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Police Commission holds first meeting of 2021

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The Cherokee Police Commission, of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) began Wednesday's (Jan. 27) meeting by first introducing Kym Parker as the newest member. Parker previously held a spot on the Commission and she was called in to fill in a vacancy.

The primary objective of this meeting was to discuss reports presented by the Cherokee Indian Police Dept. (CIPD), Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE), and Tribal Prosecutors.

Josh Taylor, chief officer at Tribal ALE, was there to report for his program.

"Right now, the initial things that we're working on is of course alcohol regulation in the casino. But that also goes into the tax and revenue side of it which we control and enforce," said Taylor.

He said that that ALE is trying to support the other departments when possible..

"We've been really helping Cherokee Police Department here lately. I feel like the working relationship's been really good. They're a little short manned, so I've dedicated three of my officers. I know we're not patrol officers; I know in our job description it doesn't really say that, but we've dedicated three officers to rotate between here and Murphy to actually help with the patrol.

The number of law enforcement continued to be a theme in the meeting, as Taylor said the biggest issue they're facing at the moment is the growth of the casino compared to the growth of the force. He described many of

the challenges that has come with the increased traffic and illegal activity.

Taylor told the Commission a story about an individual who was in need of a shelter, but he realized there wasn't a safe space like that in Cherokee. He said that given the population of Cherokee, the need has been a low priority. Taylor said he has been working with a program in Asheville to assist with issues such as these, but it is a growing problem.

A major topic of discussion among the Commission has been looking to get Cherokee's law enforcement in a position to be more proactive instead of just reactive. Taylor said that he wants that too, but recently that simply hasn't been possible.

"We can't catch our breath long enough to even think five years down the road," said Taylor. "We are being very reactive, there is no time to be proactive."

Gene Owle, acting police chief of CIPD, was next to present. His focus was on improvement he would like to see in his department and what items he wished to bring forward in the next budget request. The biggest piece that he is hoping for is a new evidence building.

"We had this evidence building passed and the money was there. When we had the new administration change five years ago and that money went away," said Owle.

"Our evidence right is just getting so overloaded and we're running out of space to put stuff. You have to take into consideration that we have state courts that we have to store evidence for, Tribal court, Federal court, and then we've got BIA standards that

we have to go by."

He continued by saying that the lack of an evidence building in immediate proximity is a safety issue, with officers having to leave their current building to transport dangerous materials.

Owle also said that the have been reviewing camera systems that they hope to purchase soon. This includes license plate readers that would be placed around the boundary, but the most exciting piece is dash and body cams for all law enforcement officers.

The CIPD stills wishes to increase its employment numbers in each area of the department, but they did hire two new detectives. One is new to the force and the other was a Patrol Sergeant with CIPD.

Owle said that they would also like to look into getting a shooting range in Cherokee. The CIPD currently uses the range at Southwestern Community College, but he was told that range would be closing in the near future. He feels a range in Cherokee would assist with the adjudication process for Tribal officers, as well as offer a source of revenue for allowing other county departments or individuals to rent the facility.

The final visitors to the meeting were Cody White and Shelli Buckner from the Tribal Prosecutors office.

White opened by describing the new process in the COVID-adapted courtrooms. Now, the defendants are no longer in the courtroom. It is all done virtually, and the defendants are with their attorneys in the jail. Everybody can see each other on screens, and everyone has a microphone.

He also said that the Tribal

Court and CIPD are transitioning to an electronic database. Eventually all departments will make this move and it will allow for the information and paperwork to be streamlined through the database, and they will be able to operate together.

This led back to discussion of body cameras and technology used by officers. The Prosecutor's Office is a huge proponent of these implementations and believes that it will greatly assist in their work as well, particularly in cases involving drug overdoses and domestic violence.

The Commission also met with Human Resources for an update on the pension as well as salaries, though this discussion occurred during a closed session.

Commission Secretary Anita Lossiah provided an update on two grants that involve the Commission. She said that a sub-agreement for the Overdose Map grant has been finalized and approved. Also, the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant is ready to be reorganized and resubmitted with additional Tribal stakeholders.

The Jan. 26 meeting of the EBCI Police Commission was called to order at 12 p.m. with Chairperson Tooney Crowe; Secretary Anita Lossiah; and Commissioners Frank Dunn, Lisa Taylor, Buddy Johnson, and Kym Parker present. Commissioners Slick Saunooke and Frank Herron were absent for the meeting.

The next meeting of the Commission will take place Wednesday, Feb. 17 at noon.

State approves Catawba's gaming compact for Kings Mountain facility

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The Catawba Indian Nation, a federally recognized tribe based in South Carolina, is one step closer to their dream of a casino in Kings Mountain - just outside of Charlotte. The Catawba tribal government announced on Friday, Jan. 22 the signing of a gaming compact with the State of North Carolina that will allow the Tribe to operate various forms of Class III gaming at the planned facility including raffles, video games, gaming machines, and sports and horse race wagering.

"On behalf of the Catawba Nation, I sincerely thank Governor Roy Cooper and his team for their thoughtful collaboration in creating this compact, which is the key step in bringing economic benefits and thousands of jobs from our casino project to the citizens of North Carolina," Catawba Chief Bill Harris said in a statement. "I would also like to thank Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and Attorney General Josh Stein for their review and signoff of the compact. With work on the compact completed, we will advance the project from the site preparation phase to vertical construction of an introductory casino gaming facility to open this fall."

The Department of the Interior put 17 acres into trust in Cleveland County for the Catawba Nation in March 2020, and the Tribe broke ground on their Two Kings Casino on July 22, 2020.

A spokesperson for Gov. Roy Cooper's Office told the One Feather, "The land for the proposed Catawba casino was taken into trust by the federal government last year. While this project is the subject of ongoing federal litigation, the Department of Interior must approve the compact and the Governor's Office engaged as it would with any project that was granted federal approval."

EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed's administration has continually opposed the Catawba project. He said in a statement, "The proposed Kings Mountain casino was born of an illegal act and has continued to swirl in controversy and unethical behavior. It's disappointing to hear that the Governor felt compelled to sign an agreement that furthers this scheme and threatens the integrity of tribal gaming everywhere. But, this compact changes nothing. We continue to believe the courts will affirm the illegality of this casino and when that happens, the Catawba agreement will be nothing more than a worthless piece of

paper."

The EBCI filed a lawsuit (Eastern Band of Cherokee v. Department of Interior) arguing the Department's decision to grant the 17-acre land-into-trust decision. A statement from the Office of the Principal Chief addresses this, "The EBCI argues that the Department of Interior ignored and violated numerous laws and rules that clearly, directly, and explicitly prohibit such action, including the Administrative Procedures Act, National Environmental Protection Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. The case is pending in federal court. In December 2020, Judge James Boasberg granted an EBCI request for expediting oral arguments which are now expected to be held next month."

The Dept. of the Interior announced the land being taken into trust for the Catawba on March 12, 2020 - the same day as another land-into-trust decision for the Cahto Tribe. At the time, Tara Sweeney, assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, noted, "These decisions empower the Cahto Tribe and the Catawba Nation to pursue economic development opportunities for the benefit of their tribal members and communities. I am proud to support their efforts."

The compact outlines a reve-

nue-sharing plan that states the Catawba will remit a monthly payment to the State's Indian Gaming Education Revenue Fund which, according to Sec. 4.1(B) of the Compact, "...shall be calculated by multiplying the amount of the gross revenue from live table gaming earned from the Tribe's gaming facility during a given months times the following percentages: - Five percent (5%) for the period from the commencement of the live table gaming by the Tribe to Aug. 12, 2022; - Six percent (6%) for the period of Aug. 13, 2022 to Aug. 12, 2027; - Seven percent (7%) for the period of Aug. 13, 2027 to Aug. 12, 2032; and - Eight percent (8%) subsequent to Aug. 12, 2032.

The compact also establishes a non-profit known as the Catawba Indian Nation Foundation "whose purpose shall be to enhance the long-term success of the casino and the development of the Catawba Indian Nation Lands". The Foundation is tasked with assisting in economic development, education including scholarships "for members of the Catawba Indian Nation and other federally and state-recognized Indian tribes within North Carolina"; and culture and historical preservation.

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Tribal Council Agenda - Thursday, Feb. 4

8:30 a.m. - Call to Order

Orders of the Day:

Item No. 1: An ordinance decriminalizing small amounts of marijuana

9 a.m. - Tabled Ord. No. 261 (2020), Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 120 - Cherokee Police Commission

9:10 a.m. - Tabled Ord. No. 333 (2020), Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 16A3-(b) - TCGE Board of Advisors

9:20 a.m. - Tabled Ord. No. 342 (2020), Amendment to Cherokee Code Section 16C-9

9:30 a.m. - Juanita Wilson, report to Tribal Council on Nikwasi Initiative

9:40 a.m. - Tabled Res. No. 376 (2020), Tribal Council supports the Eastern Agency Superintendent Delegation of Authority provided to the Chief/Fire Management Officer of the Agency's Branch of Fire and Aviation Management

9:50 a.m. - EBCI Natural Resources is hereby authorized to apply and accept funds from the Tallahassee Fund in the amount of \$27,000 for FY21

10:10 a.m. - Resolution requesting that the Tribal Business Commit-

tee approve transfer of Birdtown Community Parcel No. 251 be voided and assigned to Joanna Jane Martin

10:20 a.m. - Tribal Council directs EBCI Project Management to develop a proposal to build a central indoor location with batting cages, pitching areas, team skills area, and rest area needed to promote baseball and softball fundamentals

10:30 a.m. - Principal Chief hereby approves the appointment of a member of the TCGE Board of Advisors

10:40 a.m. - Recognition of heirs of Johnson Lee Wildcat (d)

10:50 a.m. - Last Will and Testament of Sarah Allen Ben (d)

11 a.m. - Recognition of heirs of Solomon Dane Bradley (d)

11:10 a.m. - Resolution requesting Tribal Council to correct Res. No. 339 (2020) to include Cory Ryan Ross as an heir to the estate of Waneema Littlejohn Driver (d) and to correct the applicable realty records and to require a copy of this resolution to be included in the possessory holding files for future reference

11:20 a.m. - Resolution granting multiple rights-of-way and easements to the N.C. Dept. of Transportation to make safety improvements along N.C. 143 from Robbinsville to Stecoah

11:30 a.m. - Resolution to fill a vacancy on the Sequoyah National Golf Board

U.S. Department of Agriculture announces Heather Dawn Thompson as Director, Office of Tribal Relations

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on Monday, Jan. 25 the appointment of Heather Dawn Thompson as Director of the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) reporting to the Secretary of Agriculture. Thompson is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, a Harvard Law School graduate, and an expert in American Indian law, tribal sovereignty, and rural tribal economic development. With Thompson in place, USDA will return OTR directly under the Secretary, restoring the office's important government-to-government role.

