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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I can't even tell you how overwhelming it is to get to be that person."

- Victoria Harlan, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, on being the first tribal member vaccinated for COVID-19



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First COVID-19 vaccine administered in Cherokee

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one of 11 quilts when she received a phone call.

Sewing is her version of practicing self-care, a must for relieving the stresses of working in an emergency room. Monday night, Dec. 14 was one where she was simply pushing to get some Christmas presents done for her staff.

Ironically, it was a work call. Sonya Wachacha, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) director of nursing, was the name that flashed on Harlan's watch. She immediately took the call.

"When Sonya called me at home Monday night, I thought she was going to ask me who would I recommend. Because we collaborate that way," said Harlan. "I was thinking. I'm thinking, thinking. And she said, 'Victoria we were wondering if you'd consider it.' And, I said I don't have to consider it, I'd be honored."

It made perfect sense why they selected Victoria Harlan - a tribal elder, former U.S. Marine, and she has been the Emergency Room nurse manager at CIHA for the past 11 years. Because we've been watching the news with people who they've selected. In most places it's been the director of nursing or the CEO or the head doctor or something," said Harlan.

"I started to cry because I don't think of myself first because I wasn't raised that way to start with. You do for others. That's what we do here in this place. We're here to do for other people. Because when you start thinking about yourself first then you're going to miss something."

Harlan was the first of many



JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos

Victoria Harlan receives the COVID-19 vaccine from Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority nurse Brooke Walkingstick on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

that received the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on Wednesday, Dec. 16. The CIHA has a three-phase system for getting the vaccine into the community. Phase one is frontline healthcare workers and elders.

On the week of Dec. 14, the CIHA received 900 doses of this vaccine, with a little less than half of those being reserved for the Choctaw Nation, according to CIHA CEO Casey Cooper. The hospital was expecting the vaccine as soon as last week, and Cooper says that they are ecstatic to have it in Cherokee.

"We're very relieved. Now that the vaccine is on sight, we have a high degree of confidence in our ability to handle, and store, and inventory, and actually prepare and deliver the vaccine. So, a lot of the uncertainty is gone now," said Cooper.

2020 has been a year all about adaptability, and that is been even more true the last month. COVID-19 numbers across North Carolina and the United States are surging and talks of vaccines rushed to the forefront. On Tuesday, Dec. 8, England became the first country to offer a vaccine to the public. Just three days later, the Federal Drug Administration approved the Pfizer vaccine for emergency use in the US, and hospitals across the country are now

receiving doses.

Cooper says that there are few guaranteed dates at this time, but things are moving forward quickly. He says that CIHA has assurance from Pfizer that they will be receiving the second dose shipment in time.

"We understand from Indian Health Service and others that Moderna could come as soon as next or two weeks from now. We're pretty confident that it's going to come and we're going to move right into our next priority population pretty soon," said Cooper.

"We think hopefully by January we will be well into our lower

priority populations. By the end of January."

Chris McKnight, CIHA Pandemic Preparedness and Response coordinator, said that those dates really come down to one aspect. "It's really going to rely on the supply chain. How fast can the manufactures put the vaccine out. Whenever there's a new medication or a new vaccine on the market it tends to take time to ramp up that production. Thankfully, they've been able to do some of these process in parallel for these vaccines. So, as soon as it's approved them immediately have a supply. Our hope is that they'll be able to maintain that production so that we can consistently have it here on sight to those that are interested."

McKnight says that he feels vaccine is by far the best option moving forward, but he knows that many people in the community are skeptical of the vaccine.

"I understand the apprehension. It is your body. It's your health. It's your choice. So, I want

you to make a good, informed decision. I hope that that decision comes from solid information. I hope it comes from the actual research and studies."

For those that can receive the vaccine, the current process is a simple one. They will follow a corridor to a sign-in table. After they finish signing the necessary documents, they will go into the vaccination clinic, which is a room adjacent to the sign-in station. A nurse will review the paperwork, sign it themselves, and then administer the vaccine. The CIHA will then require you to relax in a waiting room for 15 minutes to monitor if there is a rare case of a serious reaction. There you will be able to have any questions answered and set a date for the second dose of the vaccine in three weeks.

CIHA says that they will continue to release more information regarding vaccinations and dates when it becomes available. The general public will receive the vaccine as part of 'phase three' of the distribution plan.



This is the pharmacy area when the vaccines are mixed and prepared. Each vile contains five doses.

Victoria Harlan has now gone through the process and said she didn't feel a thing. She's just elated that the day is finally here.

"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."

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



Lumbee Acknowledgment Act dies in Senate

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The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina didn't get the Christmas present they've been hoping for for more than a century - federal recognition as an American Indian tribe. The U.S. Senate failed to act on the Lumbee Acknowledge Act after having been passed in the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 16, and attempts to attach it to the federal Omnibus Spending Bill also failed.

Lumbee Tribal Chairman
Harvey Godwin Jr. issued the
following statement on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 20, "Our
understanding is that, even after
our dedicated recent efforts to get
Lumbee Recognition legislation
enacted, it is with a heavy heart
that I inform you we have not been
successful. It is also our understanding that no Indian tribal
legislation was included in the
Omnibus Appropriations bill Congress is approving this weekend."

He added, "I want to thank our many champions in the House and Senate and our friends and allies in North Carolina and across the country for their friendship and support. I can assure you this is not the final word on Lumbee recognition."

Principal Chief Richard G.
Sneed said in a statement, "The group of people seeking federal recognition as the Lumbee Tribe have received enormous attention due to their perceived impact on the presidential election this year. But, electoral politics is no substitute for legitimate evidence of Native ancestry."

He added, "We are grateful that Congress recognized the deep

questions regarding the authenticity of the Lumbee and that those questions can only be answered through the Department of Interior's comprehensive recognition process. We stand with over 40 other Native American tribes in thanking the bipartisan group of members of Congress who rejected the politicization of the recognition process and defended the sovereignty and identity of legitimate Native Americans everywhere by opposing this bill."

