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- Dr. Richard Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive medical director, on COVID-19 rates in western North Carolina

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Robert Saunooke, an attorney and member of of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), has submitted a formal protest to the EBCI Tribal Council regarding its decision to purchase the Caesars Southern Indiana casino for a reported \$250 million.

Resolution No. 363 (2020), which was submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, was passed in a special session called on Dec. 24, 2020. This move would be the Tribe's first foray into commercial gaming, something that tribal leadership has been determined to do for some time. Saunooke says that the purchase is both irresponsible and against the Charter.

"Aside from the fact that I think this is a horrible business deal, it appears to me the way it's set up that it violates the Tribal Charter, which requires the Tribal Council to control all real and personal property of the Tribe," said Saunooke. "And the way the company is set up it is controlled by a board that the Tribal Council has no authority over. They can't fire, they can't direct, they can't do anything with, which would be violation of our Charter. That's in Section 16 of the Charter."

He added, "The second reason is we don't have the money to pay for this. The silos that our gaming funding is put into under Chapter 16 has capital improvements, infrastructure, debt reduction, but there's no pool of money in our general fund that allows us to purchase casinos with it. The Tribe can obligate itself with loans and stuff. They're going to have to violate our ordinances and pull money out to purchase it, which I think is wrong."

This protest was sent to Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha on Dec. 30, 2020. Saunooke's plan was to present this protest early in order to have it heard for the year's first Tribal Council session on Thursday, Jan. 14.

Chairman Wachacha has not responded to an interview request on this issue as of press time.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, Saunooke shared with the Cherokee One Feather the response that he received from Council Attorney Carolyn West. In the document provided, she states the following:

"Mr. Saunooke failed to submit a valid protest. First and foremost, Mr. Saunooke is not an interested party because he does not present a direct financial stake in Resolution No 363 (2020). Additionally, he failed to include a direct impact statement which renders the protest deficient and the protest shall not be placed on the Tribal Council Agenda."

West cites from Chap. 117 of the Cherokee Code that this formal protest must clear four terms of qualification: they must be an interested party, have submitted the protest within 10 days of the decision, show a direct impact on the interested party's financial or property interest, and present an attachment of the resolution being protested.

Saunooke disagrees with West's opinion that he is not an 'interested party'.

"Ms. West is incorrect in her

opinion as she states that the protest does not present a 'direct financial stake' in the resolution and did not present a 'direct impact statement'. Both of these statements are incorrect as the statute in question does not require a 'direct financial stake' and the protest I submitted stated that the decision directly impacted benefits I receive and the right to manage property held by the Tribe under the Charter. There is no requirement in the protest ordinance of more than this."

Saunooke continued to detail why he believes this purchase could place the Tribe in financial risk.

"We're not getting anything. I don't think people realize the \$250 million they're paying doesn't buy us a building, because we don't own the building. It doesn't buy us any gains or any funds for any tangible goods. We're basically paying to assume a lease obligation that Harrah's has with this company that owns that building and the group that's there. Because we're not buying any assets, why are we paying so much money for it?" questioned Saunooke.

"As I understand the perspectives, the most we can pull out is around \$3 million a year...and then the Innovation Group that did the analysis says that it will do \$40 million a year in EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization). But of that \$40 million, all the Tribe can pull out is \$10 million. And even that \$10 million can't go to the members of Tribe. Even that's a 25-year return on investment. Nobody puts money into a business that doesn't have a return on the investment in less than three years. It's just not financially viable."

Saunooke says that he understands the need for economic diversification and is fully in favor of finding more revenue streams. He questions why that means pouring money into a separate casino in Indiana. He proposed investing even a small portion of that money into Cherokee itself, developing the infrastructure and offering a more inviting environment to visitors. He said that there are a number of business ventures that the Tribe could look to that would be a much quicker return on investment.

"I find it interesting. I haven't talked to Michell Hicks or Patrick Lambert. But, between Michell, Patrick, and I we have almost 100 years of gaming experience, and all three of us say this is a bad deal. And, we never on agree anything," said Saunooke.

The Cherokee One Feather has contacted Carolyn West regarding this protest, her response to Saunooke, the release of that response, and any additional information on the standing of the protest for this January's Council session. West stated that she had no comment.

As it stands, this protest is not on the agenda for the Thursday, Jan. 14 Tribal Council session. With a short time before that session, if or how it will be addressed will be an important piece to monitor for a monumental purchase by the EBCI.

Tribal Council Agenda -Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021

8:30 a.m. - Call to order

Orders of the Day Item No. 1 - An ordinance to amend Cherokee Code Sec. 120-4 to express how long Commissioners may serve on the Cherokee Police Commission and how vacancies are filled.

Item No. 2 - An ordinance identifying the tribal funds to which revenues by the Tribe from commercial gaming and hospitality entities, created by the Tribe, will be allocated and thereby identifying the purposes for which the revenues may be used.

Item No. 3 - Ordinance approving Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise (TCGE) amended and restated loan documents.

9 a.m.: Tabled Res. No. 31 (2019) asking that the Tribe label all cannabis products by using the already created "Cherokee Made" and "Cherokee Grown" labels to compete in the industry and requesting that the Tribe pass a resolution to allow a referendum vote with the following questions with a simple "yes/no" vote: (1) Allow a higher THC level than the state, (2) Allow medicinal cannabis, (3) full legalization.

9:10 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 297 (2020), an ordinance creating a new Cherokee Code Sec. 117-19A to apply procurement requirements from the Fiscal Management Manual including RFPs, when appropriate, to commercial for-profit leases of property owned by the Tribe 9:20 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 299 (2020), amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 - Tribal Government Boards and Committees; 117-43, 16-2, 16A-5, 18B-205, 92-5, and 120-7

9:30 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 300 (2020), amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 117-119 - Tribal Government/Legislative Branch

9:40 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 301 (2020), amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 117-45, Standards of Ethical Conduct for Tribal Officials

9:50 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 331 (2020), qualifications for enrollment, Cherokee Code Chapter 49-2

10 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 332 (2020), Cherokee Code Chapter 55B, Limited Liability Company

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

10:20 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 334 (2020), an ordinance to create the Education Committee

10:30 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 342 (2020), amendment to Cherokee Code Section 16C-9

10:40 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 343 (2020), an ordinance to reduce the membership of the TABCC (Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission) from five persons to three persons

10:50 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 344 (2020), amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Tribal Government Project Contracts 11 a.m.: Tabled Res. No. 345 (2020), approval of revised FY2021 Budget and Org Charts

11:10 a.m.: Tabled Ord. No. 346 (2020), Commerce administration, Planning Dept., and Project Management shall prepare a tribal-wide comprehensive plan which shall include current and future projects from Kituwah, LLC; Sequoyah National; CIHA; Investment Committee; and any other tribal division, program, entity, board or commission that has a current future project

11:20 a.m.: Timber Use Policy Statement is hereby approved, and is adopted as the policy which shall be followed and enforced by both the EBCI and BIA

