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**“Rest assured
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is going to be.”**

- Bill Travitz, EBCI Information
Technology director, on the
rebuilding of the tribal IT network
following December's cyber-attack



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Cyber-attack effects continuing

Tribe pays ransom as work continues in rebuilding of the network

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The Tribal IT Department of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the many tribal programs are still dealing with the aftermath of a network cyber-attack that occurred on Dec. 7, 2019.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed and EBCI Information Technology Director Bill Travitz provided insight into the ongoing rebuild of the network, clean up and retrieval of program data in a recent One Feather interview.

Both Chief Sneed and Travitz were reluctant about discussing timelines for a return to “normal” IT operations. Travitz stated that the IT staff is working long hours and outside experts and outside technology suppliers are being consulted and engaged.

Due to the need for protecting the network from further attack and to preserve potential evidence in tracking down the source of the attack, tribal administration is not releasing specifics with regard to what was done to the network, except to say that it was a very specific type of ransomware with a distinct signature or way of operating to encrypt files.

The One Feather asked Chief Sneed to re-clarify who within the tribal organization was impacted by the ransomware. He spoke about the Cherokee Indian Hospital being one of the safe areas. “The hospital is

completely unaffected because they are not on our network at all. They are stand alone,” Chief Sneed stated.

The EBCI Office of Budget & Finance was impacted; however, they had a crisis protocol in conjunction with Tyler Munis that allowed for a back-up to be available to expedite the continued access to certain data. While things were being put in place to continue operations at Finance, there was little to no disruption on the client end of Finance.

Travitz said, regarding the tribal network, “We’re starting from the ground up.”

All the servers and other devices that the network services, the “core infrastructure”, have been “detached” from the fiber optic highway that interconnects the tribal computers and those computers with the outside world.

Travitz stated that a new core infrastructure is being created from scratch because any hardware affected or infected by the ransomware cannot be trusted and the Tribe does not want to put questionable elements from the old infrastructure onto the new.

Travitz concurred with Chief Sneed’s previous statement concerning the Tribe’s data. He said that it is a fact that the data that was on the old infrastructure is “safe”.

“When you have ransomware attach, what it does is run around and encrypt the data,” Travitz noted. “If you are using the right encryption, it is like the NSA did it. Without the keys, you’re not getting (the data) back. And, it was a very sophisticated attack. Each machine was encrypted with a different key. And, that key was sent back to a command and control structure that the hackers have. Each com-

puter has a public key and a private key. They had a database of every computer - our workstations, our servers, everything that was on our network that says this key belongs to that computer. So, they can build you what is called a universal decrypt tool, which is what we paid the ransom for. So, we went around to all of our machines and decrypted all the machines, which gets our data back.”

The United States Department of Homeland Security says that ransomware “is a type of malicious software, or malware, designed to deny access to a computer system or data until a ransom is paid. Ransomware typically spreads through phishing emails or by unknowingly visiting an infected website.”

The ransom amount paid by the Tribe was not discussed; however, Travitz did indicate that the ransom was paid by insurance. Chief Sneed did not refer to payment of ransom. He did indicate costs related to the recovery from the cyber-attack were being paid from a cyber-attack insurance policy.

While the Tribal IT department has all the data, it is not available to the Tribe, yet. Travitz was not able to say when that data will be available. Between preserving evidence, creation of the new core infrastructure, spinning up new devices for the server farm, synchronizing accounts to ensure that critical connections to certain cloud storage and email accounts are not broken, Travitz said it would be difficult to tell.

Some of the processes moving forward include extracting the data from the old hardware and environment, scanning it for safety, then getting it onto the new network. He

says he basically has three teams working three key areas of recovery. “I have a team working on the workloads. I have a team working on the documents. And, I have a team working on the PCs (personal computers or workstations). And, they are moving forward simultaneously.”

While there is a planned order of getting tribal programs back in working order, it is not detailed out to a prioritized list of individual programs. Travitz says that life safety is number one (Emergency Medical, Fire, Police, and Justice).

He said he wouldn’t discuss the current status and structure of the new network. Travitz said that bad guys look for information on systems to be released in a place where they can find the weaknesses and find their way in.

He said, “Rest assured that the way that the old network was is not how it is going to be.”

Chief Sneed said that this could have been worse. “We were very fortunate that this was caught in a timely manner. We were very fortunate that our Secretary of the Treasury Cory Blankenship, had the foresight two years ago to buy a cyber-security insurance policy, which prior to two years ago, we never carried that type of insurance. So, all of the costs that have been incurred or will be incurred as a result of this are all covered by insurance. We are going to emerge from this in much better shape as far as cyber security goes, network efficiencies, and best practices. Things that were in planning for the next six months to a year are happening very rapidly now.”

Motion brought forth to reopen Long's detention hearing

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Tribal Court was brought to order just after 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8 to hear motions brought forth by the defensive attorney of Benjamin Cody Long. It is the first action taken since the detention hearing on Dec. 11, 2019.

Brent Smith, Long's attorney, brought forth a motion to compel, as well as a motion to reopen the detention hearing of Long. Smith says that with new information and a third party involved in the case, that he believes the case has changed and that Long should be allowed bond.

Judge Thomas Cochran opened with the motion to compel,

which is used to ensure that both parties have access to necessary information on the case.

An issue that Smith brought up is that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has apprehended material aspects of the case, and because of that the defense would not be allowed to progress with any independent investigation. He also cited the "Martinez case", where the FBI withheld materials for 18 months on a trial that was eventually dismissed. He said that he did not wish to have Long sit in detention for an undetermined amount of time while waiting for a response from the FBI.

Cochran said that while he is sympathetic of Smith's situation, that the same issue is hindering the tribal prosecutors. He contin-

ued by saying neither he nor the Tribe (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) could compel the FBI to hand over any of those materials until they conclude their investigation. Cochran says that he does not know when the FBI received them, but he expects that the investigation could take at least another month.

Moving forward, Cochran did order that tribal prosecutors share any information that they currently have with the defense. Cody White, who spoke for the prosecution, said that they are still attempting to collect all of their information for the case. The prosecutor said they would have no problem sharing what they had at this time. Smith said that he would be able to come by this afternoon to recover those materials.

It was also decided that the parties will reconvene on March 11 for a status hearing regarding any new information provided by the FBI. If the prosecutors receive this information before that date, they are expected to share it with the defense.

The motion of reopening the detention hearing was then considered. Smith said that with significant new information in the case, including possible misinformation provided at the original detention hearing, that it would make sense to reopen the hearing.

Tribal prosecutors said that while it does add to the evidence involved in the case, that the new information doesn't materially alter what was heard on Dec. 11, and therefore the court should maintain with detention without

bond. White also said that it would be premature to allow Long to have bond.

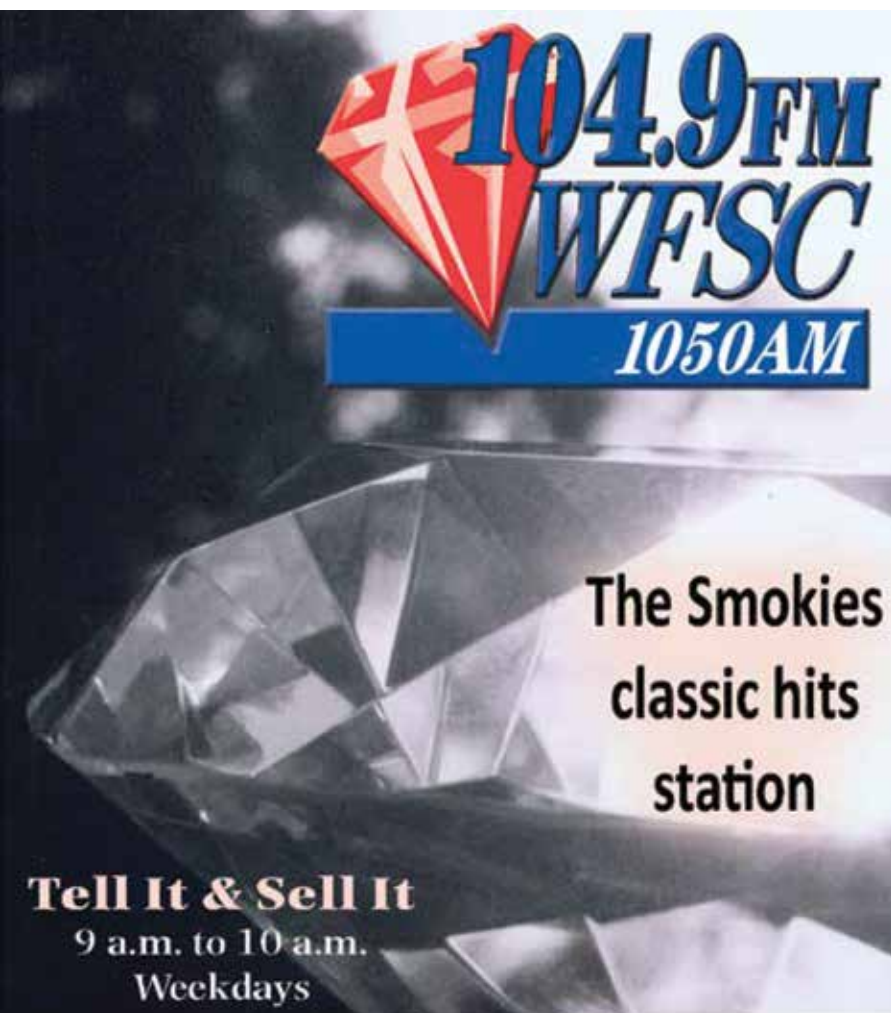
Smith said that, from his understanding, the Tribe has since had an interaction with a third party in regards to the ransomware, and that the Tribe has paid the ransom in order to receive the keys to get to their files. He said the emergence of this third party completely alters the case.

Smith continued by looking at the testimony of Bill Travitz on Dec. 11. Travitz testified then that there were just three individuals that had access to the "servadmin" account that was used to begin the cyberattack on Dec. 7. Smith says there is reason to believe that there were more than three people with access, and that the account's access had not been altered in the last three to five years.

After hearing from Smith and the prosecutors, Cochran decided to extend the motion to reopen the detention hearing. He said that the prosecutors had until Jan. 17 to respond to anything said at the hearing on Wednesday. He also set the date of Jan. 24 for the motion to reopen the detention hearing, that time being offered to allow Smith to review the materials he will be provided with today.

Important dates moving forward:

- Friday, Jan. 17 - Tribal Prosecutors Deadline to Respond.
- Friday, Jan. 24 - Motion to Reopen Detention Hearing.
- Wednesday, March 11 - Status Hearing.
- Wednesday, April 8 - Schedule date for trial



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Tribe proposing casino in southwestern Virginia

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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed announced plans on Tuesday, Jan. 7 for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to develop a casino as part of development on a 350-acre tract in southwestern Virginia. Steve Johnson, developer of the tract known as The Pinnacle, has entered into an agreement with the Tribe.

“Right now, it’s just a simple agreement,” Chief Sneed told the One Feather in an interview on Wednesday, Jan. 8. “We’re not bound by anything. All the agreement says is that we’re going to work together to try to win a gaming license. If we are successful in that, we will place a casino resort on the property at The Pinnacle.”