Senators Richard Burr (R-N.C.) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) attempted to have a vote taken on the bill in the Senate on the evening of Monday, Dec. 21, but it was unsuccessful.

Sen. Burr said, "Either before or after we swear in the new Congress, I promise my colleagues this place will come to a grinding halt, and we will take it up through regular order, the Lumbee Recognition Act. We will debate it as long as people want to, and we will make the case why this discrimination is despicable."

He ended his statement on the issue that evening by stating, "This will be back up."

Sen. Tillis said that evening, "I want to thank the Lumbee people for their patience, but quite honestly, we are talking about the ninth-largest tribe in the nation and the largest east of the Mississippi river...We are so close, there is a compelling case, and it is a century in the making. The fact that we couldn't pass this bill today when it passed unanimously out of the House of Representatives just a month ago is a shame. They have been fighting for it for over a century, and I'm going to fight for it as long as I'm in the

U.S. Senate."

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina released a statement on the evening of Dec. 21 following the lack of a vote in the Senate. "Senator Burr told the Senate that the fight for the rightful full federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe will continue on. We're thankful to Senators Burr and Tillis for their advocacy on behalf of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina."

The House of Representatives passed H.R. 1964 (Lumbee Recognition Act) on Monday, Nov. 16, and the bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs the following day.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has long opposed the recognition efforts of the Lumbee who were formerly called the Croatan Indians, the Indians of Robeson County, and even the Cherokee Indians of Robeson County.

The EBCI wasn't the only tribe in opposition. In a joint letter with Chief Sneed dated Nov. 13; Cyrus Ben, Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians addressed concerns to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

The letter states, "For over a century, the Lumbees have claimed to be Cherokee, Croatan, Siouan, Cheraw, Tuscarora, and other unrelated tribes but have never been able to demonstrate any historical or genealogical tie to any historic tribe. Instead of demonstrating credible ties to historic tribes, they abandon one claim for another when challenges to their identity are asserted. H.R. 1964 would even prevent a serious review of the Lumbee claims that its current membership has Native American ancestry."

For years, the Lumbees were unable to go through the federal acknowledgment process due to an interpretation of the 1956 Lumbee Act.

In a 19-page memorandum issued on Dec. 22, 2016 from the Interior Department's Office of the Solicitor, Solicitor Hilary C. Tompkins reversed the long-held interpretation that the 1956 Act prohibited the Lumbee Tribe from pursuing federal recognition through the Department petition process.

She relayed in her memorandum that a full review was conducted of the text of the Lumbee Act as well as various case law surrounding the Act. "I conclude that the Lumbee Act does not terminate or forbid the Federal relationship and, therefore, does not bar the Department from recognizing the Lumbee Indians by application of the Part 83 acknowledgment process. Accordingly, I withdraw and reverse contrary memoranda prepared by the Office of the Solicitor in 1989."

Solicitor Tompkins went on to write in her memorandum, "Because I find that neither the text of the Lumbee Act nor its legislative history precludes the Lumbee Indians from petitioning for Federal acknowledgment under the Department's regulations, I conclude that they may avail themselves of the acknowledgment process in 25 C.F.R. Part 83."

According to information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Federal Acknowledgment, the Lumbee Tribe doesn't currently have a petition for federal recognition in process.

Indian Country reacts to Rep. Haaland's historic cabinet nomination

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Indian Country was a flutter on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 17 with the news that President-elect Joe Biden was nominating Congresswoman Deb Haaland (D-N.M.) as Secretary of the Dept. of the Interior.

Rep. Haaland, a member of the Laguna Pueblo, tweeted her reaction on Dec. 17 stating, "A voice like mine has never been a Cabinet secretary or at the head of the Department of Interior. Growing up in my mother's Pueblo household made me fierce. I'll be fierce for all of us, our planet, and all of our protected land. I am honored and ready to serve."

The Department of the Interior, created on March 3, 1849, manages most of the public lands and resources of the United States and includes such agencies as the National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and others.

Rep. Haaland, along with Congressman Sharice Davids (D-Kansas), was one of the first two Native American women elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2018. She was recently re-elected to her seat. Rep. Haaland is the co-chair for the Native American Caucus and is a member of the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

Following are statements from some of the leading Native American organizations in the country regarding Rep. Haaland's nomination:

"During NCAI's most recent Annual Convention, our membership adopted a resolution calling for the appointment of a Native American to the position of Secretary of the Interior. Today, all of Indian Country celebrates an incredible and historic milestone. The centuries of invisibility of American Indian and Alaska Native people are fading as our best and brightest emerge into prominent positions of leadership. Like all Native people, Representative Haaland possesses a centuries-old tie and reverence for the beautiful and sacred landscape of this country that was gifted to our ancestors when time began. She will no doubt work hard every day to ensure federal lands continue to be managed in a way that ensures many more



Public domain image

Rep. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.) has been nominated by President-elect Joe Biden to the position of Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

generations to come will experience and know America's beauty and timeless legacy."

- Fawn Sharp, president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

"USET SPF has had the pleasure of working closely with Congresswoman Haaland on numerous initiatives during her service in the U.S. Congress. Time and again, she has proven to be a passionate and committed advocate for Tribal Nations and the delivery of sacred trust obligations. We have no doubt that she will bring this same dedication to her role as Secretary. As a Native woman, she carries an innate understanding of our history, experiences, and challenges. This will allow her to serve in a manner that truly upholds, promotes, and advances Tribal sovereignty, self-governance, and self-determination. On behalf of the USET SPF family, we congratulate her on this historic nomination and extend our appreciation to President-Elect Biden for delivering upon his promise to appoint a Native person to a Cabinet that reflects the diversity of our country."