Most recently, Thompson served as a member of the American Indian Law Practice Group at Greenberg Traurig, where she worked on federal Indian law and Tribal agriculture. Thompson has a long record of public service, beginning as a Presidential Management Fellow at the Department of Justice. Since then, Thompson has served as a law clerk with the Attorney General's Office for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, as Counsel and Policy Advisor to the U.S. Senate's Democratic Policy Committee, and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for South Dakota's Indian Country Section, where she prosecuted cases involving vio-

lence against women and children.

In the private sector, Thompson was previously a partner at Dentons, where she was one of only a handful of Native American partners at an "AmLaw 100" law firm. In addition, she has served as the Director of Government Affairs for the National Congress of American Indians, President of the South Dakota Indian Country Bar Association, and President of the National Native American Bar Association. Thompson holds a Juris Doctor cum laude from Harvard Law School, as well as a master's degree in public policy from the University of Florida, and a bachelor's degree in International Studies from Carnegie Mellon University.

"Heather's appointment to lead the Office of Tribal Relations is a step toward restoring the office and the position of Director so that USDA can effectively maintain nation-to-nation relationships in recognition of tribal sovereignty and to ensure that meaningful tribal consultation is standard practice across the Department. It's also important to have a Director who can serve as a lead voice on tribal issues, relations and economic development within the Office of the Secretary because the needs and priorities of tribal nations and indigenous communities are cross cutting and must be kept front and center," said Katharine Ferguson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary.

- U.S. Dept. of Agriculture release



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CIPD Arrest Report for Jan. 17-24, 2021

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

Johnson, Ryan Douglas - age 29
Arrested: Jan. 17
Released: Jan. 20
Charges: Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order, Second Degree Trespass, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Ledford, Stanley Ray - age 35
Arrested: Jan. 17
Released: Jan. 17
Charges: Abusive Sexual Contact

Hart, Kevin Michael - age 48
Arrested: Jan. 18
Released: Jan. 18
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Tienda, Jacinto Dominquez - age 44
Arrested: Jan. 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Willful Infliction of Emotional Distress (DV)

Rickman Jr., Tommy Lee - age 35
Arrested: Jan. 19
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Squirrel, Bryan Steven - age 37
Arrested: Jan. 20
Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts)

Teesateskie Jr., Gary Mitchell - age 21

Arrested: Jan. 20
Released: Jan. 25
Charges: Assault on a Female (DV), False Imprisonment, Assault Inflicting Serious Injury, Domestic Violence

Tony Walkingstick - age 31
Arrested: Jan. 20
Released: Jan. 21
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Parsons, Benjamin John - age 47
Arrested: Jan. 22
Released: Jan. 22
Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Driver, Richard McAdoo - age 46
Arrested: Jan. 23
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Resisting Public Officer Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Obstructing Justice, Disorderly Conduct, Aggravated Weapons Offense, Weapons Offense, Assault Government Official/Employee, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer

Taylor, Taylor Norman - age 20
Arrested: Jan. 23
Released: Jan. 25
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

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

Hutson, Brandon Jarnigan - age 36

Arrested: Jan. 24
Released: Jan. 24
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

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

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



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Good Housekeeping

Mussels Marinière with Bacon Frisee Salad

Planning a romantic Valentine's dinner for two? Serve this mussels dish with bacon frisee salad and a fresh baguette. It takes just 20 minutes to prepare.

- 2 slices thick-cut bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- 1 small (4-5 ounces) head frisee, leaves separated
- 1 Pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
- 1 medium (6-8 ounces) onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed with press
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 3 pounds mussels, beards removed, well-washed
- 1/2 cup packed fresh parsley leaves, finely chopped
- 1 small (7 ounces) baguette, cut in half and toasted

1. In 12-inch skillet, cook bacon on medium 6-8 minutes or until crisp and browned. With slotted spoon, transfer to paper-towel-lined plate; set aside.

2. To drippings in skillet, add vinegar and cook 1 minute on medium. Pour into medium bowl (do not scrape browned bits from bottom of pan); add frisee and 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper. Toss to coat.

3. In wide 8-quart saucepot, heat oil and margarine on medium-high until margarine melts. Add onion and garlic, and cook 2 minutes or until almost translucent, stirring. Add wine and heat to boiling. Add mussels, stir once, cover, and cook 1 minute. Stir again; cover and cook 1-2 minutes longer or just until mussels open; do not overcook.

3. Immediately divide mussels and cooking liquid between 2 large serving bowls and top with parsley. Divide salad between 2 serving plates and top with reserved bacon. Serve mussels and salad with baguette.

• Each serving (includes mussels, salad and half a baguette): About 790 calories, 39g total fat (11g saturated), 66mg cholesterol, 1,420mg sodium, 73g total carbohydrate, 8g dietary fiber, 33g protein.

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BASKETBALL

Arkansas leads Braves to big win over Blue Ridge



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Cherokee's Jordan Arkansas (#2) goes for a shot in the first period of a game against the Blue Ridge Bobcats at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 26. With 28 points, he led Cherokee to a 86-46 victory. Other Braves scorers on the evening included: Jonathan Frady 8, Camden Owle 12, Don Bradley 12, Brandon Martin 2, Tso Smith 16, Kensen Davis 2, and Tariq Underwood 6. Blue Ridge scorers included: CJ Jennings 7, Collin Bryson 5, Carsen Williams 6, Kaleb Fugate 10, Jacob Pressler 12, and Carson Duffel 6.



Cherokee's Tso Smith (#15) runs up court following a play. He ended the evening with 16 points.



Cherokee's Tariq Underwood (#55) blocks a shot by Blue Ridge's Jacob Pressler in the second half.

CCS Athletics: “Why are we participating in athletics when we’re not attending school?”

Submitted by Cherokee Central School Athletics Dept.

Dear Braves Nation,

We have fielded several similar questions over the past couple of weeks regarding athletics, so we feel it is important to address them on a more public platform.

One question that keeps circulating is “why are we participating in athletics when we’re not attending school?”

- Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) made a commitment to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) to participate in athletics if the NCHSAA moved forward with competition.

- The number of athletes is approximately 7 percent of our total school enrollment. Supervising 90 athletes for a few hours a day is much more manageable in terms of following the strictest COVID-19 safety measures. We stagger practice start and end times to reduce athlete interaction, thereby decreasing exposure opportunities.

- All those associated with CCS athletics - training staff, coaches, athletes, parents, and administration - have done a remarkable job in keeping our students and staff safe. As of this writing, the few cases we’ve had have been mild, and team spread was prevented due to fast decisions and quick

action.

- We hope, too, that when CCS does welcome students back under Plan B Hybrid these athletes will set the example for wearing masks, consistent handwashing, and social distancing.

This leads us to our next issue, and that is fan attendance at games. It is known far and wide that the Cherokee Braves and Lady Braves have the very best, most supportive fans of any fan group in the conference, region, and maybe even the state. So, we understand the great desire to be in the bleachers to cheer on the maroon and gold. Please know how much we wish we could fill the Charles George Memorial Arena or any other gym where the Braves and Lady Braves are playing with our great fans.

- We have been given very strict guidelines for fans for home events. We are allowed 25. For away games, we are limited to seven essential staff, which includes our bookkeeper, filmers (2), cleaner, administrator, trainer, and bus driver.

- Every single CCS staff or volunteer that folks happen to see on camera at our away games has a duty. Our essential personnel know they are there to fulfill their duty during their assigned game, and their presence can put us over our limit if they arrive early or stay late.

- When teams come to CHS to play, they submit their essential staff names to us in advance. No one enters if his/her name is not on the list, and we have turned

folks away for this very reason.

- Let us keep in mind that all of these protocols are designed to reduce the number of individuals at these “mass gatherings” in order to keep us all as safe as we can be. We want to make sure we are following the rules that are set before us because we do not want to (a) put our student-athletes and staff at risk, and (b) risk any sanctions levied against our teams/program for failure to comply.