He described the process, “There is a bill (Virginia Senate Bill No. 743) moving through the Virginia legislature right now for commercial gaming. In the initial draft of the bill, they had designated certain cities. They wanted to put casinos in cities that were economically-challenged or economically-depressed - in need of a shot in the arm.”

Chief Sneed said language in that bill is being challenged, “It came back with a recommendation that rather than having it be designed to certain cities, that they use a competitive bid process for licenses. States that have the most success, the highest revenue, are those that have used a competitive bid process. So, you end up with those entities that are going to provide the best product in the marketplace.”

Since the casino would not be on tribal trust land, the planning and processes are different from the two casinos currently operated by the

Tribe - Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee and the Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel in Murphy.

“We felt that it was an opportunity for us to enter into the commercial gaming market. This is not Indian Gaming, under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, but, this is just commercial gaming in a free market...I am very grateful for Tribal Council’s support for recognizing the need for us to try to enter into that market.”

Chief Sneed said the deal is very new and is at the beginning of the process. “Everything is literally in its infancy right now. There’s a lot of work to be done. We don’t even know if we will be successful in getting the language of the bill changed to make it county-wide instead of just the City of Bristol. We can’t just sit on our hands and do nothing. Here’s an opportunity to participate in commercial gaming just two-and-a-half hours from home.”

Johnson said in a statement on Tuesday, “Our agreement with Chief Sneed of the EBCI is an extraordinary opportunity to bring an experienced casino owner-operator to Washington County and the southwest Virginia region. We look forward to working with the Cherokee Nation, local leaders, and elected officials in Richmond (Va.) to bring this massive opportunity to fruition.”

Tribal Council passed Res. No. 101 (2020) during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 9. The legislation, submitted by Chief Sneed and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, states, “It is time for the tribal government to begin a serious approach towards new major revenue streams. The attitude towards commercial gaming is rapidly changing which will

eventually have a direct impact on our casinos and generated revenues. Multiple tribes across the nation are expressing their interest and are working to invest in commercial gaming to diversify their economies and generate higher revenue.”

The legislation originally called for a comprehensive study be done “regarding the EBCI entering the commercial gaming market”, but Vice Chairman David Wolfe made the motion, which was approved, to amend the resolution to read “comprehensive strategy” as he said it’s time to move forward on this opportunity.

In addition to the proposed casino, other proposed additions to the development include a large outdoor concert venue, a mountain coaster, and a 150-room hotel with an indoor water park attached. “We think it’s a win for the county and for the State of Virginia, and we’re excited for the opportunity to participate,” said Chief Sneed.

He also noted that the area is historic Cherokee territory. “Interestingly enough, Washington County, where Bristol, Va. is, was historic aboriginal territory of the Cherokees. So, we fit the bill there as well. We don’t reside there anymore, but our ancestors resided in what is now the current Washington County.”

The next steps in the process involve waiting on legislative issues. Chief Sneed noted, “We’ve got to work with the legislators to get the language changed...their study is telling them to have a competitive process and not just go with handing out licenses to pre-determined winners.”

Not everyone in the area is happy with the announcement.

“As everyone here knows, last spring the (Virginia) General

Assembly passed, and the governor signed, legislation that approved casino gaming in certain localities across the Commonwealth of Virginia - which the legislation has to be approved again this year in Richmond,” Randy Eads, Bristol, Va. city manager, said during a press conference on Jan. 7. “Senate Bill 1126 authorized the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study and report their findings to the General Assembly. JLAR studied each locality it was assigned in the legislation and the effect gaming would have on those localities. The study indicates each locality, and specifically Bristol (Va.), that a resort casino would be viable in Bristol, provide over 1,000 direct jobs, and pump millions of dollars into Bristol’s general fund.”

He added, “With today’s announcement, the fact that Mr. Johnson wants to come into the game at such a late stage could have a detrimental impact on the legislation - not only for Bristol, but for the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. As previously stated, the legislature has already agreed that the City of Bristol, Va. would have the opportunity to have a resort casino within its boundaries. The development of another casino within one mile of the Bristol Mall has not been authorized by the General Assembly or studied by JLAR.”

Chief Sneed said if the legislative changes come to fruition, the public will be informed as the process goes forward. “I applaud Tribal Council’s leadership on this for recognizing that we’ve got to engage. And, then as each hurdle is overcome, there will be resolutions brought to Council to get direction for the next step.”

Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville officially opens

ASHEVILLE - The City of Asheville and Harrah's Cherokee held a grand opening of the Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville (HCCA) with a public civic dedication on Friday, Jan. 10. The newly-rebranded mixed-use 130,000 square foot venue, formerly known as the U.S. Cellular Center Asheville, houses the ExploreAsheville.com Arena and Thomas Wolfe Auditorium, and is the home of the Asheville Symphony Orchestra, Warren Haynes Christmas Jam, and The Ingles Southern Conference Men's & Women's Basketball Championships presented by General Shale.

The venue has also recently hosted the Federation Cup in back-to-back years, a first in over 30 years on U.S. soil for the international tournament, as well as blockbuster performances from internationally renowned musicians like David Byrne, The Lumineers, Kacey Musgraves, Bob Dylan, and Luke Combs and comedians including Kevin Hart, Dave Chappelle, and Jerry Seinfeld. More event and venue information available at HarrahsCherokeeCenterAsheville.com.

"The City of Asheville is looking forward to growing our relationship with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians through the naming rights of our entertainment facility," said Mayor Esther Manheimer. "We appreciate the investment they are making in downtown Asheville and the Western Carolina Region."



Harrah's Cherokee photo

Officials are shown at the grand opening of the Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville on Friday, Jan. 10 including, left to right, Brooks Robinson, senior vice president and general manager Harrah's Cherokee Casino; Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed; City of Asheville Mayor Esther Manheimer; and Cory Corl, Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville general manager.

Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville is the design of an up to 10-year, \$5.75 million license agreement between Harrah's Cherokee and the City of Asheville. The partnership, approved by city officials in May 2019, includes an additional first year payment of \$750,000, two-thirds of which will be funded by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. This initial investment is earmarked to improve the fan experience with dedicated venue upgrades including the installation of state-of-the-art video display boards in the ExploreAsheville.com Arena, expanded public Wi-Fi throughout the complex, and additional comfort and experi-

ence related amenities. The entertainment complex has experienced increased year-over-year growth from 2014 to 2019, including a rise in both calendared events and attendance.

"Harrah's Cherokee and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have always been proud supporters of music, arts, and community initiatives in Western North Carolina. Partnering with Harrah's Cherokee, a name synonymous with entertainment, will launch Asheville's original music, sports and events complex into a new decade," said Chris Corl, General Manager of Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville. "We look for-

ward to the opportunity to help enhance the relationship between our two mountain communities."

"For the residents and visitors of western North Carolina, this venue holds a very special place in their memories," reflects Brooks Robinson, senior vice president and general manager Harrah's Cherokee Casino. "This is a piece of Asheville's diverse and vibrant entertainment scene that we are very proud to be a part of. We look forward to the continued success of this venue as Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville."

Upcoming shows at Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville include:

- * Jan. 21 - Neil deGrasse Tyson
- * Jan. 28 - Indigo Girls
- * Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 - The Lumineers: III The World Tour
- * Feb. 7 - Ron White
- * Feb. 14-15 - Umphrey's McGee: Blue Ridge Rockway
- * Feb. 17 - Gordon Lightfoot
- * Feb. 22-23 - Sturgill Simpson: A Good Look'n Tour with Tyler Childers
- * March 5-9 - The Ingles Southern Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament presented by General Shale
- * March 21 - Jeff Dunham Seriously! Tour
- * April 11 - The Revivalists: Into the Stars Tour
- * April 17 - Angel Olsen
- * May 4 - TOBYMAC: The Theatre Tour

- Harrah's Cherokee release

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Council approves term limits for TGC and TCGE boards

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Following a lengthy debate during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 9, Tribal Council approved term limits for the TGC (Tribal Gaming Commission) and TCGE (Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise) boards of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). By an unanimous vote, Council approved amendments to Cherokee Code Chapter 16, specifically Section 16-2.01(e)(1) and Section 16A-3(e)(1) that limit a person to only serving two terms on either board.

Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle submitted the legislation and noted at the beginning of Thursday's debate, "I brought this ordinance change in so we can give people a better opportunity of serving on these boards. I think an appointment and a re-appointment - I think that's plenty."

He added, "I think let's spread around the opportunity for our people to come in and be part of this board...sometimes, change is good. If you've been on there for longer than two terms it might get kind of stale."

During the discussion, Vice Chairman David Wolfe offered an amendment that would have set it at no more than two consecutive terms. That amendment failed by a margin of 69-31 with Vice Chairman Wolfe, Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahneta, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, and Wolfstown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke voting in

favor.

"The only heartache I've got with the ordinance change here is we're not considering the experience some of these individuals bring to it," said Chairman Wachacha. "So, you have the two three-year appointments, using TGC as an example, and then within six years they're gone."

He went on to say, "I'm not saying that we don't have enough people that can fill these positions, but it's really hard to replace experienced people on these commissions and boards. But, I too stand with the majority of Council on making sure that we are looking outside of just a certain section and pool and considering everybody."

Chairman Wachacha said he plans to submit legislation in February to bring forth a formal process when dealing with appointments across the Tribe.

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke said that term limits are already in place to a point in that Tribal Council has to approve all of them. "You have the right to vote no. These are the Chief's appointments. He has that right to do that. When it comes to this body, you can raise your hand or you can say no."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed offered his thoughts on the debate, "...whenever we talk about appointees, it's always implied 'oh, it's the same people every time'. I have appointed no fewer than 12 first-time appointees who have never be on a board before...at the end of the day, to Tommye's

point, the process as it exists right now is to just vote it up or down. It's that simple. If the candidate that is presented before you has the qualifications, you can support that...the term limit is this - this body says no...at the end of the day, this body has the ability to say yes or no."

He noted that he welcomes a formal process. "Every time appointments come up, we end up in a debate like this, and every time I say if Council will create a process then that is the process we will follow. But, as it stands right now, it's just you vote it up or you vote it down."

Becky Walker, an EBCI tribal member from the Birdtown Community, said that she also is happy to see a process being worked on, "If you have a process and you have qualifications in regards to the board and criteria and the responsibilities of the board, then, you don't have to have a debate. You have actual qualified people presented to you who can hold their own and even stand in front of you and talk about their qualifications - what they bring to the table, who they are and what they represent. Because that's the kind of people I want on these boards."

She also added that a person's place of residence should have no bearing on their ability to serve on a board. "Once again, it's not about what community you're from, it's what you bring to the table."

Later in Thursday's session, Albert Martin Jr., an EBCI tribal member and long-term employee

at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, was added to the Tribal Gaming Commission. His term will end on Dec. 31, 2022. He replaces Robert Saunooke whose term ended Dec. 31, 2019, and Martin joins former Vice Chief Larry Blythe, whose term ends Dec. 31, 2021, as well as Bentley Tahquette whose term ends Dec. 31, 2020.

