resisting Public Officer, Escape from Imprisonment and Custody, Probation Violation

Blanton, Darius D. - age 22
Arrested: Feb. 5

Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Willful Violation of a Court Order (DV)

Cline, William (Bud) Donald - age 29
Arrested: Feb. 6
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Grand Larceny, Aggravated Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Misdemeanor Conspiracy

Teesatuskie Jr., Gary Mitchell - age 21
Arrested: Feb. 6
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (two counts)



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

The Cherokee One Feather would like to share your stories in a column we call "Veteran's Corner". Send your written stories to Robert Jumper, editor, at robejump@nc-chokeee.com. 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 III

Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution

Article III – Citizenship

The citizenship of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall consist of all persons whose names validly appear on an official membership roll used by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the date of the adoption of this Constitution. Future citizenship shall be determined as provided for by Cherokee Code.

The proposed constitution uses the terms citizen/citizenship instead of tribal member throughout the document.

What is the difference between membership and citizenship?

First let us look at the phrase “enrolled member”. The dictionary defines a member as “one who belongs to a particular group”. And the word “enrolled” means someone who is “officially registered as a member...”

In essence, an enrolled member of a tribe is someone officially registered as a member of the tribe. According to the Department of Interior’s website, the process of “tribal enrollment” is where “the tribes establish membership criteria...” This is what we have labeled ourselves and come to accept.

On the other hand, the definition of a citizen is “a person who is legally recognized as a member of a state, with associated rights and obligations.” Another definition, “a person owing allegiance to and entitled to the protection of a sovereign state.” And what is a “state”, “a politically organized body of people usually occupying a definite territory.” In other words, a citizen is a person who is legally recognized as a member of a politically organized body of people within a distinct territory.

As was discussed in the previous section of the proposed constitution, we define our territory and live within this territory and under this constitution, we have rights and protections granted by the constitution.

Should the Constitution include language about the qualifications for citizenship?

The requirements for citizenship are left out of this version of the constitution to allow for any future changes to the requirements that could be handled by code. As a constitutional declaration of qualifications, a constitutional amendment would be required to make any changes. Leaving these other qualifications within the realm of code, changes could be made quickly by council.

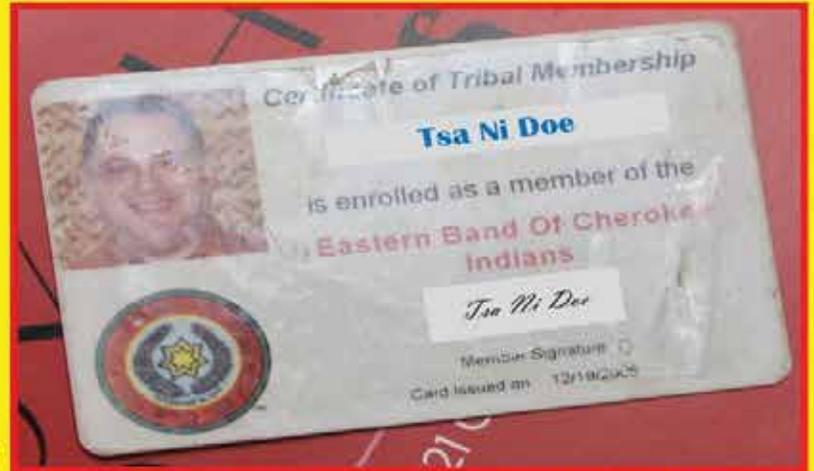
Why should we care?

Membership implies a place in a hierarchy of a group, whereas citizenship implies a vested interest in a community with rights, privileges and responsibilities. The terms “members” or “enrolled members” imply a contractual relationship, like you would to join a club. The enrollment process has undertones of federal direction and jurisdiction. Indeed, one of the primary current criteria for enrollment in our tribe is ancestry traced from the federal Baker Roll, a U.S. government Indian census. Codifying our rights of citizenship in a constitution is a step forward legitimizing sovereignty.

Citizenship also implies a tie to a place. In addition to the blood and genetic ties of our ancestry, citizenship also creates a tie to the Qualla Boundary or the territorial trust lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. We all know that this is an important distinction for our people, and language in any constitution for our people should empower us.

Current Charter

The **Charter and Governing Document** does not speak on who are members of the tribe.



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

BASKETBALL

Robbinsville tops Lady Braves in triple OT thriller



PHOTOS By SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (#13) shoots a ball over Robbinsville's Yeika Jimenez during a game at Robbinsville High School on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 9. The Lady Black Knights edged the Lady Braves 77-70 in a triple overtime thriller. Cherokee was led by Leilaya McMillan with 22 points followed by Toineeta with 14. Other Cherokee scorers included: AJ Hill 5, Naomi Smith 9, Zoey Walkingstick 7, and Rhyan Girty 13. Robbinsville scorers included: Gabby Hooper 10, Desta Trammell 29, Hallee Anderson 14, Dallas Garrett 2, Jimenez 10, and Kensley Phillips 12.



Cherokee's Leilaya McMillan (#10) attempts a pass as Robbinsville's Desta Trammell defends.



Cherokee's AJ Hill (#5) goes for a shot inside against Robbinsville's Yeika Jimenez.

Braves fall to Black Knights in road game

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Cherokee's Jordan Arkansas (#2) drives the ball as Robbinsville's Nathan Collins defends during a game at Robbinsville High School on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 9. Arkansas led the Braves with 19 points in a game won by the Black Knights 62-47. Other Cherokee scorers included: Cameron Sampson 15, Jonathan Frady 6, Don Bradley 4, and Tso Smith 3. Robbinsville scorers included: Kamdyn Jordan 16, Brock Adams 12, Collins 16, Dasan Gross 10, Eddie Brooms 4, and Drey Keener 4.



Cherokee's Don Bradley (#4) goes for a shot against Robbinsville's Nathan Collins.



Cherokee's Tso Smith (#15) shoots a long jump shot as Robbinsville's Brock Adams jumps to defend.

Lady Braves edge Hayesville on senior night



PHOTOS By SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (#13) goes for a shot inside against Hayesville's Lizzy Brusini during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Feb. 12. It was senior night for the Lady Braves who took the win over the Lady Yellow Jackets 59-50. Cherokee was led by Leilaya McMillan with 23 points followed by Toineeta with 17. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Naomi Smith 4, Zoey Walkingstick 1, Triniti Littlejohn 2, Rhyan Girty 4, Kamia Wiggins 4, and Creedon Arch 4. Hayesville scorers included: Lila Roberts 3, Brusini 12, Lila Payne 19, Cecilia Jones 4, Brianna Foster 9, and Kynnly McClure 3.



Cherokee's Rhyan Girty (#32) drives the lane against two Hayesville defenders.



Cherokee's Naomi Smith (#12) goes for a short shot as two Hayesville defenders, including McClure (#40) defend.

Hayesville tops Braves by 16 points



Cherokee's Jonathan Frady (#1) brings the ball up the court.



Cherokee's Tariq Underwood (#55) goes for a shot in the paint as Hayesville's Lundsford defends.

PHOTOS By SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Cherokee's Don Bradley (#4) shoots a short jumper against Hayesville's Logan Caldwell (#2) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Feb. 12. Hayesville took control of the game in the fourth period en route to a 64-48 win over the Braves. Cherokee was led by Cameron Sampson and Bradley with 12 each. Other Cherokee scorers included: Jonathan Frady 7, Jordan Arkansas 6, Camden Owle 3, and Tso Smith 10. Hayesville scorers included: Caldwell 6, Kolbe Ashe 29, Brady Shook 9, Blake McClure 10, Eli Roberts 3, Jose Espinal 2, and Kyle Lundsford 5.



SCC faculty member helps launch Heritage Arts Endowed Fund

BRYSON CITY – Over the past decade at Southwestern Community College, serving as Heritage Arts Department Chair has become much more than a fun job for Jeff Marley.

It's a passion.

Marley's desire to see the program continue to flourish is the main reason he recently took steps to create the Heritage Arts Endowed Fund through the SCC Foundation. The scholarship will be used to financially support visiting artists, equipment, travel and salaries associated with the Heritage Arts program, which is housed at the SCC Swain Center.

"Unlike a scholarship for an individual student, this fund will benefit all students and the community through events and classes we offer," Marley said. "I wanted to begin developing this fund to ensure the Heritage Arts program would have the fiscal means to be able to provide a wide variety of events well into the future. I want to sustain our program and provide many more opportunities to our students."

The new fund will be sustained



SCC photo

Jeff Marley, Heritage Arts Department Chair at Southwestern Community College and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, recently endowed a new scholarship to financially support the program.

by a series of ongoing fundraising events Marley conducts each year at the SCC Swain Center. These events include special courses and the sales of handmade items created by students and artists enrolled at SCC.

Brett Woods, who oversees the SCC Foundation, helped Marley set up the new scholarship.

"Southwestern is fortunate to have dedicated, visionary, philanthropic employees like Jeff Marley," Woods said. "He's obviously talented as an artist and as an instructor, and he passes along to his students a tremendous understanding of – and passion for – Cherokee culture."

For more information about the Heritage Arts Endowed Fund at SCC, or to make a donation, contact Woods at 828.339.4241 or b_woods@southwesterncc.edu. To learn more about Heritage Arts classes at Southwestern, contact Marley at 828.366.2005 or j_marley@southwesterncc.edu.