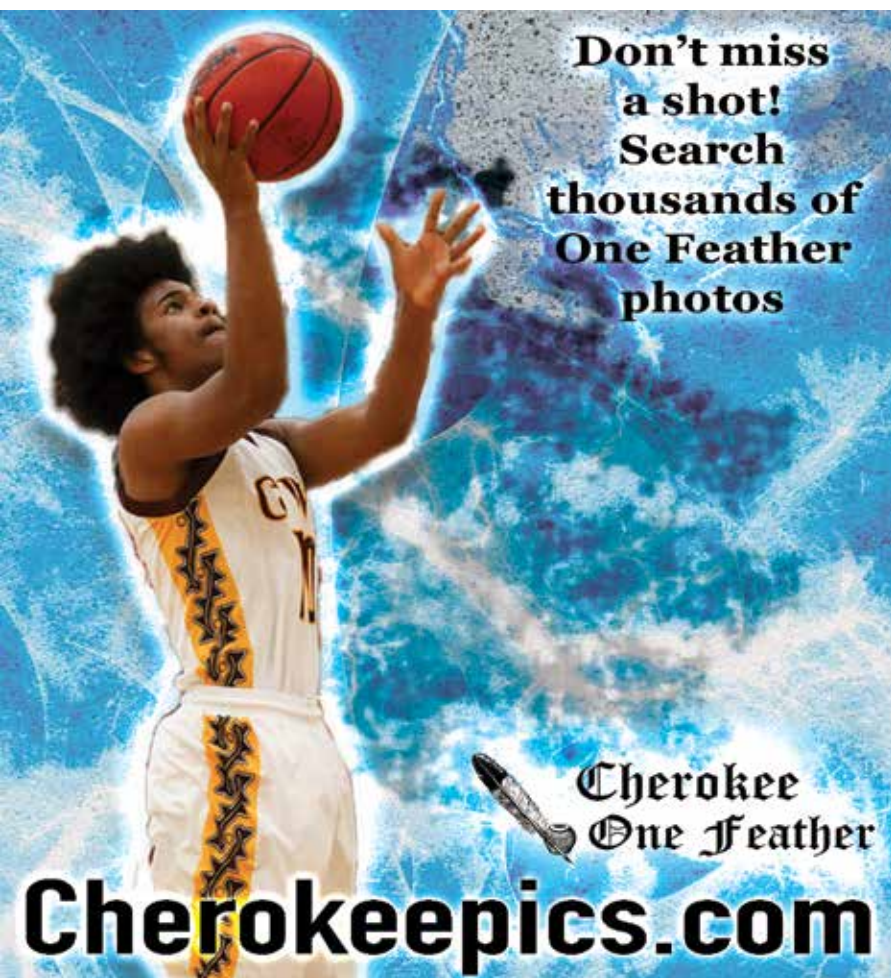
- We will only be able to increase our fan attendance when the N.C. Governor and NCHSAA make changes to our allowable capacity.

Our hope is that each of us will shift our attention away from what we cannot do during a global pandemic and look instead toward what we can do. We can watch our live streamed games on our YouTube channel GWY Sports, supported by 104.1 WNCC. We can offer encouragement to our players, teams, and coaches before and after games. We can enjoy the awesome photos taken and posted by A&M Sports, The Smoker Agency, The Cherokee One Feather, and our CHS/CMS Yearbook Adviser.

A final thought that resounds with us daily: let us be extremely grateful that our Braves and Lady Braves are getting to play a sport they love.

As always, if you have questions, please give us a call Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CHS: 554-5030.

Thank you for your continued support of our Lady Braves and Braves!



Lady Braves over Swain Co. by 12 points



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (right) brings the ball up the court during a game against the Swain Co. Lady Maroon Devils at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Jan. 29. The Lady Braves won the game 64-52 with Leilaya McMillan and Toineeta leading the way with 30 points and 16 points respectively. Other Cherokee scorers included: Loshi Ward 3, McKenzie Reed 1, Zoey Walkingstick 4, and Rhyan Girty 10. Swain Co. scorers included (first names not provided in scorebook): Johnson 15, Smith (#3) 3, Helpman 16, Cutshaw 2, and Smith (#14) 16.



Cherokee's Leilaya McMillan drives against Johnson.



Cherokee's Alexis Smith (#30) jumps to save a ball going out of bounds.

Braves top Maroon Devils by 8 at home



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Cherokee's Tso Smith (#15) shoots over Swain Co.'s Cameron Blankenship during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Jan. 29. The Braves took the win 74-66 in a game that was tight throughout most of the second half. Cherokee was led by Jordan Arkanas with 32 points followed by Cameron Sampson with 16. Other Braves scorers included: Jonathan Frady 8, Don Bradley 10, Smith 4, and Tariq Underwood 4. Swain Co. scorers included: Carter Kirkland 9, Judaiah Littlejohn 28, Blankenship 5, Cooper Hyatt 16, and Noel Wolf 8.



Cherokee's Don Bradley (middle) goes for a shot inside against Swain Co.'s Judaiah Littlejohn (#2) and Noel Wolf (#24).



Cherokee's Jordan Arkanas dropped 32 points in this game.

Lady Tigers edge Cherokee 78-73 in Saturday game



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta brings the ball up the court during a game against the Rosman Lady Tigers at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 30. With 29 points, she led the Lady Braves who were edged by Rosman 78-73. Other Cherokee scorers included: Loshi Ward 2, Awee Walkingstick 2, AJ Hill 15, McKenzie Reed 2, Zoey Walkingstick 2, Alexis Smith 2, Rhyann Girty 12, and Kamia Wiggins 7. Rosman scorers included (full first names not available): K. Harrison 13, R. Chapman 14, M. Galloway 17, A. Cheer 33, and E. Moretz 1.



Cherokee's AJ Hill (#5) drives with the ball as Rosman's Chapman (#10) defends. Hill finished the game with 15 points.



Cherokee's Triniti Littlejohn looks to pass as Rosman's Chapman tries to block her view.

Braves win big over Tigers 88-32



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Cherokee's Brandon Martin (#10) defends against a shot by Rosman's Tyler Stomey (#23) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 30. Tso Smith led Cherokee with 26 as the Braves led the entire game en route to a big 88-32 win. Other Cherokee scorers included: Cameron Sampson 15, Jonathan Frady 3, Jordan Arkansas 19, Don Bradley 10, Brandon Martin 2, and Tariq Underwood 13. Rosman scorers included: Mason Bandhauer 2, Lawson Powell 3, Tyler Stomey 5, Andrew Stomey 11, Carsen Lydny 8, and Morley McCall 3.



Cherokee's Jonathan Frady saves a ball in the first half.



Cherokee's Tso Smith (#15) defends against a layup by Rosman's Hayden Stewart (#3). Smith led the way for Cherokee with 26 points on the afternoon.

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Start 2021 off by learning to have a healthier relationship with food. Join us for a 7-week virtual mindful eating series. We will explore the use of meditation and other tactics to recognize hunger and fullness cues and learn to be present and mindful while eating.

Classes will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Wednesdays at noon starting February 3rd. Please commit to attending at least 5 of the 7 classes. Incentives to attend!

Questions: April at apriinni@nc-chokeee.com or Robin 342-3010



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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 lim-

it 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

Sochan permit applications for Great Smoky Mountains National Park are due soon

To apply online for a 2021 sochan gathering permit, please visit the EBCI Natural Resources Dept. website:

<https://cherokeeenaturalresources.com/sochan-gathering/>

If you have difficulty using the online application form, contact Maria Dunlavey at maridunl@nc-cherokee.com or 788-3628 (call or text) for assistance submitting your application.

Only enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are eligible for permits. The gathering season will run three months, from March 1 to May 31, and allow each permittee to gather up to one bushel of sochan per week. A total of 36 permits are available to be issued. If more than 36 applications are received, those applications submitted first will receive priority.

In order to receive a permit, you must also complete an annual training on regulations and reporting requirements for the sochan gathering program. EBCI staff will contact you after you submit your application with more information about how to attend a training. Remote trainings will tentatively be held at the following times:

- Thursday, Feb. 4 at 12 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 4 at 5 p.m.

Limited in-person trainings may also be held as COVID-19 conditions allow.

EBCI Natural Resources staff noted, "We are committed to ensure that training options are available for everyone's technological and COVID-19 comfort level, so please let us know any concerns or special considerations and we will work with you to make it happen!"

- EBCI Natural Resources Dept.

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee Precinct meeting via Zoom.

Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. Agenda will include discussing new officers and plans for 2021. For more information or to request a link to the meeting, call 497-9498

Turkey Shoot. Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for the Big Cove Free Labor group. Virus measures will be followed. Good fun, good prizes, great benefit.

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



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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 yona.wade@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 kellidoeb@gmail.com

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

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

Good Housekeeping

Chocolate Truffles

It's Valentine's Day, but a pricey box of chocolates isn't in the budget this year. No worries: We believe — and maybe you do, too — that the most special gifts are often homemade.

- 8 ounces bittersweet chocolate
- 1/2 cup heavy or whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 1/3 cup toasted and finely chopped hazelnuts
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa

1. In food processor with knife blade, pulse chocolate until finely ground. In 1-quart pan, heat cream to boiling. Add cream to chocolate; blend until smooth. Add butter; blend well.

2. Line 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with plastic wrap. Pour chocolate mixture into pan. Refrigerate until cool and firm enough to handle, 3 hours.

3. Invert chocolate block onto cutting board. Cut chocolate into 24 (or 12 for larger egg-shaped) pieces. Shape each piece into a ball (or oval for eggs). Roll half the truffles in hazelnuts; roll the other half in cocoa.

4. Refrigerate up to 1 week, or freeze up to 1 month. Let stand at room temperature 1 hour before serving.

• Each serving: About 90 calories, 8g total fat (4g saturated), 11mg cholesterol, 5mg sodium, 6g total carbs, 1g dietary fiber, 1g protein.

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

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OBITUARIES

John Walter Grant "Zahey"

John Walter Grant "Zahey" transitioned from this life on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, surrounded by his family.

John followed up his U.S. Forest Service, military - Air Force, and BIA - law enforcement careers to fulfill his true passion, becoming an artisan of stone and mixed mediums. Throughout his professional ventures he achieved numerous specialized accomplishments and excellence recognition awards.

When he shared his life-stories he could charismatically engage an audience quickly, welcoming the time he spent with loved ones and friends. He resided and traveled throughout the states and will be missed and loved by many.

John is preceeded in death by his parents, Ernest and Rebecca (Catolster) Grant; two brothers, Syd and Raymond Grant; and two grandchildren, Devan Jackson and Mica Henio.

