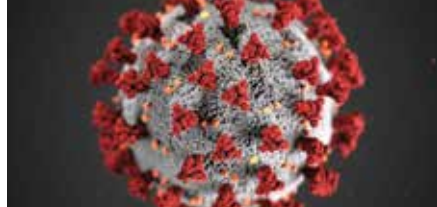




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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"...this project may reduce erosion and allow harvesting by EBCI artisans in the future..."

- Adam Griffith, RTCAR director for EBCI Cooperative Extension Services on a new river cane initiative in Clyde



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Southern
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casino,
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A large chandelier hangs over the Rotunda area of the casino floor.

HOOOSIER HOT SPOT

A look inside the Caesars Southern Indiana casino

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ELIZABETH, Ind. - About 20 minutes from the bustling and growing city of Louisville, Ky., the Caesars Southern Indiana casino sits alongside the Ohio River in Elizabeth, Ind. The 110,000 square foot casino whose operations are now owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and open in its current location since December 2019, includes over 1,200 slot machines; 73 tables for games including craps, blackjack, and others; 16 tables in a special poker room; a sports wagering area; a 503-



Guests to Caesars Southern Indiana are greeted by this Caesar statue on the casino floor.

room hotel; and two parking garages.

“I think it’s really been a change of experience,” Brad Seigel, Caesars Southern Indiana general manager, said of the casino’s location change. It opened in 1998 as a riverboat casino on the Ohio River and changed to its current structure, located on the same property, on Dec. 12, 2019. “To be able to do that, in a setting like this, created a new entertainment experience.”

He added, “Everything is basically brand new from December of 2019. Some of the buildings existed, but they were gutted down to the walls.”

Once re-opened in its current incarnation, the casino hit the ground running in December 2019 and operated strongly until March 2020 - then, COVID-19 hit the world.

“We saw a spike,” Seigel said of the move from the riverboat to the new building. “In those three months, we saw between 25 and 30 percent higher through a lot of the marketing efforts that Andrew Miladin (marketing and communications director) did.”

The casino was closed in mid-March due to COVID-19 and re-opened in June. Miladin

stated, “We let everyone know about the safety measures we are taking and let them know that it’s safe to come back. Safety is number one here. Whenever guests started to come in, we let them know we are going to have some changes. We made sure to list them on social media and put them on our website so everyone was informed. And, people were glad and couldn’t wait to come back.”

He added, “Everyone is really pleased and happy to be able to come somewhere...it’s so nice to have a place to go to and a place that’s clean and a place that’s safe with security and a place with friendly staff.”

The sports wagering area in the casino is known as the William Hill Sports Book and includes three giant-screen televisions for game-watching on-site as well as several fan cave areas for groups (during non-COVID times) to watch games and eat together. Patrons of this sports book can place sports wagers online as long as they are in the State of Indiana.

“We offer the game-watching experience,” said Seigel. “People will come in and make their sports bets and then go play blackjack for

a couple of hours.”

Miladin added, “Or, they eat at the Piazza restaurants or make a reservation at our steakhouse. It’s nice to kind of integrate a whole evening at Caesars as opposed to just popping in to place a bet.”

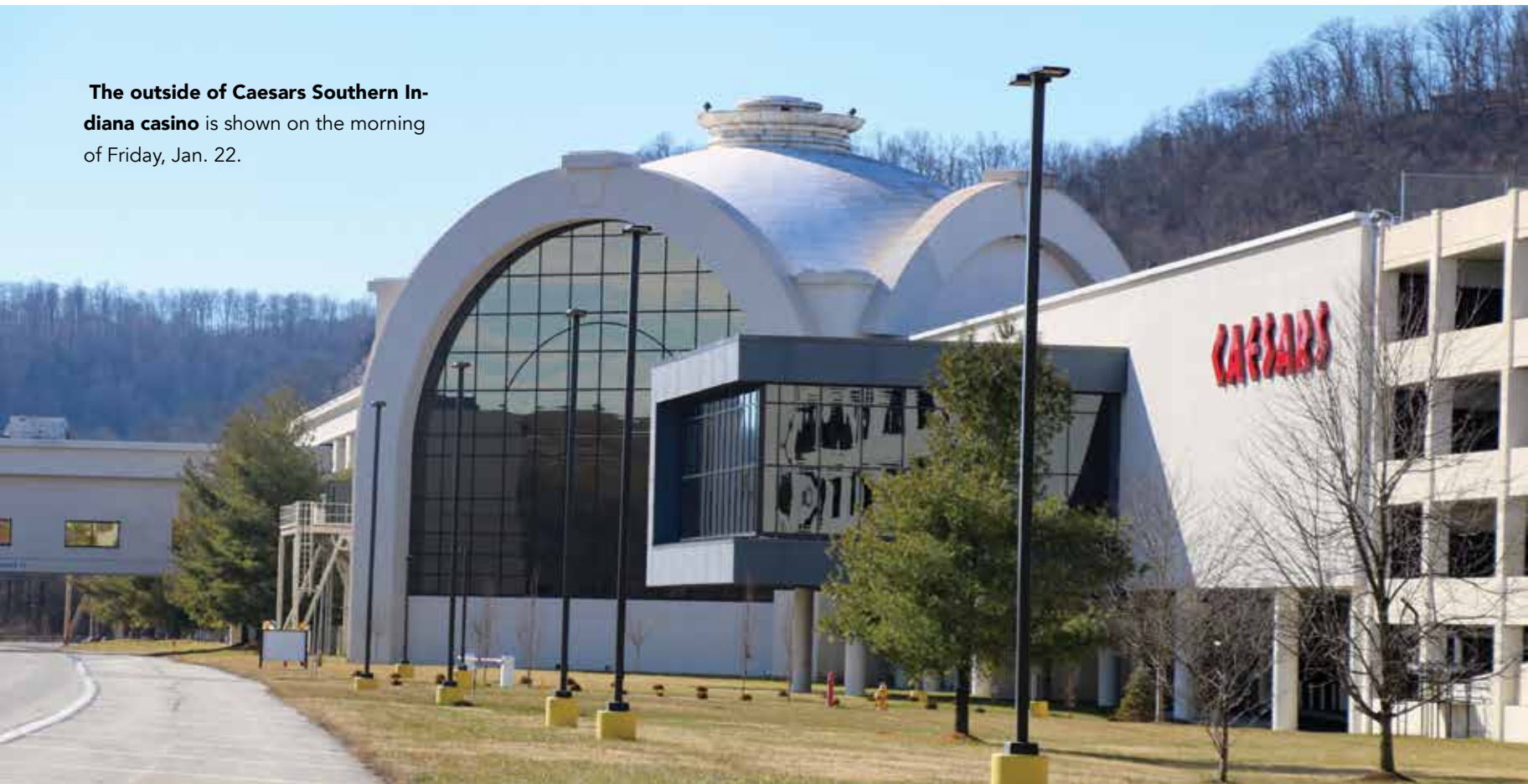
Speaking of eating, Caesars Southern Indiana has several restaurant choices including Jack Binion’s Steak; Aroma Cafe’ and Bar; the Piazza area which includes: The Grill, Home-style, Pizza, Cantina, and Noodles; and the Laurel Lounge, a VIP club.

The casino, which employs up to 1,200 people, also has 24,000 square feet of space for conferences and meetings as well as a venue that can hold 1,200 people for a concert or 800 people for a seated dinner.

The hotel, which underwent renovations ending in 2017, has 503 total rooms including 19 full suites, two presidential suites, and 26 jacuzzi suites. It also includes a spa area known as Indulge, a pond and nature trail area behind the facility, and an indoor pool.

For more information or to book a stay/visit at the property, visit: www.caesars.com/caesars-southern-indiana

The outside of Caesars Southern Indiana casino is shown on the morning of Friday, Jan. 22.



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has 503 rooms and includes a spa, walk-
ing trail, and indoor pool.



The Volt Lounge



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Feds find “no prosecutable cases” in QHA case

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The offices of Qualla Housing Authority (QHA) were raided by FBI agents and other law enforcement officers on the cold, misty morning of Feb. 2, 2017. The investigation into possible wrong-doing and criminal conduct at QHA is now complete, and federal officials have determined there are “no prosecutable cases”.

In a letter sent to tribal officials, U.S. Attorney R. Andrew Murray and Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Lee Edwards write, “In 2016, the United States Attorney’s Office opened a federal investigation of several Qualla Housing Authority loan programs, with the FBI as the investigating agency, as a result of a request from the then-Principal Chief (Patrick Lambert) of the EBCI who informed us of allegations that the Qualla Housing Authority had made loans contrary to regulations and requirements for such loans



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Agents with the FBI seized numerous file cabinets, such as the one shown in the photo above, as well as boxes of documents and computer files during a raid at Qualla Housing Authority on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017.

imposed by the federal government.”

The letter continues, “...the agents of both the FBI and of the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development have extensively reviewed these files. They also investigated the procedures and funding for the loan programs in question. We have now com-

pleted the investigation, and we have concluded that there are no prosecutable cases regarding any violations of federal law.”

Federal officials never confirmed the exact extent of files seized on that February 2017 morning, but One Feather staff saw at least seven, large metal file cabinets seized. According to the letter, the files and other docu-

ments seized that day are currently being held at the HUD Office of Inspector General.