- *Southwestern Community College release*

Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

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

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

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



Park announces 2021 plan for Cades Cove vehicle-free days

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials are extending a pilot project in Cades Cove by continuing vehicle-free access on the Cades Cove Loop Road on Wednesdays from May 5 through Sept. 1, 2021. Park managers implemented this weekly, full-day opportunity in 2020 in an effort to improve the visitor experience and to reduce congestion associated with vehicle-free mornings that were previously offered until 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Park received 47 comments through mail, email, phone, and comment cards regarding the vehicle-free day pilot project. More than 60 percent of these comments were extremely positive, however, some campers were still impacted by early morning parking congestion and some visitors were disappointed by the lack of vehicle access on Wednesdays. Overall, the full-day opportunity provided a more enjoyable and safe experience for the nearly 30,000 bicyclists and pedestrians who participated in the vehicle-free day opportunities. During the 2020 season, 25 percent more pedestrians and cyclists participated in vehicle-free access periods per week as compared to the 2019 season, with an average of 1,800 participants each Wednesday.

Park managers continue to be concerned about parking congestion and will monitor use levels, parking availability, visitor experience, and congestion throughout the second year of the pilot project. According to data collected in

2020, parking lots were full during 30 percent of the observation period and roadside shoulders along Laurel Creek Road were utilized for parking during 60 percent of the observation period. Staff and volunteers will implement some changes in parking access this season to ease pressure on campground and picnic area parking lots and to prevent roadside parking along Laurel Creek Road. Roadside parking damages shoulders and creates unsafe conditions for visitors walking from their car to their destination.

For more information about congestion monitoring in the park, please visit the park website at <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/management/ves.htm>.

- National Park Service release

Park announces Cades Cove Road projects

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced that the Cades Cove Loop Road will be fully closed for three weeks in September to resurface the popular roadway which is used by more than 2 million visitors a year. The one-way road will be closed to all motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and horseback riders from Tuesday, Sept. 7 through Monday, Sept. 27.

The road was fully reconstructed and resurfaced in 2010. This preventive pavement treatment will maintain the heavily used road in good condition and extend the service life of the asphalt surface. A full closure is necessary to allow logistical movement of trucks and paving equipment along the narrow, one-way road.

While the contract duration is expected to be two months, the actual asphalt paving operation will occur over the three-week closure period. Work also includes resurfacing of the campground entrance road from Laurel Creek Road to the Cades Campground and the parking area adjacent to the Cades Cove Campground Store. The campground, picnic area, campground store, and horse stables will remain open and accessible throughout the duration of the paving project.

In addition, current roadwork occurring in Cades Cove along Forge Creek Road has been extended. Forge Creek Road has been closed to all use since Nov. 2, 2020 to replace five bridges. The closure has been extended through Saturday, July 31, 2021. Due to the complete removal of the bridges and the use of large equipment to perform repair work, the road will continue to be closed to all use. The full closure prevents all access (by foot, bicycle, or horse) to the Henry Whitehead Place and Gregory Ridge, Gregory Bald, and Hannah Mountain trailheads. Gregory Bald is accessible from trails outside the Cades Cove area, including Wolf Ridge Trail, Long Hungry Trail, or a section of the Appalachian Trail. For more information about these routes, please contact the Backcountry Office (865) 436-1297.

For more information about temporary road closures, please visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/temproadclose.htm>.

- National Park Service release



Neighbor's Dog Is Giving Him the Eye

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My neighbor's dog, every day since I moved into this house in rural New York, has a habit of coming up to the property line when I go out to check on my garden. She will stand right at the edge, lift a paw, bark at me, then turn around and leave. What's up with that behavior? — *Jim G., via email*

DEAR JIM: That sounds like a well-behaved, well-trained dog. Or, your next-door neighbor has, or had, a low-power wire along the property edge that delivers a shock to a dog when it crosses the line. Whatever it is, she was trained not to cross into the neighbor's yard.

I like that you noted her body mannerisms. Raising a paw is a signal that she is alerted and checking you out. A nonaggressive bark is an attention signal. It's something like, "I see you, and I want you to know that I've got my eye on you." And her turning back after that bark is a good sign. She doesn't see you as a threat. She's said her piece, and now she's off on her way.

Being aware of a dog's body language and barking is important even if you don't own a dog. A bark followed by a growl (or vice versa) is a warning signal meaning "back off." A raised paw and an intent stare at a specific object is typical of an alert and energetic but calm dog. A dog that charges and stops is being aggressive and there's a good chance that behavior can escalate into an attack.

If you get the opportunity to meet your neighbors, compliment them on their dog's good behavior.

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

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The Etruscan shrew's metabolism is so fast that it needs to kill every 2 hours or it dies!

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

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 has begun. 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

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting via Zoom. Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. County Manager Kevin King will join the group to tell what Swain County is doing about garnering better internet service as well as other priorities for the county. All are welcome to join the meeting to share your concerns and ideas. If you are interested in attending, email bren-dadonargo@me.com

Turkey Shoot. Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for the Big Cove Free Labor group.

Virus prevention measures will be followed. Good fun, good prizes, great benefit.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Who was the trainer of Triple Crown-winning racehorses Gallant Fox (1930) and Omaha (1935)?

2. It's tradition for Notre Dame Fighting Irish football players to touch a sign posted in Notre Dame Stadium before taking the field. What does the sign read?

3. What former NFL defensive lineman played the role of Sloth in the 1985 adventure comedy film "The Goonies"?

4. What American female distance runner won the Boston Marathon in 1979 and '83, and won the gold medal in the marathon at the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics?

5. What cross-country skiing distance race, first held in 1973, is traditionally run every February in northern Wisconsin?

6. What Boston Celtics player suffered a season-ending knee injury attempting a dunk after the whistle in the final minutes of a 97-84 loss to the Indiana Pacers in 2007?

7. What NHL defenseman, who played with the Montreal Canadiens and Colorado Avalanche from 1990-2009, raced in the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series from 2009-15?

Answers

1. James "Sunny Jim" Fitzsimmons.
2. "Play like a champion today."
3. John Matuszak.
4. Joan Benoit.
5. The American Birkebeiner.
6. Tony Allen.
7. Patrice Brisebois.

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEBRUARY 15-21, 2021

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	No January stocking.	All Day.	Rainbow, Brook, Brown.	BWO, Grey Midges, 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, Woolly 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.

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MONDAY, FEB. 15	TUESDAY, FEB. 16	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17	THURSDAY, FEB. 18	FRIDAY, FEB. 19	SATURDAY, FEB. 20	SUNDAY, FEB. 21
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OBITUARIES

Dovi Queen

Dovi Queen, 26, of Bryson City, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021. She was the daughter of Ned Daniel and Stephanie Welch. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Gladys Roback; grandfather, Owen Smoker Jr.; honorary grandparents, Red and Minda Ross; honorary sister, Hailey Cole; and brother, Craig Alexander Durham.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband of 12 years, Joshua Queen; children, Jerimiah Owen Redsmoke Queen - age 8, Joah Rock Bearmeat Queen - age 5, Jericho Rex Andrew Queen - age 3, Talaia Rose Levonce Queen - age 1, Leilani Janelle Queen - age 12; sisters,

Kayla Welch-Haney, Tiara Welch, Heather Queen, Rai Bird, Krysten Beaver; brothers, Phillip Lester Queen Jr., Aaron Andrew Queen, Caleb Isaiah Queen, Josue Otero and fiancé, Victoria Pheong; four nieces; 10 nephews including Darian Alexander Queen; father-in-law, Michael Davis; mother-in-law, Tracia Davis, father-in-law, Phillip Lester Queen Sr.; grandmother, Mabel Jones; Mamaw, Doris Smith; aunts, Cicely Campbell, Charlotte Smith, Amy Wilson, Keri Smoker, April Smoker; uncle, William Smith; cousins, Alyssa Welch, Jonathan Bohanon; and best friends, Katie Pulley and Brionna Jumper.

A going home party was held Monday, Feb. 15 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Rev. Roger Roland officiated.

Furman Douglas Smith-Crowe

Furman Douglas Smith-Crowe, 71 of Cherokee, passed Dec. 18, 2020 after battling illness for the past several months.

He was born March 19, 1949 in Cherokee. He was a preacher, artist, accomplished stone and wood carver, and musician. He loved traveling and making memories with his family and friends. Mr. Smith-Crowe even has a permanent piece of his wood carving artistry proudly displayed in The Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

He was a father, husband and brother. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wesley and Mildred Smith-Crowe. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Millie Smith and sisters, Tammy Smith and April Smith.

Mr. Smith-Crowe is survived by his wife of 42 years, Melinda Cogdill Smith Crowe of the home. He is also survived by his sisters, Nancy Teague (Kenneth) of Clyde, Bonnie Maney (Bobby) of Birmingham, Ala., Donnie

Mann (Mark) of King's Mountain., Sammy Crowe (Tonya) of Cherokee, and Ruthie Griggs (Ricky) of Bryson City; brothers, Alvin Smith of Waynesville and Tom Smith of Bryson City. He is also survived by his children, Elexis Fancher (Jeff) of Newport, Tenn., Wesley Smith-Crowe (Amanda) of Robbinsville, and Thomas Smith-Crowe of the home. He is also survived by Anita Ann Reed (Allen) of Cherokee, Steven (Stephanie) of Bryson City, and Stephanie Arneach (Curtis) of Cherokee. He is survived by 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 at Crisp Funeral Home with Pastor John Johnson presiding and music by John Locust. Burial was at The Furman Smith Crowe Cemetery in Cherokee. Special thanks to Four Seasons Hospice in Bryson City Cherokee NC Home Health and also to The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Also a sincere thanks for all the well wishes from family and friends.