He is survived by his eight children, Marsha Jackson, John Toineeta, Lamont Henio, Daniel Paul Scott, Sissy Toineeta

(Coon), Marcus Grant, Kody Grant (Ariel), and Michelle Chavez (Doolie), as well as one special daughter, Lynette Chavez; and his siblings, Amy Walker, Toni Tahquette, General Grant (Ute), Harley Grant (Brenda), and Patty Grant-Edgemon (Andrew). He also leaves behind 14 grandchildren, one great grandchild, nieces, nephews, extended family, and his best friends John Gloyne, Teet, and Alva.

Dad wanted the ladies to know that he still loved you all.

A Memorial Service to celebrate John's life will be held a later date to be announced.

Alissa Eden Tennielle Smith

Alissa Eden Tennielle Smith, age 27, passed away on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 following an extended illness. She was a lifelong resident of Cherokee and was employed as a manager for a cabin rental business.

She is survived by her mother, Sandra "Curly" Smith; father, Christopher "Jude" Smith; her daughter, Clarice "Punky" Smith; and her fiancé, Bentley Tahquette. She is also survived by her brothers, Christian Smith, Kayman Fea-

gans, Damian Catolster, Makenzie Rattler; her sisters, Miranda Smith and Caedance Smith; and her nephew, Abbot Owle. Her grandmothers surviving are Rowena Smith, Malinda Mahan, along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins, and also Bentley's mother, Dinah Wolfe.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Vaughn F. Smith; great grandfather, Alvin E. Smith; great grandmother, Helen B. Smith; and great uncle, Donald "Bodie" Smith.

A visitation for family and friends was held in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 29. The graveside service and burial took place following the visitation at the Tahquette Family Cemetery. Pall bearers were among family and friends.

Phillip Edward Bell

SWANNANOA – Phillip Edward Bell, 75, of Swannanoa, passed away Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 at Carolina Pines at Asheville Health Care Center.

A native of Washington, DC, Bell had resided in Buncombe County since 1993. He was fascinated by Native American culture

and people, which led him to open Spirits on the River first in Cherokee, then in Asheville. Spirits was a restaurant that served wild game food while honoring the Native American culture, and was featured in numerous local, state and national publications. He also owned Ride a Wild Horse, a retail store in Cherokee.

Bell was the son of the Charles and Edna Young Bell. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Anne Carroll Chapman Bell, who passed away Dec. 14, 2017; sisters, Mona K. Bell Maxwell and Peggy Lou Bell; and brother, Rev. Constantine-Paul Michael Belisarius.

Surviving are his son, Cosmos Bell of California; sister, Betty Sue Mills of Farmville, Va.; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and close friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 29 in the Chapel of Anders-Rice Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Green Hills Cemetery.

To sign Mr. Bell's guest register online, please go to www.andersrice.com.

Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

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

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

**Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657
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COMMENTARY

I got shot last week

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

I was able to get the COVID-19 vaccine shot last week. I am in the 60-plus age group, so based on the flyers being put out by the Cherokee Indian Hospital and EBCI Public Health and Human Services flyers, I called in to the hospital, located my primary care team, and scheduled my appointment for the shot. The process was easy and I quickly was given an appointment for the following week, which was last week.

When my appointment time arrived, I went to the Cherokee Indian Hospital. At the Primary Care entrance, there is a desk set up to prescreen for entrance into the building. I got my temperature taken and answered questions about how I was feeling and about my contact status with potentially COVID-positive people. Once I answered those questions and was found to be okay to proceed, I was directed to the area to preregister to go into the waiting area for the next available station to administer the shot. I waited a few minutes in that lobby and then was quickly directed to a pre-shot staging area.

The few minutes I waited there, I chatted with other Cherokee elders about the things going on in our lives, mostly how COVID had impacted our lives and how we wished all of this to be over.

The mood was extremely light. The staff of the hospital was very professional and compassionate. I watched as they gave those elders who had difficulty moving personal assistance to get from one place to another, patiently answering their questions, and mine.

While I waited, an elder who was coming out from receiving his shot, stopped, looked at me with a pained look on his face and said, "Man, that

shot really hurts!" Immediately a big grin came to his face, letting me know that he was joking about his experience. A hospital worker chided him, jokingly saying "Now, don't be starting anything in here." We all had a good laugh in the waiting room and shortly thereafter, I was called to the table where they would be administering the shot.

The young lady who gave me the shot was very nice and very professional. She absolutely knew what she was doing. She immediately complemented my mask (I was wearing my gifted canned Spam mask) and we chatted about other stuff. I have to admit, when she laid the needle in front of me to prepare my arm for the shot, it surely looked bigger than the one they use for the flu shot, but now I chalk that up to anticipation. She let me know that I would feel a sting, and I did, but no worse than the flu shot. In a second, it was over and done.

After the shot, she led me to a second room and to a new registration table. There, the young lady noted the time my shot was administered and updated a card with my shot information on it with the type of drug administered, the date of the first shot, and my appointment time for my second shot. She had me take a seat to wait fifteen minutes in case there was any allergic reaction to the shot. There were several people in the room waiting for the time to expire. After the time was up, she called my name and told me I was free to go. And then I went on my way to resume my day. To date, a little soreness at the injection site has been my only side effect.

During the entire experience, everyone remained masked. The hospital had done a good job of preparing all waiting areas for social distancing. The process for queuing individuals for the shot administration was orderly and pleasant.

My appointment was at 10:10 a.m. and I was actually given the shot at 10 a.m.

I have heard all the comments about those who get the shot and following the COVID mitigation protocols being “sheep”. It is a wonderful perk of my job to hear all sides of issues, even those I don’t agree with. Sadly, some still think that the virus is a concocted political fallacy. They ignore or dispute the scientific and medical evidence and even doubt the reports of sicknesses and deaths in our own community. With the mounting evidence of the reality of COVID, I am not sure what it will take for those folks to change their minds.

For me, the decision to get the shot was easy. I am a very engaged person. I like working and engaging with co-workers as many of my co-workers are also friends. I belong to several non-profit and religious organizations and I enjoy the interactions I have with my board members and organiza-

tion members. And, most of all, I have family and, particularly, my wife. I have had to slow or eliminate personal contact with many who I used to routinely interact with. And, I have a fair amount of certainty that if I had maintained the same level of personal contact with other people that I had pre-COVID, that my actions could have made them very sick, or die.

My wife and I have been blessed to, so far, not have contracted COVID. The vaccine is the hope that we might avoid it until it is under control.

I used to hear a little parable from preachers and others when I was younger about the way God sometimes provides for us when we ask for his help. It went like this...A man was in his home when it was announced that a terrible storm was going to cause a flood that would engulf his home and authorities said that it was time to evacuate. The winds began to howl, and the rain began to pour. The rescue squad came to his

home in a truck and told the man they were there to evacuate him and take him to safety. The man told them that he was trusting in God to save him and that he didn’t need to go with them. The truck left and the waters continued to rise. It flooded the first floor, so the man moved up to the second. Then, a rescue boat came to the man’s house and told him that they were there to take him to safety. The man once again refused to accept the help, saying that he was trusting in God for his safety. The rescue boat left, and the water kept rising. Eventually, the man had to stand on the roof of his house to evade the water. A rescue helicopter hovered over his house, telling the man that they were there to take him to safety. The man refused, again saying that he would wait on God to save him. As the helicopter flew away, the man was submerged in the water and drowned. When he got to heaven, he went sadly to God and said “I am disappointed in

you God, I trusted in you to save me from the flood and you didn’t save me.” God replied, “I sent you a truck, boat, and helicopter, and you refused all of my attempts to save you.”

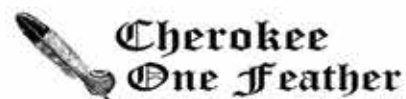
Everyone must make the decision for themselves. No one is going to force you to get the vaccine. But, all of us want to get back to some semblance of normalcy and the vaccine is a possible way to get there. It potentially can take us to a safe place where we can recover from the devastation that the virus has brought to our community. I don’t know if God sent the vaccines to save us, but I am willing to believe that taking the shot is the best way I may show compassion and love for my wife, family members, friends and the community. And it may just save me from the pain and possible death of having full-blown COVID. So, I got shot. And I hope that you will too.



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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



One Feather Poll Question of the Week:

The window for tribal consideration of alcohol sales on the Qualla Boundary is open once again. What are your thoughts on alcohol sales on the Boundary?

Shoshoni Medina: Do it!

Nashley Bradley: Surrounding counties are just making profit off of us traveling to get it, may as well add the profit to the enrolled members and the tribe. Just do it!

Jeremy Wilson: Support

Driver Blythe: Just do it already. Since Council doesn't want the people to vote on the Indiana casino measure, they might as well speed this process up and vote on passing alcohol themselves.

Sherry Welch: One store; not every corner of every street

Kathy Burgess: I will say no. It has been voted down each time.

Dennis Burgess: Get it all through downtown. Open some eateries! It's embarrassing telling tourists to go to Bryson or Sylva just to have dinner. Our "sports bar" didn't even have the NFL

playoffs last week.

Tsodani Ugama: Might as well do it. This ain't the 50s anymore. There's alcohol at every entrance and exit to and from the rez.

Caine Lambert: I would say nah.

Dee Queen: Might as well do it. The Tribe doesn't take our concerns into consideration anyway.

Greg French: Bring it on.

Chris Mayberry: Biggest mistake you could ever make

Danie Welch: No, no, no...We have enough problems with alcohol on the rez without it being sold here.

Natalie Barkley: If alcohol gets approved, chain restaurants would be willing to come in. We need some good eating restaurants in Cherokee.

Newham D. Louie: No. Do as the elders requested before us.

Mindy Danielle Buchanan: Support

Richard Matheny: Support it. People buy it anyways; why not local?

Jeremy Hyatt: Absolutely 100 percent yes! At least let's have beer and wine on premises for local businesses. It would be a boon for small businesses throughout Cherokee. I hate seeing all those people who visit Cherokee take their business elsewhere when they find out we don't allow them to have a beer or a glass of wine after enjoying the river, island or trails. Let's keep them and their money here.