In an email sent to EBCI tribal officials on Jan. 4, Michael McConnell, EBCI interim attorney general, states that he has sent an email to the U.S. Attorney General’s Office requesting that all of the files and documents be returned to his office for dissemination back to QHA.

A letter sent to QHA on Oct. 4, 2016 instructed the entity’s personnel and officials not to tamper with any documents relating to the case including “information concerning loans, loan applications, customer files, banking records, grant information, and all other business records”. That ruling has now been lifted.

In an email from Edwards to John Pritchard, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Western North Carolina, Edwards writes, “...those preservation letters no longer apply and the Tribe should feel free to resume its normal document retention policies.”

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**



Over 1,200 vaccinated by Tribe

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In December 2020, Victoria Harlan, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), took the first COVID-19 vaccine dose administered by the Tribe's health care system. As of Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, a total of 1,705 doses have been administered to 1,232 individuals. The Tribe has received and is using the Pfizer vaccine.

"Vaccine distribution is going very well," said Dr. Richard Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive medical director. "We are getting the vaccine into arms as fast as we are receiving it. We are only limited by the vaccine supply which is a challenge across the country right now. I would ask the public to be patient as we

immunize the most vulnerable members of this community first."

As of press time, the EBCI Mass Vaccination Team (MVT) reports the Tribe is in Phase One (B) vaccinating all EBCI elders 60 years of age and older. Prior, they vaccinated those who wished to take the vaccine from the following groups: CIHA and PHHS (Public Health and Human Services) front-line health care workers, Public Safety departments, Tsali Care Center staff and residents, congregate living facilities, Cherokee language speakers, elders 70+ with two high-risk health conditions followed by elders 70+, Downs Syndrome patients, current cancer patients undergoing treatment, and elders 60+ with two high-risk health conditions. After all EBCI elders 60+ wishing to take it are vaccinated, the MVT

will move on to EBCI elders 50+ with two high-risk health conditions to be followed by all EBCI elders 50+.

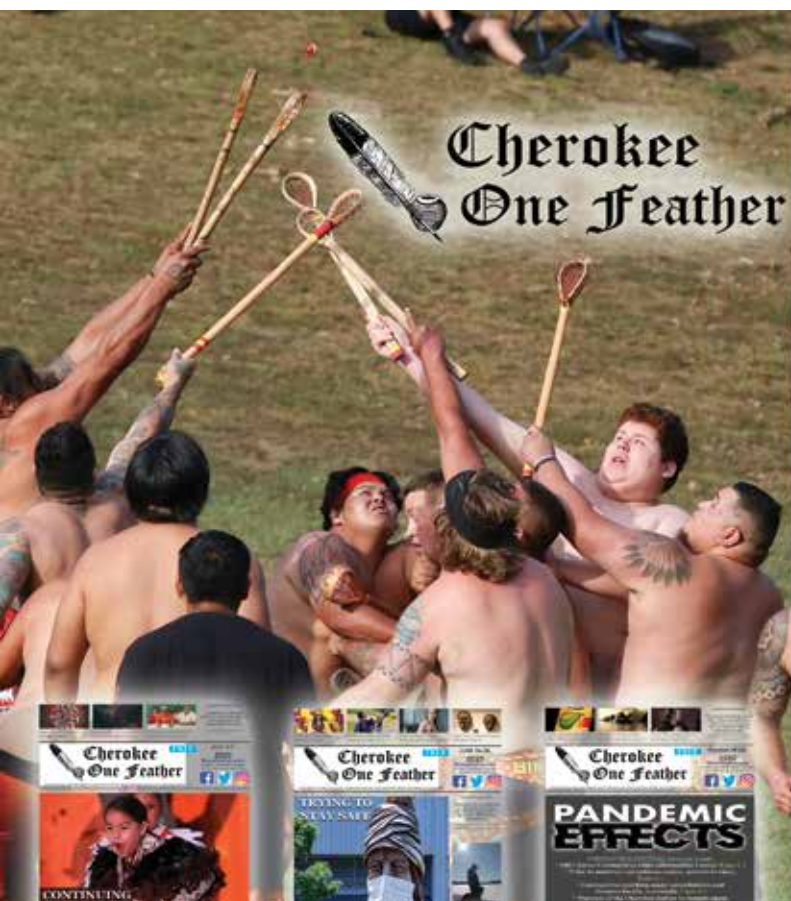
The EBCI tribal government has been on a modified schedule, with offices closed and most employees working remotely, for several weeks due to increased case counts as reported by the EBCI Joint Information Center (EBCI JIC). Since Jan. 1, the EBCI JIC has reported 265 new positive cases and two new deaths.

Dr. Bunio added, "I want to stress to everyone fortunate enough to receive the vaccine that it is not a reason to stop following the three Ws. We have had several people become infected before the vaccine has had time to build immunity in their systems. Even after the second dose, some 5 percent of people will still be

susceptible to infection. Please stay safe until the disease rates of this pandemic are under better control."

After taking the vaccine, Harlan stated, "I'm truly honored. I don't know what else to say. I'm excited, I hope the line picks up and stays backed up the rest of the day when people find out it's available today. But at the same time, I certainly understand the apprehension, the just not knowing. Again, my response is I'd rather do this than take my chances with COVID. I don't think I'm taking a chance at all."

The MVT informs EBCI tribal members wishing to receive a vaccine to call their primary care team at Cherokee Indian Hospital 497-9163 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Res. No. 31 (2019) - Resolution requesting all cannabis products by using the already created "Cherokee Made" and "Cherokee Grown" labels to compete in the emerging nationwide industry; asking for a referendum asking three questions. TABLED

Res. No. 32 (2019) - Resolution requesting that appointed positions be elected positions. WITHDRAWN

Ord. No. 81 (2019) - Limited waiver of sovereign immunity for hospital contracts. WITHDRAWN

Ord. No. 121 (2020) - Rescinds Cherokee Code Chapter 120 (Law and Order Committee). TABLED

Ord. No. 155 (2020) - Tribal employees, approval of organizational charts. TABLED FOR WORK SESSION

Res. No. 163 (2020) - Painttown Community Parcel No. 296 transferred from the Tribe to the Painttown Community. TABLED

Ord. No. 259 (2020) - Tribal government boards and committees (Budget and Finance Committee). TABLED FOR WORK SESSION

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

Ord. No. 297 (2020) - New Cherokee Code Section 117-19 to apply procurement requirements from the Fiscal Management Manual. TABLED

Ord. No. 298 (2020) - Correcting

two places in Cherokee Code Section 25-10, property that is exempt from collection/creditors. PASSED (Unanimous = 94; Absent: Sneed = 6)

Ord. No. 299 (2020) - Tribal government boards and committees, Cherokee Code Section 117-19 to apply procurement requirements from the Fiscal Management Manual. TABLED

Ord. No. 300 (2020) - Tribal government/Legislative Branch, Cherokee Code Section 117-19, contracts with the Tribe. TABLED FOR WORK SESSION

Ord. No. 301 (2020) - Standards of ethical conduct for tribal officials. TABLED

Ord. No. 302 (2020) - Cherokee Code amended, mental health

and substance abuse treatment. PASSED (Unanimous = 94; Absent: Sneed = 6)

Res. No. 330 (2020) - Removal of Jim Owle from the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise Board. PASSED (For: Crowe, C. Saunooke, Rose, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 48; Against: French, Shell, Brown, Wahnetah, Wolfe, Wachacha = 40; Abstain: Owle = 12)

Res. No. 339 (2020) - Recognition of heirs of Waneema Jean Littlejohn Driver. AMENDED/PASSED (For: French, Shell, Owle, Brown, Wahnetah, Wolfe, Wachacha, C. Saunooke, Rose, T. Saunooke = 82; Against: Crowe = 12; Absent: Sneed = 6)

Ord. No. 342 (2020) - Amendment to Cherokee Code Section 16C-9. TABLED

Ord. No. 343 (2020) - Reduce the membership of the Tribal Alcoholic Control Commission from five persons to three. TABLED

Ord. No. 344 (2020) - Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 117, tribal government project contracts. TABLED

Res. No. 345 (2020) - Approval of the revised FY21 budget and organizational charts. TABLED

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

Res. No. 347 (2020) - The Lan-

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

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MONDAY, JAN. 25	TUESDAY, JAN. 26	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27	THURSDAY, JAN. 28	FRIDAY, JAN. 29	SATURDAY, JAN. 30	SUNDAY, JAN. 31
AVERAGE	BETTER	BETTER	BEST	BEST++	BETTER	AVERAGE
9:04 AM-11:04 AM	9:58 AM-11:58 AM	N/A	N/A	12:15 AM-2:15 AM	1:08 AM-3:08 AM	1:59 AM-3:59 AM
9:31 PM-11:31 PM	10:25 PM-12:25 AM	10:53 AM-12:53 PM	11:48 AM-1:48 PM	12:41 PM-2:41 PM	1:34 PM-3:34 PM	2:24 PM-4:24 PM

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language and Culture Program organizational charts to include the following positions: Program Manager, Snowbird Cherokee Adult Language Learner, Language Specialist, Cultural Resources Supervisor, Cultural Resources Coordinator, and Language Specialist. PASSED (Unanimous = 94; Absent: Sneed = 6)