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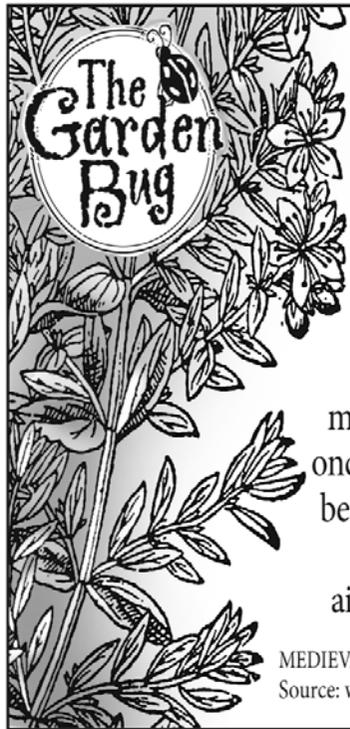
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Saint John's Wort

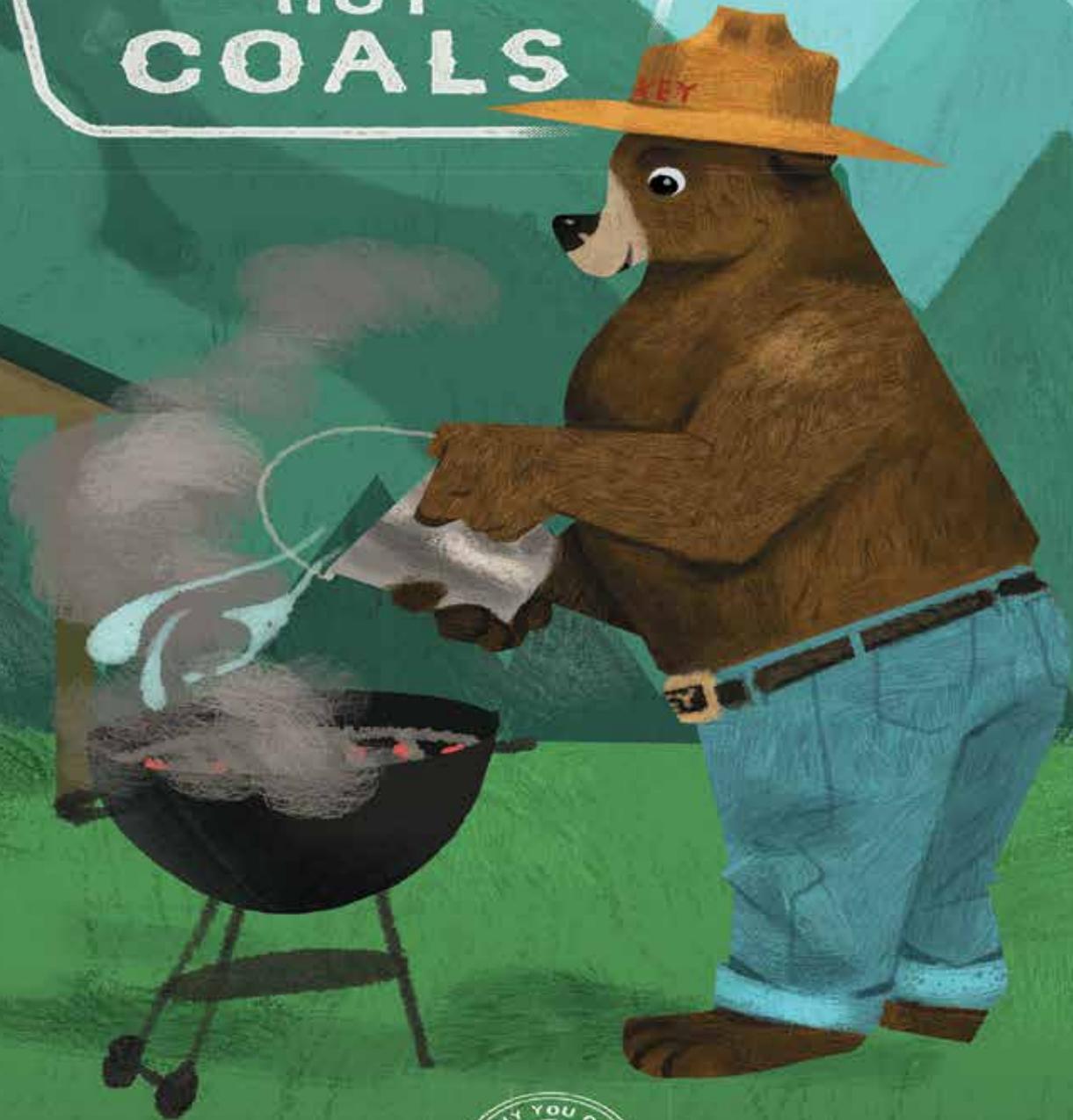
Traditionally, sprigs of this plant were harvested in June to honor St. John the Baptist, then hung near a painting or statue of him in the home to protect it from evil spirits. As a garden plant, it performs best in fertile soils with ample moisture, but can tolerate drier conditions once established. Saint John's Wort has long been used in healing treatments for kidney ailments, insomnia, depression, lung ailments and in wound care. - Brenda Weaver

MEDIEVAL WOOD CUT
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COMMENTARY

What we were before

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

We must try, as a tribal community, to care for what we have. It is not acceptable to sit back and expect that our elected officials will handle all that we need done. They are representatives of us, the people. If they don't hear from us, they have to rely on their own personal preferences or, worse, they listen to a small portion of the community or special interest groups that do not necessarily share the same views as the majority of the community.

I have always believed that, as our enrollment law implies, that if you are recognized by our tribal law as a member of this Tribe, then you are a member of this Tribe. And it really doesn't matter if you are a sixteenth, or an eighth, or a quarter or a half, or what is called a full blood. Per our own law, a sixteenth in "blood quantum" is just as Cherokee as a full blood. And, as we have discussed before, our current test regarding membership is based on a federal Indian roll at a time when Indians truly didn't care much for those who had immigrated to this country and were confiscating land and relocating the original inhabitants, by force.

I wasn't there, so I am speculating, but I would think that many Cherokee families never made it to the federal Indian rolls because they would hide and refuse to be tallied by federal troops. To be Indian back then was probably not thought of as being "cool" as it is today, even by many of our own people, at least not as the federal government saw Native American membership.

The federal government was not counting Native Americans to plan for luxury housing, a car in every driveway, and plenteous, extravagant grub. No,

those head counts were documentation for relocation to reservations to subsistence housing and rations. Our ancestors were relieved of prime real estate so that those immigrants would have a place to raise their families in good conditions. And what became Indian land was the parts of America that the immigrants found most useless - mountainous, rocky-soiled plots of ground that were unfit for farming or much anything else.

Most of you know the story of Dahlonega, Ga. When gold was found in those hills, the federals told the Native Americans whose home was Dahlonega, that they would be going to a new home, whether they liked it or not.

Even today, one of Georgia's historical publications puts it, "Beginning in 1832, Cherokee territory in Lumpkin County, as well as in several other counties in north Georgia, was sold by the state to Georgia residents through a land lottery. A separate lottery was held in 1832 to distribute forty-acre 'gold districts' for \$10 each in the same Cherokee area. The discovery of gold was one of the major reasons behind the Cherokee Removal, in which the state of Georgia expelled Cherokees from their ancestral lands in 1838."

You see, back in 1838, Indians did not have standing with the state and not with the federal government either. We were not part of the "all men are created equal" because we were not men and women in the eyes of the law that governed the people of this new immigrant owned and operated country.

It took decades of work by both Native Americans and those in the immigrant population who disagreed with the exclusion of humanity based on race to turn the course of history around a bit. The predominantly European population that came to America thought Indian

ways were uncultured, unintelligent, and they frequently used the “s” word, savage. Our Native languages seemed animalistic to them, so they thought they would do us a favor and get rid of it in favor of English. In boarding schools, leathers, beads, and other common cultural clothing would be banned in favor of cotton shirts and britches. Indians were herded to reservations and told that, if they behaved and stayed put, they would be taken care of; given medicine, food, etc.

It is my belief that is where the seed of addiction was planted for us, because Native peoples are human, and very intelligent humans at that. We built large civilizations across this land mass we now call America. We hunted, farmed, and traded. We even warred when necessary. It is widely speculated that, when the Europeans came to this country, had it not been for the help and generosity of the Indigenous peoples, they would have died or given up and went back across the sea.

Tribes, particularly the five “civilized” tribes of the Southeast, were highly intelligent and adaptive. They would assimilate any part of a culture into their own if they saw it as a benefit to their communities. Unfortunately, when you sit people in a camp, give them land that is almost impossible to work into anything productive, tell them that as long as they comply they will be taken care of, and tell them that their culture is wrong and they will be rewarded for “right thinking”, you are basically telling them to stop being creative, stop interacting with your cultural family, and stop moving. Many Native Americans couldn’t see any hope but in substance abuse, whether that was alcohol, drugs, or even food. They lost their

pride. They lost their hope. It is as true today about addiction as it was then.

