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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I do know there is a move afoot by a group coming into North Carolina from South Carolina, and I'm not in support of that."

- N.C. State Representative Mike Clampitt on the Catawba Indian Nation's gaming plans



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CYBER-ATTACK UPDATE

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Tribal prosecutors of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have dismissed both felony charges against Benjamin Cody Long.

Long was arraigned and detained in December 2019 following a cyberattack on the tribal network. This attack shut down most tribal operations for several months, leading to a lengthy and postponement-heavy trial.

The week following the attack, tribal prosecutors brought forth two felony charges against Long,

as well as seven other charges in January 2020.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, those felony charges were dismissed including 19 CR 4505 Felony Tampering with Public Records (In violation of Section 14-70.12(a)(3)) and 19 CR 4606 Felony Obstructing Government Functions (In violation of Section 14-70.14 (a)(2)).

“After investigation and speaking with the experts for the Tribe, the Tribe is in a position that it must take a voluntary dismissal of these two charges at this time after an investigation,” said Cody White of the EBCI Tribal prosecutor’s office.

This hearing was added to the Tribal Court docket on the day of the decision. It was heard by Judge Sharon Barrett and lasted only six minutes.

“The Tribe has put this on here because this is a court of record.

And, we wanted to make sure that not only is this done as a paper record but was also done in a public form on the record,” said White.

It was confirmed that Long would still have at least one more hearing on Thursday, Feb. 25 to address the seven other charges. These are 20 CR 0464 through 20 CR 0470, seven counts of misusing Tribal money or property (In violation of Section 14-70.42 (c)(1)).

It was decided that Long would remain in detention without bond following a hearing on Dec. 11, 2019. This decision was maintained for more than six months before Long was eventually allowed to move into house arrest following a decision on May 28, 2020.

Long was listening in on this latest hearing via telephone but did not make a statement.

The defending attorney, Brent Smith, offered just one move at

Wednesday’s hearing.

“It would be our motion at this time that court allow to preserve the files in 19 CR 2405 through 2406. We would ask that they not be destroyed, tampered with, or otherwise manipulated. We do believe they potentially will come into play with the pending charges. Possibly there are a substantial amount of documents that have been filed in the dismiss charges that also relate to the pending charges,” said Smith.

Tribal prosecutors had no opposition to this motion, though Judge Barrett requested that Smith submit a written request for the move.

The Cherokee One Feather will release more information as provided and will be attending the Feb. 25 hearing of Benjamin Cody Long.

Strohm sentenced for \$199K embezzlement from Cherokee Broadband

ASHEVILLE – U.S. Attorney Andrew Murray announced on Thursday, Feb. 18 that Fredrick Thomas Gettins Strohm, 41, of Jackson County, was sentenced to 18 months in prison and three years of supervised release for embezzling more than \$95,000 from an Indian tribal organization. U.S. District Judge Martin Reidinger presided over the hearing. In addition to the prison term imposed, Judge Reidinger also ordered Strohm to pay \$199,077.06 to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) as restitution.

Chief Doug Pheasant, of the Cherokee Indian Police Department, joined U.S. Attorney Murray in making the announcement.

According to plea documents filed in

the case and Thursday’s sentencing hearing, Strohm was employed as an office manager at Cherokee Broadband Enterprises (CBE), an entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. In that capacity, Strohm had access to CBE’s bank accounts and bank cards, which he was authorized to use to pay for business related expenses. Beginning in August 2014, and continuing through February 2018, Strohm used his access to CBE’s bank accounts and bank cards to pay for personal expenses and to make large cash withdrawals. For example, Strohm unlawfully used CBE funds to pay for numerous personal purchases on Amazon, and to pay approximately \$52,040.55 in personal credit card debt. During the relevant time period, Strohm also used CBE funds to make approximately \$45,855.01 in PayPal payments, some covering personal purchases and some consisting of cash payments to himself. In total, during the relevant time period, Strohm embezzled approximately \$199,077.06 of CBE funds.

Court records also show that, throughout the years in which he was engaged in the wrongdoing, Strohm attempted to conceal his embezzlement from the authorities within the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. To do so, Strohm altered bank statements for the CBE bank account he submitted to Tribal Finance, and further attempted to conceal evidence by deleting QuickBooks files from the CBE computer located in his office. According to court records, the authorities within the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians were able to recover the deleted files and uncover Strohm’s theft.

In making the announcement, U.S. Attorney Murray commended the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their investigation of this case and thanked EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell and his office for their invaluable assistance.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Bradley, of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Asheville, prosecuted the case.

- U.S. Justice Dept. release



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Mike Clampitt affirms his support for EBCI

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Rep. Mike Clampitt has been named Co-Chair of the House Committee on Federal Regulations and American Indian Affairs for the North Carolina House of Representatives.

He was named to this position on Wednesday, Jan. 13, shortly after he was sworn into his second term as the North Carolina State Representative for House District 119. This seat represents Jackson, Swain, and Haywood counties. Clampitt also held this seat between 2016-18.

Rep. Clampitt says that he recognizes the impact and importance of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) in his district. He says that he looks to continue building his relationship with the tribal leaders.

“Since Swain County, Jackson County, and Haywood are home to the Cherokee and the Qualla Boundary; as being elected to the State House and having the honor of representing them, I would like to think that I could have a good relationship and rapport, and address whatever needs on the state level that I can for them and their people,” said Rep. Clampitt.

He said that part of his job is to educate other elected officials in the state about his constituents, especially the EBCI.

“The problem is...a lot of people have not been in tune and haven’t hammered out any kind of working relationship with Principal Chief... and Tribal Council. I’ve made it a point, after my election, to address Principal Chief Sneed personally, as well as members of Tribal Council. I gave them my



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phone number,” he said. “I think having an open communication between myself and them is very important.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed has focused on building the EBCI’s relationship at the state and federal level. He hopes Rep. Clampitt will assist with those efforts.

“It’s important that our Nation remain engaged in Raleigh. We are grateful to have strong working relationships with many state leaders such as Mr. Clampitt,” said Chief Sneed.

He said that he sees the effort from state legislatures to increase communication with Native American tribes in North Carolina and that he is in support of this House Committee on Indian Affairs. “We welcome the formation of this new Indian Affairs Committee in the legislature as a forum for sharing and discussing issues specifically

related to Native Americans. Rep. Clampitt will be central to those conversations as co-chair, and we look forward to working with him and the other members of the committee.”

Rep. Clampitt said that he supports the EBCI on most matters and that he’ll do what he can as a legislator to protect the Tribe’s interests. This includes the ongoing dispute between the EBCI and the Catawba Nation. The Catawbas are based near Rock Hill, SC, and have been pushing to build a casino in Cleveland County, NC. This is a move the EBCI has publicly opposed.

“I’ve talked to Principal Chief Sneed about this. I will do nothing to harm any kind of gaming that the Tribe has entered into or any legislation that would hurt the Tribe’s income in any way. I do know there is a move afoot by a group coming into North Carolina from South Carolina, and I’m not in support of that. The EBCI has my true commitment to take and be an advocate for them and my community and my district,” said Rep. Clampitt.

“It puts undue pressure on the EBCI because of the competition with it. If the group that’s wanting to come into North Carolina from South Carolina truly has their interest at heart, they would probably look at going to the South Carolina legislature.”

He said that this is true for other issues presented against the Tribe. Rep. Clampitt noted that he would turn to hear the prospective of the Tribe in those cases. He also wants to protect the Tribe’s primary source of revenue – Tribal gaming.

“I don’t think taking and

putting any undue pressure on the gaming that the Tribe has been successful with would be equitable or in good conscience,” said Rep. Clampitt.

North Carolina State representatives serve two-year terms. Rep. Clampitt says that he will continue to support the EBCI’s ventures and will focus on serving each of his constituents equally.

Good Housekeeping

Best Brownies

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine (1 stick), cut up
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, broken into pieces
- 2 ounces semisweet chocolate, broken into pieces
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- Salt
- 1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease 9-by-9-inch metal baking pan; line with foil, extending foil above edge on 2 sides. Grease foil.

2. In 3-quart saucepan, heat butter and chocolates over medium-low heat until melted, stirring frequently. Remove saucepan from heat; stir in sugar and vanilla. Add eggs; stir until well-mixed. Stir flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt into chocolate mixture just until blended. Stir in nuts, if using. Spread batter in pan.

3. Bake brownie 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted 2 inches from edge comes out almost clean with a few moist crumbs attached. Cool in pan on wire rack.

4. Cut cool brownie into 4 strips; cut each strip crosswise into 6 bars. Makes 2 dozen brownies.

TIP: We love these brownies with just about any nut. If you’re craving more chunks, add 1 cup of dried cherries, raisins or chocolate chips to the batter.

• Each brownie without nuts: About 150 calories, 8g total fat (5g saturated), 2g protein, 19g carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 38mg cholesterol, 100mg sodium.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Feb. 7-14**

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.

Key, Christopher Paul – age 40
Arrested: Feb. 8
Released: Feb. 12
Charges: Intimidating Witness, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Teesateskie, Gabrielle – age 29
Arrested: Feb. 8
Released: Feb. 8
Charges: Breaking and/or Entering, Communicating Threats

Arkansas, Crystal Beth – age 38
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Providing and Possessing Contraband, Simple Assault

Bigwitch, John Albert – age 42
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Escape for Imprisonment and Custody

Bowman, Paul Thomas – age 35
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 9
Charges: Hold for Jackson Co.

Clouse, Marilyn Catherine – age 46

Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Haman, Christopher – age 35
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 9
Charges: Temporary Hold

Smith, Deborah Ann – age 53
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 9
Charges: Temporary Hold

Griggs Jr., Robert J. Mitchell – age 21
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 10
Charges: Assault on a Female

Lovell, Michelle Ann – age 47
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 10
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Oocumma, Eugene Murray – age 30
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Criminal Mischief to Property, Breaking and/or Entering

Teeseateskie-Vallejo, Dawn Ray – age 35
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 11
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Vallejo, Luis – age 39
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 11
Charges: Call and Failed

Wolf, Jason – age 19
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 10
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Wolfe, Diamond Spring – age 26
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Wolfe, Kaleetah Lynn – age 39
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Crowe, Mary Ella – age 58
Arrested: Feb. 11
Released: Feb. 12
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Simple Assault

Long II, David – age 42
Arrested: Feb. 11
Released: Feb. 15
Charges: Driving While Impaired, Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Montelongo, Lisa Ferdin – age 57
Arrested: Feb. 11
Released: Feb. 12
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Simple Assault

Wildcatt, Carrie Irene – age 29
Arrested: Feb. 11
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Probation Violation

Allison, Christopher Bryan – age 53
Arrested: Feb. 12
Released: Feb. 12
Charges: Temporary Hold for

Jackson Co.