Res. No. 348 (2020) - A resolution to make an appointment to the Tribal Gaming Commission currently held by Bentley Tahquette whose term expires Dec. 31, 2020. AMENDED/PASSED (For: Shell, Owle, Brown, Wahnetah, Wolfe, Wachacha, C. Saunooke = 57; Against: Crowe, Rose, T. Saunooke = 30; Absent: Sneed = 6)

Res. No. 349 (2020) - A resolution to make an appointment to the

Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise Board of Advisors Norma Moss expired, term will run Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2025. AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 94; Absent: Sneed = 6)

Res. No. 350 (2020) - A resolution authorizing the sale of Wolfstown Community Parcel No. 46-L, containing .919 acres more or less, with home thereon, to Ray Bradley Jr. for \$140,000. PASSED (Unanimous = 94; Absent: Sneed = 6)

Res. No. 351 (2020) - A resolution authoring the sale of Snowbird Community Parcel No. 368-N, containing one acre more or less, to Alicia Johnson for \$500 to build a home thereon. PASSED (Unanimous = 94; Absent: Sneed = 6)

Res. No. 352 (2020) - Everett

Reagan, FGH, shall be allowed to transfer Birdtown Community Parcel No. 485-G (remainder of Parcel No. 485), containing 8.155 acres more or less, to Patrick Henry Lambert. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 353 (2020) - Recognition of heirs of Ben Edward Marmon (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 354 (2020) - Recognition of heirs of Raymond Charles Owle III (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 355 (2020) - Last will and testament of Geraldine Stamper (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 356 (2020) - Last will and testament of William Phillip Standingdeer (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 357 (2020) - Resolution requesting pavilion for Kituwah. AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 358 (2020) - Cherokee Fire and Rescue Program of the EBCI Public Safety Division be authorized to apply and receive funding from The Dogwood Health Trust in the amount of \$25,000

for budget period FY21. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 359 (2020) - Kituwah Preservation and Education Program to receive funds from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation in the amount of \$252,000. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

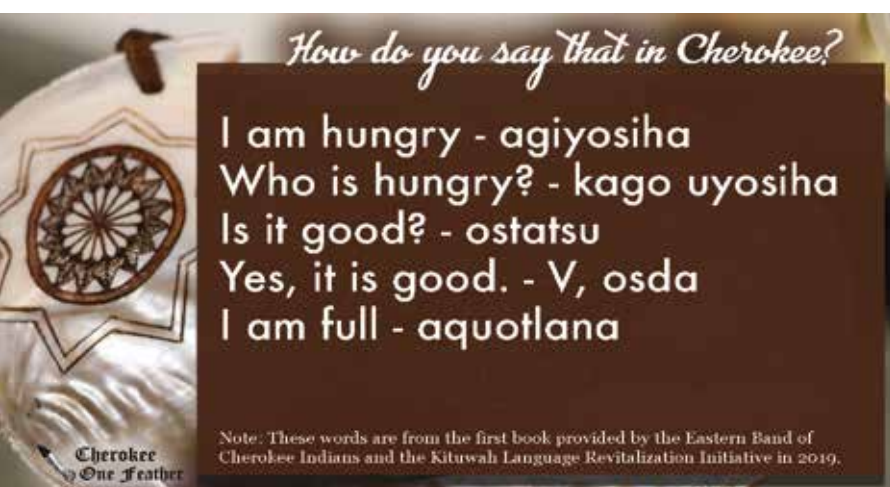
Res. No. 360 (2020) - Community Health Representative is added to the Snowbird Cherokee Community Health Supervisor as detailed in the position description. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 361 (2020) - Principal Chief appoints Renissa McLaughlin as a representative to the Certification Commission. AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 362 (2020) - Second amended tribal-state compact (sports wagering). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Item. No. 34 - Banishment of Erica Morgan Messick. HOLD UNTIL JANUARY

Item No. 35 - Banishment of Daniel Lee Franklin. HOLD UNTIL JANUARY



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CIPD Arrest Report for

Jan. 10-17, 2021

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

Davis, Verron Doyce - age 42
Arrested: Jan. 11
Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Burglary, Breaking and Entering

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah - age 42

Arrested: Jan. 12

Released: Jan. 12

Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Criminal Mischief to Property

Arneach, Cheyenne Robin - age 28

Arrested: Jan. 12

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance

Mahan, Robin Denada - age 27

Arrested: Jan. 12

Released: Jan. 12

Charges: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Maney, Kayce Denise - age 46

Arrested: Jan. 12

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance, Conspire to Traffic Methamphetamine

Maney Jr., Kenneth L. - age 44

Arrested: Jan. 12

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Obstruct Police

Smith, Jacob Colby - age 21

Arrested: Jan. 12

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Probation Violation

Burrell, Melissa - age 30

Arrested: Jan. 13

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance, Maintaining Dwelling of a Vehicle

Lambert, Meli Gigage-Kagege - age 23

Arrested: Jan. 13

Released: Jan. 16

Charges: Simple Assault (DV)

Arch, Cheslie - age 30

Arrested: Jan. 14

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Providing or Possessing Contraband, Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Possession of Schedule I Controlled Substance, Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance

Jenkins, James Derrick - age 29

Arrested: Jan. 14

Released: Jan. 15

Charges: Driving While Impaired

Larch IV, William Daniel - age 28

Arrested: Jan. 15

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Biddix, Jonah Taylor - age 26

Arrested: Jan. 16

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bird, Kasia Jade - age 20

Arrested: Jan. 16

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Obstructing Justice, Resisting Lawful Arrest

Carroll, Earl Thomas - age 56

Arrested: Jan. 16

Released: Jan. 16

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Conseen, Venyall Lashaun - age 40

Arrested: Jan. 16

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Probation Violation

Cucumber-Bradley, Ronda Lynn - age 55

Arrested: Jan. 16

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Reed, Frances Ludell - age 33

Arrested: Jan. 16

Released: Jan. 18

Charges: Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order, Simple Assault

Toineeta, Margie Lynn - age 51

Arrested: Jan. 16

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Probation Violation

Johnson, Ryan Douglas - age 29

Arrested: Jan. 17

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order, Second Degree Trespass, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Ledford, Stanley Ray - age 35

Arrested: Jan. 17

Released: Jan. 17

Charges: Abusive Sexual Contact



How Long Can Dog Stay Outside in the Snow?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My dog loves to go outdoors, but I worry that it's too cold and icy for her to be outside right now. I'm housebound and unable to take "Sookie" out for walks or to play in the snow. I have a fenced yard, but I can't supervise her. My younger neighbor takes her out every morning for a few minutes, and that's it. What can I do? — *Sara P., Bennington, Vermont*

DEAR SARAH: Big props to your neighbor for helping to take care of Sookie! Even on cold winter days, a few minutes outside can be uplifting for your dog. And a "relief," if you know what I mean.

If Sookie stays in the fenced yard and comes when you call her, it may be safe to let her out once or twice during the day. How long she stays out depends on her size and cold tolerance. Very small dogs should not be outside for more than a few minutes when it's below freezing, and should be wrapped up to get warm again quickly. Medium and large dogs can tolerate longer periods. The colder the air and the more ferocious the weather, the less time they should spend outside.

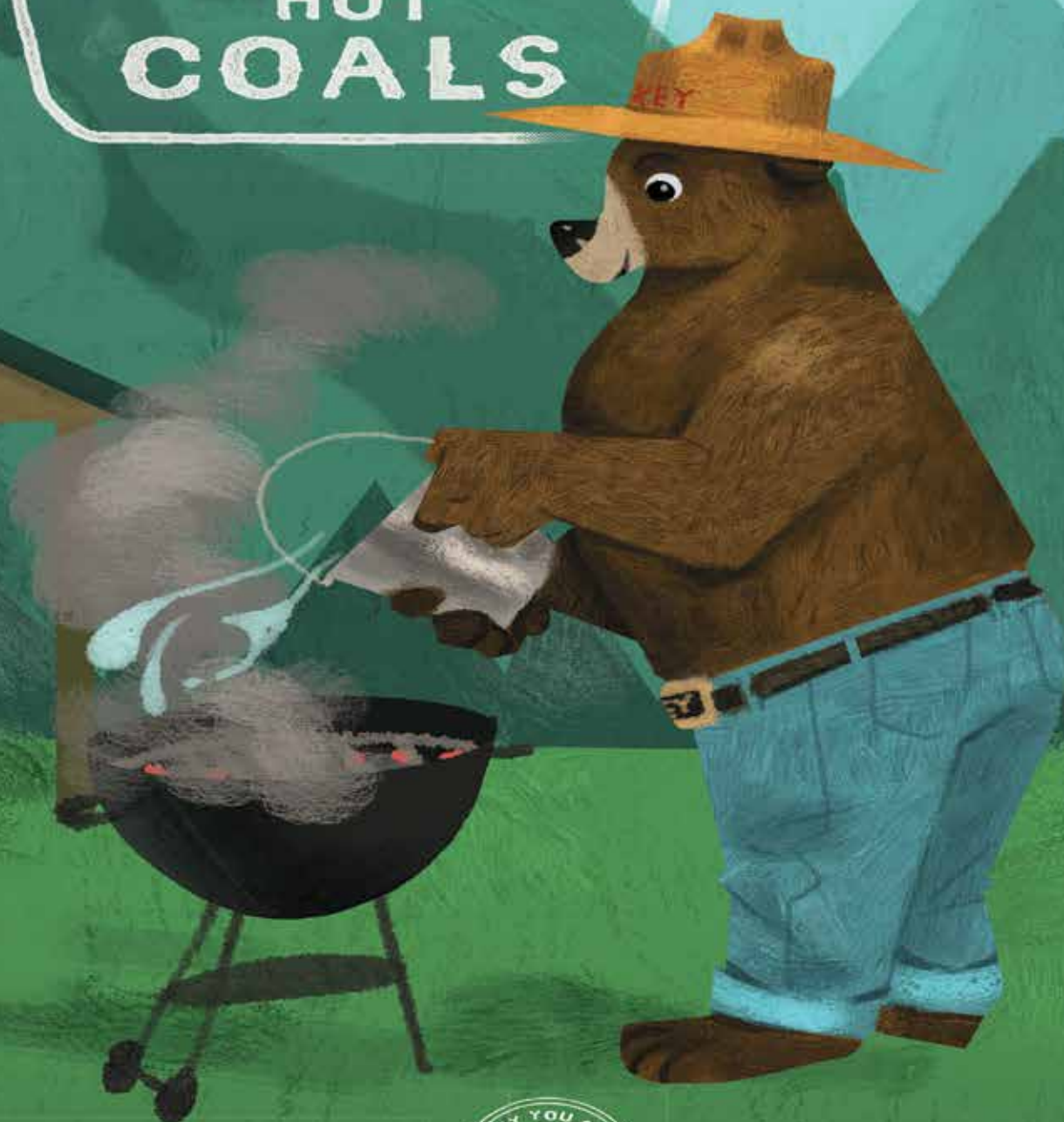
When your dog comes in, either from her morning walk or from the fenced yard, rub down her fur with a dry towel and check the underside of her paws for cuts and abrasions. If she is shivering when she comes in, make sure she warms up, and ask your neighbor to bring her in a little sooner. Make sure that Sookie has plenty of water to drink throughout the day: Staying hydrated will help her stay warm.