Howard Morgan: I say no. It's bad as it is with the drinking and driving going on now, and it will get a lot worse.

Chantelle Frank: If we can waste money on a random casino in the middle of nowhere for God knows why, we can have a serious talk about legal weed that would bring tons of jobs and cash to this Tribe.

Awi Amatsvna Snidi: Absolutely no

Mary Long: I would still vote no.

Frieda Wolfe: I support it.

Taylor Cheyenne Day: Support it. If it's approved, we could have chain restaurants.

Tom Goolsby: I am not an enrolled member so I don't get a vote. I have lived here for over 10 years and to be honest, I don't drink much myself. I do believe that people are foolish to think that just because alcohol can't be purchased on the reservation that this stops drinking and driving. The law is simply making the owners of the store across street that much richer. At least now they don't have to drive to Bryson City to buy beer then drink it all

the way back home. History has proven that you can't stop someone from drinking just by telling them you can't buy it in your home town.

Rose McCoy: What are they waiting for?

Junebug Driver: Support it

Maney Zacchaeus: Support; people buy it all the time. We won't ever have any good, affordable restaurants if we can't sell it. Then, maybe those tasty Olive Garden breadsticks will be in town.

Sandi Owle: Support!

James Bradley: Support!

Teddy Bird: Yeah, I'm tired of giving my money to Gatlinburg, Bryson, Sylva, Maggie, Waynesville, and Asheville - 10s of thousands. Some cry around about diversification, sell it, let people with money come and build and just maybe, we will look like Gatlinburg some day, we have competition in casino now; so per-cap will go down. Watch!

Christina Terrell: Why not get the profit from what people are already buying?

Donnie Smith: If everyone can sell; not just the Tribe.

Connie Welch: Support 110 percent, and I don't drink.

Laura Blythe: I am in complete support of alcohol being allowed to be sold, served & purchased on the boundary. Yes, I understand that many of our homes and lifestyles have been tumultuous due to the use of alcohol, however I feel that

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being served in restaurants, gas stations, tap rooms, breweries are not the cause of those effects. Those who choose not to drink will continue not to drink, those who choose to partake in a glass of wine or a few beers at a brewery will continue to do so, and those who drink a case will purchase a cheap brew and drink it wherever they feel like. Not having it here does not deter our decisions to drink we will just go where it is provided, in all the towns surrounding us. Having it here will not entice non-drinkers to start drinking. I continue to hear the numerous complaints that we're not growing and we need to diversify our economy here in Cherokee. Will the option of serving alcohol boost our economy? Absolutely. Not necessarily with the sale of alcohol alone, but because the option is there and the opportunities for new ventures to want to come to town will be available. Regulations can always be put in place to only allow it in certain districts, stop selling at a certain time, etc but we should be allowed the option, at the very least.

Alisha Lossiah: Support; bring some good restaurants in please.

Trudy Crowe: I hope not. I don't even care about the money. It changes lives and cultures.

Judy Wilkey: The EBCI literally sits smack dab in the middle of a county where it's accessible to anyone 21 and over. Poll your members on how many have travelled outside the Boundary and spent money and paid taxes to those surrounding area and you'll see you're missing out on a lot of money and tax dollars. And, the results of downtrodden becoming alcoholics will be the same be-

cause an alcoholic is going to find the alcohol their brain is wanting regardless. However, I would have them increase the services they're providing for both alcohol and drug addiction and like with Social Security and you cannot manage your money. In regards to said alcohol and drug rehabilitation, someone needs to start managing the funds of per cap that these individuals receive because that amount of money in the hands of a drug or alcohol addict can be dangerous! This is one aspect that has always worried me as an in county but non-member of the EBCI. But, some members can step up to request that and save some lives to live another day with the hope of recovery!

Lisa Sampson: Makes sense economically...after all, now people can drive right across the line and get it - might as well put the money here.

Connie Welch: I would expect my Council members to vote yes on this.

Jenean Hornbuckle: Until we can compete with our neighbouring towns that are developing quaint tourist attractions and shops, we will be the small reservation town on the edge of the most traveled National Park. We could be so much more. We could be galleries and bistros, breweries and open music venues. We could develop incentives for small business owners and artists who want to be able to support their families. Bottom line, for that ever to happen we have to offer the same thing our neighbors do. Use every penny of tax revenue for addiction education and treatment and supporting people in recovery. Alcohol is available right off the

Boundary. The only thing voting no does is keep us stagnant and dependent on other funds being used for alcohol treatment. Let's not move forward out of fear, let's move forward thinking optimistic. Vote yes.

Denise Lambert Ballard: Support

Anthony Wilson: Stop it!

Patrick Rick Sneed: Maybe if we do we could get some name brand restaurants around here and not have to go to Asheville.

Chris Reed: I support it mainly because, as many others have pointed out, people will get hold of alcohol regardless. What we should focus on is proper alcohol education and social services to help those with alcoholism. I am also of the belief that any additional revenue incomes will help us should our gaming revenue go down.

Mary Anne Bristo: Yes, one location. Put it right next to the Boundary line, as close to Catamount convenience store as possible. Undercut his prices and put him out of business.

Margaret Wakefield: I've always supported alcohol sales on the Boundary. It's everywhere around us. Let the Tribe earn additional capital and hopefully some restaurants will come in. It's ridiculous that you can go get it at Catamount yet you continue to deny it 500 yards away.

Morgan Calhoun: Yes, so long as the Tribe get the revenue from the sales and uses it to create jobs; not for personal profit.

Tamara Thompson: If we had alcohol we could get better businesses here- like bigger, better restaurants and grocery stores. I would be for alcohol. Some Natives who spurn alcohol say that it's the white man's invention and that it did so much harm to Natives, but prohibition is also the white man's invention and continuing it will only continue to do us harm in terms of stifling our economy and consumer choices.

Mark D. Arrington: Support!

Kim Shuler: Support! Why give the tax revenue to other towns?

Adam Owl: What are we waiting for? It's a simple way to increase revenue.

Tali Ugidahli: Let it be sold. Regardless, it's already at the rez backdoor allowing non-tribal members to get rich off of our citizens. It common sense. There's no difference from Catamount to Food Lion to whatever gas station or restaurant sells it. At least then, tribal businesses could benefit.

Freda Chandler: Support it, and I don't drink. Everybody else has it.

Sarah Bruneel: Support it! Maybe we could get some good restaurants in here and per cap would go up.

Chris Payne: As long as tax goes to the Tribe, great idea. People will and do simply drive to buy it and those tax dollars are lost. Not allowing sales does not prevent it from being present it just puts the tax revenue in other pockets. It can also bring much needed

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QUESTION: One Feather poll answers from page 21

restaurants in as well.

Eleanor Priest Crim: If you don't sell it, they will go somewhere else and get it.

Dave Ellingsworth: Support!

Maddy Welch: Absolutely not. There are other ways to raise revenue without inviting trouble. Does no one remember Chief Yonaguska referring to alcohol as poison?

Vanessa Norton: No, because they already have enough going on causing deaths. Why involve alcohol? Your casino and nearby Catamount already sell it. Plus, there is a Beer and Wine Store next to Dollar General.

Shannon Ross: Look at it this way, if alcohol is brought here, there will be many opportunities for food options that we've never had. Also the revenue generated will only benefit our Tribe. It's a no-brainer in my opinion. Why spend money off tribal land when it could be spent here? It's pretty sad that Bryson city and Sylva have surpassed us in every way possible and it's definitely due to their ability to sale alcohol.

Utsilugi Galanvdiv: Either we do or we keep making Catamount millions of dollars a year while we sit in lost revenue here every year.

Nick N Shelby Davidson: I'm enrolled, this one is hard for me because I say yes and no. Yes because we could have good chain restaurants like Olive Garden, Red lobster, etc. No because for the ones who simply do not care about others and their families, I person-

ally feel like there would be more accidents and more families killed because of drunk drivers and also no because of more domestic violence because they're drunk. Also, let me add in that I am fully aware that they can go right off the Rez and purchase the alcohol and bring it back onto the Rez so don't come at me.

Sally Rogers: I'm also split on this. I'm fully aware that it would go against almost every elder past and present, but I'm also aware that it's already here and our people can and do buy it other places. I don't know, just kind of feels like the last nail in our coffins if we do.

Kele Groenewold: I do not support alcohol being sold on the Qualla Boundary.

David Gill: I understand opposition to alcohol. But, you already have every single problem that comes with it, and you are left to deal with it, but you have absolutely no benefit from it whatsoever. You are dying a slow death and do not realize it. It's time to let it in and get the tax money from it. Put a percentage of that tax toward education and rehab facilities. But, the growth that you will get from it will far outweigh not getting it.

Robin Sharrett: Yes! I want a cold beer at Fire Mountain Outpost after a ride.

Kerra Welch: Why not? It's already here in certain places. So, why not let it be all over the place?

Richie Wolf: I understand people that are against it because of their negative experiences with alcohol via family members, or because they see it as being perpendicular to our traditions.

At the same time, I think that all of the negative effects alcohol can have on a community are present whether the alcohol is bought on the Boundary or off. If we are going to deal with the negative effects of alcohol being available, it would only make sense to put ourselves in a position to also be able to benefit from its availability as well. We are a sovereign people, which means we could levee our own tax on it and legislate what those taxes are used on, i.e. setting aside a portion of the tax revenue for rehabilitation and for expanding on the work we already do to educate the younger generation about substance abuse. At the end of the day, alcohol is already sold on the Boundary at the casino. We have to ask ourselves, do we want to make the profits of alcohol sales on the boundary to be exclusive to the outside investors who own the restaurants at the casino, or do we want to give our fellow tribal members the ability to tap into that revenue stream by allowing alcohol to be served in more establishments than just those at the casino.