- Chief Kirk Francis, president of United

South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Sovereignty Protection Fund (SPF)

"Representative Deb Haaland is a fantastic choice to lead the Department of Interior and the many agencies it oversees. If confirmed, Rep. Haaland will bring a unique perspective and tireless leadership to a Department that plays a vital role in Indian Country, including its economy. Her experience as an advocate, small business owner, Native leader, and Member of Congress will be a positive for Interior's 70,000 employees and the millions of Americans who benefit from the services the Department provides. Though it took far too long for a Native American to lead a federal Cabinet-level agency, Rep. Haaland is a more than worthy 'first'."

- National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

"This is an opportunity to reset the relationship the US government has with Native peoples. The Department of Interior has long served as a vehicle for systematic oppression and paternalism over Native peoples. Under Congresswoman Deb Haaland's leadership, a new chapter can now begin. Our Native children will now live in a world where they understand not only are they valued and loved, but that they can be leaders in the highest levels of government. She is a remarkable leader grounded in community and has deep experience working with communities of color, and being a public advocate for public lands. We can't underestimate the value and importance of Native leadership being seen, valued, and seen."

- IllumiNative, a Native American advocacy group

"It is truly a historic and unprecedented day for all Indigenous people as Congresswoman Deb Haaland has been selected to head one of the largest federal agencies, which oversees the BIA and BIE, at the highest level of the federal government. I congratulate her and I also thank the Biden-Harris team for making a statement and keeping their word to place Native Americans in high-level cabinet positions."

- Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez



Hyper, Yelping Terrier Is Handful During Walks

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: A have a wiry little terrier named "Chip" who is well-behaved inside. However, when it's time for his daily walk, he begins barking nonstop by the door. When I take him outside on the leash, he keeps barking, and pulls hard on the leash. So much so that he almost hurts himself when the collar digs into his neck. Then he'll yelp, as if I had hurt him. It's embarrassing to walk with this hyper, yelping little dog. How can I get him to calm down? — Charity G., Albany, New York

DEAR CHARITY: An energetic dog can be frustrating to handle, but don't lose hope. You can work with Chip to improve his behavior.

First, order Chip a properly sized halter online, and use this on walks. A halter will spread out the contact points across the stronger parts of his little body. This will prevent injury when Chip pulls against the leash. Halters also are much more comfortable; the uncomfortable collar may be stressing him out.

I'd like you to look up a dog trainer in your area who specializes in small dogs, who can be little tornados on a good day. Many trainers are adapting their lessons to an online format, so you can meet with them at home over a conferencing app like Zoom or Google Meet.

While you're waiting for that first session, start working on reinforcing Chip's basic behavioral training. Work with him at home on the commands "come," "sit," "stay" and "lie down." During walks, work with him on "heel," "sit" and "stay." These training sessions also will help Chip work off some of that energy, and he'll be thrilled with all the attention he's getting, too.

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

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CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 13-20, 2020

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 at theonefeather.com.

Blackfox, Kristan Lea - age 28 Arrested: Dec. 13 Released: Dec. 17 Charges: Breaking or Entering, Simple Assault, Criminal Mischief to Property

Conseen, Carrie Louise - age 21

Arrested: Dec. 13 Released: Dec. 18

Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Keel, Aarron Dayton - age 33

Arrested: Dec. 13

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Violation of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders, Second Degree Trespass, Probation Viola-

tion

Lambert, Austin Roger - age 39

Arrested: Dec. 13 Released: Dec. 14

Charges: Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult (two counts)

Wolfe, Ravecca - age 21

Arrested: Dec. 13

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Possession with intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance (three counts)

Arkansas, Crystal Beth - age 38

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Communicating Threats, Public Nuisance, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile, Disorderly Conduct, Probation

Violation

Rivera, Alex Livorio - age 28

Arrested: Dec. 14 Released: Dec. 15

Charges: Public Nuisance, Public

Intoxication

Owle, Leigh Ann - age 43

Arrested: Dec. 16

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Parole Violation

Buchanan, Alisha Nichole - age 26

Arrested: Dec. 18 Released: Dec. 18

Charges: Obstructing Justice

McCoy, Joseph Curtis - age 50

Arrested: Dec. 18 Released: Dec. 18

Charges: Trafficking in Metham-

phetamine

CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 20-27, 2020

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 at theonefeather.com.

Head, Garret Wilson - age 27

Arrested: Dec. 21 Released: Dec. 21

Charges: Temporary Hold for

Jackson Co.

Driver, Henry James - age 39

Arrested: Dec. 22

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Arson in the Second Degree, Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Mischief to Property, Injury to Real Property

Long, Jeffery Vaughn - age 50

Arrested: Dec. 23 Released: Dec. 23

Charges: Communicating Threats, Assault Emergency Personnel,

Resisting Public Officer

Long, Mary Elite - age 72

Arrested: Dec. 23 Released: Dec. 23

Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Ensley, Christian - age 22

Arrested: Dec. 26 Released: Dec. 26

Charges: Driving While Impaired

Crowe, Amber Sheriece - age 33

Arrested: Dec. 27

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Simple Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance

Why did the terrapin win his race against the rabbit?

Tribe enters commercial gaming

Caesars Entertainment, Inc. enters agreement to divest Caesars Southern Indiana to the EBCI

Caesars Entertainment, Inc.
23 a definitive agreement to sell
the operations of Caesars Southern Indiana to the Eastern Band
of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) for
\$250 million, subject to customary
purchase price adjustments. In addition, at the closing of the transaction, the EBCI will enter into a
new lease with year one annual
rent payments of \$32.5 million

with VICI Properties, Inc., who maintains ownership of the real estate of the property. As a result of this transaction, Caesars annual payments to VICI Properties under the regional master lease will decline by \$32.5 million upon closing of the transaction.

Additionally, effective as of the closing of the transaction, Caesars and the EBCI will extend their existing relationship by entering into a long-term agreement for the continued use of the Caesars brand and loyalty program at Caesars Southern Indiana.