Good Housekeeping

Quick & Easy Pork BBQ

We used ready-made shredded barbecued pork, sold in tubs in the meat department, for the base and added beans and fresh tomatoes for extra flavor and fiber. Serve with coleslaw and store-bought corn bread.

- 16 ounces (half 32-ounce container) fully cooked barbecue sauce with shredded pork
- 1 can (15 to 19 ounces) red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 to 19 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 large plum tomatoes, cut into 1/4-inch dice

1. In 3-quart saucepan, heat pork mixture with beans, tomatoes and 1 cup water to boiling over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 5 minutes to blend flavors, stirring occasionally. Makes 4 servings.

• Each serving: 380 calories, 6g total fat (2g saturated), 30mg cholesterol, 1,245mg sodium, 60g carbohydrate, 18g dietary fiber, 29g protein.

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CCS School Board holds first meeting of 2020

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The Monday, Jan. 6 meeting of the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Isaac Long; Board members Gloria Griffin, Karen French-Browning, and Regina Ledford-Rosario; School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle; HR Director Heather Driver; Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne; and Tribal Council representative Chelsea Saunooke present. Secretary Tara Reed-Copper and HR Director Heather Driver arrived after roll call.

The Cherokee Boys Club (CBC) Board and CBC General Manager Greg Owle were the only guests at the meeting. They were there to offer a quarterly update, and there was little to discuss. The CBC and the CCS remarked on their good

standing, and Owle said that the CBC annual report would be coming out soon.

There was no consent agenda, and so the Board moved on to discuss old business. The first item was a look over on pulled resolution 20-103 that would approach Albert Arch as the varsity softball coach for Cherokee High School. When it was previously up for approval, it was noticed that there were only two names listed in the interview process. The School Board requires three interviewers to insure they receive the best candidate for recommendation. Heather Driver reported that there was a third, but they had been unintentionally left off the recommendation form.

Though this was clarified, the Board still wished to discuss specifics in the resolution and called for a closed session. The meeting was closed at 5 p.m., and was re-opened at 6 p.m.

"We are changing the proce-

cedure of how long applicants stay on our application list. And that will be updated and sent out to the public whenever it's available. And, we're looking into the athlete drug policy and seeing if there needs to be any changes to those policies and procedures." said Chairperson Thompson after re-opening the meeting.

The Board then voted 5-1 in favor of Resolution 20-103, with Long being the only vote against.

Old business also included a slight reworking of the Board's committee assignments. Ledford-Rosario requested to be assigned to the security committee, which had been assigned to French-Browning. The Board approved both of them to be on the security committee, and Ledford-Rosario will still attempt to cover her original assignment of the Sacred Path committee as well.

The Board also took a further look at the procedure for allowing recent graduates using CCS

athletic facilities. Currently, to use the facilities one must be a graduate who is currently part of a collegiate athletic program, and they would still need supervision from a member of the CCS staff. If this is not the case, they would have to sign up to be a volunteer at the school. The Board discussed requiring non-students to sign a waiver before using any facilities, and this issue would be drawn up and voted on at the next meeting.

The final item for the meeting was to approve an edited job description for the vacant position of Accounts Payable Processor. The only changes made were grammatical errors and adding a term of 12 months, which had previously been left off the description.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 4:45 p.m. at CCS. They are not meeting on that Monday due to leave on Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Joseph Jumper pleads guilty to Abusive Sexual Contact

Release from Office of the EBCI Tribal Prosecutor

ASHEVILLE - Joseph Dwayne Jumper, of Robbinsville, pleaded guilty on Friday, Jan. 3 in Federal Court in Asheville to two counts of Abusive Sexual Contact before the Honorable Carlton Metcalf. The maximum punishment for such an offense is imprisonment for life.

Lead Tribal Prosecutor and Special Assistant United States Attorney Justin Eason said, "In this case, the defendant was alleged to have had inappropriate sexual contact with a minor child. This conviction was only possible thanks to the coordination and cooperation from several key agencies, including the FBI, the CIPD (Cherokee Indian Police Dept.), and the Family Safety Program. Each of these entities demonstrated great diligence and dedication in their quest to obtain justice on behalf of the victim and the Tribe (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indi-

ans) as a whole."

He added, "The Federal Courts provide an unparalleled forum for the administration of justice, and it is the obligation of the Prosecutor's Office to combat such offenses with every tool available to us in order to protect the Tribe and its members. The thorough investigation by both Family Safety and law enforcement provided everything necessary to secure justice for our victim and our Tribe."

Sentencing for the defendant shall be set at a date to be determined.



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Good coaches set examples for their players

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The other day I read a news report about a coach attacking a fan after a basketball game. In all of my years, several decades-worth, of covering high school athletics, I've seen fights on the field and fights in the stands and parking lots, but I've never heard of a coach being involved.

That is pure ridiculousness.

According to the Charlotte Observer, West Lincoln (N.C.) Head Basketball Coach Chad Wright allegedly went into the stands and got into a fight with a fan following a game on Tuesday, Jan. 7. The report said the fan allegedly taunted the coach after West Lincoln lost to Newton-Conover 63-28. The Observer reports that West Lincoln hasn't won a game this season.

In my time on the sidelines, I've heard fans say taunting things to coaches and referees, and I've sometimes heard them answer back with flowery language, but I've never, ever seen it turn to violence from the side of a coach. That is just inexcusable.

Coaches are there to teach their respective sport to their players, but they're also there to help guide the young players on their way to becoming responsible, and most importantly, respectful adults.

I get it - sometimes fans are obnoxious. Sometimes, they definitely cross the line. But, when that happens, the coach must rise above and not act out of anger but instead use that as a teaching moment for his players.



Kent Briggs, former Braves head football coach and an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), set an example of how to act and he got his players to buy into his philosophy of hard work and respect.

For his actions, Coach Wright is now facing several misdemeanor charges according to the Observer. This situation ended up being a teaching moment for his players, but in the opposite direction.

I get the opportunity to cover Cherokee sports and be around some great coaches. Kent Briggs, former Braves head football coach, was one of the best. With his calm demeanor on and off the field, he led his players by example. He showed them that you can play hard and still have the utmost respect for your fellow players, opponents, fans, referees, etc.

Briggs, an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), set an example of how to act and he got his players to buy into his philosophy of hard work and respect.

Phil Jackson, former coach

(1989-98) of the Chicago Bulls who won six NBA titles with the club, once said, "I think the most important thing about coaching is that you have to have a sense of confidence about what you're doing. You have to be a salesman, and you have to get your players, particularly your leaders, to believe in what you're trying to accomplish on the basketball floor."

Cherokee High School has some wonderful coaches who do this with two I've worked with for years leaping off the page to me including Eddie Swimmer, CHS and CMS head cross country and track and field coach; and Aaron Hogner, CHS Braves head basketball coach. Both set an example of respect. Hogner and Swimmer, both EBCI tribal members, are both traditional men grounded in their culture. Hogner, who grew

up in Oklahoma, is a southern plains singer at pow wows and also sings at Stomp Dances; and Swimmer, who has traveled the world, is a champion hoop dancer and pow wow dancer.

It is important for players to respond well to their coaches. And, the best way for this to be accomplished is for the players to listen to them and this only occurs if the players respect them. Players respect coaches who set a positive example. They don't respond well to coaches who end up in brawls in the stands.

The late Tom Landry, legendary head coach of the Dallas Cowboys (1960-88), once said, "Really, coaching is simplicity. It's getting players to play better than they think that they can."

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves lose on road in Robb.



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Cherokee's Raylen Bark goes inside for a shot during a game at Robbinsville on the evening of Monday, Jan. 6. After leading by six points (32-26) at halftime, the Lady Braves lost a hard fought game to the Lady Black Knights by a final score of 66-56. Cherokee was led by Deante Toineeta with 15 points followed by Bark with 13. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Tigger King 11, Naomi Smith 7, Vivian Ross 2, Jordyn Martin 2, Rhyne Girty 5, and Kamia Wiggins 1. Robbinsville's scorers included: Cambrie Lovin 14, Gabby Hooper 5, Desta Trammell 24, Haylee Anderson 11, Karlyn Matheson 1, Keika Jimenez 7, and Kennedy Cable 4.



Girty goes for a shot inside. She ended the game with 5 points.

BASKETBALL

Braves win big at Robbinsville



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Cherokee's Bobby Crowe (#5) fights for a shot through two Robbinsville defenders, Chris Wright (#21) and Nathan Collins (#5), during a game at Robbinsville on the evening of Monday, Jan. 6. Cherokee led the entire way en route to a big 74-45 win. The Braves, who led 35-17 at the half and 61-32 after the third, were led by Sarron Johnson with 24 points followed by Don Bradley with 12. Other Braves scorers included: Chris Johnson 4, Jordan Arkansas 7, Ethan Crowe 4, Bobby Crowe 4, Daniel Forester 5, Sterling Santa Maria 9, and Mykel Lossiah 5. Robbinsville scorers included: Court Carpenter 7, Dalton Capps 5, Brock Adams 2, Clayson Lane 4, Seth Lawson 13, Bryce Teesateskie 2, Drey Keener 8, and Carson Eller 4.



Sarron Johnson goes for a layup while Robbinsville's Capps defends. Johnson led Cherokee on the night with 24 points.

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves win big at Andrews



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (#13) goes for a shot against Andrews' Abby Hedden (#11) at a game at Andrews High School on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 7. With 13 points, Toineeta led the Lady Braves who led the entire game en route to a 67-18 win. Cherokee led 39-8 at the half and 57-10 after the third. Due to NCHSAA rules, the clock ran continuously for the majority of the second half. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Raylen Bark 8, Ayanna Lambert 8, Hallah Panther 2, Tigger King 2, Naomi Smith 8, Vivian Ross 11, Alexis Smith 1, Rhyne Girty 6, Kamia Wiggins 4, and Tierney Bradley 4. Andrews' scorers included: Hedden 13, Emily Mealer 1, Ravin Wright 2, and Karlie Curtis 2.



Wiggins shoots around Andrew's Mealer. Wiggins had 4 points on the night.

BASKETBALL

Undefeated Andrews defeats Braves



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Cherokee's Sarron Johnson (#4) dribbles past Andrews' Kabe Ellis during a game at Andrews High School on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 7. After leading 36-34 at the half, Cherokee ended up being topped 86-65 by the undefeated Andrews Wildcats. Sarron Johnson led Cherokee with 27 points followed by Bobby Crowe with 12. Other Braves scorers included: Chris Johnson 2, Ethan Crowe 4, Don Bradley 9, and Sterling Santa Maria 11. Andrews' scorers included: Tucker Holloway 36, Ellis 22, Landon White 16, Jose Martinez 4, Gavin Wilson 1, and Bryson Holloway 7.



Bradley shoots a jumper over Andrews' Tucker Holloway. On the night, Bradley had 9 points.



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WCU Board of Trustees approve 2.4 percent fees increase

The Western Carolina University Board of Trustees has endorsed a schedule of fees and rates for the 2020-21 academic year that would increase the cost of mandatory fees paid by all students by 2.4 percent, or \$68 per year.

The proposed fee increases, approved by the board at its regular quarterly meeting in December now go to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors for approval. Board member David Rhode, Student Government Association president, cast the lone vote of 'nay.'