William Ledford: To me it seems that a lot of people believe this, if legal sales of alcohol were introduced on the Boundary everyone, absolutely everyone, would drop everything and run out, buy it, consume it right away and attempt to drive home drunk. People are going to buy and consume alcohol, hiding your head under the blanket won't stop that...and, instead of supporting the economies of the local area communities, we keep our money at home. Alcohol in Native communities is a tough sell, but sometimes it needs to be done.

Wes Young: No

Roberta Panther: Well, if some drunk kills any of my family are the leaders going to pay for letting this happen. We are trying to get out of this vision how people see us and you all are going down the path as being drunks!

Tracy Reed: It's already here - don't see why not. If the Council wants to do it, they will do it anyways, no matter what the people want.

Elizabeth Owl-Myers: People will travel wherever to buy/consume alcohol. Allowing it on the reservation will not make a difference in people's consumption.

Steven Woods: Services for alcohol addiction/abuse should be considered as part of the decision-making process - stepped up education.

Angela Taylor: I say yes. Catamount already sells it and it like two blocks off the rez. So, the people that are drinking are already doing it. It's not going to make a difference just the difference of the Boundary getting the profit instead of off Boundary getting the profit of sales. It does not matter if one wants to drink they will, and I think they should sell it - like that two blocks makes a difference. No, it does not. Just because Qualla Boundary would sell it does not mean there would be new drinkers. Come on now, it will be the same people drinking and us non-drinkers will stay non-drinkers. The drinkers will drink no matter where it's sold.

Ben Reed: Ill stay in the old path. There's blessings and victory there. Love you all. Isaiah 28:7 (KJV) But they also have erred

through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

Elaine Armachain: I say yes.

Shayna George: Yes

CB Long: Many tribal members are unaware that in the 1800s Chief Drowningbear drank a lot and went into a coma. The people thought he had died. While he was in the coma, the Creator came to him and told him he must go back to the people and tell them that alcohol is a mind changer and will destroy the Tribe. They must turn away from it. When he awoke, he outlawed alcohol. We have lost many people to this poison yet we still see it as a “savior” for our economy. We do not consider what our children are going thru when we are “entertaining” friends and business partners. Many homes are broken due to this substance. Most, if not all, children in foster care or family placement are there

because of alcohol and drugs. We can survive and flourish without it. If we had sober leaders who could see a better life for our people and use all the wonderful resources that we have, this Tribe would have a brighter future because our children would be cared for and raised with good values and a vision for the future. We would have no need for foster care. I realize it's a far-fetched dream but it's possible. Yes, I have a history with alcohol and fight every day for my sobriety. Until you get sober you really don't know the challenges and can't see the damage you did when drinking.

Barry Craig: Prohibition only stops people from buying locally. It has never stopped anyone from getting what they want. They just spend their money somewhere else. If you feel like you are taking some kind of high ground by opposing, that argument was lost when the casino was opened which sells adult beverages and has for years. Speaking as a business owner, let us have the freedom to do what we do, and that is to provide entertainment to our visitors.

Vickie Lambert Bradley: Support!

Debra Hoppe: No reason not to - drugs are what need to be fought.

Dottie Roberts Lunsford: Yes

Maryanne Thompson Canales: No

Fori Massey McLean: Alcohol sales on the Qualla Boundary would not a wise decision. While drinking responsibly is possible for some people, why bring in an unhealthy temptation? When weighing the pros versus cons, consider future generations, as well. May the tribal leaders make the best decision possible while remembering a good decision is the enemy of the best decision.

Florence Bradley: I say no. It's close enough. Don't need it on the Rez...our children don't need any more hurt or abuse.

Lawrence Simmons: No

Jeff Sullivan: Time marches on. Don't let it guide perception of well-being.

Angela Jordan: Yes

Gregory Hunt: A people can survive and thrive without alcohol. There's lots of alcohol free business opportunities out there if leaders would just think beyond the easy quick dollar that alcohol brings.

Nicki LaFontaine: No because we have the highest alcoholism rate in the country. I don't want for us to be looked at as raging alcoholics where there are so many wonderful things about us.



For Cats, Keyboards Are Just Unbearable

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm writing in regard to the article on the keyboard-loving cat. My cats often react as if they're disturbed by many specific sounds: voices from my phone speaker, noise from the radio or iPad, or clicking from typing on the keyboard. My cats are uncomfortable and confused. I believe that the sounds are not pleasant to them. When they paw at the phone screen or at me, I think it's an attempt to stop, control or try to understand these noises that are bothering them.

I've found that if I wear earbuds when using my cellphone or iPad, my cats don't react. I silenced the “clicky” sounds when writing a text message on my phone. When I need to type, I put the cats in another room with a tasty treat to hold them until I'm finished.

Our kitties are trying to adjust to our lifestyle, with all the technology we use today, and much of it is antithetical to their way of being! We need to compromise a bit and make adjustments that help them to be more comfortable. Thank you for your informative column each week — *Patricia D.W., via email*

DEAR PATRICIA: What a great observation! Most of us think that when a cat walks across our keyboard, they are just seeking attention. But it may be something more. With their keen hearing, all that clickety-clacking may be driving them nuts — and they're jumping onto the keyboard to put a stop to it.

Your solution speaks to the importance of observing our pets and their behavior to learn what is normal for them versus what makes them anxious or annoyed. Observation can give us the answer to many problem behaviors.

Send your pet care and training tips to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Houseplant dormancy

A strange state sometimes comes upon some houseplants. Dormancy is a period of rest that starts when plants, sensing

the days are becoming shorter, reduce their need for light. This slows all of the plant's life processes. New foliage will stop appearing, and existing leaves may even fall off. Roots will continue to get nutrients, but water should be reduced at this time, and you should not fertilize the plant. Watch for pests. — *Brenda Weaver*

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Jehovah T'sidkenu, meaning, 'The God of My Righteousness'

TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

CHEROKEE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
CHURCH

Read John 3:16-21, and Romans 5:8

This week, we are looking forward to a better understanding of The Name, 'Jehovah T'sidkenu', meaning 'The God of My Righteousness' This is a Name and a context referring us to the perfect example and Powerful Intercession by God's only Son, Jesus.

Our righteousness in our souls is only possible if we are now considered as having asked Jesus to be our Savior, for we have been told in Scripture that without Jesus, 'our own righteousness is as filthy rags.' We can only be saved, as being "In Christ Jesus". This means having been made Right by believing that Jesus is our only Way to the Father. Being Justified means Just as if we had never sinned. This means we must also to be sanctified, made Holy through Sanctification. It's a work of being set aside or set apart for Godliness.

If our spirits are saved, by our own confession given out loud, our spirit is instantly made perfect and saved, and becomes like God in this process. Having been freely justified, means 'Our spirits have already been made justified.' 'Just as if I never sinned.'

Our souls, however, are in a different situation. Composed of our mind, will and emotions, they will need to have undergone the sanctification process. It is a work that prepares them for understanding and submitting to the work of growing up into the salvation we have chosen. Our souls are still in the process of being saved while we are on Earth. It is a life-long process, so 'don't get weary in doing good.'

We have to know how God thinks and how He 'sees' us. The process is carried on and taught us by the Holy Spirit through the thoughts and words which He deposits in the core of our being. Controlling our mouths is

the work requiring the largest changes and is usually a most needed project. We will hear a gentle correction, "You are too good to talk that way..." Or, we may also hear a reminder, "Let your conversation be Holy..." We will soon realize how often this happens and adjust things by just the renewing of our minds, and our thinking, while He is working on us. We will soon realize how much smoother life can get because He's guiding us and how much happier, to actually know we are becoming a better person. 'He's still working on me, helping me.'

We also must learn to love the people of the world. (Psalms 26:1) "Act with integrity." We are not to judge the world, for they are sinners and may not know any better. Love means we are to love sinners as we love ourselves...

The Church has the Bible which means that Love is how Christians are to be judged by the Church and only in Love, Rebuke, corrections should only be made in a loving manner and by working through the Holy Spirit. Love them back to where we all should be. We are to live a chaste life, not ashamed and having to be always corrected.

David wrote asking God to, "Judge me, Lord, I have walked in my integrity and trusted

in the Lord. Blessing and rewards... I want to be a winner, not a loser. Sometimes it can be a simple cry of "Help, Lord". Our prayers should be ones telling God, Who He is... or, 'Though I fall, I get up and dust myself off.' And, we are to forgive ourselves, too, even if we messed up. He loves us! We can ask Him to 'prove us' by using out reins, saying, 'prove me.' I will go right or left. Examine me when I pull. I have walked in Your Truth and chosen new friends. I want to be yours! Holding onto innocence, 'in washing my hands of the world's ways.' He must bless me because He judged me aright. God is a real and powerful God. 'Redeem me, and be merciful.' Never let me go. 'God is Faithful.' Thank Him!

(The many Jewish Names of God were given to us by God Himself in the original Hebrew texts. Carefully written down and copied onto large, papyrus scrolls; His Names were found in the texts meticulously copied down by Jewish Scribes and Priests for many centuries. Whenever God's Name was first mentioned, from then on, the Name would always be identified by Jewish scholars which made identifying easier and with better understanding by all students of the Word of God. -Myra Colgate)



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*But I know you, that you do not
have the love of God in you.
I have come in My Father's name,
and you do not receive Me;
if another comes in his own name,
him you will receive.*

JOHN 5: 42,43

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Amber Waves



R.F.D.