"Expanding our relationship with the Eastern Band of Chero-

kee Indians is an exciting event for Caesars Entertainment," said Tom Reeg, chief executive officer of Caesars Entertainment, Inc. "Since our partnership began back in 1996 we have admired their growth and the success of their properties. We look forward to increasing our relationship by extending the Caesars brand and loyalty program to them at Caesars Southern Indiana."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said, "The purchase of Caesars Southern Indiana operating company marks the beginning of an exciting new future for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. We are pleased to build upon our long-standing partnership with Caesars as we look to advance our interests in commercial gaming in the coming years."

The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2021 and is subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions.

J.P. Morgan and Latham & Watkins LLP represented Caesars Entertainment on the transaction. Innovation Capital LLC and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck represented the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

- Caesars Entertainment release



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COMMUNITY

Dunn named to MANNA Board

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will be represented on the board of directors of a major regional food distribution organization. Frank Dunn, an EBCI tribal member and the manager of the EBCI Tribal Food Distribution Program, has been named to the MANNA FoodBank's Board.

"Frank's experience working to alleviate hunger as the Tribal Foods Representative, as well as his connection to the EBCI, will help MANNA as we work to solve hunger together," said Hannah Randall, MANNA FoodBank chief executive officer.

MANNA FoodBank is a 501(c) (3) non-profit which distributed over 21.5 million pounds of food in 16 western North Carolina counties for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

"As the manager for the Tribal Food Distribution Program, I have gained a front line understanding of the troubles of food insecurity in our area; however, I am also aware of those that face food insecurity outside of the Qualla Boundary," said Dunn. "I am grateful that MANNA provides the opportunity to service all 16 counties within western North Carolina. Still, many services, such as Tribal Foods, require income-based certifications. With MANNA, we can help fill the need for many families who require support, but unfortunately do not qualify for assistance in these federally funded programs. Through this partnership, I hope to 'involve, educate, and unite people in the work of ending hunger' on the Boundary and throughout WNC, to reaching as many as possible in need."

According to MANNA, in FY2019-20, a total of 4,379 volunteers donated over 52,500 hours.

Former NPS director passes away

WASHINGTON – Former National Park Service Director Gary Everhardt passed away on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020 following a battle with COVID-19 and just days after his beloved wife, Nancy died on Dec. 23. He was 86 years old.

"Our deepest condolences go out to Gary's loved ones, friends and all whose lives he touched through his service and mentorship," NPS Deputy Director Shawn Benge said. "Gary had a profound impact and lasting legacy on America's National Parks. His dedication to the National Park Service mission and service to the American public will be remembered for years to come."

Everhardt was born on July 8, 1934 in Lenoir. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1957 with a degree in civil engineering. Following his graduation, Everhardt began his NPS career as an engineer rising through the ranks to become superintendent of Grand Teton National Park in 1972.

He was appointed as the 9th director of the National Park Service by President Gerald Ford in January 1975 and served through the end of the Ford Administration. As director, Everhardt led America's Bicentennial planning and celebration, doubled the acreage of land protected as part of the National Park System adding over 30 million acres, primarily

in Alaska, and oversaw significant advancements in interpretive programming and visitor services.

Under Everhardt's leadership, NPS also welcomed many firsts: first national symposium on urban recreation; the first national conference on scientific research; the first Native crafts sales program in the parks; and the first international park publication, PARKS. After serving as director, Everhardt returned to the field as the superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway in 1977, serving for 23 years until his retirement in 2000. At Blue Ridge Parkway, Everhardt championed significant projects to make the Parkway safe and accessible for visitors, expanded ranger led programming, constructed new trails, supported the addition of arts destinations like the Asheville Folk Art Center and Blue Ridge Music Center and invested in growing partnerships between the park and local communities.

His long list of awards includes the Department of the Interior's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, which he received in 1985. The headquarters of the Blue Ridge Parkway is also named for him.

Nancy, Everhardt's wife for 60 years, was often found sideby-side to her husband. She was a fixture in their communities and family, and actively engaged with her adopted NPS family.

Everhardt and his wife are survived by their two children Karen and Phil.

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

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

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

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

- Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund

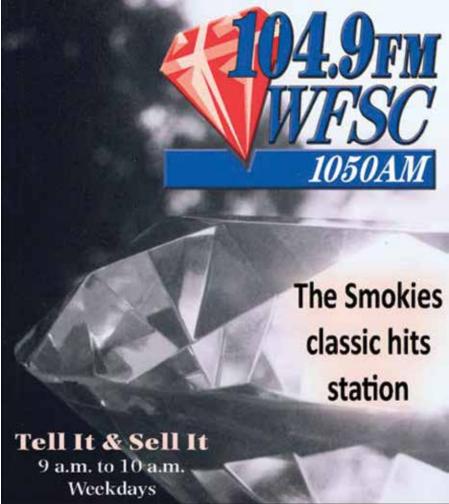
Life Recovery Bible-Based 12-step Zoom meeting. Started Nov. 10 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley kellideb@gmail. com

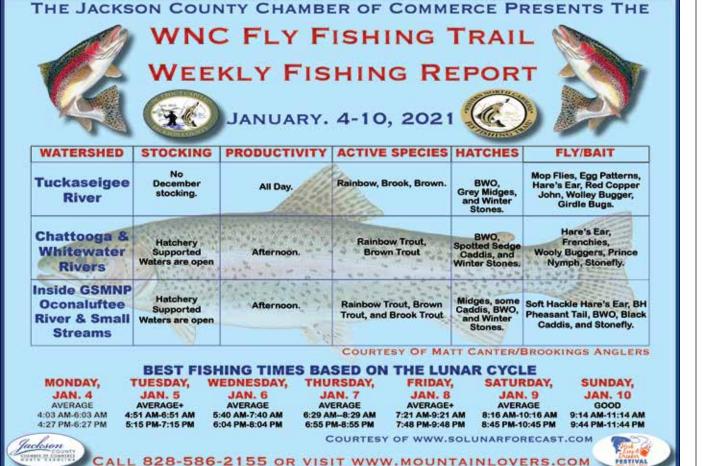
Life Recovery Zoom meeting. Started Nov. 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley kellideb@gmail.com