The trustees approved a \$44 increase in the student activity fee, from \$632 to \$676 a year, to help fund future facilities projects including renovation projects at A.K. Hinds University Center and improvements to intramural fields, for equipment replacement in the Campus Recreation Center, and for student-focused programming and intentional learning partnerships in the Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The board also approved a \$24 increase in the athletics fee, from \$782 to \$806 a year, to help cover the cost of facilities needs

identified in an athletics department master plan requested by the board earlier this year.

Student fees to support health services, education and technology projects, sustainability efforts and existing debt service will remain unchanged for the coming academic year.

The board also approved an annual increase of \$68 (or 3 percent) in the cost of general undergraduate tuition. Because WCU is among the UNC System institutions that are part of the NC Promise tuition plan, which sets the rate of undergraduate tuition for North Carolina residents at \$1,000 per year and \$5,000 per year for students from out of state, students and parents will not see a change in their tuition bills. If the tuition change is approved by the Board of Governors, the General Assembly will cover the cost differential.

The university's book rental fee will increase by \$8 (or 2.68 percent), from \$298 to \$306 per year, while residential room rates will go up an average of 2.24 percent beginning with the 2020 fall semester, with annual costs rang-

ing from \$5,140 for a standard double-occupancy room to \$7,896 for a private room in Balsam and Blue Ridge residence halls. The rate increases will help cover the costs of rising operational expenses and build reserves needed to renovate or replace some of WCU's older residence halls, said Sam Miller, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The trustees approved changes in meal plans offered to residential and commuter students to decrease a traditional emphasis on "declining balance" plans and increase the number of "exchange meals." Meal plan rates will range from \$749 per year for the commuter "low plan" to \$2,514.50 per year for the first-year residential "high plan."

With the fee and rate schedule approved by the board, WCU's total cost of attendance in 2020-21, including standard residence hall accommodations and the low option residential meal plan, will be \$13,609 per year (fall and spring semesters) for a typical undergraduate student from North Carolina, a 3.27 percent increase (or \$431) over the current academic year

total annual cost of \$13,178.

The action by the trustees comes after a series of meetings held by a campus tuition and fee committee, including two open campus discussions, a meeting of the Student Government Association Senate, and an interactive live video-streamed session hosted on the university's social media platforms, as well as an online survey that prompted 3,236 responses.

Not surprisingly, the survey showed that responding students were not in favor of most of the proposed increases, Miller said. The students did express mostly positive support for the NC Promise tuition plan, with some graduate students stating they wished that it also applied to their tuition, he said.

In other action, the trustees: * Endorsed a study to explore the possibility of adding additional sports to the university's intercollegiate athletics program, with a special focus on wrestling.

- Western Carolina University
release

Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

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

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

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





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Alfred Welch, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was recognized in Tribal Council on Wednesday, Jan. 8 for his service during the Vietnam War and his September 2019 participation in the Blue Ridge Honor Flight. Welch, a Vietnam Veteran, is shown in the first photo with his wife Maybelle and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a Marine Corps veteran who served as Alfred's guardian during the Honor Flight - a program whereby war veterans fly to Washington, D.C. for a free day of touring national monuments and visiting with fellow veterans. Alfred is a fluent Cherokee speaker who also learned to read and write the language by himself.



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Gregory Hunt, right, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, presents a White House Challenge Coin to Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed in Tribal Council on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Hunt presented Chief Sneed with that coin as well as an American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol and a U.S. Capitol Challenge Coin. "All Marines live by several core values - honor, courage, and commitment," Hunt said of fellow Marine Chief Sneed. "Principal Chief Richard Sneed is an honorable man, a great leader, and lives by the core values he learned in boot camp."



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The 2020 Remember the Removal riders, selected to represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, were recognized in Tribal Council on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Shown, left to right, bottom row - Justin Lambert, Bear Allison; middle row - Laura Blythe, Emra Arkansas, Raylen Bark; back row - Barak Myers and Drew Johnson. Three riders were unable to attend including: Ethan Ledford, Shayla Jackson, and Nika West. The riders will leave in early June to retrace the northern route of the Trail of Tears, and they will arrive in Tahlequah, Okla. on Friday, June 18.



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The DaVita Way of Giving is a program that provides an opportunity for the facility to partner with the community by donating to a local non-profit organization that directly impacts the community. Recently, the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. was awarded \$800 by the DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center for its efforts in providing assistance for higher education to members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Shown, left to right, are - Majestic Rogers, DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center, FA; Jan Smith past grant recipient; Mary Herr, secretary for the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. Board of Directors; Shannon Swimmer, past grant recipient; Rhonda Saunders, DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center, AA; and Myra Pruett, DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center clinic coordinator.

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Call to EBCI artists and collectors

The Museum of the Cherokee Indians is putting a call out to EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) artists and collectors of Cherokee art for Cherokee masks for an upcoming exhibit. The masks must be made by a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. They can be contemporary or old masks. If the masks are coming from a collection, we will need certification or proof that they were made by an EBCI tribal member. The last day for submission will be Friday, Feb. 14. Info: Jennifer Wilson at Jenn.Wilson@CherokeeMuseum.org or 497-3481 ext.1014.

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian

Sochan permit applications for Great Smoky Mountains

National Park open Jan. 13

A total of 36 permits will be available for EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) tribal members to gather sochan in Great Smoky Mountains National Park this spring. The gathering season will run from March 1 to May 31 and allow each permittee to gather up to one bushel of sochan per week.

Only enrolled EBCI members with a 2020 permit may gather sochan in the Park. In order to receive a permit, you must 1) submit an application by Feb. 5 and 2) attend a half-hour training with EBCI and Park staff to review details of the gathering agreement. Training dates are as follows:

* Thursday, Feb. 6 at 12 p.m., Cherokee Choices Classroom (downtown Cherokee)

* Thursday, Feb. 6 at 5 p.m., Cherokee Choices Classroom (downtown Cherokee)

Cherokee Choices Classroom (downtown Cherokee)

* Monday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m., Cornsilk Center (Snowbird)

If more applicants complete the training than there are permits available, permits will be awarded based on the order in which applications were submitted.

Applications are available on the EBCI Natural Resources website (<https://cherokeeenaturalresources.com/sochan-gathering/>) and can be returned to Maria Dunlavey at maridunl@nc-cherokee.com or handed in at the Brad Building (1840 Painttown Road). Hard copy forms are also available at the Brad Building.

Sochan gathering by EBCI members in Great Smoky Mountains National Park began last spring under a General Agreement signed on March 25, 2019.

Currently, the Park is working to amend that agreement to allow harvest of whole sochan leaves (rather than just the "turkey foot," or last three lobes, as was permitted last year). This amendment will hopefully be in place in time for the 2020 gathering season.

- EBCI Natural Resources release

Bids are being accepted for 2020 EBCI pageant crowns

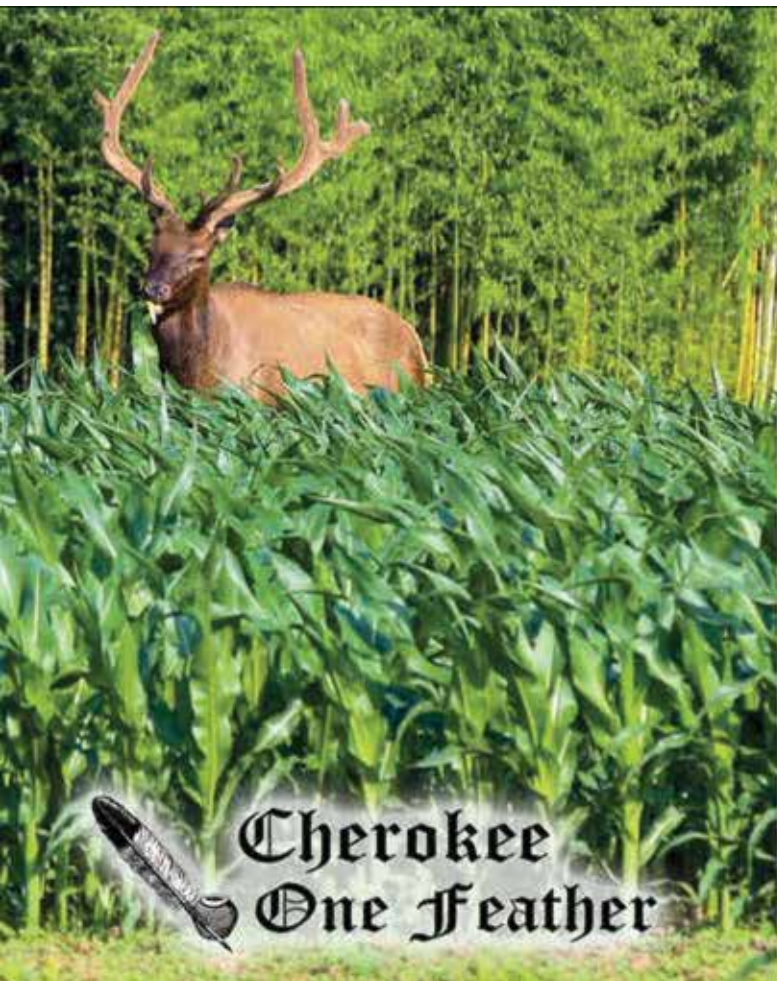
2020 Miss Cherokee Crown

• 9" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)

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- Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

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- Use any colors/design for personal touch
- Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

Bidders must be prepared to present designs to the Board on Monday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Info: Yona Wade 554-5032, Mollie Grant 359-6430 or email cherokeepageantboard@gmail.com

- Cherokee Pageant Board

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

Siyo, my name is Jessica Rose Lambert. I am the daughter of Kimlyn Sneed Lambert and the late Douglas Allen Lambert. I am from the Birdtown community. It has always been my life-long dream of mine to become a veterinarian. I was Salutatorian for the Cherokee High School class of 2014 and in 2017 I graduated Magna Cum Laude with my Bachelor's Degree in Biology with a concentration in Pre-Health at Western Carolina University. I am currently attending Veterinary school at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. I have already completed one semester and am almost done with my first year in the program. It is my hope that one day I may be able to come back to the reservation and open my own veterinary practice there.

I would love to one day be able to help the people on the reservation with their pet care needs. I would like to personally thank the Yogi Crowe Scholarship for helping with my costs of living in Raleigh and for helping to make my dream a reality. They have generously provided funding that makes it possible for graduate students like me to make ends meet while attending school. Thank you again so very much!

- **Jessica Lambert,**
N.C. State Vet School
Class of 2023

Dear Scholarship Board,

I want to express my sincerest appreciation to the Board of Directors and all the donors of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship foundation, for their commitment, dedication, and generosity toward assisting students with obtaining their educational goals. I was thrilled to learn that I had been given the honor of being a recipient, for the second time and I am deeply appreciative

of your support.

I am in my final semester of the MSW program at Western Carolina University. I am a full-time student as well as a full-time employee. Juggling the demands of school and work is not always easy. Therefore, I am truly grateful for being chosen as a recipient for this scholarship, as it has continued to allow me to have an increased focus upon my studies without the stress of financial stability.

Furthermore, I would like to say that I am very committed to my educational obligations and will strive for excellence as a representative of the scholarship and in honor of Yogi Crowe. Again, I am truly appreciative for your belief in me in reaching my educational goals and securing my place as a future contributor.