Cruz Jr., Carlos – age 41
Arrested: Feb. 12
Released: Feb. 12
Charges: Kidnapping, Harassment, Second Degree Trespass, Assault on a Female

Maney, Doncey Evan – age 18
Arrested: Feb. 13
Released: Feb. 13
Charges: No Motorcycle Endorsement, Resisting Public Officer

Price, Kaitlyn Brooke – age 28
Arrested: Feb. 13
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Unlawful Obtaining Credit Card

Ross, Corey Ryan – age 27
Arrested: Feb. 13
Released: Feb. 13
Charges: Driving Left of Center

Tribal Court Report

***Judgment Summary for
Feb. 17***

Long, Benjamin Cody
14-70.14 Obstructing Governmental Functions – Dismissed After Investigation
14-70.12 Tampering with Public Records – Dismissed After Investigation

Wildcatt, Carrie Irene
14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest – Guilty, Admit PV, 90 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, credit for time served (13 days)
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree - Guilty, Admit PV, 90 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, credit for time served (13 days)

Tribal Council Results – Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021

Res. No. 31 (2019) – Resolution asking Tribe to label all cannabis products “Cherokee Made” and asking that three questions be put out for referendum. WITHDRAWN

Ord. No. 297 (2020) – Creates a new section in the Cherokee Code 117-19A, apply procurement requirements from the Fiscal Management Manual including RFPs. TABLED TO GO TO PLANNING BOARD

Ord. No. 299 (2020) – Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Boards and Committees, Board of Elections shall give monthly reports. TABLED FOR WORK SESSION

Ord. No. 300 (2020) – Amendment to Cherokee Code Section 117-19, Tribal Government Legislative Branch, contracts with Tribe. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Ord. No. 301 (2020) – Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 117-45, Standards of Ethical Conduct for Tribal Officials. TABLED

Ord. No. 331 (2020) – Qualifications for Enrolled, Cherokee Code Chapter 49-2. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Ord. No. 332 (2020) – Cherokee Code Chapter 55B, Limited liability. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Ord. No. 333 (2020) – TCGE Board of Advisors, Tribal Council shall appoint two members and the Principal Chief shall appoint three Board of Advisors, subject to Council approval. TABLED

Ord. No. 334 (2020) – Creation Education Committee. AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Ord. No. 342 (2020) – Amendment to Cherokee Code Section 16C-9, Revenue Allocation Plan. TABLED

Ord. No. 343 (2020) – Reduce the membership of the TABCC (Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission) from five members to three. TABLED FOR WORK SESSION

Ord. No. 344 (2020) – Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Tribal Government Project Contracts. TABLED FOR WORK SESSION

Res. No. 345 (2020) – Approval of revised FY21 Budget and Organizational Charts. TABLED

Ord. No. 346 (2020) – Commerce Administration, Planning Department, and Project Management shall prepare a tribal-wide comprehensive plan which shall include current and future projects. TABLED FOR WORK SESSION

Ord. No. 365 (2021) – Amendment to Cherokee Code Section 120-4 to express how long Commissioners may serve on the Cherokee Police Commission and how vacancies are filled. TABLED

Ord. No. 366 (2021) – An ordinance identifying the tribal funds to which revenues by the Tribe from commercial gaming, and hospitality entities created by the Tribe, will be allocated and thereby identifying the purposes for which the revenues may be used. TABLED

Ord. No. 367 (2021) – Ordinance

approving the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise (TCGE) Amended and Restated Loan Documents. TABLED

Res. No. 368 (2021) – Approval of Tribe’s Timber Use Policy. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 369 (2021) – Principal Chief nomination to be appointed to the Cherokee Police Commission to represent the Yellowhill Community. AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 370 (2021) – A resolution asking that the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Governing Board members pay be increased from \$2,000 monthly for the Governing Board Chairman and \$1,500 for all other Board positions. AMENDED/PASSED (For – French, Shell, Owle, Brown, Wolfe, Wachacha, C. Saunooke, Rose = 69; Against – Wahnetah, Crowe, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 31)

Res. No. 371 (2021) – Resolution granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity regarding a grant awarded to the EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources from the Native American Agriculture Fund. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 372 (2021) – Last Will and Testament of Robert Stevenson Youngdeer (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 373 (2021) – EBCI Natural Environment Program authorized to apply and accept funds from the First Nations Development Institute in the amount of \$32,000 for FY21. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 374 (2021) – EBCI WIC

Program be authorized to apply and accept funds from the No Kid Hungry Organization in the amount of \$15,000 to \$25,000 for FY21. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 375 (2021) – EBCI Natural Resources Program be authorized to apply and accept funds from the First Nations Development Institute in the amount of \$32,000 for FY21. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 376 (2021) – Tribal Council supports the Eastern Agency Superintendent’s Delegation of Authority provided to the Chief/Fire Management Officer of the agency’s Branch of Fire and Aviation Management. TABLED

Res. No. 377 (2021) – Tribal Council accepts the Parisi Speed School Program. PASSED PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 378 (2021) – A resolution requesting a special election referendum to be conducted to answer the following question: (1) Do you support allowing the Tribal ABC Commission to operate an ABC package store to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on tribal lands? WITHDRAWN

Item No. 29 – Second resolution requesting referendum with the following question: Do you support expanding the sales of malt beverages at retail establishments (grocery or convenience stores) within the Qualla Boundary? WITHDRAWN

Item No. 30 – Third resolution requesting referendum with the following question: Do you support expanding the sales of malt beverages and win at restaurants, hotels, and other business es-

establishments within the Qualla Boundary. WITHDRAWN

Res. No. 379 (2021) – Banishment of Shane Christopher Holder. AMENDED/PASSED PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Tribal Council Results - Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021

Veto of Ord. No. 300 (2020) - Amendment to Tribal Government Contracts, signatory authority to Chair and Vice Chair. VETO DENIED (Override Veto - French, Shell, Wahnetah, Brown, C. Saunooke, Crowe, Rose, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 75; Uphold Veto - Owle, Wolfe, Wachacha = 25)

Ord. No. 261 (2020) - Cherokee Police Commission. TABLED

Ord. No. 333 (2020) - TCGE (Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise) Board of Advisors. WITHDRAWN

Ord. No. 342 (2020) - Revenue Allocation Plan percentages. WITHDRAWN

Res. No. 376 (2020) - Tribal Council supports the Eastern Area Agency Superintendent Delegation of Authority provided to the Chief Fire Management Officer. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Ord. No. 380 (2020) - An ordinance de-criminalizing small amounts of marijuana. DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Res. No. 381 (2020) - EBCI Natural Resources is hereby authorized to apply for and accept funds from the Tallahassee Fund in the amount of \$27,000 for FY21. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 382 (2020) - Resolution

requesting that Tribal Council establish the Foster Parent Renovation Loan Program as required by Cherokee Code Section 16C-15(a) (12). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 383 (2020) - Resolution requesting that the Tribal Business Committee approve the transfer of Birdtown Community Parcel No. 251 be voided and assigned to Joanna Jane Martin. KILLED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 384 (2020) - Tribal Council directs Project Management to develop a proposal to build a central indoor location with batting cages, pitching areas, and team skills area to promote baseball and softball fundamentals. AMENDED/PASSED (For - French, Brown, Wahnetah, Crowe, Rose, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 56; Against - Shell, Owle, Wolfe, Wachacha, C. Saunooke = 44)

Item No. 11 - Principal Chief hereby approves the appointment of the following person to serve as a member on the TCGE Board of Advisors. CHIEF REQUESTS A HOLD FOR MARCH

Res. No. 385 (2020) - Recognition of heirs of Johnson Lee Wildcatt (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 93; Absent - Wahnetah = 7)

Res. No. 386 (2020) - Last Will and Testament of Sarah Allen Ben (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 93; Absent - Wahnetah = 7)

Res. No. 387 (2020) - Recognition of heirs of Solomon D. Bradley (d). TABLED

Res. No. 388 (2020) - Resolution requesting that Tribal Council correct Res. No. 339 (2020) to include Cory Ryan Ross as an heir to

the estate of Waneema Littlejohn Driver (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 93; Absent - Wahnetah = 7)

Item No. 16 - A resolution granting rights-of-way and easements to the N.C. Dept. of Transportation to make safety improvements along N.C. 143 from Robbinsville to Stecoah. HELD

Item No. 17 - A resolution to fill a vacancy on the Sequoyah National Golf Club Board. HELD FOR MARCH COUNCIL SESSION

Res. No. 389 (2020) - Emergency resolution for Kituwah, LLC - USDA Rural Business Development Block Grant. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Good Housekeeping

Macaroni and Cheese With Beef

- 1 *tablespoon light vegetable oil*
- 1 *medium onion, chopped*
- 1 *medium green pepper, chopped*
- 1 *pound lean ground beef*
- 2 *cans (15-ounce) tomato sauce*
- 3/4 *package (16-ounce) mostaccioli or ziti macaroni*
- 1 *package (8-ounce, 2 cups) shredded Cheddar cheese*

1. In a 12-inch skillet over medium heat, in hot vegetable oil, cook onion and green pepper until tender. Stir in ground beef; over medium-high heat, cook until pan juices evaporate and meat is browned; spoon off fat, if any.

2. Stir in tomato sauce and 3/4 cup water; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer 25 minutes to blend flavors.

3. Meanwhile, prepare macaroni as label directs; drain.

4. Stir macaroni and cheese into beef mixture until cheese melts. Serves 6.

• Each serving: About 590 calories, 27g total fat, 89mg cholesterol, 1140mg sodium.

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Invading Spiders Endanger Cat

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: For some reason this winter, my new house has been invaded by spiders. They are building webs in every corner of the house and basement, and every day I'm knocking down another web with my broom. I'm worried about my cat, "Jameson," being bitten by a spider. What do I do if this happens? — *Janine S., via email*

DEAR JANIE: I'm a huge fan of spiders, because they are one of nature's best pest control services, trapping and disposing of many other tiny critters. They probably have much more to fear from Jameson than the other way around, because housecats see spiders as interesting prey.