And so, we get to democracy. Many of us have not really given thought as to where democratic thinking came from and many of us resist current federal democracy because of its impact on Native peoples. But there is a good chance that modern democracy, as it exists in America, came from us.

“Many Native American tribes had sophisticated, popularly based, and well-developed methods of organizing their societies. According to one author: At a time when Europeans labored under authoritarian, hierarchical governments, most [American Indian] tribes possessed democratic and responsive governments. Many tribes practiced universal suffrage and incorporated provisions for recall, referendums, and other political processes, thought later to have been developed by American and European political theorists.” (www.socialstudies.org).

It may be that we, Native peoples, are the authors of democracy. Democracy is a great privilege, and it was seen as such by our early ancestors. The duty of people to each other is what made our people a great nation. You see it, even today, right down to the community level. When someone makes it known that they have a need, it isn’t days or weeks before someone comes to their aide. It is typically a matter of minutes. Our community is one of service to each other, from volunteer food drives to volunteer home and yard work, to volunteers digging graves. From cradle to death, democracy is about community and community involvement. Democracy is about community pride. It is about community hope. It is remembering what we were all about before;

before assimilation, before contact; before reservations.

Don’t sit back. That is what the federal government did that was so costly to our people. We were not entitlement people and our ancestors never meant for us to be that way. We work. We contribute; not just for ourselves, but for the betterment of our entire community. Apathy should not be an option for a proud member of the Cherokee people. We refer to ourselves as “the Principal People”, because we consider ourselves unique, special, and set apart. We should be motivated to do more and be more, if not for ourselves, for our neighbor and

for our progeny. The old reservation boundaries are broken down, antiquated. We need to get back to assimilating the good and rejecting the bad. We need to engage in meaningful discussion on how we want to be governed. We should not wait for our elected officials to make decisions on our behalf. We should work with them, engage with them, to help facilitate change for the benefit of all. That is what democracy is about. Unless we engage, democracy is just a buzz word with no real power. And if it has no power, then we have no power over anything, including our own destiny.

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The One Feather is seeking historical and family photos to feature weekly in our #throwbackthursday posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

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One Feather Question of the Week

What are your concerns with the Tribe's consideration of legalizing cannabis?

Kayla Climbingbear: Nothing, just do it already. We've been waiting long enough. It's the best thing the Tribe could do. It has way more benefits than anything else and no dangerous side effects unlike medications. It is funny how some people want to sit here and call this a drug, but what medications are you taking right now that are causing more harm to your body than good? Tylenol and pain killers can cause liver damage, etc. Marijuana side effects - let's see hunger, getting sleepy or just very relaxed depends on the strain...some of you need to read up on this. Better yet, why don't you actually talk to people who use it? Ask them why they use it. Most of us will tell you for pain from underlying health conditions as well as depression, anxiety, etc. - so many factors that it helps without making us more sick than we already are. Before you judge this negatively do your research.

Driver Blythe: I'm not a user, and I probably won't be interested in the use of cannabis if made legal. But, people need to look at the studies of legalized cannabis and its impact on hard drug use in areas that it's legalized in. Studies have shown, essentially, that "if you let people get high on the good stuff, then it'll deter them from using the bad stuff" - wise and true words from my CJ professor at WCU.

David Wright: None

Debi Lee: I don't use it. I would like to have a store here because

I'd rather have this than a beer store.

Nathan Bush: My concern is that it should be decided by a referendum vote. Just like Alcohol was a referendum vote. Let the Cherokee people decide what they want.

Sandi Owle: It's taking too long to get this done. That's my only concern.

Connie Welch: Let's move with it now. It's already past time.

Sierra Hornbuckle: I'm concerned that it's illegal. Legalize it already!

Savannah Brigman: That they haven't done it already - so much better than having alcohol available.

Mary Ann Bristo: Long overdue; cannabis is medicine and should be used as such. Legalize it now. Plus, the monetary benefits could surpass that of the casino. Start with legalizing medical cannabis and let those with concerns see that it will work for the community. Please don't compare medical usage to alcohol use.

Kyle Pete: None, do it. Open a dispensary and tax/levy it. The Tribe needs to diversify income. We can't rely on gaming forever.

Heather Dawn Rednour: Either way, it alters the mind and well, you know my answer.

Becky Palmer: I feel that once it is legalized, it will combat some of the other drug activity for those who aren't addicted yet.

Kim Shuler: It's a great oppor-

tunity for EBCI to diversify their income/assets.

Cory Walkingstick: None, do it to it.

Edwin Tosa: It's medicine - helps with lots of diseases and eases and pain.

John Reed: The inevitability of cannabis being legal across the board is coming fast. If we want to reap any benefits from this market, the EBCI needs to act now. Otherwise, we shall be left behind.

Carmella Sutton: Do it...finally.

Johnny Walker: Should have already been selling it.

Blake Robinson: I'm just a Gatlinburger with a humble opinion, but I think it would definitely bring a lot more tourists over the mountain from this side. That may be a good or bad thing, depending.

Trinniti Marmon: Medicinal or not, the benefits top any concerns of the legalization, at least in my eyes. We need a new resource for revenue, catch up with the 21st century and provide a new natural and safe alternative to medicine that our people will not lose their lives over. The Creator put it here for our people as medicine and we should be using it as such. Recreational use is just a bonus for most.

Ernest Grant: What happened to the upkeep and improvements of the downtown? Drugs are important I guess...many other issues need this type of concern.

Haley Cooper: I think medical and recreational cannabis can benefit our people economically

and can help as medical treatment. Just like with the casino, legal cannabis would bring a lot of tourists to our home. At the same time, there is a flip side. We could be exposing our people to dangerous outsiders, and we already have with the casino. I think it is important for us to think of ways we can protect our community better. For example, outsider men at the casino have preyed on our girls and women and introduced new drugs to our people. Also the casino is a COVID hotspot. Also, tribes up north have a huge problem with "man camps" being near their reservations. These man camps are rural and are composed of pipeline workers. This is where so many of the MMIW and sex trafficking cases happen. People in Cherokee already have a lot of healing to do. So many of us are still recovering from drug/alcohol abuse, physical, and sexual violence. It is our Tribe's responsibility to make sure we can keep our people safe from outsiders while diversifying our economy. I do support medical and recreational cannabis, but I think we should really analyze the impacts of increased tourism in our community (socially and environmentally).

Storm Dorris: Definitely need to go ahead and make it legal and have the tribe and tribal members benefit from the revenue. There are numerous states where it is legal and more are getting in on this. The numbers and research are there to back claims of profits and increased revenue and tourism. We need to do this before we are left out on any financial opportunities. So many things from medicines to skincare and beauty products to fabrics and materials can be created from this as well. Numerous companies are

beginning to look into this and hop on this as well - giving so many opportunities.

Dawn Michelle Koppenhagen:

If it is for real medical reasons, then ok, but not for recreational use.

Allison Mowsorth: Just have responsible, trustworthy people running the dispensaries, and a reasonable auditing system in place. It will be legal everywhere soon. So, now is the time that legal sellers and states are raking in the money that can go toward schools, infrastructure, treatment centers, or whatever else. And honestly, legal dispensaries would make Cherokee a lot less desirable for the drug dealers who are carrying much more dangerous merchandise. Let them find somewhere else to go.

Shannon Ross: Go for it!

Shawn Saunooke: Give every enrolled member a chance to buy into the business and hurry up and legalize before we are last again.

Denise Lambert Ballard: It would help with medical issues, and I do believe it would help lessen opioid issues. I am disgusted by Council members worried about a vote than what is best for the future outlook of our Tribe. Tribal council members, don't wait on a referendum in September - make the decisions now and move our Tribe forward. Don't worry about a vote - worry about what your children and grandchildren will need in the future. All the services our tribe provides and education and housing. Plan for seven generations out!

Meekamarkiya Denny: Chief

and Council - one word you guys

Teddy Bird: Legalize it. It's never killed no one using it right.

Barry Craig: There has been a war against cannabis for the last century. All it has achieved is cost a lot of taxpayer dollars and put a lot of non-violent people in jail. It's here. It's not going away - might as well make it legal and give people a way to legally make some money from it. Prohibition doesn't work and never has. It only fuels the black market. Cannabis is a plant, evidently it was put here for a reason, and I don't think that reason was for the legal system and black market to make money.

Venice Celt Rain: It concerns me that the Tribe secure their plan and all rights to it so that this medicine benefits the people and the land. Economically and socially, there is huge potential for positive outcomes in the field. Those should be shared by everyone.

Clint Hyde: Let's update and legalize it.

Brandon Morgan: More jobs, more money will be great if the rules are set to where members can make good off it.

Kerrie Freeman: We have never been a user until my husband ended up with cancer two years ago. The only time he smokes is to eat or help with the pain.

Sydney Crisp: It's not legal on the federal level and the only reason tribes can consider it is through a memo through the Department of Justice that sets forth enforcement priorities and does not carry the same weight of federal legislation passed by Con-

gress. It's a risky and misleading business investment since it is not legal on the federal level.