Local auditions for "Unto These Hills". Jan. 23 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Historical Association Main Box Office. Individuals of all ages and experience levels are encouraged to audition. Masks will be required at all times during the audition. Season Dates: First rehearsal - May 9; Opening Night - May 29; and Closing Night - Aug. 14. Info: www.cherokeehistorical.org or https://www.face-

book.com/UntoTheseHills/









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WCU to offer online facilitation workshop

CULLOWHEE – Western Carolina University's Office of Professional Growth and Enrichment will be offering an online workshop entitled, "Facilitation: An Essential Leadership Skill," from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan, 21 with live, interactive instruction.

Kimerly Hinkelman of Hinkelman & Associates and Kathleen Osta of Vital Clarity will serve as instructors for the workshop and John Bourke of Bourke Associates, content expert on the ToP® Facilitation Methods, and other business topics, will serve as tech-

nology assistant.

"The need for leaders to communicate effectively is the most pressing skill-gap identified in an August 2020 Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) survey," said Osta. "84 percent of respondents say poorly trained 'people managers' create unnecessary work and stress. Employing communication skills that convey a foundational regard for others distinguishes respected and successful leaders from those who are not."

This highly interactive, oneday online workshop focuses on facilitation skills as a key component for developing an effective leadership style. No matter what your job requires, adopting a facilitative approach will enhance any professional's effectiveness.

Participants will learn leadership skills for facilitating a focused conversation that invites and honors all perspectives; and experience a consensus-building brainstorm approach that elicits and organizes a diverse range of ideas in a way that reveals areas of alignment.

Interactive aspects of the workshop include method demonstrations, practice in breakout groups, and participants will also gain a solid introduction to practical facilitation skills.

The registration fee for the course is \$149 and SHRM credits are available at the completion of the workshop.

For more information and to register, visit pdp.wcu.edu and click on "For-profit and Nonprofit Professional Development Workshops."

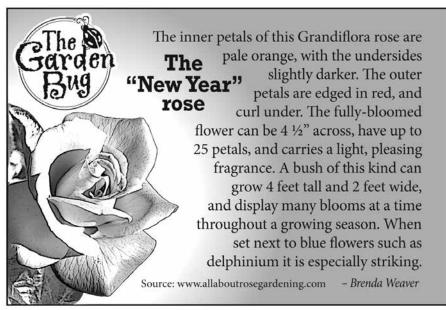
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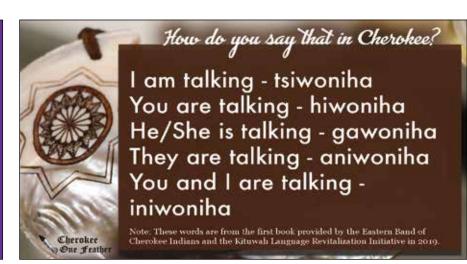
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OBITUARIES



Deanna Rai Smith

The family of Deanna Rai Smith, 39, of the Birdtown Community, is saddened to announce her passing on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020.

She is preceded in death by her father, Gary Dean "Boots" Smith; brother, Kevin Smith; Michael Jumper, her oldest "Dudeman's" father; her maternal grandmother Emily Conseen McCoy and Tom McCoy; and several aunts and uncles.

Deanna is survived by her mother, Mary McCoy; brother, Roger McCoy; granddaughter, Amelia Ruth; her three loves, Taelon "Dude" Jumper (Kara), and Meli and Levi Winstead. She also leaves behind their father, Mark Winstead, and grandmother, Mary Ann Winstead, another blessing in their lives.

Deanna will be remembered not for her faults, but for her loving, funny, charismatic, loyal, telling it straight forward ways.

She was honest and would tell you straight forward she was an addict. She never meant to leave her kids or her mother behind, but thanks to a few high points along her journey they had the opportunity to know their mother and daughter and love and cherish the beautiful soul that she was.

The family held a graveside service for Deanna at her final resting place at the Birdtown Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 19. Dewayne "Bear" Lambert presided over services. Pallbearers were amongst family.

Steve A. Teesateskie

Steve Allen Teesateskie, 57, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee passed away on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020. Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Jeanette Teesateskie of the Snowbird Community as well as one brother, Pat Teesateskie.

Steve is survived by his wife of 31 years, Donna Teesateskie; as well as his children, Stevie (Allyson) Teesateskie, Bill (Lena) Driver, Brian (Melody) Driver, Philenia (Dustin) Walkingstick, and Sammi Driver; along with 10 grandchildren: Kendall, Deeb, Lukie, Bronson, Hayden, Grayson, Josilynn, Payton, Yan, and Neveah. In addition, he leaves behind his brother, Ronnie (Sandra) Teesateskie of the Snowbird Community; sisters, Norma Jean (Late Eddie Smith), Donna Sue (Lonnie), Barbara (Late Lex Owle), Christine (Steve), and Blanche. Steve leaves behind also a special nephew, Tommy (Sarah); as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

At an early age, Steve was a logger with his dad. Prior to his passing, he was a groundskeeper at the Casino. He and his wife, Donna, enjoyed spending time together, especially elk watching. Steve loved NASCAR and was a fan of Rusty Wallace and Chase Elliott. He was a huge Cherokee Braves Fan. He also loved watch-

ing WWE and Kansas City Chiefs football. Steve was a handyman and would help out anyone. He loved being outdoors and being with his kids, grandkids and family. They were his pride and joy. Steve will be missed by many. He was a funny, smarty, big hearted guy with a great sense of humor. You would always find him laughing and cracking a joke.