11:30 a.m.: Principal Chief nomination for appointment to the Cherokee Police Commission to represent the Yellowhill Community

11:40 a.m.: A resolution asking that the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Governing Board members pay be increased to \$2,000/ monthly for the Governing Board chairman and \$1,500/monthly for all other Board members

11:50 a.m.: A resolution granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity regarding a grant awarded to the EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources from the Native American Agriculture Fund

1 p.m.: Last Will and Testament of Robert Stevenson Youngdeer (d)

1:10 p.m.: Natural Environment Program authorized to apply for and accept funds from the First Nations Development Institute in the amount of \$32,000 for FY21

1:20 p.m.: EBCI WIC Program authorized to apply for and accept funds from the No-Kid Hungry Organization in the amount of \$15,000 to \$25,000 for FY21

1:30 p.m.: Natural Resources Program authorized to apply for and accept funds from the First Nations Development Institute in the amount of \$32,000 for FY21

1:40 p.m.: 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

1:50 p.m.: Tribal Council accepts the Parisi Speed School Program

2 p.m.: A resolution requesting a special election referendum to be conducted to answer the following question: Do you support allowing the Tribal ABC Commission to operate an ABC Package Store to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on tribal lands?

2:10 p.m.: A resolution requesting a special election referendum to be conducted to answer the following question: Do you support expanding the sales of malt beverages at retail establishments (grocery or convenience stores) within the Qualla Boundary?

2:20 p.m.: A resolution requesting a special election referendum to be conducted to answer the following question: Do you support expanding the sales of malt beverages and wine in restaurants, hotels, and other business establishments within the Qualla Boundary?

Weekly COVID-19 updates with Dr. Bunio (Jan. 7)

Each week, Chris McCoy, director of EBCI Communications, interviews Dr. Richard A. Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive clinical director, about current COVID-19 updates and news. It is aired via Cherokee Cablevision Channel 28 and livestreamed by Communications. Here is an edited transcript of the Q&A session on Thursday, Jan. 7. All answers presented below are from Dr. Bunio who has been in practice for more than 20 years.

What is the state of the hospital for folks coming in to seek care for COVID-19?

Well, we're trying to keep up. I will tell you all of western North Carolina right now is experiencing a big surge. We are having trouble getting people beds if they need to be transferred to an ICU or a higher level of care. This is the worst it has ever been. And I'm not sure we've seen all of the effects of the Christmas and New Years holiday yet. I think this is the time where everybody has to be knowledgeable and do the right thing.

If someone participated in a family gathering, what would you recommend to them at this point?

Well, if they've already participated in the family gathering, I wish they hadn't, but if they did, I think they should just be monitoring themselves. If they feel sick, they should start to isolate themselves and go get a test. If you are that person that was at that family gathering, if you feel sick go get tested and tell everybody that was there. We talked before we came on camera where the systems where people are getting called for contact tracing are being overwhelmed right now. And so, it may be time for every one of us to take responsibility and say 'I'm sorry, I didn't mean to potentially infect people, but I'm going to call all of the people that I was around. Let them know so that they can get tested.'

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 but feel fine, what should you do?

You should stay at home for 10 days. And if you have no fever and you feel well for all of those 10 days, then you're done.

Say I feel bad on the sixth day, what do I do?

Hopefully you're not feeling good but you're not feeling real bad. We want to you to stay home; the ER is there for you be we don't want you to have to come to the ER unless you're starting to feel short of breath and feel real bad.

Why is that?

Well, most people can get over this on their own. And the ER is getting really crowded and overrun. Because we can't get patients as quickly as we could before to intensive care beds, the rooms in the ER are filling up. If you can be managed from home, we want you to stay home. But as far as what do you do in terms of when do you start leaving the house, if you're feeling sick, call your primary care team, call public health for some advice. Because then the 10 days might need to be extended. It's never shorter than 10 days if you have COVID.

The ER is there, we're just trying to reserve that for folks that

need it most.

We all remember, those no medicine for this. Tylenol, ibuprofen, drink lots of fluids, do the stuff you would've normally done for the flu or a cold and see if you can't just wait it out.

We're saying this because a lot of people are sitting at home waiting for a phone call, but there might not be a phone call immediately due to workload.

Yeah, the general rule is that once we get a person into the system, they should get a phone call within 48 hours. But it may have taken a couple days for the test to be run. Sometimes people are sitting there, and it's been four or five days and they're starting to get nervous. Just be aware that someone will be reaching out to you. As long as you're feeling okay, you've got 10 days anyway. Just hunker down and someone will be in touch with you. And if they're not and it's been more than 48 hours since your positive test, then you can reach out to public health.

If I've just been COVID exposed, how long should I stay home?

COVID exposure, first of all we want to make sure that you were really exposed, and that's 15 minutes within six feet. And so, if you meet that definition. If you know someone that was COVID positive and you were next to them for a total of 15 minutes, it could be five minutes and then you walk away and then another five minutes and another five. If you have 15 minutes of exposure within six feet of that person, you're a direct contact. That means you go into quarantine. The general quarantine for someone that feels good,

10 days. Again, remember, 10 days. That's for if you feel good for every one of those 10 days.

Should I quarantine if I have been exposed and haven't received a call?

You should assume that you might be affected. You might be asymptomatic. We do encourage those who are direct contacts to get tested around day six or so. And the reason for doing that, even if you feel good, is to find out if you've infected someone without knowing it. We need to know if you're COVID positive or not. For the most part, count 10 days on your calendar and plan to stay home.

What else should we know for the next stretch of time?

It's the same thing we've been talking about ever since this started. Wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands. Don't get sick, don't be a contact. There are a number of cases where people just let their guard down for a minute. We say 15 minutes, but somebody's who's coughing and sneezing, all you have to do is breathe in.

Especially when we take into consideration the new strains of the virus.

We're really nervous about that, and we know that's in the United States already. We're hopeful that once we deploy the vaccine and everyone keeps doing this, we'll get the pandemic to where the numbers are going down. And if the numbers go down, then the chance of you getting next to someone at the drugstore or the