Sgi,

Sasha Jumper
MSW Student

OBITUARIES

Walela Palma

Walela Palma, infant daughter of Cassandra Tolley and Angel Palma, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 at Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva. Survivors include her mother, Cassandra Tolley; her father Angel Palma; her grandmother, Misty Ledford; and sisters, Arianna Hernandez and Jasmin Martinez, all of Cherokee, North Carolina. In addition, she is survived by her aunt, Alisha Nicole and uncles, James Derrick, Corey Michael, Justin Nathaniel, Michael Warren and Brandon Tyler.

Walela was interned at Birdtown Cemetery with a private family graveside service.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Americanisms



“No one really knows why they are alive until they know what they'd die for.”
— Martin Luther King Jr.

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COMMENTARY

Court is about justice, not vengeance

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

I always feel like I need to provide you with a disclaimer for my commentary writings because I don't write my opinion pieces by consensus. I had a supervisor who wanted to revise my commentaries and insert their personal position early in my tenure. When that would occur, I would withdraw the piece. It is for the same reason that I am very reluctant to modify any letter to the editor or commentary that comes to me for print.

I believe wholeheartedly that we, the people, need an outlet and need to be able to put our views before our community without being censored by the government and/or by an overzealous editor or editorial board. I will never presume to speak for you. I don't presume to speak for the One Feather either. That is why you saw me stop referring to my commentaries as editorials. End of disclaimer.

Why do democracies or representative republics have three branches of government? It is to help ensure that separation of powerful functions are accomplished and tyranny doesn't have a place to gain a foothold in a society. A lawmaker should not be charged with law interpretation, and a law interpreter should not be a law enforcer. Having a triune governing system with clearly segregated powers is the protection for the people that are governed.

A critical branch of any government is the judicial branch, which is the branch that is charged with law interpretation. The judicial branch, in most governments, acts much like a referee in team sports. For the Eastern Band

of Cherokee Indians, that would include settling disputes between citizens and between the two other branches of government - Tribal Council (legislative) and the Executive Office.

Council creates laws. Executive enforces laws. The Court ensures ethical and correct application of the law. At least that is how it is designed to work. If humans were perfect, we would have no worry about injustice, but...we are not perfect by a long shot. The law is impartial. We are not. We are biased. We are emotional.

When we have been wronged, many times we want more than justice, we want retribution. We want vengeance. And we are quick to look for vengeance, sometimes long before we are sure who has wronged us.

Because of our emotion, we can be caused to use an unbalanced scale of justice in life. If someone wrongs you and your family, I might say that you need to have forgiveness and compassion in your heart. If someone wrongs me and my family, I might tell you to mind your own business if you mention forgiveness and mercy. And that is why we have opted, as a people, to have our government. We need; we want justice for all.

There is no doubt that there is pain and suffering for victims and their families. There are also innocent people who suffer beyond those directly involved. I have had occasion to observe a few Cherokee Tribal Court sessions in the last few weeks. I have watched men and women escorted into the courtroom from our jail in the shirts and pants with big white and black stripes. I have seen them scoot across the floor of the courtroom because they are shackled, their arms unable to reach to a tabletop because

their arms are chained to a belt around their waists. Some smile and try to look cool while others look like they appear to understand the reality that losing your freedom, even if only for a few hours, is a serious thing and not very cool at all.

The judge and lawyers waded through many cases and situations in a day. As I sat there one day last week, I noticed a couple come in and take a seat in the audience. Apparently, the gentleman was there to have his case heard, but while they waited, one of the police officers in the courtroom stepped over and asked the lady with him to come out of her seat. When she did, the officer placed her in handcuffs and led her out of the courtroom. She must have had

an unresolved issue in addition to her young man.

Then, I noticed, in the left corner of the courtroom near the jury box where the prisoners were sitting waiting for their cases, a small huddle of people. There is a barrier between the public and the working area for the judge and court. At that barrier was a lady holding an infant. On the other side was a young lady in the striped uniform and shackles. She was crying and staring at the baby. After a few moments, one of the police officers came closer to the huddle and apparently gave permission for the lady in chains to hold the child. She gently held and kissed the baby. After a few moments, she handed the baby back across the barrier and returned to

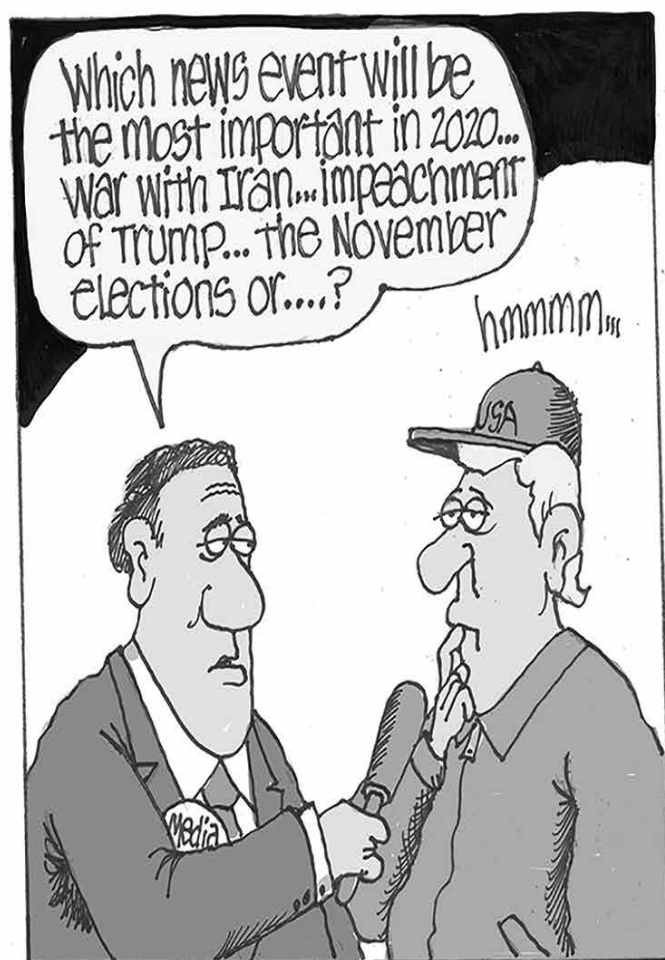
await her case to be heard.

It was a very human moment. The pain of poor decisions that shackles the guilty, and as a by-product, a child suffers the longing for a loved one that is not there. Then, a moment of compassion, a brief reprieve from the necessary impartialness of the law - when an officer acknowledges that there is collateral damage when people make poor decisions. It is easy for us to forget in our righteous anger at being wronged that all of us are prone to not count the cost of our actions on others, particularly our family members who must live with consequences of misbehavior. We also forget a saying that our grandparents reminded us of often, "There but for the grace of God, go I."

We need courts to arbitrate, clarify, and keep us just. These are the better part of our humanity. Maybe we should learn from that; be a little less biased, try to wait for all the facts available before we judge, and make ethical assessments. And hopefully, like the judge and the police officer, we will know when to temper justice with compassion.

Postscript: I received an email from our colleague Holly Kays announcing that she will be having a book signing for her latest release, "Trailblazers & Traditionalists: Modern Day Smoky Mountain People". I was breaking fast in downtown Hazelwood near Blue Ridge Books on Saturday and picked up a copy. I gave it a quick once-over. I think you will really enjoy her work. It is a compilation of interviews she has done over her years in our backyard. Relevance to you, you might ask? Well, she chatted with some folks you may know, like Ella Bird, Myrtle Driver Johnson, Jerry Wolfe, Shirley Oswald, and Gil Jackson. There are many more, but those are the most likely to have been your next-door neighbors.

Ms. Kays would like the pleasure of your company at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva on Feb. 1. She will be there from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She will be doing selected readings from her book and, of course, signing copies for those of you who buy one, and you should. I bought mine already autographed, but I may take it with me on Feb. 1 and get it personalized. Go early, City Lights has a great selection of books and periodicals, including the most current edition of the Cherokee One Feather (insert smiling emoji here).



One Feather Question of the Week:

Following are the responses to our weekly Facebook question. The comments are presented as they appear on the One Feather Facebook page.

What would you do to address the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women?

Cynthia Stewart Knowlton: Setting up a task force within the CPD whose focus will be in investigations of missing persons with two or more law enforcement members on that task force. Implementing a data base of missing persons. Rewards offered for information leading to the location of the missing person. Billboards with the photo of the missing person and a hotline to call if you have valid information as a daily reminder to those who might know of the person's location. Flyers sent to other law enforcement agencies. Some of these may already be in place.

Cindy Williams: Announcing at social events such as pow wow's, etc. Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls as a reminder this is happening everyday.

Mary Crowe: We have an open active unsolved murder of an EBCI Sister Marie Walkingstick Pheasant on the Qualla Boundary in the Big Cove Community including five more EBCI Sisters. How can we address this serious threat when we are not considered in our own community?

Jell Campers: Awareness, Action, Accountability, Protect the community!

Sandra Nelson Beck: Task Force all lives are important.... Missing persons line ,rewards and person on the force for that job only for investigation of missing and endangered.

Evan Stamper: Nothing will ever come of this issue. You could put it on CNN next to the riots in cities and it would still go unnoticed by America. It's so much easier and less expensive to ignore a small unwanted population. It's easier to highlight violence rather than expend minimal resources that might show a lack of effort for people of a "lesser" race.

Wanda Sea: Require that all students take self-defense courses, beginning in middle school. These could take the place of ordinary PE courses because the students would learn martial arts and other such skills.

Gabrielle Teesatuskie: Take a stand as one unit not as individuals bring all recognized tribes in to this for we are all native have our ppl protected not hidden away

Debra Fulbright Page: Put their faces where people see them; social media is most likely to be seen.

Charmane Dupree: The attention that is so desperately needed is the FBI doing their job by investigating, arresting and prosecuting the individuals who are responsible. the FBI has been cherry picking these cases for years and ignoring most of them.

Kerry McCoy: For starters, a campaign to buy airtime on tv, radio, and billboards, and of course social media. Start a coalition with ALL TRIBES to work together...

power in numbers, more resources, and extended outreach!

Driver Blythe: It gets addressed, probably not as much as it should. This country doesn't care and will never care about the indigenous population, especially the missing women. With the research I've done regarding missing, raped, murdered, and/or abused women, it feels that it falls on deaf ears. I disagree with the Host who said celebrities should shut up and accept their award. That is the perfect time for something, like this, to be broadcasted and get lights shined on it. Unless something major is done from the government (tribal or US) then this issue will continue to fall on deaf ears and not get the attention it so desperately needs.

Ellen Pitt: Use social media to its fullest potential.

Sarah Everett: I was kidnapped. Once I got the strength to go to police I gave them names, addresses, descriptions, everything. They said they wouldn't pursue an investigation due to my history as a sexworker although I was a credible, responsible pharmacy worker at the time. One of the men sat outside my work and waited for me to let me know he's still watching me. Now I feel sick when girls go missing around that area because I know their type. This was in Greensboro. I want people to listen. Even if police say Im not credible due to my past why not question the men? I have proof they paid for services. It's not far-fetched they also kidnap.