Angela Taylor: I think they should legalize recreational use also because it would help with opioid use here and also the Tribe can benefit from the sales of it. I think it would help the drug problem go down a whole lot and people like myself that needs it for pain and my daughter who would benefit from helping her with seizures medical would also be a blessing. So, I think both need to pass it would benefit the Tribe and community in both medical and recreational.

Maranda Bradley: Do it. Medical marijuana would help many including myself.

Bianca Dardeen: Why are we not making billions? Are we that afraid of big Pharma? Please legalize.

Jim Parker: The bigger question is will or can the Catawbas legalize it? If so, they will be massive. We should make the jump and do it.

Alice Bellamy: It's a flowering herb. The CBD oil has helped to many with PTSD and more.

Michael Horn: As a Libertarian, I am all for the legalization of cannabis. It would also produce a welcomed cash crop for many poor and suffering farmers.

Isaiah Storm Gilchrist-Myers: Again, it doesn't matter if it's legal or not in regards to the use of it. Those who use it are going to continue to do so, period. May as well generate revenue from it. An added benefit is with the advent of tribal dispensaries the use of hard-

er substances is likely to decline as there will be an easier, inconsequential method of altering the typical state of consciousness. The consumption of alcohol is likely to decline as well, given the fact that many only choose it as their vice for the fact that it's not going to cost them their jobs or dwelling. Laws mean very little to most of us, and unfortunately the well being of others typically means even less, but money speaks to everyone.

Many Zacchaeus: CBD was helping me until the jobs I wanted to work for, don't want me to have a job - all because of something that was helping me. I do all I can to use organic medicines other than using laboratory made stuff. By the way, if we don't legalize it the Catawba's sure will. Also, legalize alcohol, with cannabis. Some might not like that ideal, but we got too many that cry around when they say there's nowhere to eat. No wonder your big nice restaurants won't come here.

Sean Nordwall: Absolutely nothing bad with selling cannabis. It will be legalized soon anyways. Stay ahead of the curve!

Tina Saunooke: What is the partnership at the state level? We may have enrolled members who have own land off of the Qualla Boundary that want to grow CBD. With the recent legislation, it only allows for individuals to grow on tribal lands. What if any local bank is ready to partner with Tribe/individuals when they generate income as it is not legal, yet, at the state level? Another reason we need our own Tribal Bank (a different conversation).

see **QUESTION** next page

QUESTION: One Feather weekly poll question from page 19

Ludo Grant: In the state I'm living now, I am one of the few licensed caregivers able to buy from dispensaries for a family member that is licensed to use medical cannabis and it has made a huge difference in her life. When I lived in Arizona, I voted for medical cannabis when it passed, because an elder had suggested I make a tea of it for my mother's peripheral neuropathy. To be honest, when she asked what it was I just told her it was Indian tea. It also let her live the rest of her life without misery...It was politics and racism that led to the ridiculous prohibitions against it. I don't think politics should make it a partisan stand. It is a human issue. It's also an economical issue. Tribes and

states that have legalized its use have benefitted greatly. Countries that have legalized it used have benefited also. It's going to be hard for many to let go of religious dogma that was actually informed by political ideologies, but it's easier these days than it ever has been to make such paradigm shifts.

Billy Wachacha: Put it at casino too.

Billie Jo Rich: My biggest concern is that we missed the boat by wasting time listening to folk's opinions on the dangers of it and not listening to folks educated and knowledgeable on the subject.

Randall Flag: Now is the time to legalize it!

Viki Hogue: I think it's a great

move and would like to see all of North Carolina move to legalize. There are more medical advantages. At least this way people can access the proper strains they need and not worry about buying laced product off the streets.

Sarah Bruneel: Do it!

William Ledford: No concerns at all. We should be ahead of the game instead of always tagging along behind. As for other concerns, I'm fairly sure that if legalized 90 percent of the Tribe are not going to drop everything and rush out to score weed and gummies.

Candy Wachacha Crowe: Let it be a tribal business.

Thomas Young: Will people in surrounding communities be allowed to purchase it and take it home?

Grayson Cotes: Capitalize on it! Bring in the revenue and put it back out towards the community. Watch crime go down as well. It'll even bring in jobs, farmers, distributors, more opportunities.

Lisa Sampson: I agree with a lot of the people on here. Legalize marijuana. Legalize alcohol. As it stands, people get it anyways. We, as a Tribe, should benefit from the sales. Don't waste time. Many people have mentioned that it could lead to a decrease on the use of more harmful substances as well as a decrease in crime. The facts are out there.

Erik Timson Swiftwind Taylor: Hopefully it will help people make medicine for their friends and family and help make a living for families. There's so many di-

rections one can go to help people and make medicine. Imagine, if you will, one sets up store then that store has a number of growers that grow various strains to help keep up with demand. Another one sets a bar like setting to help others with what they need also this place needs a number of growers to help with demand. Another one sets up a processing center creating jobs. They might specialize in whole plant extracts, lotions, muscle rub, tinctures, edibles, just breaking down the whole plant for individual flower sales. There are a lot of directions one could go. And, I can't wait to see where this takes us as a whole.

Dion Carlisle: Most likely it would get the ones on dope, off of dope, and it's a lot better than heroin and meth. If you can allow alcohol to come onto the Boundary and serve in restaurants, then why can you not legalize marijuana? Plus, the Tribe would profit off of the sales, and the crime rate would decrease immediately. Marijuana is not just recreational, it's also medicine.

Tootie Lambert: Do it.

Loski Standingdeer: It should be to where any enrolled member that wants to grow or open a dispensary or a cafe should be allowed to without the Tribe making it a monopoly or just one person growing for the Tribe. It should be fair for everyone.

Gerald Bailey: There are far more important things we could be doing.

Jeremy Wilson: Stay tuned ya'll. We're on it.

Tsodani Ugama: I'm glad



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Richard Blalock: It is a drug and like all drugs has some severe side effects. Please don't do it. Doing the right thing is more often the hard decision.

Beverly Carson: There is a reason it's called dope. Forget the love of money and consider the consequences on the young people. Teach them the good ways of the Cherokee Nation - to be honorable and upright.

Kimsey Taylor: Sounds good to me.

Sally Jamie Jenkins: Please legalize - should've a long time ago.

Sydney Patton: I use it as medicine, and it has helped me with many ailments.

Priscilla George: I think they should legalize it. It's medicine for people like me that needs the use of it. It will be a good way to make money.

Chebon Postoak: Just thing how cost effective it would have been to build a giant greenhouse instead of a convention center and hotel that

already has gone over budget.

Aaron Miles: I'm all for the fairness. I support legalizing marijuana here on the reservation! It could save so many people from having messed up their life over marijuana convictions. Maybe those convictions could be overturned one day. If they ever do make it legal, it would be a great business opportunity for our Tribe and possibly a lot of our members who do support this. It would be amazing for the Tribe to make recreational legal. It could open many doors and close a lot of bad ones for our people. Starting a dispensary here first in North Carolina could be amazing for the Tribe! So many possibilities with this one.

Regina Dardeen: I'm a 20-year-veteran. Many meds have been offered, but I would rather have Mother Nature.

Kimberly E. Johnson-Breen: Yes, do it.

Dawn Sally: Legalize it.

Ben Fuller: Do the right thing which is legalize marijuana.

**One Feather
deadline
Friday at 12 p.m.**

Good Housekeeping

Mahogany Chicken

Just rub the skin with salt and pepper, then brush with the luscious glaze during the last 30 minutes of cooking time.

- 1 (3½ -pound) chicken
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons dry vermouth
- Fresh oregano and rosemary, for garnish

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Remove giblets and neck from chicken; refrigerate for use another day. Rinse chicken and drain well.

2. With chicken breast-side up, lift wings up toward neck, then fold under back of chicken so they stay in place. With string, tie legs together.

3. Place chicken, breast-side up, on rack in small roasting pan; rub with salt and pepper. Insert meat thermometer into thickest part of thigh, next to body, being careful that pointed end of thermometer does not touch bone.

4. Roast chicken 45 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare glaze: In small bowl, stir brown sugar, balsamic vinegar and vermouth until sugar dissolves.

5. After roasting 45 minutes, brush chicken with some glaze. Turn oven control to 400 F and roast chicken 30 minutes longer, brushing with glaze twice more during roasting, until chicken turns a deep brown, thermometer reaches 180 F, and juices run clear when thickest part of thigh is pierced with tip of knife. Place chicken on warm large platter; let stand 15 minutes for easier carving.

6. Meanwhile, add ¼ cup water to roasting pan; over medium heat, heat to boiling, stirring to loosen brown bits. Remove pan from heat; skim and discard fat. Serve chicken with pan juices. Garnish with fresh herbs. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 405 calories, 21g total fat (6g saturated), 170mg cholesterol, 530mg sodium, 9g total carbohydrate, 43g protein.

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Good Housekeeping

Roasted Vegetables

Cooked until they are tender and golden, these roasted vegetables can accompany almost any winter meal — especially roasted meat and poultry.