see DR. BUNIO next page

CIPD Arrest Report for	Released: Not released as of report	to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver	
Dec. 27, 2020 to Jan. 3, 2021	date	Schedule I Controlled Substance;	Murphy, Reena Lashanda - age 29
	Charges: Possession of Drug Para-	Trafficking in Methamphetamine;	Arrested: Jan. 1
The following people were arrest-	phernalia, Possession Schedule II	Possession Schedule IV Controlled	Released: Not released as of report
ed by the Cherokee Indian Police	Controlled Substance	Substance; Possession with intent	date
Department and booked into the		to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver	Charges: Failure to Appear on
Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice	Long, Jeffery Vaughn - age 50	Schedule IV Controlled Substance;	Misdemeanor
Center. It should be noted that the	Arrested: Dec. 29	Resisting Public Officer	
following defendants have only	Released: Not released as of report		Thomas, Hunter Trey - age 30
been charged with the crimes list-	date	Sherrill, Edward Dewayne - age 33	Arrested: Jan. 2
ed and should be presumed inno-	Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful	Arrested: Dec. 29	Released: Not released as of report
cent until proven guilty in a court	Order of the Court	Released: Dec. 29	date
of law. Mugshots can be viewed		Charges: Failure to Appear on	Charges: Violation of Domestic
online at theonefeather.com.	Martin, Brandon Keith - age 37	Misdemeanor	Violence Protection Order
1	Arrested: Dec. 29		
Crowe, Amber Sheriece - age 33	Released: Dec. 29	Wiggins, Kyndra E age 23	Collins, Kylie Renese - age 22
Arrested: Dec. 27	Charges: Criminal Mischief to	Arrested: Dec. 29	Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Not released as of report	Property	Released: Dec. 29	Released: Not released as of report
date		Charges: Criminal Mischief to	date
Charges: Simple Possession	Rattler, Jacob Hunter - age 28	Property	Charges: Failure to Appear on
Schedule II Controlled Substance	Arrested: Dec. 29		Misdemeanor
	Released: Not released as of report	Balderas, Edna Maria - age 21	
Taylor, Hall Kenneth - age 30	date	Arrested: Dec. 31	Ledford, Austin Taylor - age 18
Arrested: Dec. 28	Charges: Possession Schedule II	Released: Jan. 1	Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Not released as of report	Controlled Substance; Possession	Charges: Driving While Impaired	Released: Not released as of report
date	with intent to Manufacture, Sell,		date
Charges: Failure to Appear on	Deliver Schedule II Controlled	George, John Cameron - age 38	Charges: Resisting a Public Officer,
Misdemeanor (two counts)	Substance; Possession of Drug	Arrested: Dec. 31	Child Abuse in the Second Degree,
	Paraphernalia (two counts);	Released: Jan. 1	Driving While Impaired
Hicks, Cortney Leigh - age 29	Possession Schedule I Controlled	Charges: Assault on a Female,	
Arrested: Dec. 29	Substance; Possession with intent	Child Abuse in the Second Degree	

DR. BUNIO: COVID-19 update questions, from page 4

grocery store go down, and we can start getting back to some normal. But it will take a while.

What do you recommend for folks that want to eat out?

There's a risk every time you go out and take your mask off, there's risk that you might be spreading it. Sometimes it depends on how the air is flowing in the restaurant. I do a lot of take-out, because I want to support local restaurants and I like good food. I personally am not real comfortable going out to restaurants just yet. I know a lot of restaurants and the governor issues order on decreasing capacity in the restaurant, that helps.

We're seeing a lot spread at family gatherings, I think that's a big one. That's tough to have a family gathering right now, especially as we went through holidays. But restaurants are up there as another potential place of spread.



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SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Esquivel takes second as Smoky Mountain Conference holds championships

SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

KITUWAH - Jaylynne Esquivel, a member of the Cherokee High School cross country team, took second place in the girls race at the Smoky Mountain Conference championships held at Kituwah just outside of Cherokee on the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 6.

"I am so proud of Jaylynne," said Ahli-sha Stephens, Cherokee Central Schools head cross country coach. "She is the only girl to come out this year, and training her with the boys is fun to watch. She hangs right with them, and they push her as much as she pushes them."

Swain County won the high school girls team title with 31 points followed by Hayesville in second place with 59. The Murphy boys took the team title with 37 points followed by Swain Co. with 41.

"This has been a very different and interesting cross country season," Stephens said in speaking of the team. "Due to COVID, the season was pushed back and shortened. But, we took advantage of every warm day we had, and these kids logged many miles. This boys' team is special. They have a passion for running and work hard. They are young and will continue to grow and excel in the sport of running."

Results, per NCMilesplit.com, showing the top 15 finishers plus all Cherokee High School finishers, are as follows:

High School Girls

- 1 Gracie Monteith, Swain Co., 20:28.66
- 2 Jaylynne Esquivel, Cherokee, 21:29.50
- 3 Kaysen Krieger, Hayesville, 21:53.53
- 4 Emily Ulaner, Swain Co., 22:11.45
- 5 Kiara Anderson, Hiwassee Dam, 22:17.51
- 6 Lily Bjerkness, Swain Co., 22:22.40
- 7 Ava Barlow, Robbinsville, 22:36.05
- 8 Ashlyn Stroup, Murphy, 22:54.39
- 9 Jaida Ansari, Rosman, 22:59.86
- 10 Marley Metcalf, Rosman, 23:10.35



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With a time of 21:29.50, Jaylynne Esquivel, a member of the Cherokee High School cross country team, took second place at the Smoky Mountain Conference championships held at Kituwah on the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 6.

- 11 Lila Roberts, Hayesville, 23:13.60
- 12 Laiken Harvey, Swain Co., 23:54.43
- 13 Emma Abram, Rosman, 24:07.45
- 14 Katie McNabb, Hiwassee Dam, 24:19.06
- 15 Adalynn Hall, Murphy, 24:23.64

High School Boys

- 1 Caleb Jones, Murphy, 16:32.06
- 2 Chase Pierce, Murphy, 16:34.98
- 3 Austin SanSouci, Swain Co., 17:37.71
- 4 Ryelen Snowden, Hayesville, 17:48.05
- 5 Clayton Laney, Murphy, 17:50.21
- 6 Eli Roberts, Hayesville, 17:57.44

- 7 Kane Jones, Swain Co., 17:58.45
- 8 Connor Lambert, Swain Co., 18:28.62
- 9 Dhruv Senghani, Swain Co., 18:31.88
- 10 Hayden Stewart, Robbinsville, 19:04.89
- 11 Preston Hyde, Hiwassee Dam, 19:09.50
- 12 Xander Wachacha, Robbinsville, 19:17.87
- 13 Liam Cook, Murphy, 19:17.96
- 14 Rider Mattox, Swain Co., 19:32.45
- 15 William Cable, Robbinsville, 19:40.10
- 16 Jaylen Bark, Cherokee, 19:40.52
- 17 Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 19:46.54
- 23 Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 20:19.14
- 29 Cavan Reed, Cherokee, 21:47.48

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BASKETBALL

Lady Braves win season opener at Swain Co.



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta

(#13) drives in a for a lay-up in a game at Swain County on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 5. Cherokee led the entire game en route to a 73-64 win. The Lady Braves were led by Leilaya McMillan with 23 points followed by Toineeta and Vivian Ross with 18. Other Lady Braves scorers included: AJ Hill 7, Praire Toineeta 3, Alexis Smith 2, and Kamia Wiggins 2. Swain Co. scorers included (only last names were provided): Hicks 12, K. Smith 5, Helpman 17, Spates 15, S. Smith 12, and Parsons 2.



McMillan (#10) works on the outside against Swain Co.'s S. Smith (#14).



Ross (#14) shoots in between several Swain Co. players.

BASKETBALL

Braves drop season opener at Swain Co.