Funeral services were held at Long House Funeral Home on Thursday, Dec. 17. Matthew Tooni, David Smoker, and Brother Lane Smoker resided over services. Steve was escorted by the Brothers In The Wind for one final ride to his final resting place at Lucy Driver Cemetery in the BigCove Community. Pallbearers were Bug, Brent, Pat, and amongst family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

James Edward "Pete" Walkingstick

April 12, 1957 - Dec. 17, 2020 The family of James Edward "Pete" Walkingstick, 63, of Cherokee, is grieved to announce that he unexpectedly went to his heavenly home on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020.

Born April 12, 1957, Pete is preceded in death by his late parents, James Raymond and Geneva (Thompson) Walkingstick, and one brother, Richard Walkingstick.

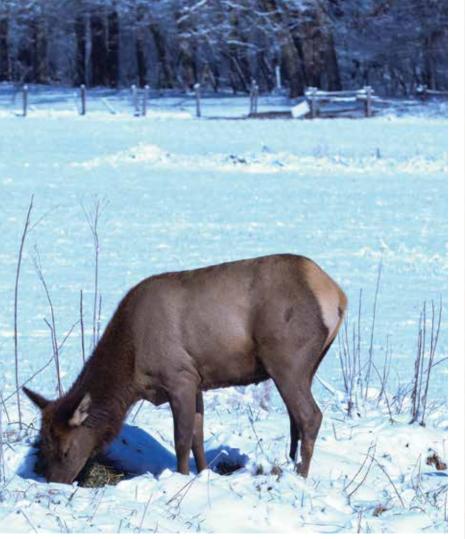
He is survived by one brother, Jack Walkingstick (Mildred) of Cherokee; children, Chris Walkingstick of Cherokee, Emily "Sissy" (Jonah) Bird of Snowbird, Janielle (Geoffrey) Wells of Murphy, and Crystal "Punk" Walkingstick of Snowbird; along with one nephew, Nathan Walkingstick of Tennessee. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Jennifer (Jonah) Carey of Cher-

okee, Dorian (Ashley) Walkingstick of Cherokee, Alex Bird of Snowbird, Ryen Bird of Snowbird, Tyra Bird of Snowbird, Jennifer (Eric) Spalding of Murphy, and Stephanie (Johnny) McCollum of Murphy; and great-grandchildren: Shania Woodall and Payden Carey of Cherokee, Easton Spalding of Murphy, and Keilan Bird of Snowbird. In addition, he is survived by many aunts, two uncles, and numerous cousins all of Cherokee; as well as his beloved dogs, Buddy, Sampson, and Ellie.

Pete enjoyed many things in life, but he enjoyed beading the most. He could be found most Saturdays watching a Norte Dame football game as he was a diehard Notre Dame fan. In Pete's pastime, his passions were coaching football, wrestling, and field events in track. He was also an avid bodybuilder. He was most known for his one-of-a-kind laugh that could be heard anywhere if he were around, and his smile. Pete always wore the biggest of smiles on his faces, and if you ever seen that smile it was one you would never forget. Also, Pete was a man with one of the biggest hearts. He will be loved, missed, and cherished by many but his memory and legacy live on through his remaining family.

Funeral services were held at Long House Funeral Home on Monday, Dec. 21. Interment followed at Thompson Family Cemetery off of Booger Branch Rd. Pallbearers were among Bruce Toineeta, Will Tushka, Mike Thompson, Hayes Reed, Tosh Welch, and Adrian "Bubba" Aguilera.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

This elk, part of a herd of over 30, was eating lunch at the Oconaluftee Visitor Center in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the chilly afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 26.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

Cherokee woke up to a vibrant sunrise and a snow-blanketed landscape on Christmas morning, Friday, Dec. 25.

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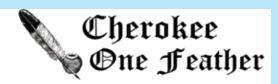
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COMMENTARY

Is it public or is it not?

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

he times they are a changing.
There was a recent discussion
by Tribal Council that took place
regarding the efforts to approve tribal
dollars of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for use in the purchase of a
commercial casino in Indiana. It was a
heated discussion. There were multiple
issues discussed, but the one that stuck
out in my mind was the issue of community education and information.

There had been a closed work session before a special session was called in December to attempt to approve the funding. It was a session that the public would not have known about except that during the special session, some of the Council members referenced it to inquire about the timing of the information being released, and the lack of time to consult with their constituencies about the ins and outs of the legislation, and the expenditure.

As has been the case in the past, this purchase has many different elements in it that require negotiation with an outside entity. It also involves dealing with another government and abiding by their laws and gaming regulations. All this to establish a new revenue stream with comparable return on investment to the Indian gaming operation the Tribe owns and operates.

So far, the Tribe has not been able to acquire or develop any new businesses under the Kituwah LLC with that kind of earning potential. In fact, from its formation, the entity's leadership had indicated that fast, large immediate return was not their goal, instead opting for slow, sustainable growth with return on investment more likely in the five to 15 percent range.

With the eminent threats, perceived

or factual, (there was even debate about whether there is an eminent threat), the Tribe is looking for the big, quick returns that potentially are only achievable through gaming. Even if there is not an eminent threat, at the rate of municipal spend that the community is accustomed to, the Tribe's needs or desires are once again straining its ability to keep up with income.

In the open sessions, the Tribe expressed concerns about how much information was going out over the air to the public. Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed indicated that One Feather reporting on the special session had been picked up by social media and press nationally. He noted that, because of the discussion being aired, not only were the current negotiations potentially jeopardized, but that the Tribe's gaming strategy was public for all the Tribe's competitors to see. Some Council members countered that they could not support anything that they could not explain to the community and explanation meant that the public, at least the tribal public, needed to be able to understand what the Tribe is doing.