Karen George: Billboards would be a start, show faces of missing and murdered women.

Loren Cook: Start Looking into those man camps along the pipeline. Then check local Rez for trafficking in Human beings. Am willing too bet they all mostly got snatched while out drinking.



• To extend the shelf life of your bunch of bananas, try wrapping the stem tightly with a piece of plastic wrap. They also can be kept in the refrigerator if you don't mind cold bananas, like when you are slicing them into cereal or using them in a smoothie. The skins may brown, but the inside will not overripen to match.

• "If you have extra books hanging around, why not contact your local nursing homes to see if anyone would like some new reading material?" — *T. in South Carolina*

• H.W. in Massachusetts writes: "I use a bathroom chair in my tub and always wash the exterior. One day, a tip came off one of the legs and when I turned it over to replace it, I was horrified to see black mold underneath. I sprayed it with cleaner and it cleaned up perfectly. Please offer this tip to my fellow senior citizens. Mold is really bad."

• Energy saving tip for the kitchen: Use pots and pans that are the correct size for the burner. There's no sense in using the big burner for a small pot, and a small burner will have to work twice as long to heat up a large pot of water. Also make sure your pots are flat (not warped) and clean, so heat can transfer more efficiently.

• "Many people have resolutions to eat healthier or to get more exercise. Why not connect with friends to be accountable to one another? You can cook together so that you will have healthy options for meals and snacks, and even if you cannot walk or go to the gym together, you can check in with each other a few times a week to make sure the person hasn't fallen off the wagon. Be an encourager!" — *F.L. in Oregon*

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Symbols and the economy...

Observations and random thoughts

WILLIAM LEDFORD

It's a new year. The old year is done 7 gone. It's 2020, and I'm gonna be another year older. My beloved Green Bay Packers are in the playoffs as I write this but I have sensed a disturbance in the Force. Something evil has happened to my Tarheels. They are struggling mightily right now and I don't have a good feeling about their chances when the evil Sith Lord Darth Kryzyzewski and his gang from Duke come to town. Stay tuned.

It would seem that the Houston Astros recent success stems from accusations that they have/had a sophisticated system to steal signs. If you don't know what this means, look at it basically as an opponent's pitcher telling the Astros batter what pitch he's throwing, what speed he's using and where it's gonna be located. So, even though they lost the World Series they may have cheated and this is important, stay tuned.

Speaking of the World Series, a pro championship team actually visited the White House and President Trump. And as usual someone proceeded to embarrass themselves there. In this case it was Nationals catcher Kurt Suzuki. He put on a red MAGA hat at the WH and Trump was so giddy he slipped up behind Suzuki and gave him the most awkward hug from the rear we've seen lately. Guys don't normally man hug another from behind. It's simply not done.

Trump looked so happy I thought was ready take his new Suzuki for a ride. Melania was not jealous.

Random thoughts. I find it very curious that many of the people who refuse flu shots and vaccinations to protect them and their children have no problem buying guns to protect themselves and their children. I also find it curious that so-called Right-To-Lifers have no problems caging immigrant children at the southern border and bombing other children in the Middle East but pound the Bible and howl when it comes to women's reproductive rights in this country.

You and I have listened to our Prez and his supporters drone incessantly about the amazing economy that he and only he could have generated, so I envisioned a classic car to symbolize the U.S. economy. Imagine a pristine 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle SS, straight out of Detroit. Yeah, I'm old, there aren't any more Chevelles and the plant in Detroit is no more but, bear with me here. The keys to this Chevelle were handed to Ronald Reagan and he drove the crap out of it hoping that someone would trickle some money down for maintenance.

Reagan passed a faded, nearly worn out clunker to Bill Clinton. Clinton, with the help of some bi-partisan friends, restored this car to its original glory, new 396 engine, 4-speed Hurst transmission, fresh 60 series tires all around, new paint and gave it to George W Bush. George took it and drove it around Iraq and Afghanistan without adding oil until the engine nearly seized. He

handed the keys to Barack Obama but gave the pink slip to the GOP. Obama tried to restore the car without any support from the GOP and managed to tinker and borrow to eventually get the car back to its glory. Then Trump took over. He hasn't really done anything to the car except pump some hi-test fuel, add some orange window tint and a really loud obnoxious sound system but naturally claimed credit for the total restoration. Along the way he's managed to loosen the lug nuts so get ready for a really bumpy ride in the future.

I saw in the One Feather that the Tribe passed authorization to create a Cannibal Commission. I thought to myself "what an odd idea." Then I re-read the article and saw that we want to create, again, a Cannabis Commission. It's a great idea to ponder but we have to consider the trend many of the rest of the country who have legalized access to cannabis. These states, Illinois being the latest, New Mexico is next, have established legal access to medical and recreational cannabis. We need to be ahead of the game or at least in the game when the Federal government finally removes cannabis from the banned list and legalizes it. It's only a matter of time. If you look at a map of the states still holding back you'll see that NC along with the rest of the redneck Southern or Midwest states still cling to their backwards beliefs, we need to step far away from them and be a little more progressive. EBCI. Leaders, not followers.

Finally. I saw in a recent paper that my brother E has made the ultimate decision to sacrifice his old

joints, and spine, to ride a bicycle to Indian Territory. He'll need a few things in order to accomplish this thing successfully. Number one: A big ol' wide comfortable seat, maybe padded with Memory Foam as that usual narrow bicycle seat will not at all be good for his perineum. Two: And I can't stress this enough. Someone to ride with or adjacent to him carrying an oxygen bottle or two. And a gallon of IcyHot. And the quart jug of Tylenol. And thick earplugs because the after-ride complaining will be intense. I'm joking of course. Maybe.

Ledford is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians currently residing in Albuquerque, N.M.

Good Housekeeping

Multicolored Slaw

We used a bagged coleslaw mix (containing shredded green cabbage and carrots) and bagged shredded red cabbage to make this colorful slaw that takes just minutes to whip up.

- 2/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 bags (16 ounces each) shredded cabbage mix for coleslaw
- 1 bag (10 ounces) shredded red cabbage

1. In large bowl, with fork, mix vinegar, oil, sugar, salt, celery seeds and pepper until blended. Add cabbage mix and red cabbage; toss well to coat.

2. Cover and refrigerate coleslaw at least 1 hour or up to 1 day to allow flavors to blend. Makes 12 servings.

• Each serving: 80 calories, 5g total fat (1g saturated), 415mg sodium, 9g carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 1g protein.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Holiness is for his 'Vessels of Honor'

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

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

"Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you warning: 'Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.'"

Romans 12:1-3 (NLT)

In the message given by the Lord to Pastor Tim Melton, he added, "Holiness must return to the Church—all believers. Open sin has to be gotten rid of now. Holiness has been emphatically mentioned over 900 times in the Scriptures. God intends for us to be holy and to be separated unto God. In our spirits, we want to be like Him. We want to be holy and acceptable to Him. To be holy and acceptable to him is our reasonable service. To be unholy is unacceptable. Disobedience is unacceptable.

"We are to be holy! Let God begin to be the Fire He is, not just gathered 'around the fire', for sacrifice is the Fire of God. He consumes us with His Fire to make us into His 'vessels of Honor'—not just singed around the edges—for His Fire comes. Get in the realm of His Holiness.

"Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God."

(Perfecting His Holiness in us, as we hold Him in reverence and awe.)

2 Corinthians 7:1 (NLT)

"This is to be a job from inside our spirits and outwards to our flesh. It is not just out of the Bible—the devil brought the Word to the 'Word' when he was tempting Jesus. Holiness comes from being in the very Presence of God. Neither, is it gotten only by church attendance or from tithing... He perfects your holiness only in His Presence. (Read Isaiah 6:1-5 as it is full of His Glory. Meditate on this passage. See a new side of God. Feel the Wind of God rise and declare He is worthy to receive much more! How good that His train fills the temple! In their culture, when a king was conquered they would take his robe and it would be sewn and added to the robe of the conqueror, the King of Kings—denoting victory—as smoke and Glory filled the temple.)

Isaiah also felt the weight of His Glory as he realized he was 'undone—a man of unclean lips'. The burning coal was brought from the altar and placed on his lips—to cleanse his words and remove his iniquities. We all must do something different now. The Fire comes from the altar—with the cleansing process to make us holy. We can't get this right on our

own without humbling ourselves before Him. We cannot be perfect on our own. Without Holiness—we can't be fit for His use. He has to make it happen for us as it is bound up in His Holiness.) (Read Psalm 34:14, Hebrews 12:14, Romans 12:18.)

Pastor Tim, encouragingly adds, "God says we need it, have to have it—and says 'here, I give it to you.' Use your faith and see it. Holiness causes His Promises to come and be fulfilled. The Righteousness of God comes to us by our being in Christ Jesus. It is sin to judge others. For each of us, to be holy is our own decision. Holiness is not an option for us. The Church is pushed to be 'without spot or wrinkle—without blemish'—to use us in His Power. He is a Holy God!

"Let us cleanse ourselves, making time for God, focusing on Him, for if not, we will miss Him! God, where are you? To spend time with Him assures us of His Holiness in us. The holier we become, the more like God we are; as we are to wield the Word of God, His two-edged Sword. He then takes His Glory and fills us, as His 'Vessels of Honor'."



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*In the six hundredth year of Noah's life,
in the second month, the seventeenth day
of the month, on that day all the fountains
of the great deep were broken up, and
the windows of heaven were opened.
And the rain was on the earth forty days
and forty nights.*

GENESIS 7: 11,12

Detail of "The Flood" by Chre Leighton (1952)



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Cultural Events

Feather cape workshop. Jan. 6-17 (Monday through Friday) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. \$20 per person. 10 people max. Join the Atsila Anotasgi cultural specialist at the museum to create your own feather cape. Yarn for the base will be provided. Must bring your own feathers. For registration, email Dakota Brown at dakota.brown@cherokeemuseum.org.

Refresher Cherokee Language class. March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum's Multi-purpose Room in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$40 for all four evenings. The class is a beginner, intermediate, and advanced refresher course and

will be taught by Lou Jackson, Brett Jones, and Joel Turner – all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Register by Jan. 13 by calling (423) 884-6246 or seqmus@tds.net

General Events

Appalachian Farm School for Agribusiness. Tuesdays from Jan. 14 - March 3 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Burrell Building of SCC's Jackson Campus. This free seminar is to help those interested in growing vegetables, fruits, other crops and livestock learn how to turn their ideas into sustainable businesses. Pre-registration is required: <http://bit.ly/AFS2020S-BC>. Prospective attendees are encouraged to register a week in advance. Info: Henry 339-4426 or t_henry@southwesterncc.edu

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope Street in Bryson City. Candidates Gina Collias, Joe Sam Queen, and Morrie "Moe" Davis plan to attend. Items on the agenda include planning for the March 2020 Primary and upcoming precinct meetings. All are welcome. Info: 497-9498

Local auditions for "Unto These Hills" 2020 season. Jan. 25 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Historical Association Main Box Office at 564 Tsali Blvd. Individuals of all ages and experience levels are encouraged to audition. Season Dates: First rehearsal May 10, Opening Night May 30, Closing Night Aug. 15.