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Cherokee's Don Bradley (#4)

drives against Swain County's Carter Kirkland in a game at Swain Co. on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 5. The Maroon Devils took the win over the Braves 87-60. The Braves were led by Jordan Arkansas with 19 points followed by Bradley with 14. Other Braves scorers included: Jonathan Frady 7, Camden Owle 6, Tso Smith 6, Kensen Davis 4, and Tariq Underwood 4. Swain Co. scorers inclued: Kirkland 8, Judaiah Littlejohn 22, Taligwo Walker 3, Cameron Blankenship 9, Gavin Lanning 5, Cooper Hyatt 12, Carson Taylor 6, Noel Wolfe 8, and Isaiah Collins 14.



Arkansas (#2) drives inside against Swain Co.'s Hyatt.



Swain Co.'s Littlejohn shoots as Frady jumps to defend.

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Park recruits volunteers for Monitoring Program

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is recruiting volunteers to monitor visitor use patterns in several of the most popular locations in the park in both North Carolina and Tennessee. Volunteers may choose to participate in a variety of opportunities that best align with their interests and preferred locations. Opportunities include recording observations on popular hiking trails, monitoring parking availability, and monitoring traffic flow patterns at busy locations.

Monitoring data will be used to provide park managers with timely and accurate information about current visitor use patterns and resource conditions at a variety of sites including Clingmans Dome, Deep Creek, Big

Creek, Cades Cove, Laurel Falls Trail, Alum Cave Trail, Rainbow Falls Trail, and Trillium Gap Trail. Park visitation has increased by more than 30 percent over the last decade, resulting in crowding and congestion at some of the most popular destinations. Additionally, issues like roadside parking have become increasingly commonplace, leading to damage along the road shoulders and potentially unsafe conditions as visitors walk along busy roads from their cars to the intended destinations. This monitoring data will help managers develop recommendations for safety and access improvement proposals.

Each volunteer is asked to work at least one, four-hour shift per week during peak visitation season from April through the November. Training will be offered virtually in March. Interested volunteers should email Kendra Straub, Management and Program Analyst, at Kendra_straub@nps. gov. For more information about visitation in the Smokies, please visit www.nps.gov/grsm/VES.

- National Park Service release

Swain County Democratic Party meeting via Zoom. Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. Call for an email link to join the call. All are welcome. Info: Luke Hyde 488-1234

Turkey Shoot. Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Virus measures will be followed. Good fun, good prizes, great benefit.

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Tuckaseigee River	No December 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.
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	Afternoon.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Spotted Sedge Caddis, and Winter Stones.	Hare's Ear, Frenchies, Wooly Buggers, Prince Nymph, Stonefly.
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	Afternoon	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Midges, some Caddis, BWO, and Winter Stones.	Soft Hackle Hare's Ear, Bł Pheasant Tail, BWO, Black Caddis, and Stonefly.
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Good Housekeeping

Italian Tuna and White Bean Salad

Packed with protein, this tunatopped salad is appropriate for lunch or dinner. Serve with a warm, flaky baguette to round out the meal.

- 1 lemon
- 1 can (6 ounces) solid white tuna in water, drained
- can (15 to 19 ounces) white kidney beans (cannellini), rinsed and drained
 medium tomato
- 1/2 fennel bulb (about 1¼cups), cored and chopped
- 2 tablespoons red onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons kalamata olives, chopped
- 2 teaspoons fresh rosemary
- leaves, finely chopped tablespoon olive oil
- Salt 1 bag mixed greens

 From lemon, grate 1 teaspoon peel and squeeze 2 tablespoons juice;

place in medium bowl. 2. With fork, flake tuna into bowl with lemon. Add beans, tomato, fennel, onion, olives, rosemary, oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Toss to mix well. (Tuna salad can be made ahead up to 6 hours; refrigerate, covered.)

3. To serve, divide greens among 4 dinner plates; top each with tuna salad.
Each serving: About 215 calories,

5g total fat (1g saturated), 16mg cholesterol, 680mg sodium, 25g carb., 8g fiber, 16g protein.

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

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

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

For an application and full

qualification criteria, please contact: Yona Wade at 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 12step Zoom meeting. Started Nov. 10 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley kellideb@gmail. com

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

Local auditions for "Unto These Hills". Jan. 23 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Historical Association Main Box Office. Individuals of all ages and experience





Classic Country WBHN Radio 94.1 FM and 1590 AM

Now online at 941classic country (QR code provided for convenience) levels are encouraged to audition. Masks will be required at all times during the audition. Season Dates: First rehearsal - May 9; Opening Night - May 29; and Closing Night - Aug. 14. Info: www.cherokeehistorical.org or https://www.facebook.com/UntoTheseHills/

Greenbrier Road sections temporarily closed for bridge replacement

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced that Ramsey Prong Road and Greenbrier Road, past the Greenbrier Picnic Area, will be temporarily closed to all motorists and pedestrians now through Friday, March 26. The picnic area will remain open and accessible throughout the closure period.

Ramsey Cascades Trail, Porters Creek Trail, and Backcountry Campsite 31 will also be closed through March 26 due to lack of access to these trailheads. Old Settlers, Brushy Mountain, and Grapeyard Ridge Trails will remain open, but hikers will not be able to access these trails from the Greenbrier area during the closure and should plan their routes carefully.

The full closure of these roadways to both pedestrians and motorists is necessary to efficiently and safely replace the Ramsey Prong Road bridge. Crews will be operating heavy equipment along the roads and using road sections as staging areas for materials. This work is part of a larger Federal Highway Administration project to replace seven bridges and repair seven others across the park.

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

– National Park Service release



Emergency Help for Hungry Pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: So many people are out of work right now, and there is little to no assistance available to them just to pay rent, much less buy food for themselves. I am wondering, how will people be able to feed their pets in this desperate situation? — Jamie G., Atlanta

DEAR JAMIE: One of the bright spots in this pandemic is the way that individuals have responded to help each other and fill the needs of tens of thousands — maybe millions — of pets.

Shelters in many parts of the country have opened or expanded food pantries for pets to help owners keep their dogs and cats healthy and fed. Napa County, California, for example, transformed two empty shipping containers into a community pet pantry offering free supplies this summer. (Search for "Napa County's new pet pantry" to learn more.)

In Tuscon, Cody's Friends, a charity started in 2010 by a 10-year-old boy, has seen a huge surge of demand for pet food and is distributing to area shelters and clinics as fast as possible (https://codysfriends.org). And in North Carolina, the Davidson County Animal Alliance extended its holiday pet food collection drive because there was so much need.

If you are struggling to pay for pet food for any reason, contact your local shelter first and ask if there is a pet food program available. You may not be able to pick up food directly from a shelter; it may be distributed at a different location. Contact local food banks, churches and municipal offices. And of course, search online or on Facebook for these services as well.

Also, if you've been waiting to donate food, pet supplies or cash to a local shelter or charity, now is your moment to shine.