Still, a spider invasion is not much fun to deal with. Look for something that is attracting spiders to your home. Do you have wood or leaves piled up against the foundation? Are there cracks in the foundation? Is your basement or attic damp? How clean are your HVAC vents and ductwork? Addressing the source of the problem can cut down quite a bit on the number of spiders invading your house.

As for Jameson being bitten by a spider — if you are concerned, do the same thing you would do when checking for evidence of fleas or ticks. Every evening put Jameson on your lap and run your hand over his coat, backwards. This lifts the hair away so you can see his skin. A spider bite on a cat will look similar to a spider bite on a human. If you do see a spider bite on Jameson, the best thing to do is observe. If he is behaving normally, not distressed or pawing/licking the bite, he's probably fine. If you have any concerns, contact his veterinarian.

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

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Lady Braves fall by 10 to Murphy on road



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (#13) shoots inside as Murphy's Amber Martin (#15) defends during a game at Murphy High School on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 16. The Lady Bulldogs topped the Lady Braves 57-47 in the last Big Smoky Mountain Conference regular season game of the season. With 17 points, Toineeta led Cherokee followed by Leilaya McMillan with 13. Other Cherokee scorers included: Loshi Ward 6, Naomi Smith 1, Zoey Walkingstick 2, Rhyann Girty 6, and Kamia Wiggins 2. Murphy scorers included: Kaiya Pickens 7, Taylor Phillips 7, Torin Rogers 26, Martin 3, and Sarah Pullium 14.



Cherokee's Naomi Smith (#12) is fouled by Rogers in the first period.



Cherokee's Leilaya McMillan, center, drives inside between Murphy's Kaiya Pickens, left, and Torin Rogers (#11).

Murphy tops Braves in overtime game



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Cherokee's Jordan Arkansas (#2) prepares to pass to a teammate as Murphy's Jesse Kephart defends during a game at Murphy High School on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 16. Arkansas led Cherokee with 22 points. The Braves trailed most of the game but came on strong in the fourth period and tied it up forcing an overtime. Murphy then edged the Braves in the overtime period to take a 72-64 win. Other Cherokee scorers included: Cameron Sampson 11, Camden Owle 6, Don Bradley 9, Tso Smith 8, and Tariq Underwood 8. Murphy scorers included: Drew Hodge 6, Ambram Abling 25, Kephart 25, Zane Hincke 2, and Dillon Brown 14.



Cherokee's Tso Smith (#15) drives the ball against Murphy's Dillon Brown (#32).



Cherokee's Tariq Underwood, center, and Cameron Sampson (#0) play tight defense on Murphy's Jesse Kephart.

Lady Braves top Highlands by 21 at home



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Cherokee's Loshi Ward (#1) chases down Highland's Hayley Borino (#12) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 18. The Lady Braves led the entire game en route to a 68-47 win. Cherokee was led by Deante Toineeta and Leilaya McMillan with 21 points each. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Ward 2, Awee Walkingstick 2, Naomi Smith 2, McKenzie Reed 1, Zoey Walkingstick 2, Triniti Littlejohn 7, Praire Toineeta 2, Alexis Smith 1, Rhyan Girty 2, and Creedon Arch 5. Lady Highlanders scorers included: Adysin Westendorf 2, Reese Schmitt 6, Julia Schmitt 7, Bella Branham 4, Lilly Kate Bryson 1, MacKenzie Wood 1, Borino 10, Ava Schmitt 2, Ezra Branham 6, Bella Wilson 6, and Riley Conner 2.



Cherokee's Deante Toineeta goes for a short shot in front of Highlands' Hayley Borino. Toineeta finished with 21 points on the night.



It's a team effort as Cherokee's Rhyan Girty (#32) blocks the path while Zoey Walkingstick (#20) goes for a block against Highlands' Riley Conner.

Braves defeat Highlands by 30 at home



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Cherokee's Don Bradley (#4) shoots a jump shot over Highlands' Collin Stoltzfus (#30) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 18. Bradley and Jonathan Frady led Cherokee with 17 points each as the Braves defeated the Highlanders 75-45. Other Cherokee scorers included: Cameron Sampson 3, Jordan Arkansas 10, Camden Owle 10, Brandon Martin 2, Tso Smith 12, and Tariq Underwood 4. Highlands scorers included: Lane Tingen 7, Brent Sleight 13, Jeffrey Olvera 4, Mason Taylor 2, Ethan Tate 4, JJ Postell 3, Nathan Keener 8, James Earp 2, and Gig Chalker 2.



Cherokee's Jonathan Frady (#1) shoots an outside jump shot over Highlands' Gig Chalker. Frady finished the game with 17 points.



Cherokee's Brandon Martin (#10) drives down court while Highlands' Jeffrey Olvera defends.

Lady Braves win in comeback over Blue Ridge



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Cherokee's Triniti Littlejohn (#23) shoots a jump shot over Blue Ridge's Mahalah Stewart (#23) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Feb. 19. After trailing in parts of the second half, the Lady Braves came back to take the win over the Lady Bobcats 77-68. Cherokee was led by Leilaya McMillan with 20 points and Naomi Smith with 12. Other Cherokee scorers included: Loshi Ward 6, Deante Toineeta 2, Zoey Walkingstick 10, Littlejohn 2, Praire Toineeta 5, Alexis Smith 2, Rhyann Girty 10, and Creedon Arch 8. Blue Ridge scorers included: Chloe Fowler 7, Mercedes McLaughlin 8, Madeline Potts 8, Macy Hensley 4, Charlotte Sherrill 27, and Mahalah Stewart 14.



Cherokee's Creedon Arch, right, brings the ball up court as Blue Ridge's Charlotte Sherrill pursues.



Cherokee's Leilaya McMillan (#10) looks over the court for a pass as Blue Ridge's Mercedes McLaughlin defends.

Fans should be allowed on percentage, not a set amount

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Well, sports fans, basketball season is now over for Cherokee High School, and it was the oddest and quietest season ever due to the lack of fans. COVID-19 restrictions only allowed 25 home fans per game, and with football starting on Friday, Feb. 26 we will see only 100 fans allowed there. I believe that all fan allowances should be based on a percentage of the venue capacity rather than a set amount for each event.

Apparently, I'm not the only one who feels this way. Meagan O'Connell, a parent of a football player at Weddington High School, has started an online petition seeking more than 100 fans at football games. She told Fox 46 Charlotte recently, "The end goal is just to have both parents and grandparents be able to watch their kids play. That's it! That's all we're asking for. We're not asking for a full stadium."

To me, that's fair. Unfortunately, local school athletic departments are being bombarded by comments from angry fans and parents. Neither Cherokee Central Schools, nor any other athletic department in the state, has any control over the amounts being let in. That is a state decision



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

Jonathan Frady, now a senior at Cherokee High School, catches a touchdown pass for the Braves last season. State of North Carolina officials are expected to address fan capacity at venues such as Ray Kinsland Stadium (shown in photo) prior to the start of the 2021 season on Friday, Feb. 26.

coming from Raleigh.

One large issue I have with this is the fact that not all parents and family members wishing to attend football games in particular will be able to attend. Football is the one sport that has the most injuries, and I can't imagine, being a parent myself, of having to get a call that my child was injured and was taken to a hospital potentially an hour or more away from Cherokee. They should be in the stands.

Fox 46 Charlotte reports that Que Tucker, NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association) Commissioner, told them in a statement, "We are aware of the online petition regarding

spectator limits for outdoor high school athletic events. While the NCHSAA would love the opportunity to allow more spectators at its outdoor sporting events, the current executive order by Gov. Cooper, with input from DHHS, stipulates a 100 spectator maximum for stadiums with a capacity less than 10,000. Until COVID-19 conditions across the state improve and the current guidance from the Governor and DHHS is relaxed, the NCHSAA cannot entertain changing these maximums. The health and safety of our student-athletes and school communities remains of paramount concern. We must follow the Governor's executive

orders so that we can continue to offer athletic opportunities to students across the state."

As of the morning of Saturday, Feb. 20, O'Connell's petition had over 42,000 signatures and was going up with each page refresh. The petition itself states, in part, "It's hard to accept this number of 100 spectators outdoors when you walk around local retail stores, restaurants, gyms, and more and there are far more than 100 people, and that is indoors. Though we are grateful to be playing, we ask that you consider allowing more spectators in. It can be done safely with, of course, mask mandates and social distancing put into place."

This issue is not only being discussed among high school sports fans and parents, but it is also being talked about at the North Carolina General Assembly. Three state legislators, Todd Johnson (R-Union), Vickie Sawyer (R-Iredell), and Danny Britt (R-Robeson), introduced Senate Bill 116 on Thursday, Feb. 18 which is being deemed the "Let Them Play and Let Us Watch" bill.

The bill suggests a change that fans be allowed in at 40 percent of the venue's capacity.

The bill does state that individual schools would be able to enact stricter capacity levels, but that the

40 percent would be allowable if a school system deems it appropriate.

In a press conference on Feb. 18, Gov. Cooper addressed the issue. "I understand parents wanting to come and see their students at ballgames. I remember playing high school basketball and football and seeing my parents up there every time, along with my grandparents. So, I know how much that means."

He added, "You'll hear from us next week (week starting Monday, Feb. 22) regarding a new executive order. That's one of the issues that health officials are looking at - the desire to increase the number of spectators at events. We've got to keep the health and safety of North Carolinians as the number one priority. But, we do understand people wanting to be a part of these events...hopefully, we will see some changes in that area when we make the announcement of the new executive order next week."

Well, that is good news...well, actually, it could be good news. We won't know until the announcement. If there are changes to this number, it will put schools in a bind of sorts to get it all worked out prior to kickoff on Friday. But, I'm sure that's a problem that most schools will welcome.



UNC Board of Governors announces winner of the Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. Award

CHAPEL HILL – Dr. Billy Ogletree, of Western Carolina University, received the 2020 Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Service during a regular meeting of the UNC Board of Governors on Thursday, Feb. 18.

The award honors faculty who exemplify the University's commitment to service and community engagement. Created in 2007 and renamed in 2013 to honor former governor, James E. Holshouser, Jr., the award is designed to “encourage, identify, recognize and reward public service by employees of the University.”

As WCU's Catherine Brewer Smith Distinguished Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Ogletree has written three influential books and published or presented nearly 100 refereed works, which have made major contributions to research in the field of severe developmental disabilities and autism.