At some point, a plan was devised to broadcast the discussion in a "quasi-private" manner. It was determined that, using current technology, the community could participate or at least listen in to the information via third party virtual meeting applications. While it would not accommodate anyone, who didn't have a smartphone or computer, at least more of the tribal public would be able to participate, possibly even ask questions in a "public hearing" style format.

The turnaround time was quick, and it required the community to seek a link or code from their Tribal Council representative or the Principal Chief's Office. I am not sure whether they were flooded with requests or there was some other reason, but when I requested that infor-

mation from my Council members, it was met with silence. The email did not receive a response from either.

Some tribal members indicated that their experience in making the request was the same. I did, however, receive the link from the Office of the Principal Chief. Along with the link, there was instruction. The tribal government considered this meeting, I think officially, a closed session, because the instruction was that because I am a tribal member, I could participate in the meeting, but as a member of the tribal media, I was not to report on anything that happened or was discussed in the session.

Okay. So, I get that we, the Tribe, are trying to inform the tribal community and minimize the release of important negotiation points and strategy to the general public, our potential competitors, and to those who might leverage the information to get lucrative and obsessive jobs at our expense. If the Chief and Council felt that using this tool was the answer to the question of getting the Cherokee people informed without compromising confidentiality, then so be it.

Then, just before the start of the meeting, there was an announcement that the session would also be available on Cherokee Cablevision channel 28. This is the part I could not understand. While channel 28 is on a cable system, most communities do not consider their community cable as private. In fact, just like any other community cable provider, potential subscribers do not have to identify if they are tribal members in order to subscribe. In fact, local businesses like hotels, restaurants, bars, and other retail stores who cater to customers of all races and

creeds, may publicly display the tribal cable channel. And while the event was not widely publicized, anyone who might have been flipping through the channels at the time the session went live would have been able to listen to any of the supposedly confidential information that was discussed.

As a member of this Tribe, I understand and support the efforts of the government to negotiate and strategize on my behalf, even if it means that there are details that I may not know in order to achieve a better life for me. I started to

say I think all of us agree on that, but you have your own mind, and I don't speak for the people. I just speak for me. But, as one of the people who is charged with reporting the activities of government to you, it gives me pause to be told that I cannot provide you with information because it is confidential and only for individual tribal member consumption, and then have it basically broadcast on public media for any non-tribal member, or journalist to see. Outside reporters would not be bound by tribal law to abstain from discussing the details of anything they saw on channel 28. In my opinion, once that decision was made to air it on a public outlet, the meeting was no longer closed or private; and the One Feather should not have been bound in its reporting.

I know time was crunched. I know that accommodations were trying to be made to allow as many Cherokee citizens to be informed as possible. But, we must get better as a Tribe when it comes to information dissemination. Either it is public, or it is not.

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commentary Tantrum or fighting back...

Observations and random thoughts.

WILLIAM LEDFORD

How would you folks at home feel if we had a tribal election and the obvious loser of that election went off on Twitter, and everywhere else, claiming that he won and whining that the election was stolen even though that particular election, due to previous attempts by outside actors and agitators, was the most secure in tribal history? And then he got a few of his less bright supporters to wander around with signs hollering dumb stuff. Would you call that candidate a sore loser or a fighter? At what point does "fighting back" become a tantrum? If I had an opinion on this, which I do, I would say, on Day Two. Courts across the country have all thrown the challenges out due to no evidence, the Electoral College has affirmed Joe Biden as President-elect, it's done, get over it, move on.

"Cancel culture" strikes again and another one bites the dust. After many long, long years of use under protest from Native people, the Cleveland MLB franchise has finally decided it will give up the use of its racially stereotypical mascot name by dropping the use of "Indians". As of this moment, the new name for the team is undecided. We'll see if the curse of Russell Means is removed along with the name.

My family and I came down with the COVID at beginning of Turkey Day week. It was three weeks of absolute hell. I'm now positive that we came down with this same virus in early December of last year as many of the symptoms were identical. This time however, was worse, much worse. I got pneumonia and they put me on oxygen and wanted to hold me but I wasn't having any of that. I thought that if they kept me in a unit with more sick people I wasn't coming out so, I went home, and suffered. Better to suffer COVID-19 with a familiar TV remote in your hand. Plus I had better recordings on my DVR than the clinic had.

The vaccine is here! Yayyy! In a side note, that there is an Otoe word that doesn't mean anything close to what the general use means but I used it regardless. Anyway, I saw in the One Paper that our EBCI healthcare workers were getting shots and that made me happy. Now if the Feds can stop monkeying around and work to get it out to the people we may have a fighting chance against this viral pandemic.

I want to thank the EBCI, the

Principal Chief and Tribal Council for their monetary generosity this year. It was a nice slice o' pie and really came in handy. Now for the but. At end of everything is a big ol' but. Yeah, y'all need to get your minds outta the gutter. But, we could always use a little more, for the New Year. Anybody over there listening?

I feel so badly for the Lumbees. They've tried for decades to convince legislators that they're a tribal nation without any success. They've sucked up to North Carolina's GOP with promises of votes and election support to no avail. And this year they were so close yet again. Like I said, I feel so badly that...well, what about that? The feeling just suddenly went away. What was I talking about again?

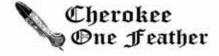
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Amber Waves









R.F.D.