- 1½ pounds medium-size red potatoes
- 2 (about 1 ¾ pounds) fennel bulbs
- 2 (about 1 pound) red onions
- 2 (each about 1 pound) acorn squash
- 5 medium carrots
- 4 medium parsnips
- Olive or salad oil
- 2 teaspoons chicken-flavor instant bouillon
- 1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¾ teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- Fresh thyme sprigs, for garnish

1. Cut potatoes into 2-inch chunks. Cut root ends and stalks from fennel bulbs; cut each bulb lengthwise through the root end into 4 wedges. Cut each onion into 4 wedges. Cut each squash lengthwise into quarters; discard seeds. Cut each quarter crosswise into 2 pieces. Cut carrots and parsnips crosswise in half. (If thick, cut thick portion lengthwise in half.)

2. Preheat oven to 400 F. Evenly divide vegetables between 2 large roasting pans, each about 17 by 11 ½ inches (or between 1 large roasting pan and one 15 ½ by 10 ½ inch jelly-roll pan). Toss vegetables in each pan with 2 tablespoons olive or salad oil. In small bowl, mix bouillon, pepper, salt and thyme. Toss half the seasoning mixture with vegetables in each pan.

3. Arrange pans on 2 oven racks. Roast vegetables 30 minutes, stirring once. Switch pans on oven racks; roast 20 to 30 minutes longer, stirring once, until vegetables are tender and nicely browned.

4. Remove vegetables to warm large platter. Pour 2 tablespoons hot water into each pan, stirring to loosen brown bits. Pour liquid from each pan over vegetables. Garnish with thyme sprigs. Serves 8.

• Each serving: About 270 calories, 8g total fat, 540mg sodium.

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Medal of Honor Monument long overdue

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

A bronze statue of the late PFC Charles George stands at attention at the Cherokee Veterans Park - a testament to the dedication, sacrifice, and valor that earned him a posthumous Medal of Honor. Nearly 70 years since that fateful day in Korea when PFC George, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, gave his life to save several fellow soldiers, there are two bills going through the U.S. Congress that would authorize the construction of a Medal of Honor Monument in Washington, D.C. This project is long overdue, but it is nice to see it possibly coming to fruition.

The National Medal of Honor Monument Act was introduced into the House of Representatives in early January by Congressman Richard Hudson (R-N.C.) and into the Senate in early February by Senators John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Tim Kaine (D-Va.).

“An homage to America’s Medal of Honor recipients in our nation’s capital will remind visitors and residents like of what it means to put your country first,” Sen. Cornyn said in a statement.

The legislation puts the entirety of the project in the hands of the the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation and states it “shall be solely responsible for acceptance of contributions for, and payment of the expenses of, the establishment of the commemorative work”. No federal funds will be used in this project.

James T. Connors, National Medal of Honor Museum Foun-



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Legislation is currently going through Congress that would authorize the building of a Medal of Honor Monument in Washington, D.C. to honor the recipients of the Medal such as PFC Charles George who received it posthumously for his heroic actions saving several fellow soldiers during the Korean War.

dation chief executive officer, said in a recent statement, “In our nation’s history, fewer than 4,000 brave Americans have received the Medal of Honor. This monument - in the heart of Washington, D.C. - will celebrate the values of the Medal that we all hold dear as Americans: courage, sacrifice, patriotism, citizenship, integrity, and commitment.”

There currently exists a Medal of Honor Museum located aboard the USS Yorktown at Patriots Point in Charleston, S.C. This is a nice facility, but this honor deserves a spot in D.C.

One point I’d like to make in

this commentary is that I fully and wholeheartedly support the construction of this monument, but I also sincerely and wholeheartedly hope that 20 names will not be included. I wrote a commentary in December 2020 entitled “Rescind Wounded Knee Medals of Honor now” in which I implored Congress to pass the Remove the Stain Act which would rescind medals given to soldiers who participated in the Wounded Knee (S.D.) Massacre on Dec. 29, 1890. Even if this legislation isn’t passed and those medals are not rescinded, the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation can do the right

thing and make a conscious choice not to include those men in this monument.

The Medal of Honor means more, and including those men in with this monument of honor would be a disservice.

Retired U.S. Navy SEAL and Vietnam Veteran Michael E. Thornton, a Medal of Honor recipient, once said, “This Medal of Honor does not belong to me. This medal belongs to every man and woman who has ever served their country. We were doing what we were trained to do. We were doing our job.”

COMMENTARY

Is leaving really leaving when the crazies won't let you leave?

Observations and random thoughts.

WILLIAM LEDFORD

It seems that the Catawba are nearly ready to start breaking ground on their gaming facility near Charlotte as the N.C. Governor recently signed off on a state gaming compact. We oppose the existence of this facility with excellent reasoning and I'd like to see DOI Secretary Haaland step in on this one when she's confirmed. The Catawba like to claim that

area as their ancestral land, but in my opinion there's a reason why they're actually based in South Carolina. I believe that way back when we must've made them an offer they couldn't refuse, so they split. Now, they're back. They're like an itchy rash on the butt, just won't go away. It must be some sorta revenge. So now, when I have extreme gastric distress, I'm going to call it Catawba's Revenge. Example: excuse me, I really gotta go, Catawba's Revenge. Hey, that works!

At home, on the Rez, I see that the Cherokee Cinemas is re-opening. My first thought was, "Great! The vaccine hasn't been that widely distributed so why not pile into a cramped theater with a standard ventilation system and all moviegoers can then share recycled COVID air and popcorn

toots." But, as I read further, I saw that all of the necessary precautions have been taken and I then thought, "Why not just kinda hold off until we are actually near normal instead of pushing the COVID envelope?" That's just me though. I've had the virus, three weeks of being bed-ridden with supplemental oxygen and months later I'm still feeling the effects of it in my 64-year-old lungs and joints. So, I'm not taking any chances of getting it again but y'all do what you want. Just an FYI, there are virus mutations and asymptomatic people wandering around, a buncha COVID Mary's that can carry the virus without showing symptoms or illness because, they're asymptomatic! I want, as much as everyone else does, to feel normal again.

There, I've said my piece, again, y'all do what you want.

The Super Bowl is over. My Packers weren't in the game, so I actually didn't care who won. I don't like KC because of the negative stereotypical imagery they embrace and their fans who copy the Atlanta Baseball Team's howl and weird spastic jerky arm motion. I didn't have any feelings for Tampa Bay except, I'm so sick of Tom Brady. I definitely don't

want him winning any more Super Bowls, seven is more than enough. Besides, in the last two years I've seen more than enough people wandering around with brand new, shiny KC and TB jerseys. The Super Bowl memes were way funny though.

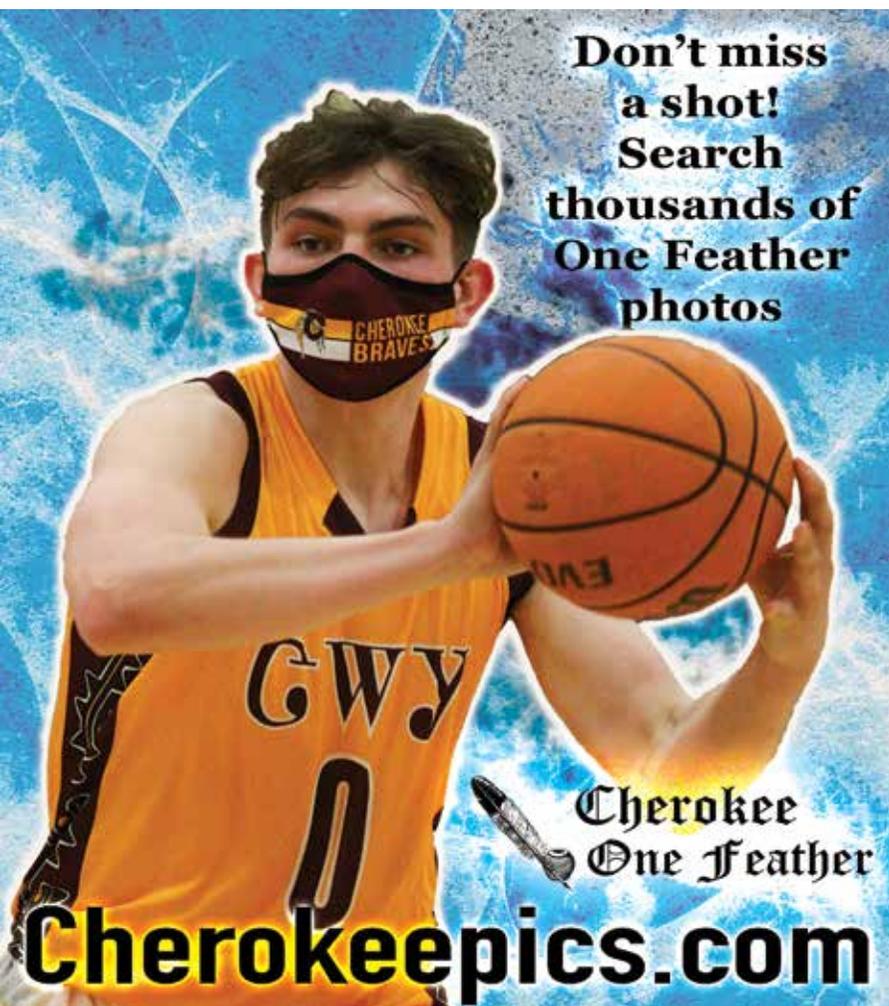
Just a few short words here. Carolina beat Duke. All is right with the world again. 'Nuff said. Didn't miss the Cameron Crazies at all, kinda weird but, a nice weird.