Info: www.cherokeehistorical.org or visit them on Facebook at: <https://www.Facebook.com/UntoTheseHills/>

Homebuyer Education Class Jan. 28 and 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. nightly at the HCD Conference Room. Learn what home ownership is all about. Must attend both sessions to receive certificate. The deadline to register is Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. Info: Tina Larch 359-6912 or Misty Millsaps 359-6919.

How to Make Money on the Farm seminar. Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Southwestern Community College in Sylva. This event is free and will introduce participants of sources of income from the EmPOWERing Mountain Food Systems grant and for farm operations. Info: <http://bit.ly/makemoneyonthefarm>

Sports Events

Sports Physicals. Jan. 15 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Pediatrics Dept. Requirements include: established Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority patient, ages 5-18, parent or guardian must be present, and athletes followed by a specialist should be scheduled on a regular clinic day. Info or to schedule an appointment: 497-3351

Upcoming Pow Wows for January 2020

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

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WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

JANUARY 13-19, 2020

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseegee River	Stocked Tuckaseegee River in Webster Nov. 5 and 7 2019.	Mid-morning to afternoon	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	Dark Winter Stone, Black Caddis, Blue Wing Olives, Midges	Dark Stone Fly, Pheasant Tail, Streamers size 2-10, Prince Nymph, Eggs and worms
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Mid-morning to afternoon	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Dark Winter Stone, Black Caddis, Blue Wing Olives, Midges	Dark Stone Fly, Pheasant Tail, Streamers size 2-10, Prince Nymph, Eggs and worms
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	N/A	Mid-morning to afternoon	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Dark Winter Stone, Black Caddis, Blue Wing Olives, Midges	Dark Stone Fly, Pheasant Tail, Streamers size 2-10, Prince Nymph

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MONDAY, JAN. 13	TUESDAY, JAN. 14	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15	THURSDAY, JAN. 16	FRIDAY, JAN. 17	SATURDAY, JAN. 18	SUNDAY, JAN. 19
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26th Annual Avi Kwa Ame Pow Wow. Jan. 17-19 at Mojave Crossing Event Center in Laughlin, Nev. Info: Maria Medrano (928) 788-5190 or mariamedrano@fortmohave.com

Bear Moon Pow Wow. Jan. 18 at Indian Community School in Franklin, Wisc. MC: Artley Skenandore. Host Drum: Smokeytown. Co-Host Drum: Iron Boy. Info: auwilliams@ics-edu.org

Texas Gulf Coast Tia-Piah Benefit Dance. Jan. 18 at St. Pius Catholic Church in Pasadena, Texas. Info: Jan Hackett at hackett.jan@gmail.com

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Winter Pow Wow. Jan. 25 at Doe Spun Building in Hollister, N.C. Info: Barry Richardson (252) 586-4017

Support Groups
AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room. Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH conference room.

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule
Mondays
 Be Assertive, Not Aggressive: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
 Parents Supporting Parents: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Acceptance (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesdays
 Abstract Recovery: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
 Strong Hearts: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Life Recovery (open to community): 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesdays
 W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
 Creative Writing: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Adulting 101: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
 Communication 101: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 We Belong – Two Spirit (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Peacemaking Support Circle (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursdays
 Life Recovery (open to community): 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 Putting off Procrastination: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Radical Acceptance: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Healthy Boundaries: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fridays
 W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
 Creative Recovery: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Depression and Anxiety: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
 All classes are open to clients of Analenisgi. Classes open to the community are noted. Info: 497-6892

CIHA Bariatric Support Group meets every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm in the Soco Gap Training Room. Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. – Nilofer Couture 497-9163 ext. 6459, Linda Johnson ext. 6317, Chrystal Frank ext. 6806, or Jean Walborn ext. 7569

Cherokee Cancer Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road. A pot luck is held at 5:30pm, and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is also open M – F 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Cherokee Alzheimer's Sup-

port Group meets the first Tuesday of every month 1 p.m. at In-Home Care Services in the Beloved Women's & Children's Center second floor). This group is presented by The Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860

Life Recovery Tsa La Gi Family Support Group meets on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Macedonia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Life Recovery Tsa La Gi Bible-based 12-Step meets on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Analenisgi.

Recovery Bible Study, One Step to Jesus will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Christian Acts Church at 257 East Alasaka Road in Bryson City. All are welcome to participate in a safe, encouraging environment. It is for any addiction or spiritual or emotional healing need. Info: Pastor Melanie 488-2432

Community Clubs
Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on rent-

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Big Cove Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Info: Chairman Butch Hill 497-7309, Vice Chairperson Cindy West, Secretary Lavita Hill 736-3126, or Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Joi Owle, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is available for rent.

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Painttown Gym. Info: Lula Jackson 736-1511, Lois Dunston 736-3230, Abe Queen (Free Labor)

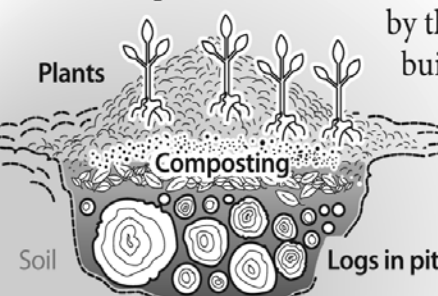
269-8110, Jennifer Jackson (building rental) 269-7702

Snowbird Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Info: Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 361-3278, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

Wolftown Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088; Jesse Sneed, vice chairman

Yellowhill Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Yellowhill Activity Center unless it's a holiday. Info: Bo Lossiah 508-1781, Lloyd Arneach 269-6498, Reuben Teesatuskie (building rental) 497-2043

Happenings listings are FREE of charge. Submit your event information to Scott at scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com or message us at the One Feather Facebook page.



The Garden Bug

Hugelkultur is a traditional European gardening practice whereby fallen branches, logs and other woody debris are put into a pit under a compost pile, and covered with a growing medium into which a garden is planted. The buried wood acts like a sponge for moisture as it decays, and also provides nutrients for the soil, which are tapped into by the growing plants. The vertical building up of the pile maximizes space. This method dramatically reduces the need for irrigation.

- B. Weaver
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Why Can't His Husky Handle Cold Weather

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My dog "Jackson" is part Husky, a big dog with lots of fur. When I put him outside in the backyard on a snowy day, he comes right back and whines to be let inside. I thought Huskies could handle cold weather. What's wrong with him? — *Dan in Springfield, Massachusetts*

DEAR DAN: Jackson may have descended partly from Huskies, but he's an indoor dog. He was raised to live in a house with humans, and from puppyhood he was acclimated to the comfortable temperatures inside a house.

It's not uncommon for some owners to think that because their big, furry dogs are more comfortable in the fall and winter than in the warmer months, that those dogs can handle cold, wet or snowy conditions. This isn't true at all — unless those dogs are trained for outdoor tasks like herding, hunting or sporting.

Sled dogs, for example, are carefully acclimated to the extreme cold climate that they work in. They're not house pets that live indoors. Even so, their owners watch those dogs constantly to make sure they don't show signs of hypothermia, that they're eating food that will give them the energy to keep warm, and so on.

When the temperature drops below 40 F, dogs of all sizes begin to feel uncomfortable after a short time outside. Below 30 F, owners should stay with their dogs outside and take them in if they begin to shiver or whine.

So forgive Jackson for complaining, and let him in. When a Husky doesn't like being outside, it's just plain cold.

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

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1. True or false: Boston Red Sox great Ted Williams is not in the top 20 for highest slugging percentage in a single season.

2. In 2018, Ronald Acuna Jr. set an Atlanta Braves single-season record of eight leadoff homers. Who had held the team mark?

3. Place-kickers Adam Vinatieri (599) and Morten Andersen (565) are 1-2 in career NFL field goals made. Who is No. 3?

4. When was the last time before 2019 that Auburn's men's basketball team made it as far in the NCAA Tournament as the Elite Eight?

5. Who scored the overtime goal against New Jersey to send the New York Rangers to the 1994 Stanley Cup Finals?

6. Mikaela Shiffrin set a record in 2019 for most career World Cup slalom wins by any skier. Who had held the mark?

7. In 2019, golfer Viktor Hovland set a new mark for lowest total score by an amateur (280) at the U.S. Open. Who had the previous record?

Answers

1. False. He holds the 17th (.7346 in 1941) and 19th (.7310 in 1957) spots.

2. Marquis Grissom had seven lead-off homers in 1996.

3. Gary Anderson, with 538 field goals made.

4. It was 1986.

5. Stephane Matteau

6. Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark, with 40 World Cup slalom wins (1974-87).

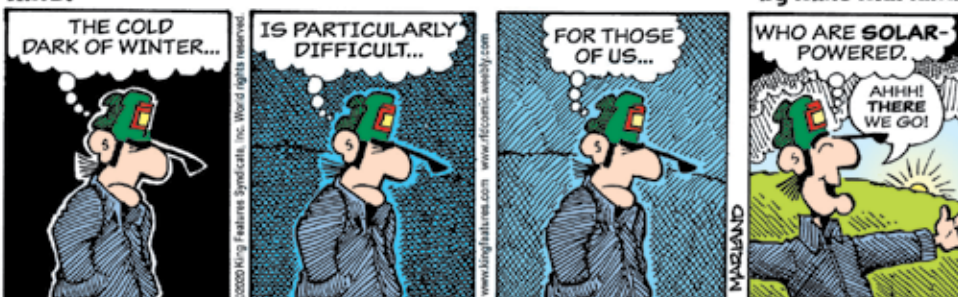
7. Jack Nicklaus had a 282 score as a U.S. Open amateur in 1960.

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Amber Waves



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The Spats



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

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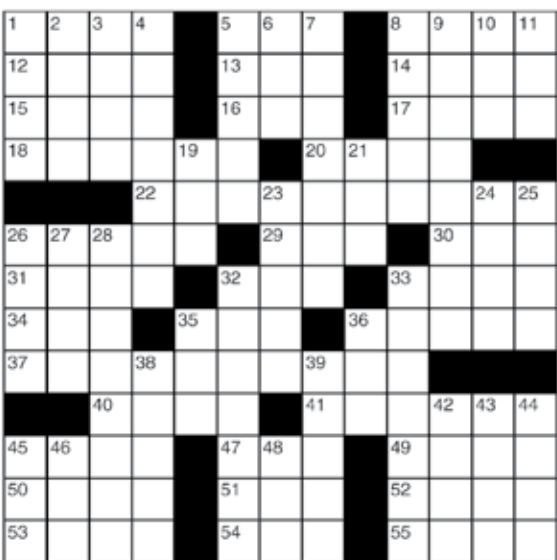
Differences: 1. Lamp is different. 2. Curtain is shorter. 3. Rattle is moved. 4. Foot is showing. 5. Sleeve is longer. 6. Tissue is higher.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Cleans the floors
- Pouch
- One of the Three Bears
- Admitting customers
- Time of your life?
- Change for a five
- Draped dress
- Sailor
- Western state
- Deceptive
- Melody
- Lengthwise, to 16-Across
- In spades
- Actress Farrow
- Mai — (cock-tail)
- Exceptional
- Corral
- Check
- Film trickery, for short
- One of the Brady Bunch
- Cartoonist Trudeau
- Everywhere
- Surround
- Attachments
- Blunder
- Rowing need
- Help in crime
- Padlock fastener
- Oilfield struc-