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

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OBITUARIES

Beth Ann Owle

Beth Ann Owle, 45, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021. Beth is preceded in death by her brother, Greg Owle.

Beth is survived by her parents, Clifton and Patricia Owle; as well as her children, Aisha L. Owle, Brodie M. Owle, and Shilo Y. Owle. In addition, she leaves behind her sisters, Tara McCoy and Leigh Owle, as well as special nieces and nephews, Ayianna West and Philip West.

Beth's family will remember her as an artist who loved to draw in pencil and chalk. She was witty and known for never meeting a stranger. Beth was lovingly known as "Beth Crocker" by her family and friends. She made the most amazing pies with her specialty being miniature tin pies. In addition to being a wonderful baker, Beth loved animals. So much so that, she persuaded her daughter's dog, Legacy, to love her cuddles and petting more than her mom Aisha's. Beth will be remembered as beautiful by her children and family that loved her so much.

The family held a visitation service for Beth Ann Owle on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at Long House Funeral Home. Beth was then transported to Birdtown Cemetery for a graveside Funeral Service. Pallbearers were: Philip West, Toby McCoy, Jayan Swimmer, Peyton Parker, Jake Welch and Calvin "Bugg" James.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Donald (Donnie) Walker

Donald (Donnie) Walker, 67, of Bryson City, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021. A native of Swain County, he was the son of the late George William and Leois Evans Walker.

Donnie is survived by his wife of 38 years, Darlene Walker; one daughter, Kelcye Michelle Walker; granddaughter, Anneleise Nicole Walker; a twin brother, Ronnie Walker (Susan); brothers, Joe Walker (Jessie Mae), Tommy Walker (Lois), Johnny Walker (Cookie), and Charlie Walker (Kattie); a special niece, Lindsay Edwards, and special nephew, Chumper Walker, and many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Holly Springs Cemetery #2 on Shepherds Creek. Pastor Jeff Helpman will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Chumper Walker, Matt Edwards, Marvin Oliver, Jason Walker, Charles Walker, and Taliquo Walker.

Annette Faye (Owle) Fish

Annette Faye (Owle) Fish, 79, of the Cherokee Community, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Jan. 6 following a period of declining health.

Annette was the daughter of the late Lloyd Solomon Owle and Betty Mae (Bradley) Owle and was a member of Bethabara Baptist Church. She was the loving wife to Curtis Fish of the home.

Annette was a homemaker who loved baby sitting her grandchildren and loved to visit family and friends. She enjoyed tending her plants and garden, And, she loved attending her children's, grandchildren's, and great grand-children's ball games, events, and ceremonies. Annette enjoyed watching OU Football with her husband Curtis. Cooking and traveling with family were some of her most treasured memories. Annette will be missed in so many lives.

Annette was predeceased by sons, Joe Curtis Fish and Barry Curtis Fish; daughter, Rose Fish Long; brothers, Henry Owle and Robert Owle; and one sister, Jesse Dugan.

Along with her husband Curtis, Annette is survived by her daughter, Beatrice May Locust; brothers, Freeman Owle, Dewey Owle, Lloyd Carl Owle, and Frank Bradley; sisters, Peggy Owle Wolfe, Ruby Crowe, and Catherine Owle; five grandchildren, Miranda Long Stamper, Michelle Long, Madison Long, Crystal Davis, and Luke Locust; and eight great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, Jan. 12 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home being officiated by Pastor Greg Morgan of Rocksprings Baptist Church.

Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

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

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

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

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

You listen - hadvgasda You two listen - sdadvgasda Everyone listen - hitsadvgasda I am listening - aquadvgasdi He/she is listening - udvgasdi

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



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COMMENTARY

In no uncertain terms

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Sometimes out of sight is truly out of mind. This certainly seems to be the case with the push to establish or re-establish an Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians governing constitution.

Just a few years ago, a constitution for our Tribe was a hot topic. Most of the discussion revolved around the idea that a constitution was desperately needed, and the only real debate was what it was going to look like.

The current governing document is the Charter which is a summary document that talks about the qualifications and powers of the Tribal Council and marching orders, loosely, for the Principal Chief and Vice Chief. It does not mention a judiciary at all. In fact, the language implies, and the government has interpreted, that language as saying that the Tribal Council as, not only the makers of law, but also the adjudicators of law. So, the same folks who make the laws, in cases of contracts and land rights for example, are the same people who interpret the law.

There have been cases brought before Tribal Council in which a will has expressed a direction and it has been overturned by the government without any judicial hearing. That is because the Charter gives Tribal Council the power to manage "and control all property, either real or personal, belonging to the Tribe". In Section 23 of the Charter and Governing Document, the Tribal Council is granted enforcement authority. It says, directly, that the Tribal Council, "is hereby vested with full power to enforce obedience to such laws and regulations as may be enacted."

So, in a representative government, powers are typically separated to prevent one person or body from having so much authority that it is no longer a representative government. A person or body may become so powerful that it would be next to impossible to challenge a decision made by the person or body because there is no check or balance to override a decision made by it. That is why you see clearly defined powers established by a governing document for most democracies and other representative forms of government; legislative branch with the power to establish laws and no power to interpret or enforce law, a judicial branch to interpret law and no power to establish or enforce law, and an executive branch to enforce law and no power to establish or interpret law.

In our case, we have one body who has legislative, interpretive, and executive powers. We do have an Executive Office, but by Charter it is governed by Tribal Council. We have a court system, but it is established by tribal law, not by Charter. Our court system is contracted and established in legislation in our Cherokee Code.

The Charter is a very basic document outlining fundamentals of our governance. For the more extensive laws that we live by, we have a Code of Ordinances or what is commonly referred to as the Cherokee Code. The Cherokee Code has long been the law of the land for tribal members. The Cherokee Code is a collection of laws primarily established by the succession of Tribal Councils since the Charter was established. The Charter requires a vote of the people to change or amend. The Cherokee Code is dictated by the Tribal Council. If a Principal Chief or Vice Chief uses veto power to block a Tribal Council action, the Council may still enact law with a supermajority vote. Even calls for referendum votes on issues pass through the Council, to be approved to allow, or not, the people to vote on an issue.

Within the Charter, the only right given to the Principal People, the citizenry of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is the right to vote for elected officials - Tribal Council members, Principal Chief, and Vice Chief. Definitely no small potatoes, but very limited in scope, especially for a population as large and diverse as our community, and with an economy and budget as large as that of the Eastern Band. There are no civil rights, other than voting, mentioned for us in the Charter. The Charter is focused on succession rights for elected officials and governance over land and personal property a very basic mechanical diagram of government operations. Rights of free speech, religion, etc. are relegated to Cherokee Code, if mentioned at all.