I USED THE SAME NEW



THIS YEAR I'M JUST GONNA GO WITH TRY NOT TO GET TRAMPLED BY THE STAMPEDE OF LIFE!

by Mike Marland



The Spats







Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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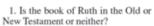
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by Wilson Casey



- 2. From 2 Kings 13, what prophet ordered a king to shoot arrows out of a
- window? Paul, Job, Elisha, David 3. How many books of the Bible (KJV) are three letters long when spelled? 0, 1, 2, 3
- 4. What prophet saw "the tents of Cushan in affliction"? Japheth, Noah, Hezekiah, Habakkuk
- Who said unto the Lord, "Increase our faith"? Jonah, Apostles, Moses, Thieves
- 6. From Joel 2:6, what shall all faces gather? Sunlight, Blackness, Fear, Warmth

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- 1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written after the death of which president?
- 2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the weight of a U.S. quarter?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the skyscraper in the drama "Die Hard"?
- 4. TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"? SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge,
- reality and existence called? ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue
- crabs called? 7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in Japan?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent?
- 9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book series for children?
- 10. MEASUREMENTS: What is an angstrom?
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects call for care in preparing material for submission. Although you might find it bothersome to go over what you've done, the fact is, rechecking could be worth your time and effort.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The week is favorable for Bovines who welcome change. New career opportunities wait to be checked out. You also might want to get started on that home makeover you've been considering.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might have to be extra careful to protect that surprise you have planned, thanks to a certain snoopy someone who wants to know more about your plans than you're willing to share.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Family ties are strong this week, although an old and still-unresolved problem might create some unpleasant moments. If so, look to straighten the situation out once and for all.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although the Lion might see it as an act of loyalty and courage to hold on to an increasingly shaky position, it might be wiser to make changes now to prevent a possible meltdown later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your gift for adding new people to your circle of friends works overtime this week, thanks largely to contacts you made during the holidays. A surprise awaits you at the week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't hide your talents. It's a good time to show what you can do to impress people who can do a lot for you. A dispute with a family member might still need some smoothing over.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be open with your colleagues about your plan to bring a workplace matter out into the open. You'll want their support, and they'll want to know how you'll pull it off.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Trying to patch up an unraveling relationship is often easier said than done. But it helps to discuss and work out any problems that arise along the way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While your creative aspect remains high this week, you might want to call on your practical side to help work out the why and wherefore of an upcoming decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dealing with someone's disappointment can be difficult for Aquarians, who always try to avoid giving pain. But a full explanation and a show of sympathy can work wonders.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting a job-related matter past some major obstacles should be easier this week. A personal situation might take a surprising but not necessarily unwelcome turn by the week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be both a dreamer and a doer. You consider helping others to be an important part of your life.

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Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Elisha; 3) 1 (Job); 4) Habakkuk 3:7; 5) Apostles (Luke 17:5); 6) Blackness



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- 2. 0.2 ounces
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- Boulder, Colo.
- 5. Philosophy
- 6. Jimmies
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— King Crossword — Answers

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

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

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

Open Until Filled:

Children's Home

PT Residential Counselor two positions

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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



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, January 7, 2021

Housekeeper AP Processor

Registered Nurse - Emergency Room Closing, Thursday January 14, 2021 Residential Technician - Kanywotiyi **EVS Technician** RN - Analenisgi Inpatient

Open Until Filled

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician Behavioral Health RN (Grant Funded) - Analenisgi Billing Technician II

Business Analyst

Certified Medical Assistant (Grant Funded) Clinical Dietitian

CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient (Multiple) Data Analyst

Dental Assistant II (Multiple)

Dentist

Dentist - Satellite Clinics

Dietary Services Supervisor - Patient Side EVS Technician (Multiple)

Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi

Masters Level Therapist - Integrated Classroom Medical Lab Technician (Emergency Hire)

Medical Social Worker

Medication Assisted Treatment Manager

Pedodontist

Psychiatry Mid-Level

PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)

PTI CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient

PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)

PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient

PTR Clinical Dietitian

Registered Nurse Lead - Primary Care (Grant Funded)

Registered Nurse - Inpatient

RN Care Manager - Pediatrics

Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi

Targeted Case Manager - Family Safety

Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom

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Certified Nursing Assistant - (Multiple - Full Time- Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)

Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple - Part Time Intermittent - Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.)

Cook Aid

License Practical Nurse (Full Time)

License Practical Nurse (Multiple - Part Time Regular w/Benefits)

Registered Nurse (Multiple - Full Time)

Registered Nurse (Multiple - Part Time Intermittent) RN Supervisor (Part Time Regular w/Benefits)

(828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 20-098

In the Matter of the Estate of George Hornbuckle Sr.

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

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

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

Rachel Sneed P.O. Box 998

Cherokee, NC 28719

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR RFQ

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians **Project Management Program** Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg. 810 Acquoni Road, Suite 117 P.O. Box 1328 Cherokee, N.C. 28719 Ph. (828) 359-6700 Project Title: Comprehensive **Economic Development Strategy** (CEDS)

The EBCI Planning and **Project Management Office is** soliciting proposals from qualified consultants and/or firms that may lead to a contract to perform work in partnership with the EBCI on programs, tasks and activities that aim to foster recovery, and to develop resiliency practices for, the EBCI which has been negatively affected by COVID-19. The end product will be a new or revised Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). **RFQ Packet**

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

Submissions

All electronic submissions must be sent to chrigree@nc-cherokee.com. All submissions are due by Thursday, February 04, 2021 by 2:00 PM at which time submittals will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any submittals received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of this contract. 1/13

NOTICE

The EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources is proposing the adoption of administrative rules pursuant to Cherokee Code (C.C.) 113-1(c) and 150-4. These rules are proposed to implement the EBCI hemp regulatory plan as approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These rules will regulate hemp production on tribal lands. Written comments may be mailed to the EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Attn: Joseph Owle, P.O. Box 1747, Cherokee NC 28719 or emailed to joeyowle@ nc-cherokee.com. The period for public comment is 20 days from the publication of this notice. A

public hearing on the proposed rules will be held on January 13, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office, 876 Acquoni Road, Cherokee NC 28719. Social distancing measures shall be observed. 1/6

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT CHEROKEE, NC FILE NO.: CV 17-388 Dustin French, Plaintiff Gary French, Intervenor Margaret French, Intervenor

Kelly Long, Defendant In Re: D.F. & K.F. TO: Kelly Long, Defendant

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

This is the 6th day of January 2020.

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

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