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Cherokee's Lelaya McMillan (#10) plays defense against Hayesville's Lila Payne (#12) during a game at Hayesville High School on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 19. The Lady Braves improved to 4-0 on the season with a 57-38 win over the Lady Yellow Jackets. Cherokee was led by McMillan with 20 points followed by Zoey Walkingstick with 11. Other Cherokee scorers included: Loshi Ward 2, AJ Hill 6, Deante Toineeta 10, Rhyan Girty 6, and Kamia Wiggins 2. Hayesville scorers included: Lizzy Brusini 3, Payne 5, Jocelin Buckner 9, Breanna Cothren 7, Brianna Foster 8, and Kynnly McClure 6.



Cherokee's Toineeta (#13), who finished the night with 10 points, dribbles outside the key as Hayesville's Brusini defends.



Cherokee's Girty (#32) shoots inside the lane with several Hayesville players defending.

Braves fall to Hayesville in road loss

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Cherokee's Jordan Arkansas (with ball) goes for a shot around Hayesville's Brady Shook during a game at Hayesville High School on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 19. Hayesville took the win 61-44. Arkansas and Cameron Lane led Cherokee with 14 points each. Other Cherokee scorers included: Jonathan Frady 4, Camden Owle 2, Don Bradley 5, Tso Smith 3, and Tariq Underwood 2. Hayesville scorers included: Logan Caldwell 1, Asher Brown 9, Paul White 2, Kolbe Ashe 16, Shook 8, Blake McClure 7, Jose' Espinal 4, Tyler Jones 3, Ruby Seaker 4, and Kyle Lunsford 7.



Cherokee's Owle (#3) defends a shot in the second half from Hayesville's Caldwell.



Cherokee's Lane (#0) works against Hayesville's White (#11) for position following a free throw in the second half.



Rivercane revitalized at Rivers Edge Park

CLYDE - Haywood Waterways received a \$3,600 grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation to plant river cane at River's Edge Park in Clyde. The purpose is to promote the availability of natural resources to Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) tribal artisans for traditional arts and crafts, and to improve the Pigeon River's water quality.

Rivers Edge Park has undergone a series of facelifts in recent years. The park was established after the floods of 2004 to reduce flood impacts downstream. A secondary purpose is its use as a community park. The Town of Clyde recognizes the value of clean water and has worked with Haywood Waterways and the Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District to plant hundreds of trees and return the area to a forested floodplain.

River cane grows near water and

provides many benefits for water quality. It holds soil in place to stop erosion, slows floodwaters, reduces stormwater runoff and filters pollutants, provides shade to keep the river cool, and adds habitat for aquatic organisms.

River cane is a native bamboo that does not grow as high as the nonnative bamboo seen everywhere. River cane has greatly decreased over the years, and the loss not only affects local rivers but also the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and their culture. When rivercane was abundant the Cherokee used it for most anything, such as furniture, walls for houses, fishing traps, and spears. The most important craft that rivercane is still used for today and helps with their overall economy is basket weaving.

This project is sponsored by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and the

Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources (RTCAR). RTCAR funds projects that benefit tribal artisans and teaches, protects, and promotes Cherokee traditional art, resources, and land care for present and future generations (www.rtcar.org).

"When the plants establish themselves, this project may reduce erosion and allow harvesting by EBCI artisans in the future, but most importantly, it brings rivercane back to an area where it historically thrived," said Adam Griffith, RTCAR director for EBCI Cooperative Extension Services.

Caitlin Worsham, project manager for Haywood Waterways, said, "Thanks to the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, RTCAR, and the Town of Clyde for making this project possible. It not only brings together diverse partnerships but also helps the Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haywood County, and water quality."

Haywood Waterways Association is a member-based nonprofit organization working to protect and improve surface water quality in Haywood County (www.haywoodwaterways.org).

- Haywood Waterways Association
release



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Haywood Waterways received a \$3,600 grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation to plant river cane at River's Edge Park in Clyde.



Fish Cherokee 2021 schedule

The Catch & Keep Enterprise Waters will be closed to everyone from March 13-26. The Catch & Release Enterprise Waters are open all year for trophy water fly fishing only.

Following is a list of tournaments sponsored by Fish Cherokee, a program of the EBCI Natural Resource Program (a two-day Tribal Fish Permit {\$17} and tournament registration {\$15} is required for all) :

March 27-28: Opening Day Tournament

- \$20,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadline is Friday, March 26
- May 29-30: Memorial Day Tournament
- \$10,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadline is Friday, May 28

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament: July 24-25

- \$10,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadline is Friday, July 23

Qualla Country Tournament: Sept. 4-5

- \$20,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadlines is Friday, Sept. 3

Tag turn-in for all tournaments is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail.

Participants may purchase a Tribal Fish Permit online at www.fishcherokee.com or from a local permit vendor. Children ages 11 and under may participate in tournaments under a supervising adult's registration and fish permit. Legal fishing methods apply to everyone. Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset.

Info: www.fishcherokee.com or on Facebook at [facebook.com/fishcherokee](https://www.facebook.com/fishcherokee)

- *EBCI Natural Resources*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

happen!"

- *EBCI Natural Resources Dept.*

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

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

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

For an application and full qualification criteria, please contact: Yona Wade at yonawade@ccs-nc.org or 554-5032; or Sherri Booth at sbooth@harrahs.com or 497-8753.

- *Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund*

Turkey Shoot. Jan. 30 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for the Brothers in the Wind group. Good fun, good prizes, good benefit.

Life Recovery Bible-Based 12-step Zoom meeting. Started Nov. 10 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley kellideb@gmail.com

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

Alum Cave Trail temporarily closed in February for bridge replacement

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials will implement a temporary, weekday closure of Alum Cave Trail and associated parking lots during February to accommodate the replacement of two foot-log bridges near the Arch Rock area. The area will be closed weekly on Monday through Thursday from Feb. 8 through Feb. 25. The trail will be fully open each week on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, along with President's Day on Monday, Feb. 15.

Alum Cave Trail is one of the most popular trails in the park and these foot-log bridges provide safe crossings over the boulder-strewn river. The bridges have suffered significant decay due to use and weather since the last trail rehabilitation effort in 2016. In order to efficiently replace the foot-log bridges along the narrow trail corridor, a full closure is necessary for the safety of the crew and visitors. Hikers can still reach Mt. Le Conte and the Le Conte Shelter by using one of the other trails to the summit. The Boulevard, Bull Head, Rainbow Falls, and Trillium Gap trails all lead to Mt. Le Conte, but hikers should plan carefully and check daily for weather-related road closures that may restrict access to trailheads.

For more information about hiking in the park, please visit the park's website at <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/hiking.htm> or call the Backcountry Office (865) 436-1297.

- *National Park Service release*

**EBCI Tribal Elders
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OBITUARIES

Candina McMillan Cabe

Candina McMillan Cabe, 42, of Whittier, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021. A native of Swain County and longtime resident of Jackson County, she was the daughter of Doris Cook McMillan of Whittier and the late Wayne McMillan.

She is survived by her husband, Kevin Cabe; one son, Benjamin Brown of Whittier; one brother, Scott Duncan of Murrells Inlet, S.C.; numerous nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 23 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. David K. Owle officiated.

Interment was held immediately following the memorial service at Bumgarner Cemetery in Whittier.

Verlyn Brown

Verlyn Brown, 63, of Snowbird, completed his circle of life on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021. He is preceded in death by his father, Diamond Brown Sr.; and his brothers, Diamond Brown Jr. and Merlin Brown.