A few years ago, Tribal Council enacted legislation submitted by then-Chief Lambert to place term limits on the offices of Principal Chief and Vice Chief. The legislation, in ordinance form, received overwhelming support from the Tribal Council that was seated at the time. Over multiple years, the Council has been asked and legislation has been submitted to impose term limits on our legislative body. Many Council members and candidates have expressed support for term limits on Tribal Council. Some have said that elections are the only term limits that they feel are necessary. But even with as much support that has been expressed for term limits over the years, legislation never makes it to a vote. The last resolution proposing term limits was tabled with an expressed intent to

have a working session on term limits and then it vanished. It is even questionable that any resolution or ordinance that dictated term limits would stand a test in court anyway, because the Charter does not include language about limiting the terms of any elected official. So, the citizens rights of limiting terms, recall, petition, and even protest are all in the hands of one body.

If we all know that a constitution for the Tribe is needed, why is there not more interest in creating one? The latest attempt to present a draft for referendum consideration, submitted two years ago, met with criticism from the Tribal Council, who said it was underdeveloped. At the time, the Constitution Committee said they would go back to the drawing board and try to address the areas of concern that Tribal Council targeted. In the meantime, the Committee asked for and received \$50,000 budgeted for the purposes of redrafting a constitution. However, during the COVID crisis, the funds were frozen and, at last check with the Committee, access to the funds remains blocked.

In a few conversations with Lloyd Arneach Jr, who is one of the champions for an Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Constitution, he expressed that participation in Constitution draft meetings has waned. I have attended a couple of those sessions and typically, attendance is one or two members of the team of community leaders, lawyers, judges, etc. who originally worked on the document that was dismissed by the Council.

The Committee is attempting

to solicit community participation in the formulation of a constitution. They want representation from all the communities on the Boundary, indeed from all population groups in our Tribe, including those who live off-Boundary. Committee meetings are being held via Microsoft Teams software virtually. All tribal members are invited to participate. If you are interested in being a part of the creation of a Tribal Constitution, contact Lloyd Arneach at lloyd. arneach@7clantech.com. He will give you instruction on when the next meeting will be held and will send you a link with instructions on how to login and help our Tribe get a constitution to the people for a referendum vote.

We must look at our documents of governance and decide if they are making the best environment for our people, present and future. If the answer is yes, then we need to drop the pretense, dissolve the committee, and work with what we have - a document that is basically two-pages long with no civil rights for the community and dependent on the power of one body. If the answer is no, then we need to get involved and work for a better alternative, one that empowers the people with inalienable rights, outlines specific parameters for powers of branches, and ensures fairness and equality for all tribal members.

This isn't about the individuals who are seated in the seats of power, who are trying to do the difficult jobs of governance. It is about the governing document and resolving the flaws and ambiguities that perpetuate contradiction in law and deny the community of rights and processes that they deserve. With the document as is, it is difficult or impossible for our elected officials to sometimes separate personal needs from community needs. They should not have to be torn between doing what is right for the community and doing what is expedient for the next election. A constitution could address and even resolve those types of challenges that elected officials face.

In my opinion, there should be at least two members from each Boundary community and at least two tribal members who live off-Boundary engaged at each meeting of the Constitution Committee. And, with the importance of this document to our community, resources should not be frozen that might hinder the committee's ability to have a referendum ready document by election day, which is September of this year. And we need our elected officials to be engaged in the process of creation for they are community members too. It is up to us to make this work for our present and our children's future. Now is the time to get involved.

Contact Lloyd and participate in the next meeting. This is too important to be apathetic about. We need a constitution. Again, contact Lloyd Arneach at lloyd.arneach@ 7clantech.com to participate in the next Constitution Committee meeting. You may also view the work that has already been done toward an EBCI Constitution at www.sgadugi.org.

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speaking of faith Anger with boundaries of forgiveness

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR CHEROKEE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Read Proverbs 25:28

We must each learn how to best deal with the volatile emotion of anger which can arise in just our daily living together on this Earth. Frictions do occur for each person especially when we don't allow enough space to sometimes exist between us. The best way to insure a peaceful world is to recognize that boundaries are truly a necessary component.

Boundaries being set are for our own and our family's protection, and are not intended or designed to 'imprison' or impinge on anyone else. They allow each of us to have beneficial control of circumstances and responsibilities. We must learn how to set boundaries and take the responsibility to rule over our own spirits and our flesh.

Anger is rarely, if ever, helpful and can be more harmful to self and to others. Read Psalms 37:8 and Proverbs 22:24. Anger is also highly contagious. Also, ladies, look at Proverbs 21:19. We are also given Ephesians 4:26, "Be angry and sin not. Let not the sun go down on wrath."

Once that path has been traveled, there is only the Grace of Forgiveness, which can be sought after first, by asking for it, both by the person offended and by the one who did the offending. Then, forgiveness should also be asked for of God, by the offending and offended ones.

Read Matthew 18:21-35

As Christians we were told by Christ that we must forgive others, even before they ask for any forgiveness. Being pure and holy, forgiveness releases everyone from their debts. Allowing anger and holding unforgiveness only holds the unforgiving one as a prisoner. Not being forgiven or forgiving leads to the development of a cynical nature. The sad but true part is when we blame someone of being unforgiving it can become a tool of the enemy.

Follow Jesus' example of His Compassion for all mankind by forgiving everyone. It speaks to hearts when done in this way, to release everyone from any blame and is our example of an ability to actually forgive. To control anger we must learn to be in self-control with the boldness and desire to forgive. Expressions of anger are not okay, as anger immediately begins to take root in our thinking. It can make and hold you as prisoner, and the person who may have offended you may not even realize they offended you. It almost never affects the one you become mad at and they soon forget.

Everyone has heard of the feud between the Hatfields and the McCoys. No one eventually even remembered what started the feud and were too embarrassed to admit it. They had no words and looked like fools.

Some people who hold onto their anger become happy only when they seem miserable. Filling with bitterness and being unforgiving, leads them into a cynical outlook, which can cause one to eventually turn against and possibly blame a whole race of people.

We don't have the right not to forgive, as it becomes the tool of the enemy. I've seen people fight over seats in church or pieces of chicken at a church social. They can be victimized twice which can ruin their whole life. We should all learn to forgive immediately and open those 'prison doors, loose them and let them go, so we don't ever have to maintain those prisons. Just let them go!

Peter asked Jesus about forgiveness. Do it for forever always. You can always begin asking the 'Lord to bless their little pea-picking hearts,' even before they begin to ask for forgiveness. Who do we think we are? We have been forgiven for all or our sins, and we can't forgive something that was only a little offensive?

Mark 11:25 adds we literally cannot go into His Presence without forgiveness, we'd be trespassing. Ephesians 4:32. The pre-emptive strike is to be kind and tender hearted. Matthew 6:15. Not forgiving is a sin. Forgiveness sets us free. 'We forgive and love you,' said the people in that church in Charleston to that murderer. They knew they wouldn't be victimized again if they forgave him.