The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

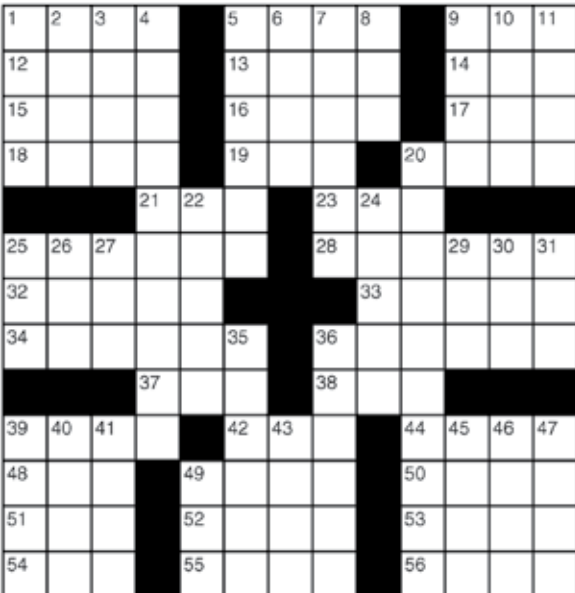
Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. "Danger" sign is bigger. 2. Jersey numbers are different. 3. Stars are black. 4. Fewer people in crowd. 5. Hockey stick is missing. 6. Arena wall is taller.

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Saudi native
 - 5 Job-safety org.
 - 9 Old CIA foe
 - 12 Mentor
 - 13 Err
 - 14 Shoe width
 - 15 Secondhand
 - 16 Watch chains
 - 17 Away from SSW
 - 18 Slightly
 - 19 And so on (Abbr.)
 - 20 Tackles weeds
 - 21 Longing
 - 23 Hearty quaff
 - 25 Ex-hausted
 - 28 Castor's twin
 - 32 Silents star
 - 33 Country singer Shelton
 - 34 Arrest
 - 36 Dwellings
 - 37 Meadow
 - 38 Dancer Charisse
 - 39 Rage
 - 42 Trio after Q
 - 44 Raw minerals
 - 48 Exist
 - 49 — Domini
 - 50 "Damn Yankees" vamp
 - 51 Irate
- DOWN**
- 1 Oaxaca water
 - 2 Reddish brown
 - 3 Region
 - 4 "That'll Be the Day" singer
 - 5 Insult
 - 6 Coin aperture
 - 7 Wheel cover
 - 8 Six-pack
 - 9 Vegas game
 - 10 Hereditary unit
 - 11 Honey bunch?
 - 20 Louis Armstrong song
 - 22 Haunting
 - 24 Hotel area
 - 25 "Humbug!"
 - 26 "Suits" network
 - 27 Disco guy on "The Simpsons"
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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. Is the book of Simeon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 - 2. In which book's 13:12 does Jesus predict children rebelling against their parents to be a sign of end times? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
 - 3. After hearing many things, what did he call the ones after they tried to console him? *Sore losers, Miserable comforters, Wretched sons, Cowardly lions*
 - 4. From 2 Samuel 4, what 5-year-old boy was dropped by his nurse and used for life? *Moses, Mephibosheth, Eter, Andronicus*
 - 5. How many times in the Bible (KJV) do the words "Christian" or "Christians" appear? *3, 13, 30, 300*
 - 6. What prophet was the son of Ikanah and Hannah? *Samuel, Iudah, Daniel, Nathan*
- Comments? More Trivia? Gift Ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com
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- 1. SCIENCE: What kind of charge does a neutron carry?
 - 2. THEATER: Which 20th-century play features a character named Blanche DuBois?
 - 3. HISTORY: Which ancient Greek author is considered "the Father of Comedy"?
 - 4. LITERATURE: What were the first names of the Bronte authors and sisters?
 - 5. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut also is known as a filbert or cobnut?
 - 6. AD SLOGANS: Which brand of men's after-shave used the advertising slogan, "Be careful how you use it"?
 - 7. MOVIES: What was the title of the movie in which Kirk Douglas played the artist Van Gogh?
 - 8. GAMES: Which video game character was the first to be featured as a giant balloon in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade?
 - 9. MUSIC: Which Billy Joel song featured a couple named Brenda and Eddie, the king and queen of the prom?
 - 10. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name of the African country of Zimbabwe?
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TRADING POST

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Twin bed, complete with everything; 5-drawer chest of drawers; Coca-Cola jug; amplifier. 456-9763



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) St. Valentine's Day magic rules the entire week for romantic Rams and Ewes. Music, which is the food of love, is also strong. The weekend offers news both unexpected and anticipated.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor the arts — which the Divine Bovine loves, loves, loves. Also, for those looking for romantic love, Cupid is available for requests. After all, his mother, Venus, rules your sign.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Loving commitments continue to grow stronger. Ditto budding relationships. A recent move to help start-up a new career-linked direction soon could begin to show signs of progress.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Single Moon Children might be eager to take that proverbial chance on love. But your more serious side will feel better if you take things slowly and give your moonstruck self more time.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a love fest for Leos and Leonas this week. Paired Cats might expect to be purr-fectly in sync. And with matchmaking friends, single Simbas searching for romance shouldn't have too far to look.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) More understanding on both sides can work miracles in restoring ailing relationships to health. Make the first move, and you'll be closer to your much-wanted reunion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Accept the fact that you are worthy of being loved, and you'll find proof in what is revealed to you over the course of the week. Also accept a compliment offered with great sincerity.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Planning to take a new direction in life is exciting. And so is a new awareness of someone's special affection. Expect a slow and mostly steady development of the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you might still feel you weren't treated quite right in a recent matter, all that will work out in time. Meanwhile, enjoy the week's special qualities and potentials.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Deciding not to give up on a troubling romantic situation helps start the healing process. Expect to find some valuable insight into yourself as things move along.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The week is filled with positive potentials, but it's up to you to make the right choices. The advice of someone who truly cares for you and your well-being can be priceless.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to make yourself available to possibilities of the romantic kind. Already paired? Good. In that case, be sure to reassure that special person of your feelings.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your generosity gladdens the hearts of others, and you bask in their joy.

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Spirituality
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O'CHYL DLO-0-0 - utlinigida adanvtedi
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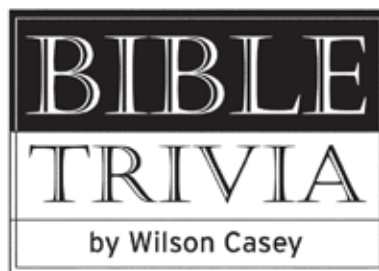
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Sense of Humor

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Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Mark; 3) miserable comforters (Job 16:2); 4) lephibosheth; 5) 3 (Acts 11:26, Acts 6:28, 1 Peter 4:16); 6) Samuel



1. A neutron has no charge
2. "A Streetcar Named Desire"
3. Aristophanes
4. Emily, Charlotte, and Anne
5. Hazelnut
6. Hai Karate
7. "Lust for Life"
8. Sonic the Hedgehog
9. "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant"
10. Rhodesia

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

Open Until Filled:

Children's Home
PT Residential Counselor -
two positions

Agelink Childcare Center

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



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, February 11, 2021

EVS Technician
Nursing/Medical Administrative Assistant

Open Until Filled

Behavioral Health RN (Grant Funded) - Analenisgi
Billing Technician II
Business Analyst
Certified Nursing Assistant - Primary Care (Grant Funded)
Dental Assistant II (Multiple)
Dentist
Dentist - Satellite Clinics
Dietary Services Supervisor - Patient Side
EVS Technician
Infection Control/Employee Health RN (COVID Grant)
Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center
Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi
Masters level Therapist (Grant Funded)-Adult/Analenisgi
Medical Laboratory Technician (Emergency Hire)
Medication Assisted Treatment Manager
Pedodontist
Psychiatry Mid-Level (Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner)
PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)
PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)
PTR Clinical Dietitian
Registered Nurse - Primary Care (Grant Funded)
Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom

Tsali Care Center

Open Until Filled

Certified Nursing Assistant - (Full Time- Starting Pay
\$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)
Certified Nursing Assistant (Part Time Intermittent - Starting
Pay \$14.36/Hr.)
Cook Aid (Hiring Bonus)
License Practical Nurse (Full Time)
License Practical Nurse (Part Time Regular w/Benefits)
Registered Nurse (Part Time Intermittent)
RN Supervisor (Part Time Regular w/Benefits)

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



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Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrahs's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2021, Caesars License Company, LLC.

EMPLOYMENT

Nikwasi Initiative Project Associate - Part Time, Flexible Hours, Home Office

Would you like to teach the world about local culture while learning new skills and contributing to a growing nonprofit?

Nikwasi Initiative preserves, protects, and promotes culture & heritage on traditional lands of the Cherokee. We are a young, creative nonprofit that works with diverse people. New projects offer ample variety to the daily work schedule.

We seek an associate who has a relationship with and working understanding of EBCI, who is fluent in online platforms, well organized, and a strong communicator to assist our Executive Director with special projects.

The associate will work 20

hours per week, remotely.