The most important question of the day: If KC brought Eli Manning out of retirement, do you think their chances of winning another Super Bowl increase? This is one of those think about it for a little while jokes.

Another question, this time a COVID-19 question: Do you think that Tom Brady winning the Super Bowl is the back-to-normal we were hoping for? If it is, I'm already hating the return to normal. You folks have a good day and be safe.

As Arnold would say, "I'll be back..." See ya!

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Our resting Of God by faith, His gift to us

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR
CHEROKEE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
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And so dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)

God is also teaching us that we will need to develop a faith that can keep growing within us, to cover more territory, more specific needs and areas within our lives. We may already have developed a faith for His saving of us, spiritually and also bodily, in case of accidents in this fallen world, or faith for His healing of us. Have we also developed more of a trusting faith necessary for Him to meet a suddenly large, looming financial need? Have we ever had to learn to trust Him for next month’s mortgage payment or rent? Build faith and the trusting of Him on your previous experience of His Goodness to you.

Do we see this? He wants us to trust Him as our only Source for all things in our lives. He is the God Who is for us, and is with us. He desires for us to come, honestly, to Him. All things necessary for our health, happiness, for our fulfillment of our life’s expectancy for a career, for family, should be from Him. He sees and knows our future, ahead of time. He also knows our present and our pasts. Why not trust Him more?

Roman’s 12:1-2 is the Word for a ‘reasonable amount’ of faith, the least amount which

is still acceptable—and something which we can build upon, too. There may be a need to develop or begin to grow an ‘uncommon’ faith within today’s ever-darkening world! We also must keep our shield of Faith at the ready. We are to keep holding faith up as a shield from all incoming darts (wounding words or actions).

Growing or developing our faith is to be a life-long endeavor. He is expecting each believer to “be able to act just like God, to speak just like God, using the very Words which He has already spoken to and for us and are found within His Word. His Words, His promises to us, won’t ever return to us as void or empty promises. Even the heavens echo with the Truth of God! Trust in what He has already said.

We are to live as a ‘living sacrifice.’ We are to build a ‘hedge’ protecting us, by not conforming to the world, not allowing our thought processes to be changed or altered from what He has said in His written Word. From the beginning in Genesis 1, there were, and still are, only two natural human genders on Earth, males and females. We are to believe this, and this is also in agreement with good science.

But, be ye transformed, excited. He is training us to think in accordance with His

revelation knowledge! In Psalms, hymns, we can share what God has been saying to us. We are not perfect. We each need Jesus. Whom we are listening to is the One we should always follow. Listening to God, is wisdom. He is the Creator!

Read John 8: 42-44; 1 John 3:10; Phil. 2:4-5; 2 Corin. 4:16; Col. 3:1-16; Josh. 1:8-9; and Romans 8:6.

In today’s world, we had best be refocusing our attention on God, reading the Bible, as any other focus could actually ruin our whole day. God promises His Word can prove what is the good, acceptable, and Perfect Will of God.

Read Amos 3:3 (NLT), We are to have sensitivity to the Will of God and to the plight of others. Otherwise, our lives can end up being like a train wreck. “Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?” Whenever the Church has not followed what God has said, or renewed their minds to the question of ‘What does God think?’ The Mind and Body of Christ is to be the embodiment of the Anointing which comes together so we can participate in all necessary things: like the healing of cancer, COVID must die. Rise up, Church! From hearers, become doers!



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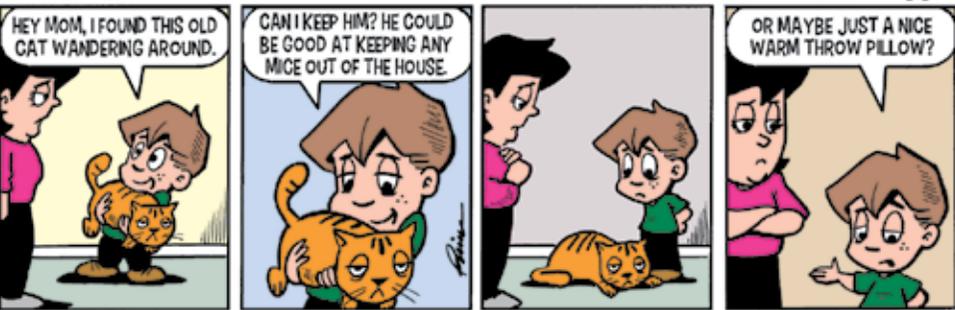
*Therefore do not worry
about tomorrow, for tomorrow
will worry about its own things.
Sufficient for the day
is its own trouble.*

MATTHEW 6:34

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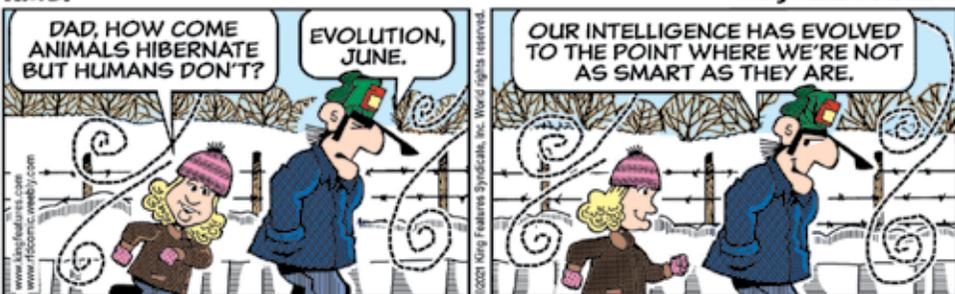
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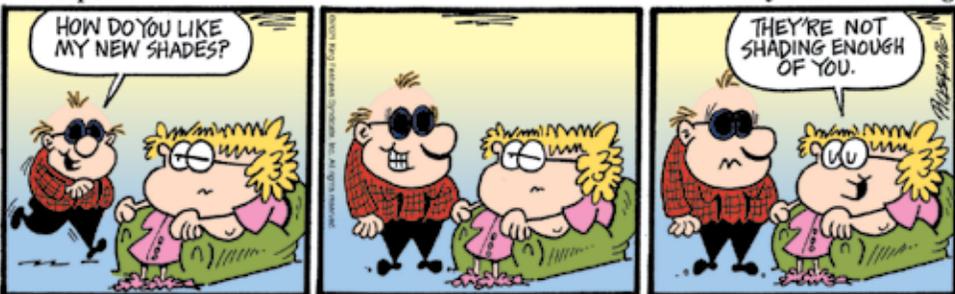
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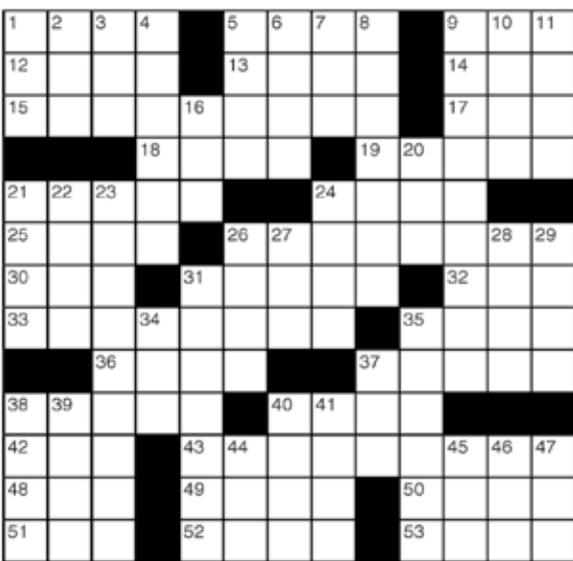
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King Crossword

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- 1 Seize
- 5 Butte's kin
- 9 Cardinal cap letters
- 12 "Othello" villain
- 13 In — (lined up)
- 14 Weeding tool
- 15 Reality show for aspiring entrepreneurs
- 17 PC key
- 18 Minor quibbles
- 19 Hospital sections
- 21 Type of beam
- 24 Pack (down)
- 25 Reverberate
- 26 Rubber wedge, say
- 30 Small battery
- 31 All better
- 32 Actress Thurman
- 33 Hoedown musicians
- 35 Author Harte
- 36 Seeing things
- 37 Tubular pasta
- 38 Tribal emblem
- 40 Coffee, slangily
- 42 Mess up
- 43 Temporary
- 48 GPS suggestion
- 49 Last write-up
- 50 Despot
- 51 British verb



- 10 Snitched
- 11 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 16 White wine cocktail
- 20 Mornings (Abbr.)
- 21 Piece of lettuce
- 22 Exotic berry
- 23 Elm, for one
- 24 Low digits
- 26 Union payment
- 27 Bruins legend
- 28 Portent
- 29 Canape spread
- 31 South Carolina uni-
- 34 Decorate
- 35 Actor Warren
- 37 Beetle
- 38 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 39 Scraps
- 40 Unite
- 41 Museo display
- 44 Showtime rival
- 45 Jargon suffix
- 46 Squealer
- 47 Hosp. scan

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- 1 USO audience
- 2 Fan's cry
- 3 Khan title
- 4 Third-largest island
- 5 "The Martian" actor Damon
- 6 Historic periods
- 7 Junior
- 8 Clumsy
- 9 Mountain road feature

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Is the book of Darius in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Philippians 4, what does the apostle Paul instruct us to do rather than worry? *Cry, Pray, Love, Talk*
3. Who, perhaps, did Jesus give a standing ovation to in Acts 7:55-59? *Herod, James, John the Baptist, Stephen*
4. How long did the journey of Ezra take from Babylon to Jerusalem? *3 days, 2 weeks, 4 months, 4 years*
5. Who's the runaway slave in the book of Philemon? *Lemuel, Marcus, Doulou, Onesimus*
6. All of Job's children were killed in a ...? *Flood, Fire, Wind, Stampede*

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1. THEATER: Which city was the setting for the musical "Cabaret"?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "veritas vos liberabit" mean?
3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the pet "dog" on "The Flintstones"?
4. ASTRONOMY: What is a zenith in terms of our solar system's sun?
5. HISTORY: How many days were in an ancient Roman week?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of zebras called?
7. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novelist's last work was titled "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which brand of pet food uses the slogan, "Tastes so good cats ask for it by name"?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's residents might be called "Nutmeggers"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: Which four countries are included in the United Kingdom?