James 5:16 says if we can't forgive, we can't be healed. Luke 6:27 says that if you turn on each other, it ties the Lord's hands. We are to love our enemies, love the ones who hate you, be nice. Colossians 3:13. Put up with one another, on purpose forgive them. Psalms 103:10-14, Proverbs 10:12



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Single Lambs looking for romance could find Cupid especially accommodating this week. Paired partners also find their relationships benefiting from the chubby cherub's attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep your keen Bull's eye focused on your target, and shake off any attempt to turn your attention elsewhere. You should get some news later in the week that might answer some questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your early enthusiasm for a project might have been somewhat premature. Although you feel positive about it, you might need more information in order to make an informed decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking on a new responsibility might seem like the politically correct thing to do. But even with the promise of support, was it the wisest? Consider reassessing your upcoming decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Apply yourself to completing your task despite all the distractions that might be interfering with your work. Then reward yourself with a weekend of fun shared with people who are close to you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A business agreement from the past might need to be looked at again. Use this unexpected development to check out other matters related to it. A weekend venture proves to be rewarding. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't ignore that uneasy feeling about making a commitment. It could be a case of understandably cold feet, or a warning that something isn't as right as it should be.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A colleague could be more supporting of one of your efforts. But it's up to you to make the case for it, and that could mean opening up a secret or two, which might be a problem for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect some good news about a relative you've been worried about. But don't expect the full story to be told — at least not yet. A workplace matter might face shifting priorities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Despite some anxious moments, you could have good reason to be pleased with how things are turning out. An end-of-the-week call might hold some interesting information.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A long-overdue expression of appreciation could be offered soon. But admit it: You never really expected it would happen, right? Meanwhile, keep your weekend options open.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to dive right into a new challenge, whether it's learning a computer app, or how to drive a stick shift, or making a new friend. Whatever it is, good luck.

BORN THIS WEEK: You see the wisdom in honesty, and you help others appreciate your vision.

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Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Creation; 3) Little child; 4) Six (Ecclesiastes Ephesians, Esther, Exodus, Ezekiel, Ezra); 5) Lois; 6) Gold coin



- 1. Sidney Poitier, in 1964
- 2. Eight
- 3. White blood cells
- 4. Blossom, Buttercup, and Bubbles
- 5. Alessandro Volta
- Algeria
- 7. Radiation
- 8. A clock
- 9. Pomegranates
- 10. A kid

- King Crossword -Answers Solution time: 24 mins.

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

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Per Chief Sneed's modified work schedule, we are teleworking and are not at the office. If you have any questions or need more information about a specific opening, please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy at the email or telephone numbers below. If you need a Job Bank application, please email Hillary or Douglas.

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

Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator 828.359.6478 dougmcco@nc-cherokee.com

Local Job Openings for January 2021:

Alan's Jewelry & Pawn: always accepting applications. You can apply at Alan's Jewelry & Pawn. The phone number is 828.554.0431.

Arby's: general manager, assistant manager, crew member, shift manager. The phone number is 828.497.9613.

Baymont Inn: not currently hiring but accepting applications. The phone number is 828.330.4001. Brio Italian Grille: cook, prep cook, dishwasher, host, server, bartender, assistant server. For more information on how to apply, please visit https://www.brioitalian.com/careers/ and click "apply now." Burger King: openings available. You can apply at Burger King and they ask that you please bring an affidavit with you if you are an enrolled member of the EBCI. The phone number is 828.497.6120. Cherokee Central Schools: Cherokee language instructor, athletic trainer, alternative school teacher assistant, elementary teacher assistant, special education teacher, special education teacher assistant, part time security, middle school boys basketball head coach. For more information, please visit https://www.ccs-nc.org/ and click on "job opportunities."

Cherokee Grand Hotel: not currently hiring but accepting applications for housekeeping. Applications are available at Cherokee Grand Hotel. The phone number is 828.497.0050.

Cherokee Indian Hospital: job openings available at the hospital, Tsali Care Center, Analenisgi, and Immediate Care Center. For the complete list of job openings and for information on how to apply, please visit https://cherokeehospital.org/careers/ and click on "view open positions."

Cherokee Police Department: patrol officer (multiple). For more information on how to apply, please visit https://ebci.com/jobs/

Dollar General: lead sales associate. The phone number is 828.554.1305.

Domino's: delivery driver, customer service rep, general manager, assistant manager. You can apply online at https://jobs.dominos.com/dominos-careers/

Family Dollar: customer service representative. The phone number is 828.332.6000.

Food Lion: sales associate, produce associate, and other openings available. For more information on how to apply, please visit https://www.foodlion.com/careers/ and the phone number is 828.497.4743. Forest Service: openings available. For a complete list of job openings, please visit https://www.fs.us-da.gov/working-with-us/jobs and use Cherokee, NC as your location.

Hampton Inn: accepting applications for maintenance. You can apply at Hampton Inn and the phone number is 828.497.3115.

Harrah's Cherokee Casino: table games service supervisor, front desk clerk, room attendant, cleaning specialist, SCC agent, food court cashiers, security officer, surveillance officer, cooks, cocktail server, and other openings are available. For a complete list of job openings and for information on how to apply, please visit https://harrahscherokeejobs.com/cherokee-careers/

Long House Funeral Home Inc: openings available for part-time/on call work. For more information, the phone number is 828.497.1408.

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino: openings available. The phone number is 828.497.8550.

McDonald's: team crew member. For more information on how to apply, please visit https://careers.mcdonalds.com/us

Pizza Hut: server. Applications are available at Pizza Hut and the phone number is 828.497.5600. Ruth's Chris Steak House: bartender, steward, pantry cook, server, host/hostess, busser, prep cook, broiler, side cook, food runner. For information on how to apply, please visit https://www.ruth-schris.com/ and click "careers," located at the bottom of the website.

Shell: customer service representative. You can apply online via the "Snagajob" website.
Stonebrook Lodge: currently accepting applications for housekeeping. Applications are available at Stonebrook Lodge. The phone number is 828.497.2222.

Subway: openings available. You can apply at Subway or online at www.mysubwaycareer.com. The phone number is 828.497.1268.

Taco Bell: restaurant general manager, assistant general manager, shift lead, team member. The phone number is 828.497.1440. For more information on how to apply, please visit https://recruiting.talen-treef.com/taco-bell-seq-midsouth

UltraStar Multi-tainment Center: cook 1, cook 2, senior cook, host/hostess, dishwasher/steward, server, bartender, bowling and arcade attendant. For more information on how to apply, please visit https://ultrastarnc.com/careers/

Wendy's: breakfast shift manager, breakfast crew member, general manager, assistant manager, shift manager, crew member. You can apply online at https://wendys-careers.com/job-search/ and the phone number is 828.497.1277.