- 100 pence
- Fourth dimension
- Vocal comeback
- Hearty brew
- Surmounting
- Enemy of an "army"?
- Vocal of green
- Shade of blonde
- Plaything
- Actress Merkel
- Make corrections
- Equitable
- Wee
- St. Louis landmark
- Creche trio
- Annoyingly proper
- Internet radio
- provider
- Numbers to be crunched
- Cookie container
- Deity
- Ballerina in "Fantasia"
- Ginormous
- Last write-up
- "Finding —"
- Flight component
- That girl
- Fond du —, Wis.
- Have something

DOWN

- Rolling stone's lack
- Colorful fish
- Graceful woman
- Cold symptom
- Attendant of Bacchus
- Khan
- Foolproof

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- Is the book of Jonah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 - In Genesis 19, who escaped to Zoar on hearing wicked cities were going to be destroyed? *Gomorrhah, Eliphaz, Lot, Shimei*
 - Who confessed to an angel, after beating his mule, that he had sinned? *Sodom, Balaam, Samuel, Daniel*
 - From Job 4, who was so frightened by a dream that his hair stood on end? *Eliphaz, Abraham, Ehad, Joseph*
 - Who had to parade his eight sons before a prophet as found in 1 Samuel? *Aaron, Jacob, Naboth, Jesse*
 - From Exodus 14, whose chariots were lost in the Red Sea? *Solomon's, Pharaoh's, Samson's, Ahab's*
- Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com
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- LITERATURE: What is the motto of "The Three Musketeers" in the 19th century novel?
 - MUSIC: What were the first names of the Allman brothers?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: New York City is divided into how many boroughs?
 - GEOLOGY: What is the capital of Malaysia?
 - HISTORY: Which was the first U.S. state to be admitted to the union after the original 13 states were admitted?
 - MATH: What is the first number in which the letter "a" appears in its spelling?
 - GEOLOGY: What kind of rock likely would form at the bottom of a river?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president once worked as a fashion model?
 - MOVIES: How many people were killed in the 1996 movie "Scream"?
 - FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which ancient Roman philosopher once said, "Every new beginning comes from other beginnings" end?
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See puzzle answers page 30

HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASS


Working toward owning a home and don't know where to start? Or want to learn what homeownership is all about? Let us help you!! Housing & Community Development will offer a Homebuyer Education class on Tuesday, January 28th, and Thursday, January 30th, 2020, from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm.
(Must attend both sessions to receive certificate.)

Class will be held at the HCD Conference Room, located at the HCD Office on 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. 28719.
Please call Tina Larch at 828-359-6912 or Misty Millsaps at 828-359-6919 to register. Deadline to register is Friday, January 24th at 4:00 pm.



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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings (Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

- * **Middle School Nurse** - An RN is preferred, but will consider an LPN, who would be supervised by an RN on staff. CLOSING DATE: JANUARY 17, 2020
- * **High School JROTC Instructor** - Must have Associate's degree. All applicants must have an excellent record of military performance, be within one year of retirement or have retired within the last three years. Please visit the website for full job description and requirements.
- * **Elementary School Media Coordinator** - Must have a valid NC Media Coordinator certification. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in education discipline applicable to assignment. Master's degree preferred. Successful prior teaching experience for the appropriate grade levels preferred.
- * **Full Time Custodian (Evening Shift)** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- * **Special Education Teacher Assistant** - Must have an Associate's degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education. Must be willing to obtain CPI certification.
- * **Cultural Coordinator** - Must have a bachelor's degree in business or related field. Must have experience in budget and finance.
- * **High School English Teacher** - Must have a Bachelor's degree; a valid NC Teaching License in the appropriate area of hire -or- eligible to receive licensure based on bachelor's degree in related field with a minimum of a 2.7 GPA. If seeking alternative licensure, must enroll in an Educator Preparation Program upon hire.
- * **Elementary Teacher** - Must have a valid North Carolina teaching certificate in the appropriate area of hire, or alignment with an approved educator prep program as the board of education finds acceptable; Bachelor's Degree required.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Use that Arian charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don't jump to conclusions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I'm betting you'll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you've been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about "experts" who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague's viewpoint — even if it's unpopular — can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you'll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it's taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you'll need to help you make your decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your warmth and generosity both of spirit and substance endears you to everyone.

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Employment Opportunities

Position: Concierge

Job Description: The Concierge is responsible for participating and monitoring front of house to ensure that all guests are met and welcomed, and that a comprehensive range of 'information' and 'home care services' are offered. Paying special attention to front line guest service excellence standards.

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For questions please contact
Autumn Parker, Spa Operations Manager 828-497-8527



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
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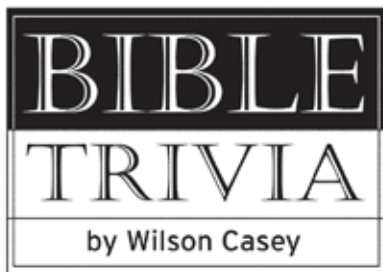
Are you unemployed and looking for a job? Or are you interested in a new career path?

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For more information, please call our office at (828) 359-6421 or email us at tero2@nc-cherokee.com.

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Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Lot; 3) Balaam; 4) Eliphaz; 5) Jesse; 6) Pharaoh's



1. One for all, and all for one
2. Duane and Gregg
3. Five
4. Kuala Lumpur
5. Vermont
6. 1,000
7. Sedimentary
8. Gerald Ford
9. Seven
10. Seneca

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

M	O	P	S	S	A	C	P	A	P	A
O	P	E	N	A	G	E	O	N	E	S
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H	A	S	P	R	I	G	T	I	M	E
E	C	H	O	A	L	E	A	T	O	P

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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

EMPLOYMENT

Kituwah Properties LLC has the following job opportunities:

- * Campground Manager – Ela Campground in Bryson City, NC
- * Accounting Manager

Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, NC 28789, Log Building across from Waffle House, if you have any questions please call Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553. Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2020.

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BIDs, RFPs, etc.

The Public Health and Human Services Division

(PHHS) seeks competitive proposals for a contracting agency to complete a Needs Assessment for Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. This firm will conduct a needs assessment, service evaluation, and gap analysis on current workforce, training, housing, and caretaking services available to EBCI individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Proposals are due by COB on January 24th, 2020.

For more information on the scope of work and access to the complete RFP contact Aneva Hagberg Phone: 828-359-6191 Email: anevahagb@nc-chokeee.com. 1/22pd



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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RN Care Manager – Primary Care
Registered Nurse (Night) – Inpatient
Registered Nurse (Weekend Night Float) – Inpatient

Closing Thursday, January 23, 2020

Registered Nurse – Inpatient
CNA – Inpatient (Night)

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Master Level Therapist/Family Safety
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi
Master Level Therapist - Child
Medical Lab Technician
Medical Technologist
Dental Assistant II (2 positions)
PTI Radiology Technologist
Master Level Therapist – grant position
Dietary Services Supervisor (Multiple)

Clinical Informaticist – Managed Care
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care
Provider network Manager – MCO
Director of Managed Care
EVS Technician
RN – Tsali Care Center (multiple)
PTI RN – Tsali Care Center (multiple)
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center
PTI LPN – Tsali Care Center
Licensed Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center
PTI CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center (multiple)
Driver/Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center
CNA – Tsali Care Center (multiple)
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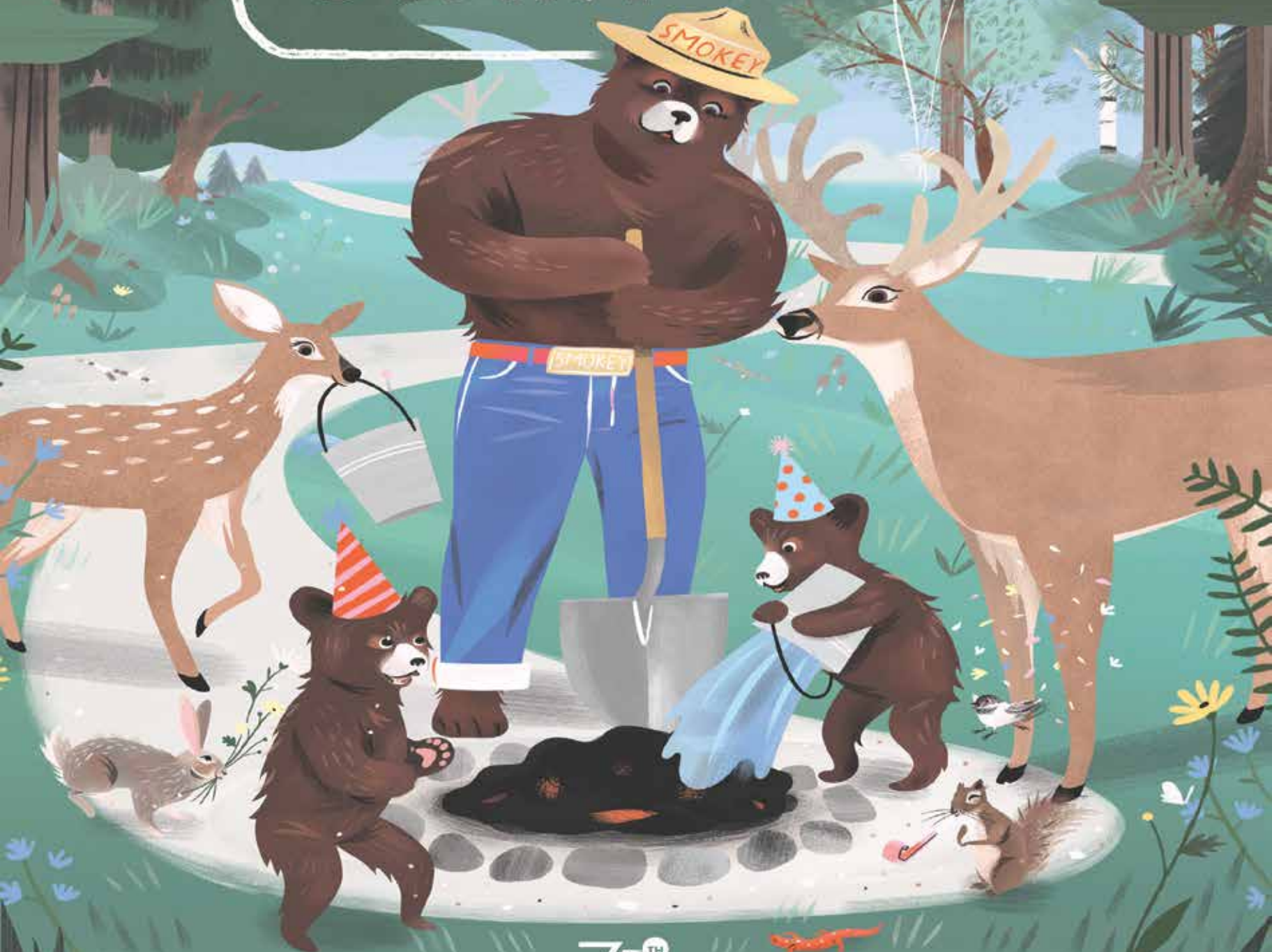


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