“He specializes in augmentation and alternative communications populations—individuals with acute expressive disorders characterized by impairments in speech, language, writing, and reading, and who must rely on a combination of existing speech or vocalizations, gestures, manual signs, and aided communication. In short, Dr. Ogletree literally gives voice to those who need it most,” explained WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown.

Over the course of 28 years at WCU, Ogletree has prioritized preparing both future and working therapists, scholars, and teachers



WCU photo

Dr. Billy Ogletree, of Western Carolina University, received the 2020 Governor James E. Holshouser Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Service recently.

to lead the way in supporting those with speech-language pathologies. He has secured nearly \$4 million in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education to help support more than 175 student scholars. Having served as the head in two WCU academic departments (Human Services and Communication Sciences and Disorders), Ogletree has maintained an intentional focus on junior faculty development, mentoring countless faculty through the tenure and promotion process. Many of his publications and presentations have been co-authored with students, providing invaluable experience and networking opportunities to his mentees.

He also established the Cullohee Conference on Communicative Disorders. Now in its 28th year, the conference is one of the state's largest providers of continuing education for speech-language pathologists, having attracted more than 4,000 attendees. The conference helps speech-language pathologists, special educators, occupational therapists, and physical therapists stay abreast of new developments in their profession, and it has generated nearly 50,000 hours of the continuing education units these professionals need to

maintain licensure. Few, if any, other initiatives have had such a pervasive and sustained impact on the professional development and learning of a field.

“Dr. Ogletree has committed himself to listening to and serving those who might otherwise go unheard. He has taught, mentored, and inspired North Carolina's next generation of servant leaders. He is leading research that is making tangible improvements in lives and changing how we communicate. He has spearheaded initiatives that have had an unparalleled impact on the professional development of the experts working in the field,” said UNC System President Peter Hans. “As the recipient of the Holshouser award, Dr. Ogletree exemplifies the broad and durable impact UNC System teaching, research, and service activities have across this state.”

The impact of Ogletree's expertise extends well beyond his work in classroom, libraries and conferences. Ogletree has committed more than 100,000 hours of service through direct and indirect engagement and supervisory work as a speech-language pathologist. He has worked in K-12 classrooms, special school districts, residential facilities, three university clinics (as a clinician and clinical supervisor), and a medical center (The University of Kansas, Children's Rehabilitation Unit – a University Affiliated Program providing team-based services and training for students). Ogletree has consulted for public school programs in Louisiana, Kansas and North Carolina. He also served as a case manager in Kansas for legal cases for the US Department of Justice.

For a majority of his nearly three-decade-long career, Ogletree has focused primarily on serving

the western North Carolina region and the wider state. His partnerships with organizations such as Macon County Citizens for the Handicapped (now Macon Citizens Habilities, Inc.) and the Sylva Assistive Technology Resource Center has led to tens of thousands of dollars of services, resources and expertise to serve a region that otherwise may not have had access to such resources.

Ogletree also works closely with community members and elected officials at the state, national, and international level to ensure that those with disabilities have a voice in shaping informed public policy. As chair of the National Joint Committee for the Communication Needs of Persons with Severe Disabilities, Ogletree has led efforts to establish and promote recommended practices for professionals serving individuals with severe disabilities. Among many significant accomplishments, the committee established the Communication Bill of Rights. The document has established the worldwide standard of care for individuals with severe disabilities and communication challenges.

“It's clear that Dr. Ogletree's work for the university is something far more profound than a mere job — it's a calling. His efforts to ensure that society hears and listens to those with communication needs embody the essence of our University,” said UNC Board of Governors Chair Randy Ramsey. “The Board of Governors is proud to recognize him for his strong commitment to research, stewardship and service.”

Ogletree will receive a \$7,500 stipend and a bronze medallion in honor of his work.

- *Western Carolina University release*



Return fraud

Dear Dr. Per Cap

Someone approached me online with an offer to buy my Amazon account. It seemed kind of sketchy so I didn't reply. Why would someone want to buy an account when they can just open their own?

Signed,
Pueblo Shopkin

Dear Pueblo Shopkin

People buying Amazon accounts is a shady practice linked to a fast growing scam called "return fraud." It's especially targeted to online retailers for whom it's often cheaper to let customers keep wrong or damaged items than to process a return. But before I delve into details I need to add a warning label to this column – Don't try this at home!

For anyone living on another planet we're in the midst of a giant E-commerce boom. This past holiday season the postal service and delivery companies handled a record three billion packages, a modern economic phenomenon being dubbed "Shipageddon." Well, now that Santa has set sail back to the North Pole a lot of that merchandise is being returned. Like the size XXL sweatpants he

left me under the tree.

Hey Santa – super baggie clothes haven't been cool since the aughts when Obama wisecracked "Some people don't want to see your underwear and I'm one of them."

If you misuse the following information I'll call the elf cops, for real. Return fraud can be shockingly easy to get away with. A person just orders something online then says it never arrived or was defective. Not a huge stretch considering how much stuff delivery drivers leave on the porch these days. The scammer pushes for a refund hoping the seller won't want the goods sent back. This can happen with merchandise that costs a lot to ship relative to its price or with bulky stuff that's difficult to ship.

Naturally, businesses are on to

this scam. Moreover, the policy of letting customers keep refunded merchandise, known in the industry as field scrapping, is nothing new. It's just a lot more common now with so many more returns. Amazon uses computer algorithms to detect return fraud which are more likely to flag recently opened accounts. And there you have it. There's a whole secondary market for dishonest folks looking to buy older, well established accounts to run returned merchandise scams.

You did the right thing by ignoring that solicitation. Here's wishing you a safe, happy, and honest New Year!

Ask Dr. Per Cap is a program funded by First Nations Development Institute with assistance from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. For more information, visit www.firstnations.org. To send a question to Dr. Per Cap, email askdrpercap@firstnations.org.

THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEBRUARY 22-28, 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, Wooly Buggers, Prince Nymph, Stonefly.
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	Afternoon.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Midges, some Caddis, BWO, and Winter Stones.	Soft Hackle Hare's Ear, BH Pheasant Tail, BWO, Black Caddis, and Stonefly.

COURTESY OF ALEX BELL/AB'S FLY FISHING

BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, FEB. 22	TUESDAY, FEB. 23	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24	THURSDAY, FEB. 25	FRIDAY, FEB. 26	SATURDAY, FEB. 27	SUNDAY, FEB. 28
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	BEST	SEASON'S BEST	BETTER
7:45 AM-9:45 AM 8:12 PM-10:12 PM	8:39 AM-10:39 AM 9:06 PM-11:06 PM	9:34 AM-11:34 AM 10:01 PM-12:01 AM	N/A 10:29 AM-12:29 PM	N/A 11:22 AM-1:22 PM	N/A 12:14 PM-2:14 PM	12:40 AM-2:40 AM 1:05 PM-3:05 PM

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www.pawsbrysoncity.org

Jackson County Animal Shelter 463 Airport
Road, Sylva, NC 28779 828-586-6138

Appalachian Animal Rescue 851 Lake Emory
Road, Franklin, NC 28734 828-524-4588

Catman3 Shelter 637 Bo Cove Road,
Cullowhee, NC 28723 828-293-0892
www.catman2.org

Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation 256 Industrial
Park Drive, Suite B, Waynesville, NC
28786 828-246-9050 info@sargeanimals.org
www.sarges.org

Valley River Humane Society, 7400 US 19,
Marble, NC 828-837-2304
www.valleyriverhumaneociety.org email portal

Lost Dog Run 422 Crisp Road Murphy, NC
28906 ronstoess@gmail.com 985-630-1613

ARF (Human Society of Jackson County) Post
Office Box 298, Sylva NC 28779 828-273-5262
www.arfhumane.org adopt@a-r-f.org



ALL FACILITIES LISTED HAVE A
FACEBOOK PAGE, MANY HAVE
PHOTOS OF ADOPTABLE PETS

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

Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation to host webinar on motorcycling the scenic route

ASHEVILLE - Hit the open road virtually with Hawk Hagebak at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 2, for his humorous take on motorcycling up and down the Blue Ridge Parkway. This 30-minute webinar hosted by the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation will include the "Code of the Road," the unwritten rules for those who travel this 469-mile route.

The webinar is the latest installment of the Insider's Report series which highlights the non-profit's projects and ways to enjoy the national park unit. A new topic is covered at 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

Hagebak is an author, comedian, and retired law enforcement officer. He's written books about motorcycle touring in southern Appalachia (including large swaths of the Blue Ridge Parkway), and has performed at comedy clubs in Atlanta.

The event is free. To register, visit BRPFoundation.org/events.
- Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation
release

Turkey Shoot. Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for the Brothers in the Wind motorcycle club. Virus measures will be followed. Good fun, good prizes, great benefit.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from the family of Noland Crowe

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude for all that has been done for our family during our illnesses and during this solemn occasion. Thank you to all our Prayer Warriors in Cherokee, Sylva, Cullowhee, Bryson City, Stecoah, Robbinsville, Snowbird, Bethel, Waynesville, Greensboro, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nevada and Pennsylvania. Thank you to the CCU and ICU Doctors and Nurses of the McCloud Health System.

Thank you to our extended family and friends in Cherokee and western North Carolina for helping with service preparations, food, singing, pictures, flowers, paper goods and words of comfort.

Special thanks to the Yellowhill Free labor and the gravediggers, Tribal Facilities Department, B and Libby Ensley, Marsha and Denny Ensley, Scott Chekeleelee, Steve Youngdeer Post, Long House Funeral Home, Lambert Wilson, and Native Street Machines.

Please know how much we appreciate all who have helped. I am sorry I can't list everyone's names. Please know we love you all and are very thankful to have you in our lives.

Sincerely,

Kema, Ryan, & Liddie Mae Crowe, Gaynell Crowe, and Ronnie Lossiah



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OBITUARIES



Noland Crowe

Noland Crowe, 51, of the Yellowhill Community of Cherokee, and most recently of Manning, S.C., passed away unexpectedly at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, S.C., after an extended illness.

He was the son of surviving mother, Gaynell Crowe. Noland was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Desert Storm. He was a Corrections Officer serving in that capacity with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and retired from that post after 21 years. Noland was a famed high school wrestling athletic star who will be remembered for his State Championship Titles. He was a family man and leaves behind his wife of 21 years, Kema (Owens) Crowe.