Verlyn is survived by his mother, Frieda Brown; step mother, Gayle Brown; and sister, Sandy Brown. In addition, Verlyn is carried on by his daughters, Tasha Brown and Brandi Brown Mathis; special son-in-law, McKinley Davis whom Verlyn called "Mr. Mac"; along with his grandchildren, Wade Hamilton, Karma Mathis, Shaylee Underwood, and Haylee Brown.

It was no secret that Verlyn had a love and passion for hotrods. He loved spending his time riding his motorcycle and simply enjoying life to the fullest. You would

often find him dancing to his favorite tunes. Verlyn loved his work family and enjoyed goofing off with his special co-worker, Encie. He loved spending time with his daughters and grandchildren. Him and his brothers share some of the best memories that words could never say.

Verlyn Brown had his final motorcycle ride on Thursday, Jan. 21 leaving Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee and going to the Buffalo Baptist Church in Snowbird where funeral services were held. A private interment followed at the Brown Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were McKinley Davis, JR Sawyer, Tony Rattler, Russell Self, Eugene Wachacha, Eddie Chekelelee, Jeremy Holder, and Scott Chekelelee.

In lieu of flowers for Verlyn, his daughters ask that flowers be sent to his mother, Frieda Brown and include a treasured memory of her son for her to read.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Hugh Jasper Bradley (H.J.)

Hugh Jasper Bradley (H.J.) passed away peacefully at Cherokee Indian Hospital Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, after an extended illness. He was born July 25, 1935 to the late John and Pearl Bradley. His grandparents were Morgan and Clarendia. He is preceded in death by two children, Johnny and Debi Loraine Bradley; a brother, Cecil; three sisters, Clarinda, Edith Lou McLendan, and Arizona Owle; and two grandchildren, Brianna Bradley and Tom McCoy Bradley.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Flora Bradley; three sons, Terry (Marzena), Gerald (Shannon), and Eddie Bradley; three daughters, Pearl (Ernie) of Ada, Okla., Cinda (Billy) of Okla., and Rinda Hathcoat of Arizona;

nieces, Linda Bradley and Caroline Bradley; nephew, Dave Owle; three step-children, Marlene Arch, Manuel and Stephen Watty; 28 grandchildren; and 45 great grandchildren.

H.J. as he is known, retired in 1998 from the Cherokee Boy's Club as a Charter Bus Driver for 30 years. He was a member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church and a self-taught musician; he used his talent of singing for the Lord. He was a people person and lived and enjoyed life to the fullest.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, Jan. 24 at H.J.'s home. Pastors Gil Breedlove and Aaron Bradley officiated with burial at Bradley Cemetery. Pallbearers were among grandsons and close friends.

Johnny Adam Walkingstick

Johnny Adam Walkingstick, 45, of Cherokee, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Donna Roberta George Walkingstick; in addition to his brothers, Daniel Walkingstick Jr., and Nickyjack Walkingstick; as well as one sister, Ongeequay Walkingstick.

Johnny is survived by his father, Daniel Walkingstick Sr., and Johnny's only son, Lil John Queen. Johnny also leaves behind his brothers, William Walkingstick and Shane Walkingstick, as well as one sister, Carla Walkingstick.

The family had a graveside visitation and service for Johnny Adam Walkingstick on Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Walkingstick Family Cemetery on Tooni Branch Rd. Pastor Dan Conseen and Mr. Harley Maney officiated. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home Inc. assisted with arrangements.

Good Housekeeping

Ropa Vieja

The name of this Latin-style braised beef literally means "old clothes," because the meat is cooked until it's so tender it can be shredded into what resembles a pile of rags.

- 1/2 cup drained, sliced, pickled jalapeno chiles
- 3 red, orange and/or yellow peppers, cut into 1/4-inch-wide slices
- 2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 large (12-ounce) onion, cut in half and sliced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt
- 2 (1 3/4 pounds each) beef flank steaks
- 1 can (14 1/2-ounce) whole tomatoes in juice
- Warm tortillas (optional)

1. In 6- to 6 1/2-quart slow-cooker bowl, stir together jalapenos, peppers, garlic, onion, cumin, oregano, bay leaf and 1 teaspoon salt. Top with flank steaks, cutting steaks if necessary to fit in slow cooker bowl. With kitchen shears, coarsely cut up tomatoes in can. Pour tomatoes with their juice over steaks in slowcooker; do not stir. Cover slow cooker with lid and cook as manufacturer directs on low setting 9 hours.

2. With slotted spoon, transfer steak and vegetables to large bowl. Discard bay leaf. With 2 forks, shred steak, with the grain, into fine strips. Skim and discard fat from cooking liquid. Stir cooking liquid into steak mixture. Spoon into serving bowls, and serve with warm tortillas if you like. Makes about 10 (1 cup) servings.

• Each serving: About 200 calories, 13g total fat (5g saturated), 66mg cholesterol, 455mg sodium, 8g total carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 36g protein.

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COMMENTARY

Beware of men in suits

ROBERT JUMPER
 ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Speaking with many of our traditionalists and elders, you may certainly understand why many Natives are wary of those wearing suits. It is a hold over from the days of forced exodus and military domination of Indians.

To the generations before us, suits look like uniforms. And it was educators and religious leaders, dressed in their finest, who were the boarding school leadership who thought that the best course for Natives was to be assimilated into the invading European culture, and the best way to do that was to eradicate any cultural norms that existed pre-contact, including the elimination of language, spiritualism, and history. The suit became a symbol of something or someone not to be trusted. Even now, it is a good idea to tell people to "dress down or casual" when visiting the Qualla Boundary. And it is also a good idea to be escorted by the person or group inviting you if you are going to request anything from a community member. The scars of attempts at forced cultural elimination are still visible, and for some, it is still an open wound. Many community members feel that there is still plenty of reason to distrust representatives from outside governments.

For approximately four years, the One Feather has followed the investigation of the Qualla Housing Authority (QHA) by the United States Department of Justice. Federal agents were invited to Cherokee and given access to the Qualla Housing Authority building. They were provided space in our government buildings to conduct interviews. Tribal members were subpoenaed by the federal government for testimony. Tribal property in the form of file cabinets full of documents with personal, sensitive

information were rolled out of the QHA and hauled off the Qualla Boundary. It was never clear what the federal agents removed from government offices because the community was never given an accounting of what was removed. It is unclear if tribal leadership ever got an inventory of what was taken from our land by the federal agents.

And when I say "follow", I use it as a loose term, because once the federal government began their investigation, they would not even acknowledge that an investigation was taking place. Week after week, month after month, the One Feather made inquiry on behalf of the community, and the response from the federal government was that they could not reveal whether they were even continuing an investigation. Time after time, the representatives of an outside government, the federal government, toed the company line, refusing to say if the QHA investigation was ongoing or if it had been concluded or if it had been dropped.

Meanwhile, back on the Boundary, factions and special interest groups were supposing what was happening with that investigation. There was already a growing rift in our community. Cries of corruption, deception, and mismanagement were already rippling through our community. And, the Qualla Housing Authority investigation fueled an ongoing fire in our community. People were coming to the podium at the Tribal Council chambers, some in rage and others in tears. My guess is that at least one tribal election was impacted by the unclear, not determined potential ongoing investigation by the federal government.

A year or more ago, I sent an inquiry to the federal public relations designate requesting any information on the QHA investigation. I even spoke on the phone with this representative. I asked the

question that our staff had been asking since 2016. What is the status of the alleged investigation of the Qualla Housing Authority? Response from the federal agent - We will not confirm that there is an investigation or if there is not an investigation ongoing.

Okay, I and my staff witnessed federal agents removing tribal property from the Qualla Housing Authority building. Will you tell us if you still are holding tribal property or if it has been returned? Response from the federal agent - I cannot confirm that the federal government has or doesn't have any items from the Qualla Housing Authority offices.

As I spoke with this public relations designate, I expressed to her the anguish that this situation was causing on the Qualla Boundary and among the members of

our community. Even years later, tribal members are angry and hurting. The investigation, or not investigation, was causing pain and division. The designate said that she knew and that she was sorry. And that was the extent of the information that the government gave to tribal citizens for approximately four years.

So, after waiting and inquiring since 2016, in November 2020, the Tribal Prosecutor's office received a one-page notification from the U.S. Department of Justice.

It said, in part, the following: "In 2016, the United States Attorney General's Office opened a federal investigation of several Qualla Housing Authority loan programs, with the FBI as the investigating agency, as a result of a request from the then-principal chief of the EBCI, who informed us of al-

legations that the Qualla Housing Authority had made loans contrary to the regulations and requirements for such loans imposed by the federal government.

As part of our investigation, the FBI obtained and executed a search warrant and seized a large quantity of loan files in late October 2016, and the agents of both the FBI and of the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development have extensively reviewed these files. They also investigated the procedures and funding for the loan programs in question. We have now completed the investigation, and we have concluded that there are no prosecutable cases regarding any violations of federal law."

This letter was sent by R. Andrew Murray, United States Attorney and Richard Lee Edwards, Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Oh, and all of the tribal files that they could not say whether they had? They go on in the letter to say the seized files, as of November 2020, were in the custody

of the HUD Office of the Inspector General. Apparently, that office has a good-sized closet.