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, January 14, 2021 Residential Technician - Kanywotiyi **EVS** Technician RN - Analenisgi Inpatient Closing Thursday, January 21, 2021 Master Level Therapist (Grant Funded) **Open Until Filled** Analenisgi Inpatient Technician Behavioral Health RN (Grant Funded) - Analenisgi **Billing Technician II Business Analyst** Certified Medical Assistant (Grant Funded) CMA / LPN - Primary Care CMS - Primary Care CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient (Multiple) Data Analyst Dental Assistant II (Multiple) Dentist Dentist - Satellite Clinics Dietary Services Supervisor -- Patient Side **EVS** Technician Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi Masters Level Therapist - Integrated Classroom Medical Lab Technician (Emergency Hire) Medical Social Worker Medication Assisted Treatment Manager Pedodontist Psychiatry Mid-Level PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple) PTI CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple) PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient PTR Clinical Dietitian **Registered Nurse - Inpatient RN** Care Manager - Pediatrics Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi Targeted Case Manager - Family Safety Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom

Tsali Care Center Open Until Filled

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



For deadlines and applications call 359-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents *eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates*

Closing Sunday, January 17, 2021

Sergeant Detective (Child Victim Unit) – Heart to Heart Advocacy
 Program – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$48,162 - \$60,202)
 Cook – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public

Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

 Project Monitor – Project Management – Operations (L12 \$52,635 -\$65,811)

 Sergeant – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L11 \$48,162 - \$60,202)

Open Until Filled

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

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EMPLOYMENT

Regional Director of Operations

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday. This position will close January 15, 2021 at 4pm. Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. **1/13**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 20-098 In the Matter of the Estate of George Hornbuckle Sr. 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 PUBLI-CATION Rachel Sneed P.O. Box 998 Cherokee, NC 28719 1/13

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT CHEROKEE, NC FILE NO.: CV 17-388 Dustin French, Plaintiff Gary French, Intervenor

Margaret French, Intervenor v. Kelly Long, Defendant In Re: D.F. & K.F. TO: Kelly Long, Defendant TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is Motion to Intervene and Custody Modification of the aforementioned-minor children. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than February 16, 2021, said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for child custody over the minor child.

This is the 6th day of January 2020.

Stephanie-Lyn S. Lepre

Attorney for Petitioner EBCI Legal Assistance Office PO Box 2280 Cherokee, NC 28719 828.359.7400 N.C.G.S._1A-1, Rule 4(j1). **1/20**

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



Cherokee Central **Schools Job Openings** Apply online at https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/ onlineapp/ or visit: www.ccs-nc.org for more information. (Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated): Middle School Boys Basketball Head Coach - Must have a Bachelor's Degree and 2-3 years head coaching experience at the Middle School or High School level. Cherokee Language Instructor - Must have an Associate's degree or minimum 48 completed semester hours. Athletic Trainer - Must possess at least a bachelor's degree in a health related field. Must be a National Athletic Trainers' Association BOC certified and possess or be in the process of acquiring a licensure, certification or registration from the state of North Carolina. Alternative School Teacher Assistant - Must have an Associate's degree or minimum 48 completed semester hours.

Elementary Teacher Assistant - Must have an Associate's Degree or 48 completed semester hours.

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

FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-CATION Michelle L. Owle-Smith P.O. Box 284 Cherokee, NC 28719 **2/3**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR RFQ

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians **Project Management Program** Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg. 810 Acquoni Road, Suite 117 P.O. Box 1328 Cherokee, N.C. 28719 Ph. (828) 359-6700 **Project Title: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy** (CEDS) The EBCI Planning and Project Management Office is soliciting proposals from qualified consultants and/or firms that may lead to a contract to perform work in partnership with the EBCI on programs, tasks and activities that aim to foster recovery, and to develop resiliency practices for, the EBCI which has been negatively affected by COVID-19. The end product will be a new or revised Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

RFQ Packet

To receive a copy of the RFQ please contact Chris Greene (828) 359-6703 chrigree@nc-cherokee. com

Submissions

All electronic submissions must be sent to chrigree@nc-cherokee.com. All submissions are due by Thursday, February 04, 2021 by 2:00 PM at which time submittals will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any submittals received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of this contract. **1/13**

Notice to Qualified Professionals Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing & Community Development/Healthy Homes

The EBCI Housing Division invites statements of qualifications from contractors for Healthy Home assessments.

The purpose of the RFQ process is to establish a short list of contractors capable of successfully completing assessments subject to HUD guidelines. Contractors may be selected to complete an initial and follow up assessment of single-family residences. Properties are located on the Qualla Boundary including Cherokee and Graham counties. Qualified contactors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Please submit qualification package with all information. Statement of Qualifications should include the following:

1. The number of assessors available for on call/as needed.

2. How much notice is needed for on-call/as needed to report to the Housing

Division.

3. Assessment cost.

4. Professional references (3)

The HCD reserves the right to reject any and all submissions. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the HCD Main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is January 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

Contact Paulette Cox @ paulcox@nc-cherokee.com with questions or comments at 828-359-6748. **11/20**

Notice to Qualified Professionals Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing & Community Development (H.C.D.) 1579 Painttown Road, Cherokee N.C. 28719

The EBCI Housing Division (HD) is seeking qualified contractors and professionals who specializes in the following trade for all Tribally owned rental developments on the Qualla Boundary including Graham and Cherokee Counties. The Work to be performed may include:

Assessments or Inspections of single family homes or multi-family dwellings.

Qualified contactors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Several contractors and professionals will be selected for work. Please submit qualification package with all information. Selections will be based on:

 TERO letter that contractor is in good standing. If there are five or more RFQ packets from Tier I TERO vendors evaluation and selection will be limited to Tier I, Indian Owned EBCI Business.
 Three recommendation letters.
 Last three (3) jobs completed with: Owner, cost and contact number. hourly rate and qualifications.

The HCD reserves the right to reject any and all submissions. The work to be performed under this RFQ is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the HCD Main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719 . Deadline for sealed proposals is January 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

Contact Tamara Jackson, tamajack@nc-cherokee.com with questions or comments at 828-359-6940. **1/20**

Good Housekeeping

Pasta e Piselli

Our fastest soup — just 10 minutes to prepare, 15 minutes to cook. Cousin to the Italian favorite Pasta e Fagioli (pasta and beans), this is made with peas instead. Dust with freshly grated Parmesan for an irresistible touch.

- 2 cups (about 8 ounces) mixed pasta shapes or elbow macaroni
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed with side of chef's knife
- 2 cans (14½-ounce) chicken broth, or 3½ cups homemade chicken broth
- 1 can (14½-ounce) diced tomatoes
- 1/4 cup (packed) fresh basil leaves, coarsely chopped
 1 package (10-ounce) frozen
 - peas, thawed Grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

 Cook pasta as label directs in boiling salted water; drain.

2. Meanwhile, in 4-quart saucepan or saucepot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add garlic; cook until golden, about 5 minutes.

3. Remove saucepan from heat. Then, carefully add chicken broth, tomatoes with their juice, basil and 1/2 cup water. Return to heat; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 5 minutes; discard garlic. 4. Add peas and pasta; heat through. Serve soup with grated Parmesan cheese if you like. Serves 5.

• Each serving: About 290 calories, 7g total fat (1g saturated), 8mg cholesterol, 705 mg sodium, 46g carb., 11g protein.

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