Noland also leaves behind a son, Devin Ryan Crowe of Sylva; sister, Veronica Lossiah; and one grandchild, Liddie Mae Crowe. He also leaves behind many other family members and friends. He will be missed greatly by those that knew him best.

He was preceded in death by his father, Noah S. Lossiah; his daughter, Kelcy Crowe; and one

nephew, Martin Perez Jr.

A drive-in style visitation and funeral service was held at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Wednesday, Feb. 17 with a formal funeral following and officiated by Pastor Scott Chekeleelee of Yellowhill Baptist Church. An immediate burial followed in the Unto These Hills Drama Cemetery with the pall bearers being P-Nut Crowe, Bo Crowe, Denny Ensley, Dick Crowe, B. Ensley, and Chris Jones.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family in the final arrangements.



Clarence Lee Murphy

Clarence Lee Murphy, 58, of Cherokee, passed away at Memorial Campus of Mission Hospital on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 following a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Lawrence A. Murphy and Mary E. (Roberts) Murphy.

Clarence, who was a heavy equipment operator by trade, took great pride in working for our community for over 30 years at Tribal Construction. Serving the people of Cherokee was a passion, and he was over the Birdtown Free Labor and The Birdtown Grave-

yard.

Clarence was very involved in the stomp dance grounds. He loved his family, friends, community and God. Fishing and going to the lake was his favorite hobby. Clarence always had a joke to tell. He is loved by many.

Surviving are his wife, Selena D. Murphy; daughters, Jamaca (Estfan), Kelly (Eric), Chelsea (Jerm), Brianna (Byron), Audrey, Brandy (Miguel), and Angela; brothers, Carl (Sandra) Murphy, Archie Murphy, and Doug Murphy of Maggie Valley; sisters, Wanda Murphy, Bev (Dennis) Smith, and Patrica Hornbuckle of Marion; and, special friend, Albert Rose of Cherokee.

He was preceded in death by son, Jess McCoy; brothers, Thomas Murphy, John Murphy, and Bill Owle; and sister, Ruby Murphy.

A funeral service was held at the Birdtown Community Building on Saturday, Feb. 20 with Pastor Michael Watson officiating. An immediate burial followed the funeral in the Murphy Family Cemetery on Old #4 Rd, Cherokee, with pall bearers being among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Lynda Saunooke

Lynda Saunooke, 79, of Robbinsville, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021 at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

She was the daughter of the late Nick and Nora Brown Saunooke. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Tracey Saunooke in April 2020; her brothers, Harold, Jeff, and Richard Saunooke; her sister, Charlotte Saunooke; her niece, Penny Saunooke; and her nephew, Barry Saunooke.

Lynda is survived by her son-in-law, Sonny Holder of Robbinsville; her sister and brother-in-law, Jody and Jonah Taylor of Cherokee; her sister-in-law, Laura Saunooke of Robbinsville; her nephews, Jason Taylor, Marty Taylor, and Pepper Taylor, all of Cherokee; her nieces, Natalie Bivens (Roger) and Georgenna Arch, all of Cherokee; and her dog, Lexie.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 at Little Snowbird Baptist Church Cemetery. Reverend Patrick Breedlove officiated.

Townson-Smith Funeral Home served the Saunooke family. An online register is available at www.townson-smithfuneralhome.com.

Jimmy David Williams

Jimmy David Williams, 51, of Whittier, passed away at his residence on Saturday, Feb. 13 after an extended illness.

JD, as he was commonly known, was the son of the late Jimmy David Williams Sr. and Donna Lynn Williams and surviving mother, Dora Mae Brown. He was the loving husband to Becky Renee Williams of the home. Although disabled, JD had made his way in the past as an electrician when he was working steady.

He is survived by his children, Jimmy Nathan Williams of Whittier, Anna Jean-Nicole Williams of Blacksburg, S.C., Tyler Joseph Morgan, Justin Lee Price, Jennifer Renee Morgan, Rebecca Lynn Jenkins, Travis Ray Morgan, Trevor Dillon Morgan, Savannah Calhoun and Rihanna Calhoun; and sister, Jennifer Elaine (Anthony) Cagle of Hogansville, Ga.

JD also leaves behind many cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, aunts, and uncles.

A graveside funeral service was held for JD at the Birdtown Cemetery on Thursday, Feb. 18. Officiating was Lloyd Watkins and Randall Watkins. Pall bearers were Anthony Cagle, Jimmy Williams, Trevor Morgan, and Tyler Morgan.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Floyd Evard Panther Sr.

Floyd Evard Panther Sr., 74, of the Big Cove Community, passed away at his residence on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 after an extended illness.

He is survived by his children, Virgil (Marie) JR Panther, Janell, Sharri, Alma, Kyna, and Shae Panther, Kelsey N. Crowe, Roberta McCoy (Carl), Darius West (Sam); several grandchildren; brothers, Ernest Panther, Rick Panther, Jim Panther, Kenny Panther, and Big 10 (Pat) Panther; sisters, Alma Johns, Nora Panther, Hattie Panther, Alice Kekahbah, Loretta Bradley, Jean Bradley, Patsy Panther, Gloria Panther, and Debbie Bradley.

He is preceded in death by his

wife, Freida Panther; parents, Sam Panther and Emmaline Driver; brothers, Alfred Panther, Tommy Driver, Nick Driver, and Charlie Davies; and sisters, Wilma Panther, Vernie Welch, and Anita Driver.

Floyd was a member of Big Cove Baptist Church and he is described by his family as a jack of all trades.

Funeral services were Monday, Feb. 22 at Big Cove Baptist Church with Gil Breedlove and Dan Conseen officiating. Burial was in the Panther Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family in the final arrangements.

Samuel Allen Smith

Samuel Allen Smith, 79, of the Washingtons Creek community, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 at Memorial Campus of Mission Hospital from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident alluding to serious health complications. He was a retired security guard and a member of Wrights Creek Baptist Church.

He leaves behind wife, June

G. Smith; children, Sharon Smith, Dean Reed, Lynn Taylor and Ray Stamper Jr.; brother, Hillard Smith; sisters, Lily Mae Smith Tucker, Janie Smith and Doris Smith. Samuel also leaves behind several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ned David Smith and Ollie Mae (Sutton) Smith; sons, Allen Delbert Smith, Charles Stamper, and William Joseph Smith; daughter, Caroline "Fuzz" Renea Winstead; brothers, John Lloyd Smith, George Daniel Smith, and Ned David Smith; sisters, Mary Marie Smith Bridges, Rose Mary Smith George, and Dorothy Louise Smith.

The family has requested a private funeral service. Pallbearers will be Xavier Locust, Marty

Taylor, Max Saunooke, Terrance Taylor, Devon George, and Xavier Armachain.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with the final arrangements.



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Planting roses

In choosing a site to plant a rose bush, pick an area that receives six or more hours of direct sunlight. Some roses will grow in partial shade, but most roses bloom best in full sun. Roses are also heavy feeders and need rich soil to grow well, so work organic matter into the soil before planting. Avoid planting roses under trees, as falling branches will damage them, and avoid any areas that see high winds regularly. - Brenda Weaver

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COMMENTARY

Give Cherokee a makeover

ROBERT JUMPER
 ONE FEATHER EDITOR

We love our home. The Qualla Boundary is one of the most beautiful parcels of land in the world. More importantly, it is our home. A remnant of Cherokee people hid in the mountains of western North Carolina until a deal could be cut for them to remain in their ancestral homelands. Many of our ancestors paid a price for the forced removal to Oklahoma of our blood relations. And many paid with their lives. Those who remained in North Carolina were not reservation Indians, as some have mistakenly assumed. This land was bought and put into trust by the federal government specifically for the remnant that remained after the removal.

In the beginning, we were probably living in the land as our ancestors did, except that European influence and indoctrination were probably putting increasing pressure on the Cherokee people to conform and assimilate. And, as we have discussed before, our people were intelligent, creative people who would take the very best of what they saw and heard from cultures they met and make it a part of their own. So, if a particular type of housing structure provided better lives for a Cherokee family than the ones traditionally used, they incorporated that new structure in their buildings. And, so it was with many traditional practices of our people.

For much of the early life in our reimagined homeland, logging was a sustaining industry of our Tribe. In the mid-1900s, we began to rely more heavily on those we have come to know and love as tourists. By the 1950s, other cultures were fascinated by the indigenous peoples of America. By then, they were watching popularly themed movies called "Westerns". And even though the

typical Western portrayed Indians as "murderous savages", people of other cultures who watched the films realized that Native Americans were "civilized" now or at least were living in civilized society. They did, however, have a hard time separating their romanticized images of Indians from the reality of Native cultures.

We knew that all Native cultures were not the same, but our visitors didn't. The visitors were looking for the Indians they had come to know in the movies. And we wanted the visitors, and their dollars, in Cherokee. So, we imaged ourselves for what our potential customers wanted. Instead of traditional Cherokee, the visitors got Apache, Navajo, Sioux, and other western region Native Americans' outward appearance. There were tipis, and war bonnets, and western dances throughout Cherokee in an effort to attract those customers from all over the country and some from outside the United States, who were looking for the Indian experience.

Surely, there were efforts to interest the visitor in Cherokee way, like the "Unto These Hills" Outdoor Drama, and the Oconaluftee Indian Village, but even as late as the early 2000s, you could still find men dressed in full head dresses standing in front of tipis and entire families making their living wearing western powwow regalia and dancing the dances of western tribes.

In this new age of resistance to cultural appropriation, our brothers from the west would certainly be justified in being offended by our hijacking of their cultures for our economic gain.

Early in the first decade of 2000, as the Tribe realized a new prosperity with the introduction of adult gaming to the Tribe, we began to reverse the imagery that was not our own and replace it with traditional Cherokee imagery. We had

changed and so had our clientele. They were more educated and wanted authentic experiences. They did their homework and understood the difference between Tribes, at least to some extent. And we wanted to make that change as well. We were and are proud of our history and culture. Some of our leaders coined the phrase “Cherokee cultural renaissance”, meaning that we were bringing back and celebrating (and in some cases exploiting) the traditions and cultural markers of our people and land. Tipis were eventually banned from the business district, replaced by more traditional huts. And the presence of the street-side head-dressed “Indians” and fancy dancers were reduced and regulated. There was even an effort to remake the facades of the businesses downtown into being more “Cherokee-like”, but it has been stalled for years because it is dependent on store owners and leaseholders making the changes. Most of the town has aging buildings, signage, and facades. Many of the storefronts are hold-overs from pre-gaming days

and many of the tourist-targeted retail stores still sell either outside Native crafts or fabricated Native crafts.