The Tribe has plenty of challenges to face without dealing with the continual stonewalling and lack of transparency that is typically the response of the government when an inquiry is made. Especially in the case of outside government agencies, we completely put our Tribe and its members into hands that may not have our best interests at heart. Policies that restrict media and public access to information vital to the health of community should not be permitted. Particularly since, in this case, the outcome is that the federal government didn't find evidence of federal violations. It took four years to come to that conclusion.

I surely hope that somebody still has an inventory of the materials taken from the Tribe. It would be nice to know that we got it all back. I would take their words for it, but, then again, they were all wearing suits and uniforms.



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Winter gardening tasks

- Review your successes and failures of the previous year, and plan ahead for the coming growing season.
- Study your online and catalog choices for your garden purchases, and get those orders in so you can get ready for spring.
- Check for frost heaves around your outdoor plants and apply mulch as needed.
- If you have been storing bulbs, corms, or tubers, check them to make sure that they are neither rotting nor totally drying out.
- Recycle your Christmas tree. - Brenda Weaver

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COMMENTARY

**Preamble for the
proposed EBCI
Constitution**

CARMALETA MONTEITH

On behalf of the EBCI
Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Inc. (ECBI) will submit sections of the draft Constitution to citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for community review of the section and requests that community members submit their responses to the Committee. Your input will be reviewed by the committee for consideration for inclusion in the final draft to potentially be approved, by registered voters, in the general election to be held in September 2021.

This first section released for review contains only the preamble. A preamble goes before any other information in a governing document and it serves as an introduction and includes its reason and purpose for the Constitution. In addition, since this is not the first attempt to create a Constitution for our tribe, this draft of the Preamble includes previous efforts and references to documents reviewed to develop this document as the Constitution for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Inc.

The draft preamble is included below for tribal member response. There are two ways that you may submit your responses now to the Committee: For more information on the preamble and entire proposed constitution access the website, www.sgadugi.org. There is an access portal where you may provide tribal membership verification which will allow you to

submit your ideas for the constitution draft. You may also send your ideas for the constitution to Lloyd Arneach via email. He will also provide instructions for you to attend weekly constitution committee meetings on Microsoft Team (Lloyd Arneach at lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com).

The Constitution Committee thanks you and encourages all EBCI citizens to be a part in drafting this historical document by participating in its creation and registering to vote to approve the final draft of the Constitution. It is rare that anyone has the opportunity to create a document that determines how they want to be governed and the freedom to ensure its approval. Thank you for your valuable participation in creating our governing document.

Proposed Constitution

PREAMBLE

"We, the Principal People, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, acknowledging the Creator, being determined to maintain our sovereignty, hold fast to our ancestral homelands and our natural resources; and, to establish justice, ensure tranquility, promote our culture, our education, our language and our common welfare; and, to secure for ourselves and our posterity the blessings of liberty, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Herein we acknowledge the foundation laid by the 1875 Lloyd Welch Constitution, Chapter 207 of the 1887 North Carolina State Charter and the 1986 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Charter and Governing Document and declare that this Constitution supersedes these and all other previous governing documents."

COMMENTARY

To own or not to own....

WILLIAM LEDFORD

Observations and random thoughts.

It's been a turbulent couple of weeks in our country. We have a new President of the United States who has been officially inaugurated and sworn in. We have a Senate that's divided 50-50 but with Kamala Harris as Veep, the Democrats basically now have control of all three houses of government. It's a new beginning and a long-awaited ending to a confusing horror story spanning four long years.

Something unthinkable happened at the Nation's Capital after a rabble-rousing speech given by none other than the 45th President, Donald J. Trump. The rabble were roused and attempted a takeover, an insurrection, of the House and Senate chambers and if you believe the first reports, tried to hunt down those

Congresspeople that disagreed with their mistaken beliefs that the election was stolen. Some were armed with American flags mounted on poles that they used as weapons. Six people died, including two Capitol police officers. I find it ironically funny that the very people shouting, "Stop the Steal", were attempting to do just that, steal an election. And, to hammer in the irony, these "sup-

porters" of the "thin blue line" attacked and tried to do grievous harm to...wait for it...police officers. As a reward for their efforts the FBI are now hunting down the participants of the attempted takeover and have been jailing them to await arraignment and trial. Stay tuned, these trials should be fun to watch.

At home, on the Rez, we sorta became the proud owners of a casino in Indiana. My first thoughts upon hearing many of the details of this acquisition were, well, they weren't printable, we'll just say that. I've been to Indiana and except for the outhouses behind the gas station that were built on two little hills, yep, no excavation, there's absolutely nothing memorable about Indiana. Don't believe me? Watch a film called Hoosiers, the people there are still the same.

Anyway, it seems that we are spending 250,000,000 tribal dollars on a venture that we actually have no real control over. And, it seems that somehow the property the casino sits on wasn't part of the negotiated deal. And we don't have control over the actual day-to-day operations. Whew, had to stop for a second, all them zeroes made me dizzy and slightly queasy.

Included with the purchase of this casino building, a new limited liability company, or LLC, would be established to oversee this new type of investment we've entered into. This board would have 5 members but only 2 of 5 members can be EBCI so in reality, we're in the minority when it comes

to decisions affecting our own investment?! I'm confused. How did we, the EBCI, negotiate such a deal? Were the terms negotiated or did someone simply hand us an offer we couldn't refuse? Who are our negotiators? I think we need someone like Bruce Willis' character on The Fifth Element to be our negotiator in future deals. Heck, I volunteer. Those pale-faced gentlemen would then have to deal with a crusty, old, braid-wearing Native guy who, in addition to plain old English, also speaks fluent Vulgarian. That's my language. It makes salty sailor talk sound like polite chats at afternoon tea. I use it when needed.

I saw that the latest Lumbee attempt to circumvent the process hit a wall in the U.S. Senate despite the efforts of NC's band of misguided elected officials. That's too bad. Now if Deb Haaland, as Interior Secretary, will just make it all go away. I've always said that if the Lumbee were really a tribe they would have taken that little stroll to Oklahoma with the others. The reality is, they probably bumped up against us in the old days, were basically wiped out for their troubles, pushed eastward and then became totally assimilated by the whites. Or, they were never anything other than what they are now. No language, no traditions, no culture, no dice.

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Office of Animal Control November 2020 Report

The following are numbers for Animal Control for the month of November:

Abandoned	5 dogs	
Owner Surrender	29 dogs	12 cats
Running at Large	30 dogs	19 cats
Quarantined	2 dogs	

In addition, one dog was housed for one night (owner was arrested)

The Tribal Animal Control Department regulates the ownership, possession, treatment and disposal of animals within the territorial jurisdiction of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, which shall include all lands held in trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or its members and all other lands owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Mission of Animal Control is to protect the public from unvaccinated, diseased, stray, roaming, or dangerous animals; to enforce the provisions of Tribal law which make unlawful those acts of animals that interfere with the enjoyment of property or the peace and safety of the community; to protect animals from abuse or conditions harmful to their well-being; and to perform any other duties authorized by applicable law.

One Feather deadline Friday at 12 p.m.

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Using Jesus' authority, all people can trump our enemy's power

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Read Luke 10:18-20

"I saw satan fall from heaven like lightning!" Jesus had shared with his 72 new disciples in their enthusiasm in having helped others overcome demonic influences. It resulted in satan and the evil demons' having to obey commands given to them by these disciples. They had also been told that nothing evil could harm them. Deliverances from satan's grip resulted, and Jesus also told them to 'rejoice' that their names were registered in heaven.

Each believer has now been given authority over all the power of our mutual enemy, satan, and all spirits of demons and demonic forces. (They are fallen angels, kept under strict orders, and under devil's authority.)

We have been warring with satan since Adam and Eve first fell from God's Grace at their disobedience and treasonous behavior in listening to God's enemy, satan, and his lies. It caused their expulsion from the Garden of Eden. It's so wrong and dangerous for any believer, or anyone else, for that matter, to be calling someone derogatory names. It's known to be a sin since name-calling is being judgmental of a person, a beating heart, which we are told not to do. It could even be a lie that destroys people or their lives and reputations. God calls that a murder, actually.

It is considered to be an evil practice and a tool for satan's own deceptions which he holds in his 'quiver full of poisonous darts'. He can aim them directly at anyone's heart. It is also known to bring in the outward demonstration of the demons' actions. Called 'strife' and 'contention,' they come into any human situation which he can mess up. Such untrue diabolical words are meant only to hurt and influence everyone's fiery emotion of 'anger.' All people should work to defeat or deflect his well-placed aim, by keeping their own emotions and

mouths under good self-control, or by asking for God's help, as necessary.

Whenever anger is demonically-influenced and enhanced, it can bring an explosive anger to the inside of a person or it can come out of any person and continue in its ever-multiplying paths of destruction. Anger must be kept under self-control by the targeted person, or it can soon escalate into actually serving satan in his desire 'to steal' each person's peace, even those surrounding the differing factions, or to 'kill', and can even 'destroy' all hopes and dreams of each person getting in their way. (John 10:10)

As someone tries to use the hateful, ugly, political method of lying, they bring shame and suffering upon any other fellow human-being with these kind of despicable lies, and there may still be consequences, public and/or legal. Even with a humble and sincere repentance, and a fervently sought-after forgiveness while still on Earth. Nothing else can help the offender to repair the damages that have such eternal repercussions, needing changes to be permanently made by Almighty God. That person must, in sincere and complete humility, total honesty, petition God through prayer. He is our Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent God. Our Father God is the Holy and Final

Judge, and the only One Who knows and can see the real and true heart of each person.