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Time is on your side in the early part of the week. But anything left undone by midweek will need to be put into rush mode. The weekend offers choices for you and someone special.

TAURUS (April 30 to May 20) Finally getting credit for a contribution is nice for all you idea-generating Ferdinands and Fernandas. But don't sit on your laurels under the cork tree. Use it as a first step to a bigger opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Despite the progress made, a hint of doubt might set in. That's OK. You need to stop and consider not only what you're doing but also how you are doing. Make adjustments where needed.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The dreamer is dominant in the Moon Child's aspect, but a dollop of hard-headed practicality is coming up fast and jockeying for space. The challenge is to make room for both modes.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to start assessing what they've done and what they plan to do. Moving to a new environment — home or job-related — is a possibility for some Cats.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week calls for Virgos to make tough decisions, but in a way that leaves the door open for changes. Ask for advice from someone who has been in the position you're in now.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Disappointments are never easy to take, but you have the ability to learn from them and go on to success. Meanwhile, continue to build up your contacts. You'll need them soon.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things might still be going much too slowly to suit you. But you need the time to make sure they're going in the right direction. It's easier to make a course correction now rather than later.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Showing some temperament at the way things are going is one way of getting your point across. Just don't overdo it, or you risk turning away more-moderate supporters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Things could change more quickly this week than you like. But don't fret; you'll most likely find that you're up to the challenges. The weekend offers much-needed relaxation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Big challenge coming up? Uncross those fingers and believe that you're going to do well. And keep in mind that so many people have faith in your ability to succeed.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Testing the waters is a good way of learning about an opportunity before plunging right in. Ask more questions and be alert to any attempts to avoid giving complete answers.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people — and animals, too — feel special and loved.

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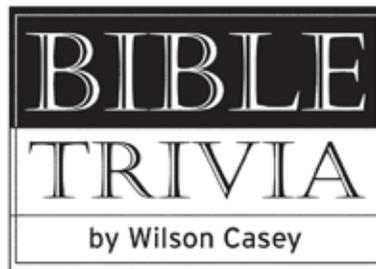
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Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Pray; 3) Stephen; 4) 4 months; 5) Onesimus; 6) Wind



- Berlin, Germany
- The truth shall set you free
- Dino
- When the sun is directly overhead and objects cast no shadow
- Eight
- A dazzle or zeal
- Charles Dickens
- Meow Mix
- Connecticut
- England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

G	R	A	B	M	E	S	A	S	T	L		
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Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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7	8	1	9	2	5	4	3	6
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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 18, 2021

- Supply Warehouse Technician
- Registered Nurse - Inpatient
- Closing, Thursday February 25, 2021
- CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient
- Senior Accountant

Open Until Filled

- Behavioral Health RN (Grant Funded) - Analenisgi
- Billing Technician II
- 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 (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

Closing February 25, 2021

- Cook (Hiring Bonus)
- 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)
- 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)

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org
If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at
(828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.



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EMPLOYMENT

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**

LEGAL NOTICES

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.

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

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**

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

Terri Henry
P.O. Box 1835
Cherokee, NC 28719
2/24

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-008
In the Matter of the Estate of

Deanna Smith

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

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 Transportation

680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6533
Design Build Services

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed Proposals (NCDOT Qualified Firms) for Design and Construction. The deadline for submitting Proposals will be February 25, 2021 at 11am.

Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

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**



Tri-County Community College is currently accepting applications for the following position:

**Financial Aid Technician
(Full-time)**

Complete position announcement can be viewed on the college website at www.tricountycc.edu.

For information on the application process and application deadline, please contact the Human Resources Office at Tri-County Community College, 21 Campus Circle, Murphy, NC 28906. Phone: (828) 835-4325 or email: humanresources@tricountycc.edu

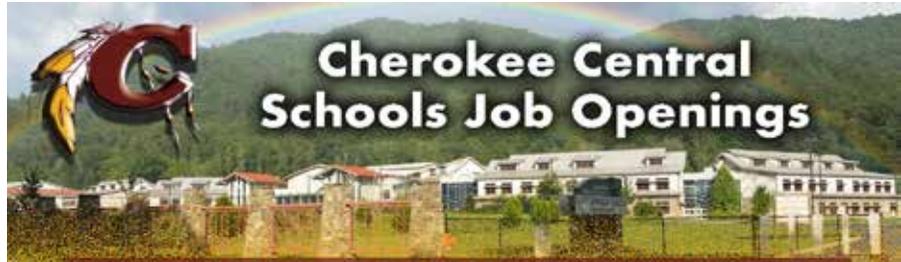
Equal Opportunity Employer

Request for Proposals

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

Classified listings are FREE of charge for items under \$25,000. Email your item listings to Scott at scotmcki@nc-chokeee.com or message them to us on our Facebook page.



Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at <https://phl.applitrack.com/chokeeecentral/onlineapp/> or visit: www.ccs-nc.org for more information.

Cherokee Central School is currently taking applications for employment for the following job opportunities :

6 Hour Food Service Worker - Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Full Time Custodian (Evenings) - Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Part Time Custodian - Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Part Time Security - Must have a high school diploma or GED.

CCS will host a virtual job fair on February 23, 2021 from 4pm to 630pm for the part time custodian and security positions. Interviews will be granted. Contact HR for any questions at 828-554-5096 or 828-554-5122.



TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

POSITION OPENING

OPEN: February 8th, 2021

CLOSE: Open until filled

Compliance Officer

The TERO Compliance Officer has administrative duties and enforcement responsibilities of the EBCI's Tribal Business Preference Law, specifically, is support of Indian Preference in hiring, contracting and subcontracting with the Tribe, its entities, and covered employers.

- ❖ Requires Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Management or closely related education field or the equivalent combination of education, related work experience and training eight years required.
- ❖ Two Years work experience in Economic Development, the Tribal Legal System, Tribal Employment Rights, Public Administration, or related field required.
- ❖ Position will require twelve (12) months to become proficient in most phases of the job.
- ❖ Level 10: \$21.13 - \$26.42 per hour
- ❖ 1 position

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Please contact TERO at 828.359.6421. You may visit our website to download the Position Description and TERO Employment Application at www.ebci-tero.com/jobs. Indian Preference applies. A current job application must be submitted with all required documents, such as, Driver's License, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a TERO Application.

NEW LOCATION: TERO Office moved to 756 Aquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC
(formerly Housing offices; in between the GLW and Internal Audit/TABCC buildings)

You may return completed applications to Terri Henry, TERO Director at any of the following venues:

1. Deliver hard copies to TERO Office at our new location, address above (must be received before the CLOSE date indicated above); or
2. Hard copies mailed via US Postal Service at PO Box 1839, Cherokee, NC 28719; or
3. PDF file(s) via email at terrihenr@nc-chokeee.com.



REGIONAL VACCINATION CLINIC

WCU in support of our region, has applied and been approved to serve as a regional COVID-19 vaccination site. We are looking for multiple temporary/hourly positions to staff the clinic as quickly as possible.

Clinical Volunteer Coordinator

Call Center - assist with scheduling appointments, sharing clinic information, and other duties as assigned.

Qualified Vaccinators (RN, LPN, MD, EMT...)

Administrative staff to assist with record keeping, patient check-in and other duties as assigned.

VISIT JOBS.WCU.EDU FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY

An Equal Opportunity/Access/Affirmative Action/Pro Disabled & Veteran Employer. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in the application and interview process please call 828.227.7218 or email at jobs@email.wcu.edu.

CHS BASKETBALL

2021 SENIORS



BRAVES

Back Row, left to right

Jonathan Frady
Tariq Underwood

LADY BRAVES

Front Row, left to right

Naomi Smith
Deante Toineeta
Zoey Walkingstick
Rhyan Girty



Jonathan Frady



Tariq Underwood



Naomi Smith



Deante Toineeta



Zoey Walkingstick



Rhyan Girty

WHEN YOU'RE **BUZZED**, YOU
GET IDEAS. LIKE ASKING
EVERYONE INSIDE THE TACO
TRUCK WHAT **DRIVING**
AROUND IN A KITCHEN **IS**
LIKE AND THEN ORDERING
22 TACOS WITH EXTRA
GUACAMOLE AND ALL THE
CHEESE FOR EVERY **DRUNK**
PERSON IN LINE. BAD IDEA
FOR YOUR WALLET, BUT
NOT AS BAD AS **DRIVING**
HOME BUZZED.





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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