Part of reinventing our tourism efforts needs to be a recommitment to our cultural renaissance. You will see aging pieces of the initial efforts throughout Cherokee. The Cherokee Art Bears were first painted by local artists based on a theme of their own choosing. Each was unique in style and artistic design. Funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, the bears became an instant hit with the tourists. But, over time, the bears have become weathered, chipped, and the victims of some vandalism. Artists, resources, and planning are needed to refurbish the bears so that they may continue to be a tourism draw and a source of community pride. The same is true of the effort to “re-facade” the downtown. Effort and resources need to be applied to recreating the downtown in a traditional Cherokee image campaign.

Current efforts to shore up the greenways and parks are positive

steps. More aggressive regulation of cultural crafts and artwork in Cherokee retail stores will lift our artisans and provide another “authentic” experience for our visitors. A recommitment from government to revitalize the downtown while creating a sense of the traditional and cultural values must be part of the overall tourism plan. And there must be better regulation of storefront look and signage, including the elimination of billboards in the downtown area and throughout the business district. Surely billboards have their place, but not in a space that we are trying to use to showcase our culture. Other areas, even locally, have successfully tailored a look that even outside entrepreneurs adhere to when building businesses in their spaces. Biltmore, for example, has a strict exterior look policy that even international chain McDonald’s adheres to. And we have complete control of how and what is built on Cherokee land. We don’t have any excuses.

Cherokee needs a makeover, but it must be one with purpose. Allowing haphazard advertising

placements and disjointed building facades will not achieve the uniform traditional look that will represent us in the light we desire. Our customers and potential customers want the authentic and even historic experience of the Cherokee culture. They do not want worn, dilapidated, or fake places or experiences.

One of the shining examples of what we need to be focusing on is the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. A perfect blend of tradition and innovation, the Museum has for years reinvented itself while staying true to culture and tradition. Even in its event planning, great care has been taken to highlight Cherokee craft, traditional living, and, most importantly, the Cherokee people. This is what needs to be captured in planning of the overall makeover of Cherokee. Much planning work has been done in the past to bring the cultural renaissance to fruition. Maybe it is time for someone to dust those plans off, update, and implement them.

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**



EDITORIAL

COVID-19 response from EBCI should be praised

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There has been much said in America about the federal, state, and municipal rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine. The reviews from various communities have been mixed. Many feel that somewhere in the supply chain of the vaccine, the distribution of the much-needed vaccines has not been handled with the care and expediency that could have prevented more illness, suffering, and death.

As you look at the municipalities surrounding the Qualla Boundary, you see slow movement through the age-based phases of inoculation in local populations. Some municipalities are still not through their 65-plus age group with pre-existing conditions. And while all may continue to practice the protection practices that we have all but memorized, washing, waiting, and wearing, most of us

understand that the vaccines are the pathway to returning to “normal” community health through herd immunity from COVID-19.

Our EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Public Health and Human Services Division (PHHS) and Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) have been two of the most responsive and engaged health organizations in Indian Country and America. Early in the pandemic, the government of the Tribe ordained these organizations to lead medical decisions and recommend municipal measures to contain and control the pandemic.

They have led by issuing preventative measures and feeding educational materials to the public. They established a “Joint Information Council” (JIC) that has steadily and consistently provided information to the public. This JIC is comprised of leaders from various departments charged with community services. In addition to CIHA and PHHS, JIC participants include school administrative officers, transportation officers, leaders from the Cherokee Boys Club, emergency services, the police department, the Communications Division, and the Chief's office.

The CIHA and PHHS have been organizing and leading the way on all aspects of the COVID response since February 2020. Preplanning had taken place well in advance of the inoculation rollout. As the rollout progressed, tribal members reported a well-organized operation, with no long waits, cordial services, and excellent care. The vast majority of those vaccinated have reported mild to no ill effects from the vaccines. The efforts even extended to a day-long vaccination clinic at the Tribal Bingo Hall that netted approximately a thousand more beginning the process to immunity from COVID-19. And there are already signs that things are improving regarding the number of new infections and people needing isolation and quarantine. While health officials at a national level continue to warn that we are not out of the woods quite yet, the efforts of our Tribal health organizations have certainly brought us closer to a return to normalcy.

This is not the time to listen to or participate in gossip and unfounded speculation. All the data and science is pointing us in the direction of widespread vaccination. Our health care professionals

were some of the first people to voluntarily take the vaccine. And some of our most treasured tribal members, our elders, were advised by their caretakers and families to take the vaccine. It is illogical to think that our community leaders would recommend a medicine that would be harmful to the community. All are entitled to opinion, but it is dangerous to the community to distort or misrepresent facts.

The Cherokee One Feather applauds the efforts of our medical, public health, and tribal leadership in the measures taken to protect the mental and physical health of our Tribe. We thank all the essential workers throughout the Tribe, including all those in Fire and Emergency Management, Cherokee Police Department, Sanitation, food service institutions, and the many others who provide services to the community. We concur with those entities in the believe that vaccinations are safe and necessary to the health of our Tribe. We join them in urging all who are eligible to schedule an appointment to get vaccinated and when called to keep their appointment. The vaccine is the best hope for protecting ourselves and our community from continued pain and suffering.

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One Feather Question of the Week

What issues should be decided by a tribal-wide referendum?

Tosh Welch: Will Enough people come out and vote? Tribal Referendums are useless unless we get significant numbers of enrolled members to vote. Otherwise, it is a moot point. What should be done to increase enrolled member participation in referendum voting?

Donne Sue George: Rules are not followed anyway so what's the difference?

Elizabeth Wahnetah: None. Referendums are pointless and money wasteful. We vote Tribal Council in to make decisions for our tribe, and that's what they

should do.

Evan Watty: Non-business related issues I'd say. Too much emotion and lack of education gets involved with referendum votes.

Joshua Rory Welch: There isn't enough people that come out to vote. That's why it's important for sitting councilmen and women to make the hard decisions and not defer to referendum. Referendum is useless in Cherokee. Useless. Say no to referendum and make your representative make the decision. That's why you voted them in.

Dennis Watty: Gaming

Nathan Bush: Have referendum issues get voted on when voting for representatives. That way you

can have the most turn out for the issue at hand. And, referendum votes matter because it's the choice of the majority of people. Some people have to deal with drug recovery so this weed issue would be a good one to have a referendum on. Council members want votes, so they can't vote yes, or they lose a certain amount of votes, or if they vote no they lose a certain amount of votes. So let the people decide on if they want it or not. The people are not stupid, they know what they want for their communities.

Utsilugi Galanvdy: The last referendum didn't even hit 20 percent of registered voters when it required 25 percent of registered voters to pass. Hardly anyone votes, and we've got to ask why.

Derek Tahquette: No issues should be decided this way because not enough people come out and voice their opinions by voting to make the referendums valid.

Trudy Crowe: The referendums were a way for people to have their input. The turnout became low when people became discouraged because it didn't matter anyway. When they had the last referendum that had a good count, they found a loophole to get alcohol on the Boundary anyway. It's not that

people don't care or don't have the intelligence to make decisions (for the most part), they have become apathetic because their voices are ignored.

Clement Calhoun: A few years ago Chief Patrick Lambert set up Grand council for all enrolled members to put their opinions heard, and we had a good turn out. Any thing that goes through Council every body should know about it! Not every body is on Facebook. They need to send out letters to let us know what's going to be said at the horse shoe bend. In the King James Bible it tells us to pray for our leaders so they might make right decision and not break the law. Right now, people are needing homes not booze or not waste money thousand miles away from Qualla Boundary.

Teresa McCoy: Blood degree changes, alcohol sales, marijuana, Grand Council, and a few more should be the people's choice. Period. You know, I believe during the impeachment, we the council voted to accept the Grand Councils resolution. So, I would like to believe the council voted to accept the wishes of our members. Somebody look that up please. And remember, any of us can bring impeachment against any elected official.



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‘Church’s Marching Orders’ Given

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR
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Read Ephesians 4:1-9; Matthew 28:18-20

We’re told by Paul that while in prison he was still able to serve the Lord. By his choosing to witness of all Jesus had accomplished, he could not withhold the Good News from anyone else he encountered. He continued to witness while in prison, even after being placed there for his doing so. He counted it as an honor that he could show his love and dedication to the Lord in that way.

In all things and in all ways, we each are to be serving Jesus, too. In Paul’s writing to the Ephesians, while locked away from the world, he lets us know we are to continue doing what the Lord has given each person to be doing for Him. When we’ve been found ‘worthy of the life,’ it is a way we each can achieve, adding more ‘worth’ to our life.

The Bible is also our book of **privilege** and of **power**. Once saved, we have been given the right, with His **love** for mankind, and His **power**, to put the devil away for good. After that’s been done, it will usher in a wonderful time for celebration and joy, such as the world has never seen before.

We ought also to be attending and joining in with the rest of His Church in learning how this is done and in how to best witness to others. Everyone on this planet is to be, at the very least, invited to participate in the celebration. To bring many others into the Kingdom of God, there can be no exceptions for those who have freely accepted their invitation to the Marriage Feast, or for not participating in His service in some capacity.

In this, we must also understand that not even the Church can actually save anyone of the ‘fleshly persuasion’. Although people may be attending a church, by remaining unsaved, they can prove themselves as ‘most challenging.’ However, others should also realize they are the very ones who can be changed as soon as they do make their decision. Their growth

will begin as they accept Jesus as their Lord, and will show from the inside-out as they begin ‘to grow outwardly.’ The other Church members need to be filled with the **mercy**, **grace** and **patience** of the Holy Spirit at all times to really help them.

There is a song, “He’s Still Working on Me” that truly epitomizes the applying of that reality to all of us. We are called to live up to the standard Paul held up for us. We know that no one is yet perfected on this side of heaven. However, we are all to be maturing, and are to begin by our demonstrating God’s promised anointing of grace, love and mercy of us towards each other, first.

Living up to that standard, especially with no more misery or hangovers, the Church can truly have a much more successful walk together. We are to walk worthily in humility and meekness, even holiness, bearing each other up in the **unity** of the Holy Spirit. For each person it may mean that there are sometimes when one doesn’t get everything their own way, but it can, by prayers, help save the Body of Christ from becoming fractured or by painful Church splits.