It can, for either sinners or so-called Christians, having done such a shameful, cowardly act, require true repentance by them, seeking forgiveness before leaving Earth and having to face God's Great White Throne Judgment. They may otherwise find themselves standing guilty before a Holy God. Being judged by God, for their own wrong statements (lies) and in their forbidden judging ("Judge not lest ye be judged") of any fellow human being, is definitely not advised. All people who name-call are considered to be highly foolish and can seriously be bringing themselves under God's Final Judgment. Repent, ask for His Forgiveness, NOW. If not, by having done so, they really are only serving satan and his nefarious schemes to try to bring down all humanity by their sin.

By satan having been already judged by God, we should, at least, place satan under our feet, overcoming him and his awful plans for humanity while he is still here. God is allowing him to be here only for each of us to pass God's loyalty test given by Him. Repenting and asking His Forgiveness, sincerely receiving Jesus as our Lord and Savior, is our best way to live and speak. Leave judgment of others to God and stop sinning.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end...

HEBREWS 6:10,11

"Soldiers Giving Christ a Drink" by Lucas van Leyden (1512)

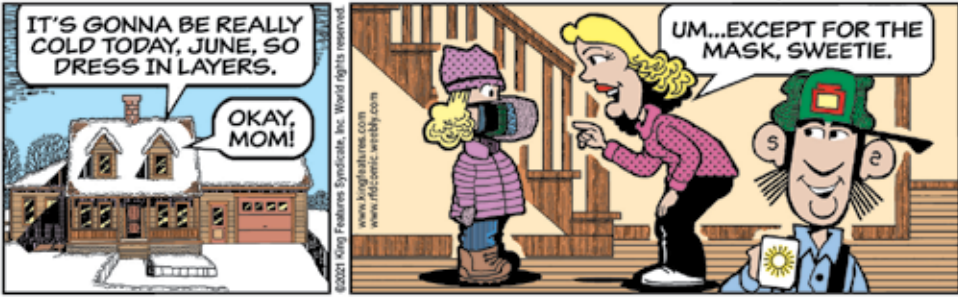


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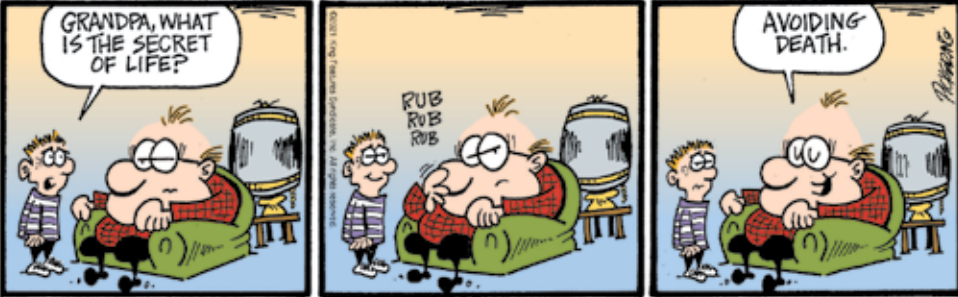
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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

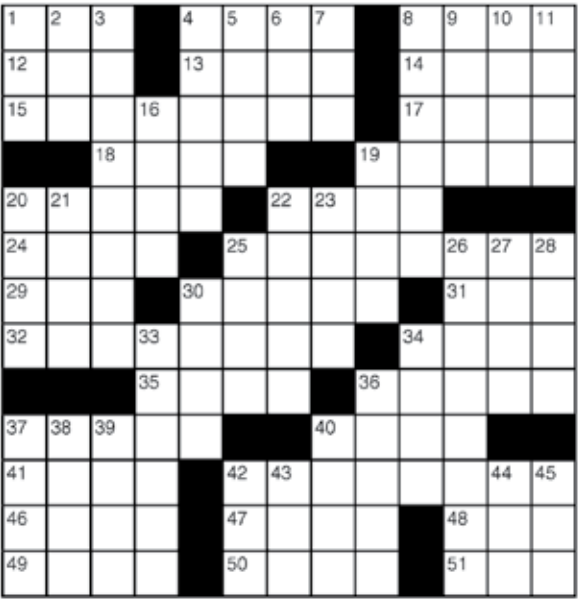
Differences: 1. Letter on flag is missing. 2. Mustache is gone. 3. Vase is missing. 4. Drawer knob has been added. 5. Letter on shirt is different. 6. Plant has fewer leaves.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Atlas page
- 4 Act of faith?
- 8 TV's "Warrior Princess"
- 12 Oklahoma city
- 13 Operatic solo
- 14 Sick as —
- 15 Newscast opener
- 17 Cathedral area
- 18 Vittles
- 19 Half of a '60s group
- 20 Sad song
- 22 Begged
- 24 Early Peruvian
- 25 Taylor Swift's genre, say
- 29 R-V link
- 30 Beetle



- Bailey's boss
- 31 As well
- 32 Bargain for leniency
- 34 Felines
- 35 Fail to see
- 36 Island porch
- 37 Neptune's realm
- 40 Ride the waves
- 41 Actress
- 42 Cowboy
- 46 Challenge
- 47 Matty of

- baseball
- 48 Old Olds
- 49 Auctioneer's cry
- 50 Citi Field team
- 51 Society new-bie

- 7 Salary
- 8 Idyllic place
- 9 Dutch cheese
- 10 Bright star
- 11 Mellows
- 16 Long tale
- 19 Viral Web phenomenon
- 20 Platter
- 21 Division word
- 22 Sweat outlets
- 23 Women's links org.
- 25 Buddies
- 26 Silicon Valley school
- 27 Teeny bit
- 28 Mozart's "— fan tutte"
- 30 Whirl
- 33 Stunned
- 34 Sagan or Sandburg
- 36 Waikiki wing-dings
- 37 Probability
- 38 Pisa farewell
- 39 British noble
- 40 Espy
- 42 Deli meat
- 43 Flamenco cheer
- 44 Born abroad?
- 45 Sailor

DOWN

- 1 Yoga pad
- 2 Hubbub
- 3 Drink-to-go holder
- 4 Coffee bar offering
- 5 Cupid's alias
- 6 Tire filler

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of 2 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 - 2. From Ruth 1, who called herself Marah, a name meaning "bitter"? Priscilla, Miriam, Naomi, Deborah
 - 3. What did Malachi say the people of Judah were stealing from God? Servants, Unrighteous miracles, Holy Grail, Owed tithes
 - 4. Which was a city of Ephraim and home of the Ark of the Covenant? Ai, Sardis, Gaza, Shiloh
 - 5. What Old Testament word means "anointed"? Bishop, Messiah, Jehovah, Salvation
 - 6. Ahasuerus was also known as ...? Noadiah, Agrippa, Joash, Xerxes
- Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's book "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: The United States shares a land border with how many countries?
 - 2. HISTORY: When did the Great Fire of London take place?
 - 3. MEASUREMENTS: What does a sphygmomanometer measure?
 - 4. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of food has varieties called castelvetrano, manzanilla and nyon?
 - 5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the Coneheads' home planet ("Saturday Night Live")?
 - 6. MOVIES: How many versions of "A Star Is Born" have been made?
 - 7. LITERATURE: The title of William Faulkner's novel "The Sound and the Fury" is taken from which of Shakespeare's plays?
 - 8. SCIENCE: What does the acronym DNA stand for?
 - 9. MUSIC: What is a diggeridoo?
 - 10. CURRENCY: Whose likeness is depicted on the U.S. \$50 bill?
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A gracious Lamb can learn more about a problem-filled situation than one who is openly suspicious of what could be happening. A friend might offer some well-directed advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting adjusted to an unexpected change might be difficult for the Bovine, who prefers things to go according to plan. But help could come from a most welcome source.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This could be a good time to get a head start on those career-related plans. The sooner you check out the pluses and minuses, the sooner you can act on your information.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A personal situation you thought would no longer present a problem could suddenly produce some surprises. Try to sort things out with the help of trusted colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An upcoming move holds both anticipation and anxiety for Leos and Leonas who have some big decisions to make. Advice is plentiful, but it's up to you to decide which way you want to go.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone from a previous project could provide valuable guidance on how to handle a current problem, especially where it might involve a legal matter.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business situation presents some unexpected complications. But rather than try to handle them all at once, it would be best to deal with them one at a time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You just might get what you want, despite the odds against it. In any event, be sure to thank all those people involved who believed in you and went to bat for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Before you even hint at an accusation, remember that you'll have to prove what you say. So be sure you have what you need to back up your comments.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A romantic situation takes an unexpected turn that favors some Sea Goats, but causes others to reassess how they've been handling the relationship.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A surprise turn of events could unsettle the Water Bearer. But it also might help open up an entirely different way of working out an important matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A smoothly running operation could bump up against an obstacle. This is where your ability to assess situations and make adjustments can restore things to normal.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your kindness is legendary, and so is your strong sense of responsibility.