Candidates must have:

A valid driver's license and reliable vehicle

Strong internet connection

Ability to stay organized and on time with multiple projects

Excellent communication skills

Interested? Please contact:

elaine@nikwasi-initiative.org

All applicants must submit: resume', cover letter, and 3 references. **2/3**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-104

In the Matter of the Estate of William Paul Owle

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

Michelle L. Owle-Smith
P.O. Box 184
Cherokee, NC 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-109

In the Matter of the Estate of JANE WOLFE

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or

before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

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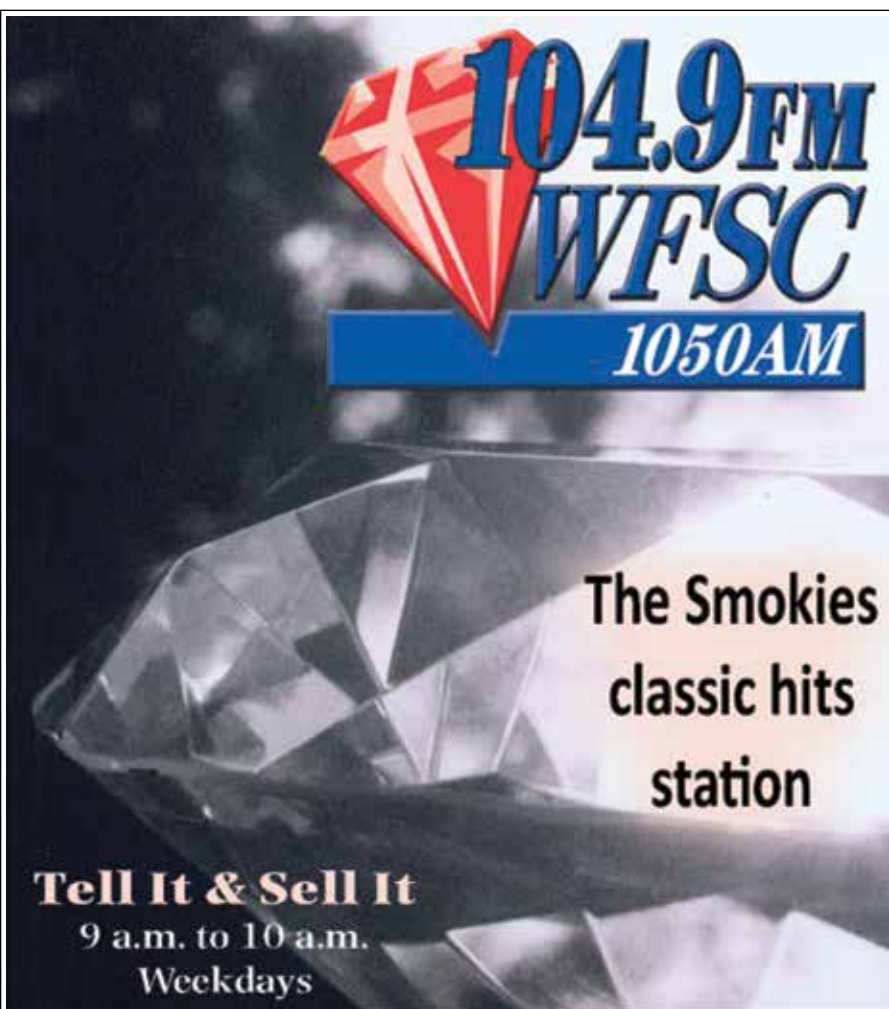
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Amy J. Smoker
P.O. Box 1516
Cherokee, NC 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-107

In the Matter of the Estate of Jeremy Justin Raby

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

Jerry Max Raby
204 Mary Jackson Road
Whittier, NC 28789

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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

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Tribal Construction Program
(TCP)

Tribal Utilities Bldg.
1840 Paint Town Road
P.O. Box 547
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
Ph. (828) 359-359-6146

Project Title: Domestic Water Well
Drilling in Five Western Counties
of North Carolina
The Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians Tribal Construction Program is requesting separate sealed bids for the services of a licensed water well driller for the purpose of drilling an estimated 50 water wells in western North Carolina between March 2021 and March 2023.

The project area is located in Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, Haywood and Graham Counties with the bulk of the work anticipated to be within a 20 mile radius of Cherokee, NC. An estimated 50 wells will be drilled, as needed, during the contract period. Prospective bidders must be familiar with the terrain and drilling practices of western North Carolina. Contract specifications and bidding documents will be provided to any licensed well driller upon request. Contact Mr. Jeremy Watkins at (828)359-6146 or by email at jere-watk@nc-cherokee.com to request a bid package.

Bid packages should be addressed to Mr. Watkins at the address above and must be received by 11:00 a.m., February 18, 2021 at which time they will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

This work is being funded by the Indian Health Service. Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) applies for this contract. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) documentation required by Executive Order 11246 as Amended and regulations (41 CFR Part 60-4) shall be applicable throughout the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Watkins at (828) 359-6146 or by email at jerewatk@nc-cherokee.com. **2/3**

Kituwah, LLC is seeking qualified contractors to provide a firm fixed price for the installation of new powered reclining theater seating in portions of the Cherokee Cinemas and More theater, located in Cherokee, NC. This project will include the install of the seating, electrical, and flooring put back. A full RFP

may be requested or picked up from Kristin Smith at Kituwah, LLC 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, North Carolina 28789. Please call (828)-477-4553 or e-mail kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com with any questions or requests. Proposals must be received by February 22nd, 2021, 11:00 a.m. at the above address. **2/3**

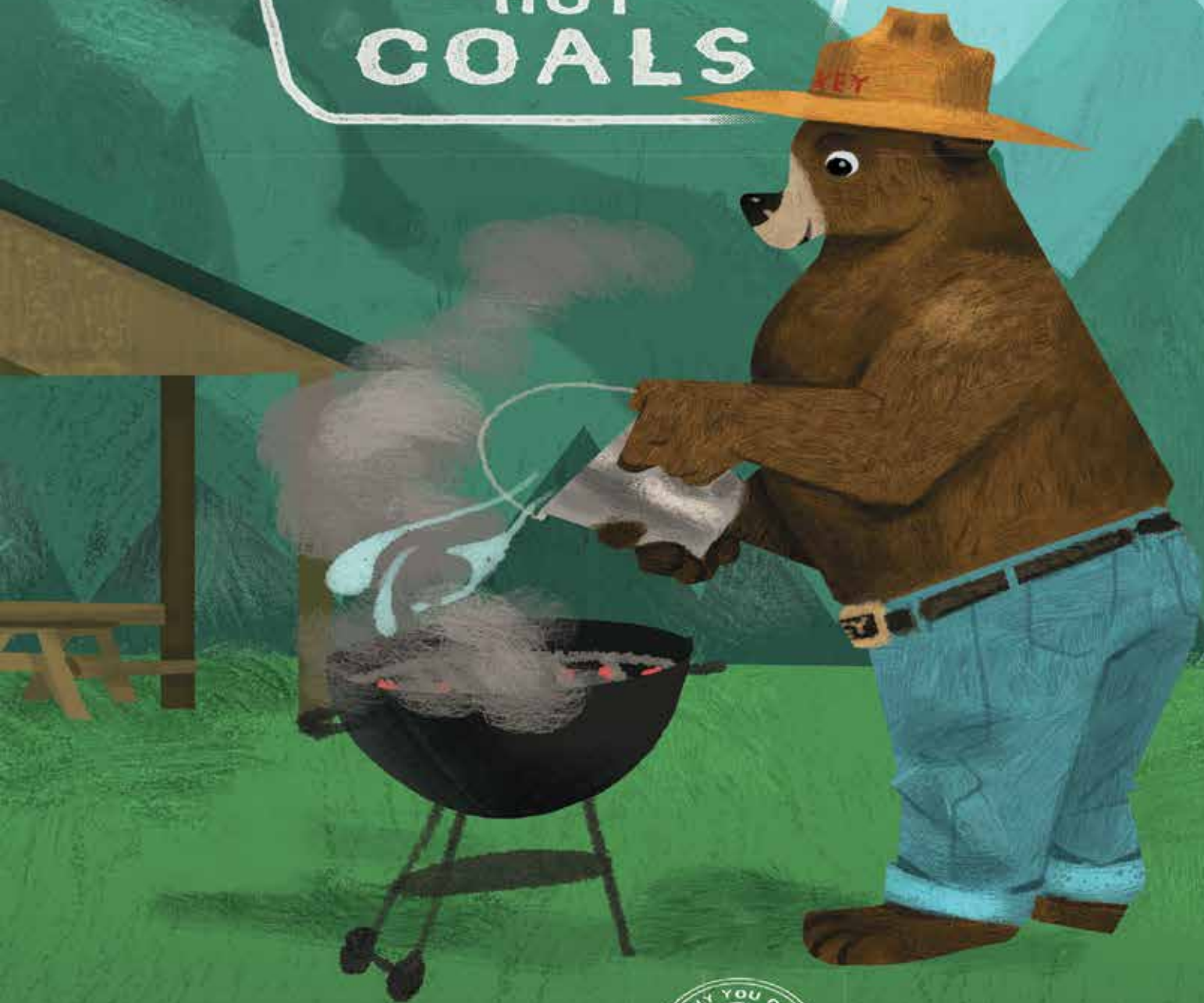


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Constitution vs. Charter: Article I

Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution Article I – Organization of Government

Section 1. Sovereignty. The People of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians bear the right to self-determination and hereby establish a government that possesses inherent powers of sovereignty and protections granted by territorial integrity.

Section 2. Branches of Government. The powers of the government shall be divided into three separate but equal branches consisting of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial.

Section 3. Separation of Powers. No official of any Branch of Government shall exercise any power granted in this Constitution to any other Branch of Government except as expressly directed or permitted by this Constitution.

Section 4. Seat of Government. The seat of government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall be located upon Tribal trust lands.

Current Charter

Section 1. The officers of the Tribe shall consist of a Principal Chief, Vice-Chief and twelve members of Council ...

Section 8. The seat of government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall be centrally located within the Qualla Boundary, North Carolina.

What does the Charter and the Constitution say about the formation of the government in general?

The first article of the proposed **Constitution of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians** speaks in general terms to the structure of the government. The first declaration is that the tribe is sovereign and has the authority of the tribe to govern itself. This draft of the Constitution then describes how the power of the government is to be split into three branches. It goes on to limit the authority of each branch to only what is given by the citizens through this document. Finally, the draft states that the seat of the government is to be located on trust land.

The only reference in the **Charter and Governing Document** to the formation of the government is that the seat of government is to be “centrally located within the Qualla Boundary.” The only other mention in the Charter of creating the government is the make-up of the officers, which are the Principal Chief, Vice-Chief and Tribal Council. The Charter, in total, implies that Tribal Council has most of the power to govern, relegating the Executive Committee to only enforcement of Tribal Council resolutions and day-to-day operations of the Tribe. There are no limitations on the authority of Tribal Council and no mention of a judiciary or court system. Any resolution or law passed by Tribal Council can be suspended, changed, or reversed by Tribal Council without any recourse. Anything that is not included in the Charter can be overwritten or modified by Tribal Council at any time.

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



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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