To every believer is given an **anointing**,

a full measure of His **grace**. The Anointing results in our spending much time in learning of Him and developing our trusting in and of Him. We can begin to see the measure and how God operates in each life. We can never boast in them as they are given so that our vocational calling may be a powerful one. The Anointing is only for helping others, not for ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives to mankind other gifts, too. Unwrap them and examine each gift carefully and respectfully as they are all very powerful.

Jesus went not only through the brutal beatings and the cross, but He also went to hell and took away all the **keys of heavenly authority** which the devil had stolen from Adam. Jesus returned all things to us and fulfilled all things for us so that we will now have every blessing needed.

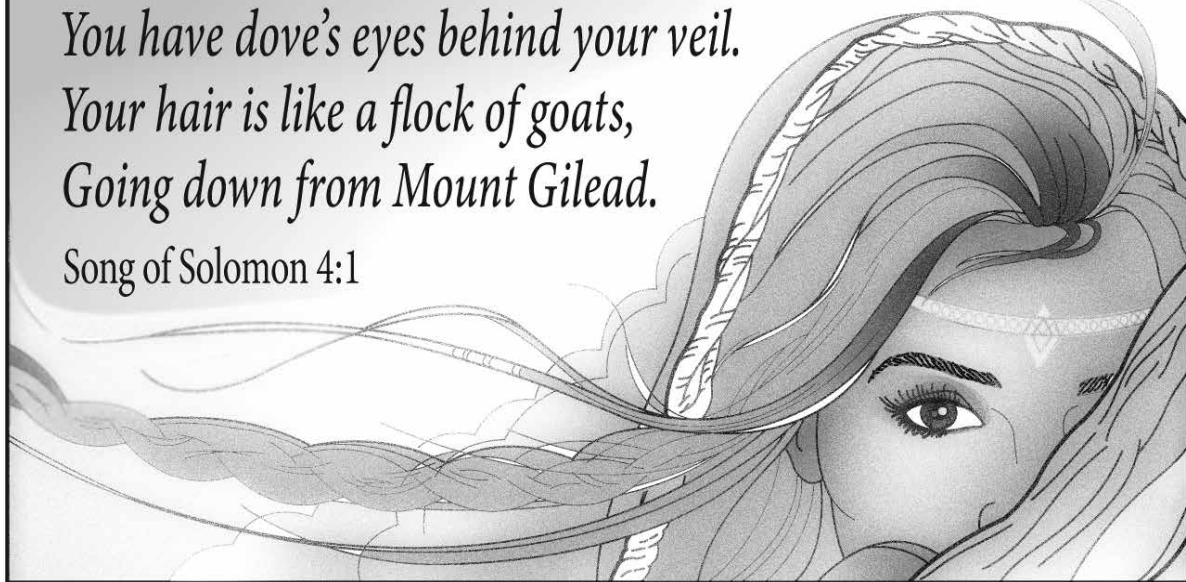
Whatever we are called to be, our amount and quality of preparation is most important—not any church program. We function only to our highest level of preparation. Ministry is when the saints demonstrate their gifting or as taught, then God shows up and everybody sees and talks about results.



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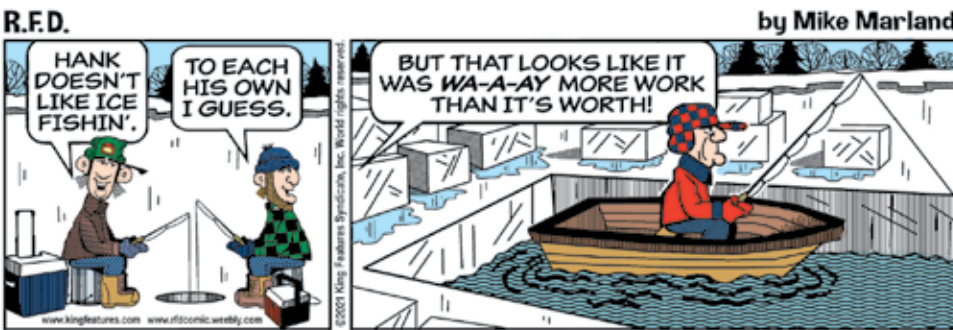
*Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair!
You have dove’s eyes behind your veil.
Your hair is like a flock of goats,
Going down from Mount Gilead.*

Song of Solomon 4:1



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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps



Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIPOFF

Differences: 1. Sweater has decoration. 2. Doorknob is missing. 3. Boots are taller. 4. One shovel is gone. 5. Fence is higher. 6. House is missing.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 June honoree
4 Say it's so
8 Pretzel topper
12 Past
13 Travel permit
14 Done with
15 Brock of baseball
16 Alaskan city
18 Heron's kin
20 Army address
21 Dalai —
24 Slow, in music
28 Right to vote
32 Cash advance
33 201, in old Rome
34 Heat to near boiling
36 GOP org.
37 Priestly vestments
39 Cheap ride section
41 "Yum!"
43 Novelist Hunter
44 Steal from
46 Cowboy's workplace
50 Spur on
55 Tic-tac-toe win
56 Nerd's kin
57 Hostels
58 Hooting bird
59 Big wind

60 Track tipster director
61 Carrier to DuVernay
10 Table support
11 Three, in Rome
17 Texas tea
19 Sprite
22 PC alternatives
23 Marble type
25 Asta's feeder
26 Tart flavor
27 As soon as
28 "Shoo!"
29 Bruins' sch.
30 Little lies
31 Mountain ht.

35 Most loved
38 Painter's motion
40 Genetic letters
42 Thee
45 Telly watcher
47 Cranny
48 Batman's hood
49 Actress Celeste
50 Early bird?
51 PBS funder
52 Cartoon frame
53 Yucatan year
54 Wildebeest

DOWN

1 Valley
2 Awestruck
3 Gloomy
4 Online images
5 Sportscaster Scully
6 Computer key
7 Stadium cheers
8 Reddish-brown horse
9 "Selma"

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Is the book of 2 Peter in Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 4, how many days and nights did Jesus fast before his temptation by Satan? 3, 12, 40, 7x70
3. In Genesis 24, who played the matchmaker for Isaac and Rebekah? Nahor, A shepherd, Bethuel, Abraham's servant
4. From Proverbs 6, what is held up as an example to the lazy man? Bee, Flea, Locust, Ant
5. Who said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away"? Satan, Adam, Job, Haman
6. Who/what was Shishak? Roast lamb, Birthplace of Moses, Serpent, King of Egypt

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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1. GAMES: Which chess piece can only move diagonally?
2. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Nevada?
3. LANGUAGE: What is a lexicon?
4. HISTORY: What was the first sport played on the moon?
5. LITERATURE: In his will, what gift did Albus Dumbledore give to Ron Weasley in the Harry Potter book series?
6. MOVIES: What was the first Disney song to win an Academy Award for best original movie song?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Bermuda?
8. INVENTIONS: Who first invented a successful vaccine for rabies?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which two planets in our solar system do not have moons?
10. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MDCCCXII?

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Whatever decisions you're faced with this week, rely on your strong Aries instincts, and base them on your honest feelings, not necessarily on what others might expect you to do.

TAURUS (April 30 to May 20) Your sensitive Taurean spirit is pained by what you feel is an unwarranted attack by a miffed colleague. But your sensible self should see it as proof that you must be doing something right.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) More fine-tuning might be in order before you can be absolutely certain that you're on the right track. Someone close to you might offer to help. The weekend favors family get-togethers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The week continues to be a balancing act 'twixt dreaming and doing. But by week's end, you should have a much better idea of what you actually plan to do and how you plan to do it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Changing your plans can be risky, but it can also be a necessary move. Recheck your facts before you act. Tense encounters should ease by midweek, and all should be well by the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might still be trying to adjust to recent changes. But things should improve considerably as you get to see some positive results. An uneasy personal matter calls for more patience.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Congratulations. Your good intentions are finally recognized, and long-overdue appreciation should follow. Keep working toward improvements wherever you think they're necessary.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 2) Try to look at your options without prejudging any of them. Learn the facts, and then make your assessments. Spend the weekend enjoying films, plays and musical events.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone might want to take advantage of the Sagittarian's sense of fair play. But before you ride off to right what you've been told is a wrong, be sure of your facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might be surprised to learn that not everyone agrees with your ideas. But this can prove to be a good thing. Go over them and see where improvements can be made.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) After taking advice on a number of matters in recent months, expect to be called on to return the gesture. And, by the way, you might be surprised at who makes the request.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Reassure everyone concerned that a change of mind isn't necessarily a change of heart. You might still want to pursue a specific goal, but feel a need to change the way you'll get there.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are able to make room in your heart for others, and that makes you a very special person in their lives.

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Open Until Filled:

Patrol Officer (Multiple): Cherokee Police Department
– Public safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$46,625)

Closing Sunday, February 28, 2021:

• **Program Supervisor:** Snowbird/Cherokee County Housing/H.E.L.P. – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L10 \$ \$43,956 - \$54,950)

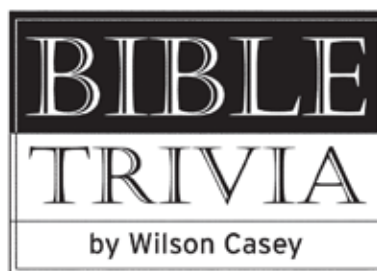
• **Family Safety Case Aide:** Family Safety Program - Public Health & Human Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)

• **Teacher:** Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)

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

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

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 40; 3) Abraham's servant; 4) Ant; 5) Job 1:21; 6) King of Egypt



1. The bishop
2. Carson City
3. A dictionary
4. Golf
5. A deluminator, which takes away or restores light sources
6. "When You Wish Upon a Star"
7. Hamilton
8. Louis Pasteur
9. Venus and Mercury
10. 1812

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

DAD		AVER		SALT
AGO	VISA		OVER	
LOU	ANCHOR		AGE	
EGRET		SIR		
	LAMA		LENT	
SUFFRAGE		LOAN		
CCI	SCALD		RNC	
ALBS	STEERAGE			
TASTY	EVAN			
	ROB		RANCH	
ENCOURAGE		OOO		
GEEK	INNS		OWL	
GALE	TOUT		KLM	

— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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



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 25, 2021

CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient
Senior Accountant

Closing, Thursday March 4, 2021
EVS Technician

Patient Registration Clerk (Grant Funded)
PTI Patient Registration Clerk
Pharmacy Technician I
Contracting Assistant

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)
Nursing/Medical Administrative Assistant
Pedodontist
PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)
PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)
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 Aide (Hiring Bonus)
License Practical Nurse (Full Time)
License Practical Nurse (Part Time Regular w/Benefits)
Registered Nurse (Part Time Intermittent)

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



INTERNING FOR A GIGANTIC COMPANY IS HUGE FOR YOUR RESUME.