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Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Naomi; 3) Owed tithes; 4) Shiloh; 5) Messiah; 6) Xerxes



- Two, Mexico and Canada
- 1666
- Blood pressure
- Olives
- Remulak
- Four
- "Macbeth"
- Deoxyribonucleic Acid
- An Australian wind instrument
- Ulysses Grant

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

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

Open Until Filled:

Children's Home
PT Residential Counselor -
two positions

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



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, January 28, 2021
Case Management Support

Open Until Filled

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician
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CMA / LPN - Primary Care
CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient (Multiple)
Data Analyst
Dental Assistant II (Multiple)
Dentist
Dentist - Satellite Clinics
Dietary Services Supervisor - Patient Side
EVS Technician
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Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center
Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi
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PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)
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PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)
PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient
PTR Clinical Dietitian
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Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom

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The associate will work 20

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Candidates must have:

A valid driver's license and reliable vehicle

Strong internet connection

Ability to stay organized and on time with multiple projects

Excellent communication skills

Interested? Please contact:

elaine@nikwasi-initiative.org

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

Kituwah, LLC has the following job available:

Accounting Clerk II – This job will be located at Cardinal Homes in Wylliesburg, VA

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thurs-

day or email Kristin Smith

@kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com

This position will close January 29th, 2021 at 4pm

Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application.

1/27

Kituwah Builders, LLC has the following job available:

Senior Building Consultant

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday.

This position will close February 3rd, 2021 at 4pm. Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. **1/27**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 20-104

In the Matter of the Estate of William Paul Owle

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

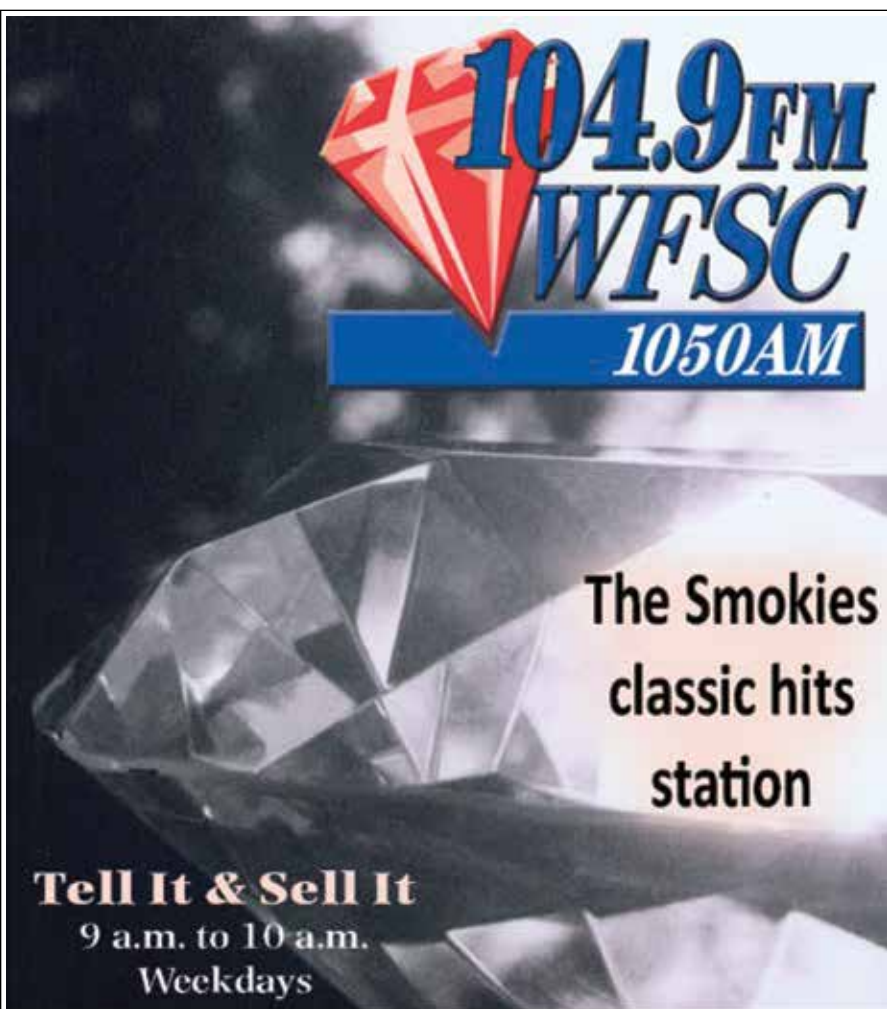
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- Part-Time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour)
- Family Safety Social Worker – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
- Education Floater – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- Project Monitor – Project Management – Operations (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)

Open Until Filled

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-109

**In the Matter of the Estate of
JANE WOLFE**

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FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-
CATION

Amy J. Smoker
P.O. Box 1516
Cherokee, NC 28719

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-107

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Jeremy Justin Raby**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-
CATION

Jerry Max Raby
204 Mary Jackson Road
Whittier, NC 28789

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

**Project Title: Cherokee Trout
Hatchery Renovations, Phase**

II

In an effort to improve hatchery operations, fish health, and production capacity, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program is seeking the services of a qualified engineering or architectural firm or team of firms to provide a comprehensive review of the existing tribal trout hatchery facilities, recommendations for improvements, design, plans, specifications, bidding assistance, and construction administration services for improvements associated with the continued operation of the Cherokee Trout Hatchery.

The project area is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation at 954 Straight Fork Road, Cherokee, NC. It includes, evaluation of existing hatchery facilities, recommendations for improvements to operation of the hatchery, design and construction of the approved recommendations. Contact Ken Green at (828)359-6120 or by email at kengree@nc-chokeee.com with any questions or to request a copy of the RFP.

Proposals should be addressed to Mr. Chris Greene at the email address provided in the RFP and must be received by 11:00 a.m., February 25, 2021. Any proposal received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract. **1/27**

Notice to Bidders

GARANCO, Inc. is requesting bids from TERO-Certified Vendors and Subcontractors for all specified divisions on the following project: Acquoni Road Apartment Project, Cherokee, North Carolina. Contact Nick Stanley at GARANCO, Inc., PO Box 100, Pilot Moun-

tain, NC, 27041. Phone (336)368-2788, fax (336)368-1001, email – nick@garanco.com

Due to Covid-19, plans and specifications will be made for viewing by appointment only, with safety guidelines enforced. Please contact Myles Branch, at (336)583-5725 for an appointment at 1579 Paint Town Road, Cherokee; or Nick Stanley at (336)368-2788 for an appointment at 615 W Main Street, Pilot Mountain. Digital copies are available by emailing nick@garanco.com.

Bidders must be properly licensed and insured under laws governing their respective trade. Deadline for bids is February 3, 2021 at 5pm. **1/27**

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Tribal Construction Program
(TCP)

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Project Title: Domestic Water Well
Drilling in Five Western Counties
of North Carolina

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

The project area is located in Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, Haywood and Graham Counties with the bulk of the work anticipated to be within a 20 mile radius of Cherokee, NC. An estimated 50 wells will be drilled, as needed, during

the contract period. Prospective bidders must be familiar with the terrain and drilling practices of western North Carolina. Contract specifications and bidding documents will be provided to any licensed well driller upon request. Contact Mr. Jeremy Watkins at (828)359-6146 or by email at jere-watk@nc-chokeee.com to request a bid package.

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

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

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

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PREAMBLE

We, the Principal People, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, acknowledging the Creator, being determined to maintain our sovereignty, hold fast to our ancestral homelands and our natural resources; and, to establish justice, ensure tranquility, promote our culture, our education, our language and our common welfare; and, to secure for ourselves and our posterity the blessings of liberty, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Herein we acknowledge the foundation laid by the 1875 Lloyd Welch Constitution, Chapter 207 of the 1887 North Carolina State Charter and the 1986 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Charter and Governing Document and declare that this Constitution supersedes these and all other previous governing documents.

"The preamble to me means that we as a people are acknowledging who we are, a people put here by the Creator who we revere as supreme, and who has given us the sole responsibility to maintain our identity. Additionally, we were put here in this place to take care of it and manage its resources the provided us. This includes our culture, our language, the governance and care for our people all in a manner pleasing to the Creator. It acknowledges our forefathers who put their life into trying to accomplish the monumental task of establishing this Constitution for our people, the *ani un wiya* -the Principal People. And finally to me our preamble is our "mission statement" to the rest of the world and the people whom we exist alongside with announcing our right of existence as a separate people, and opens the door to establish our sovereignty and maintain our identity forever." -David R. Lambert (Da-wadi)

Current Charter

Enacted and adopted May 8, 1986, by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Council House, Cherokee, North Carolina, by Resolution No. 132 (1986), and amended by Tribal Referendum conducted October 8, 1986.

What is the difference and why does it matter?

First, according to the dictionary, the definition of a constitution is "a body of fundamental principles or established precedents according to which a state or other organization is acknowledged to be governed." In other words, a constitution is an agreement by a people on how they are willing to be governed and their rights, and the rules and principles the government will use. The charter is written by the officers of the organization, the government and describes its powers and how it will operate and govern. Our charter does not identify any rights of the people other than first descendants.

In looking at their opening statements, the proposed **Constitution of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians** has a preamble (see article "Preamble for the Proposed EBCI Constitution") where the **Charter and Governing Document** has an introduction paragraph identifying the document and how it came to be law. A similar statement can be found in the proposed Constitution in Article XVI Section 1 Adoption – "This Constitution shall become the supreme law of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians when adopted by a majority vote of the registered voters of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians voting in an election and shall become effective after certification by the Election Board."-Lloyd Arneach Jr. Constitution Committee Chairman

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