Make a big impression with your resume by doing your summer internship at Harrah's Cherokee Casinos, owned by the global Caesars Entertainment. You can earn \$10.50/hr from the biggest company around—now that's huge. Apply by March 15 at HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com.

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CASINO RESORT

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VALLEY RIVER
CASINO & HOTEL

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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. 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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21 - 004

In the Matter of the Estate of Jesse James Welch

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

Jess Junior Welch
P.O. Box 159
Cherokee, NC 28719
3/17

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals General Notice

Qualla Housing Services (QHS) is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for services and labor to be performed within the area

of Swain, Jackson, Graham, and Cherokee Counties. The following scopes are:

* New Construction Modular Home Manufacturers licensed in North Carolina

* Civil Engineering Services

QHS reserves the right to reject any and all submissions. The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages can be picked up at the warehouse or emailed to interested parties. Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is March 17, 2021, at 4:00 P.M. Please email Robert Welch at robewcl@nc-cherokee.com or by phone at 828-359- 6344. **3/3**



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-cherokee.com.



1. What World Golf Hall of Famer won 82 LPGA tournaments — including 13 major championships — from 1955-69?
2. Bryce Harper, Jeff Bagwell, Jimmie Foxx and Andre Thornton are tied for what Major League Baseball record?
3. What NHL team ended a 54-year championship drought with a 4-3 Stanley Cup Finals win over the Vancouver Canucks in 1994?
4. In what league did the London Monarchs, Frankfurt Galaxy and Barcelona Dragons compete in from 1991-92?
5. What acclaimed sports documentarian's film credits include "Jesse Owens Returns to Berlin" (1968), "Wilma" (1977) and "100 Years of Olympic Glory" (1996)?
6. In 1942, right-handed pitcher Hiram Bithorn became Major League Baseball's first player to hail from what island?
7. A 1989 Pro Bowl wide receiver for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the 1990 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year for the Chicago Bears share what name?

Answers

1. Mickey Wright.
2. Walks in a game (6).
3. The New York Rangers.
4. The World League of American Football.
5. Bud Greenspan.
6. Puerto Rico.
7. Mark Carrier.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch
497-4131

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

Tribal Fire and Rescue
359-6584

Tribal EMS
359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line
Dispatch**
359-6300

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

Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

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

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

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

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

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

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

EBCI Domestic Violence
359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance
507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic
554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center
497-6866

Snowbird Senior Center main line
479-9145

Tsali Manor main line
359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line
835-9741

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

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Constitution vs. Charter: Article IV

Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution

Article IV – Legislative Branch

The Legislative powers shall be vested in the Tribal Council which shall consist of twelve Council Representatives and shall constitute the Legislative Branch of government for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Section 1. Composition. The Tribal Council shall consist of the following: two Representatives from each of the six (6) Townships of Yellowhill, Big Cove, Birdtown, Wolfetown, Painttown; Snowbird and Cherokee County communities shall constitute one Township, for a total of twelve Tribal Council Representatives.

Section 2. Qualifications. In order to run for and/or serve as Tribal Council Representative a candidate must be a citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age either by the date of the upcoming General Election or upon entering into service; and must be an active member as described in the bylaws of the relevant community club, immediately preceding the date of filing for election.

Clause 1. Disqualifiers. No person shall ever be eligible for office or appointment of honor, profit, or trust who have been found guilty in a court of law for either aiding, abetting, counseling, or encouraging any person or persons of defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or any of its entities. Or they themselves have been found guilty in a court of law in defrauding the Tribe or any of its entities. Neither shall any person be eligible to such office, who has been convicted of a felony or impeached and removed from office.

Current Charter

Section 1. The officers of the Tribe shall consist of a Principal Chief, Vice-Chief and twelve members of Council as follows: From Yellowhill Township two members; from Big Cove Township two members; from Birdtown Township two members; from Wolfetown Township two members; from Painttown Township two members; from Cherokee and Graham Counties, constituting one Township, two members.

Section 9. In order to run for or serve as Principal Chief, Vice-Chief or Tribal Council member, a candidate must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band. For the offices of Chief and Vice-Chief a candidate must also be at least thirty-five years of age by the date of the election and have resided on Cherokee trust lands continuously for at least two years immediately preceding the date of the election. For the Tribal Council a candidate must be at least eighteen years of age by the date of election and have resided in the township which he is to represent for at least ninety days immediately preceding the date of the election.

Section 17. No person shall ever be eligible for office or appointment of honor, profit, or trust who shall have aided, abetted, counselled, or encouraged any person or persons guilty of defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, or themselves have defrauded the Tribe, or who may hereafter aid or abet, counsel or encourage anyone in defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Neither shall any person be eligible to such office, who has been convicted of a felony.

Article IV-Legislative Branch-From Charter to proposed Constitution, there is a change in Article IV, Section 2. Qualifications. To be considered eligible for a Tribal Council representative seat, a candidate to run for or serve must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age by the date of the election. This change is being proposed because of the increasing complexity of legislative responsibilities dependent on knowledgeable and experienced decision makers. We, as a tribe, under most laws recognize 18 year old citizens as adults. When reaching the age of 18, they have the privileges and responsibilities of adulthood legally granted as rights to vote, join the military, move out of the home, and take on other responsibilities as adults. Our tribe is truly blessed with talented young people that are maturing in the decision-making process. There is consensus among tribal members that citizens will "mature" around the age of 25.

Neuroscientists that study brain maturity have learned that critical parts of the brain involved in decision-making begin developing during puberty and become fully developed years later at approximately age 25. In addition, it is during the ages of 18-25 that most young people are gaining life experiences by going to college, joining the military services, finding a job or even starting a family. It is during these years that life experiences mature them in decision making processes. These young people are better prepared to represent their communities at this later age of 25.

A Tribal Council representative will also be making high level financial decisions for the tribe, representing the tribe in front of other governments, and making laws that will impact the entire citizenry. It is important that a Tribal Council representative be able to relate to all ages and life situations of the people he or she will be serving during their term of office. They must be able to empathize with each of their constituents. It is believed that increasing the age qualification from 18 to 25 will allow for enough personal growth of a prospective candidate to responsibly serve their community and tribe.

Article IV is being presented in parts. More on Article IV next week!

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



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**2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL SMOKY MOUNTAIN
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS**
2X UNDEFEATED SEASONS

CHEROKEE
LADY BRAVES



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COMMUNITY REPORT

KITUWAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

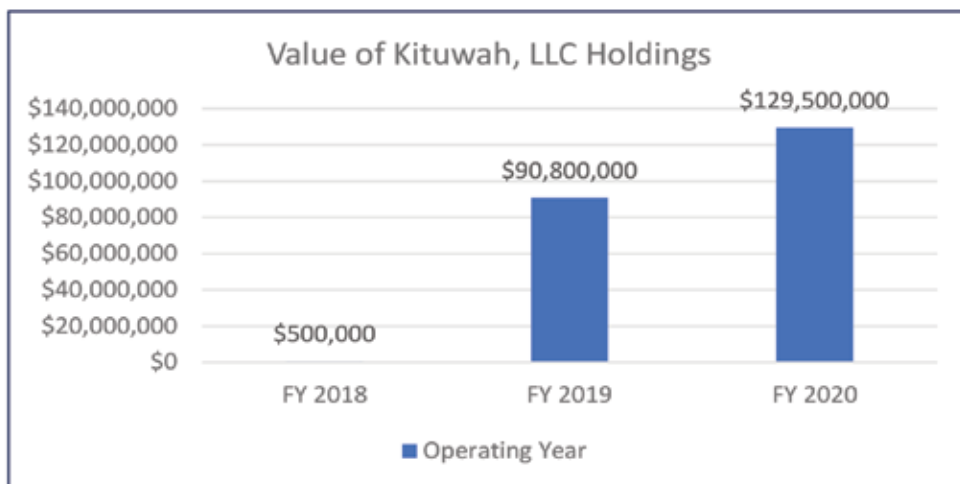


In addition to reporting to Tribal Council at least 6 times annually, the Kituwah Economic Development Board has decided to use this format to update the community on our major activities. In addition, starting with Fiscal Year 2021, the Kituwah Economic Development Companies will produce an annual report available to all tribal members.

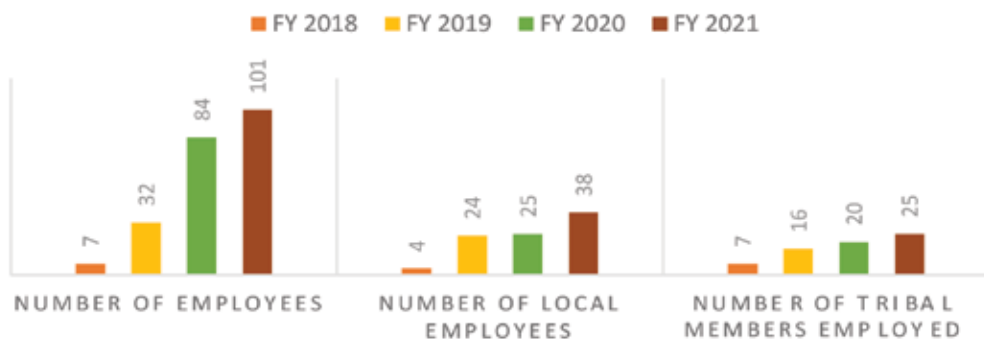
OVERALL GROWTH

Overall, 2020 has been both challenging and productive. Some of our companies have been negatively impacted by Covid, but as we see the vaccination rates rise on the Boundary – and to a lesser extent throughout the area and the nation - we believe that business activities will slowly rebound, albeit unevenly.

Even with several operating companies significantly impacted by Covid, Kituwah, LLC has shown remarkable growth.



JOB CREATION



ORGANIC GROWTH AND ADDED VALUE

\$14,000,000 in added value to Tribal assets!

In addition to adding direct monetary value, Kituwah, LLC has created millions of dollars in job creation resulting in recirculated dollars on the Qualla Boundary..

Kituwah, LLC has made utilizing TERO vendors a priority!

CONTRACTS AWARDED TO TERO VENDORS

