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“Together, we have the power to ensure the safety of our community for generations to come.”

- Yona Wade, EBCI Pageant Board chairperson



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Weekly EBCI news relating to COVID-19

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This past week saw the first reported deaths from the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Cherokee as well as a face covering mandate issued statewide including tribal lands.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Public Health and Human Services Division (PHHS) and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) confirmed on the afternoon of Monday, June 22 the first COVID-19 associated death of an EBCI tribal member. The death occurred on Sunday, June 21.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented on the first death, "Our hearts are broken for the family and loved ones of the tribal citizen who lost their life due to COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the coming days. I implore each of you to do your part to protect the health of our community; wear your mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands often."

He added, "We all share the responsibility to protect our elders and those with compromised immune systems."

In a statement on the death, Vickie Bradley, PHHS Secretary, said, "We would like to send our condolences to the family and loved ones during this difficult time. The health of our community continues to be a priority, and we continue to ask everyone to be diligent with staying home as much as possible, wearing masks, washing hands often, and waiting six feet apart."

Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer, noted, "We

are deeply saddened to report the news of our first death from COVID-19. We pray for peace and comfort for the family and friends and express our appreciation for the health care workers, who are committed to mitigating the tremendous harm this virus could inflict on our community."

The second death was reported on Saturday, June 27. The EBCI Joint Information Center released the following statement, "The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services Division and Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority are deeply saddened to report the second COVID-19-associated death of a citizen of the Tribe. We would like to send our condolences to the family and loved ones during this difficult time."

Following a week of increased coronavirus (COVID-19) cases statewide and the first reported deaths among the EBCI, leaders took action to help curb the spread of the virus. Face coverings are now required to be worn in public on trust lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and throughout the State of North Carolina as of Friday, June 26.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed issued Executive Order No. 17 (2020) on Tuesday, June 23 which states, "...beginning 5 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2020, all persons 12 years of age and older must wear a face covering in all indoor retail establishments, businesses, restaurants, public commercial facilities, including libraries, and public transportation. This order shall apply to the shared common areas in all hotels, campgrounds, and lodging."

In a statement on Tuesday,

Chief Sneed said, "We all share the responsibility to protect the health of our community. Our elders and those with compromised immune systems are counting on us to do our part."

This is the second round of mandatory face coverings for the EBCI. Chief Sneed issued Executive Order No. 11 (2020) on May 5 that states, "Cloth face coverings will be mandatory for public spaces." That mandate was reversed 23 days later (May 28) with Executive Order No. 14.

The recent Order No. 17 does caveat certain instances where a face covering is not required on EBCI tribal lands including:

- Dining in a restaurant
- Occupying a designated camping area
- In relation to a person's medical condition or disability
- While in a private office
- While in an area of a retail establishment, business, or restaurant that is not open to the public
- While complying with directions from law enforcement officers
- In a setting "where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering"
- While in an outdoor shared space such as the Oconaluftee Island Park, sidewalks, or playgrounds

N.C. Governor Roy Cooper announced the state's face covering order during a press conference on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 24 – the same day he issued Executive Order No. 147 which also takes effect at 5 p.m. on June 26. "It's clear that our numbers will keep us from moving ahead into the next phase of easing restrictions," he said during the press conference. "So today, I'm announcing that North Carolina

will pause and continue our Safer At Home Phase 2 for another three weeks. This is not where we planned to be, or wanted to be, but, it is one of two important decisions that we need to make to effectively fight this disease."

He added, "The other important decision is requiring face coverings when people are out in public. People must wear face coverings when in public places, indoors or outdoors, where physical distancing of 6-feet from other people who aren't in the same household or residence isn't possible."

Gov. Cooper's order extends the state's adherence to Phase 2 restrictions until at least Friday, July 17. His face covering order includes 11 exceptions, "This Executive Order does not require face coverings for – and a face covering does not need to be worn by – a worker, customer, or patron who:

- Should not wear a face covering due to any medical or behavioral condition or disability (including, but not limited to, any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious or incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to put on or remove the face covering without assistance);

- Is under 11 years of age;
- Is actively eating or drinking;
- Is strenuously exercising;
- Is seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired in a way that requires the mouth to be visible;
- Is giving a speech for a broadcast to an audience;
- Is working at home or is in a personal vehicle;
- Is temporarily removing his or

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Face covering mandates for Tribe, State

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- Is strenuously exercising;
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- Is giving a speech for a broadcast to an audience;
- Is working at home or is in a personal vehicle;
- Is temporarily removing his or her face covering to secure government or medical services or for identification purposes;

- Would be at risk from wearing a face covering at work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulations or workplace safety guidelines;

- Has found that his or her face covering is impeding visibility to operate equipment or a vehicle; or

- Is a child whose parent, guardian, or responsible person has been unable to place the face covering safely on the child's face.

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Continuing service

EBCI pageants cancelled; royalty to serve another year

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Due to concerns over the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will not have royalty pageants this fall. The EBCI Pageant Board made that announcement on the afternoon of Thursday, June 25 and stated that the current young ladies representing the Tribe will continue their reigns for another year.

"I wish to thank our reigning royalty for serving our community during this unprecedented moment, as beacons of grace and humility in times which may seem uncertain," said Yona Wade, EBCI Pageant Board chairperson. "The Pageant Board asks that each of you continue to do your part to protect our community and culture by wearing your mask, washing your hands/sanitizing, and waiting six feet apart. Together, we have the power to ensure the safety of our community for generations to come."

The current royalty includes: Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Amy West, Teen Miss Cherokee 2019-21



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Amy West laughs as she interacts with the crowd at the Annual Cherokee Christmas Parade on Dec. 14, 2019.

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In 1868, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (in North Carolina) and the Cherokee Nation (in Oklahoma) were recognized by the federal government, along with all other tribes who had made treaties with the United States and original colonies.

(Source: Museum of the Cherokee Indian)

How do you say that in Cherokee?




Brown - u wo di ge
Orange - a da lo ni ge
Yellow - da lo ni ge
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Note: These words are from the first book provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative in 2019.

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Haley Smith, Junior Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Nevayah Panther, and Little Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Georgja Girty.

As nearly all events locally and regionally have been cancelled this spring and summer, the royalty has not been able to have the experiences of representing the Tribe as past royalty have.

"The first few months of my reign were exciting!" said West. "I was busy meeting new people, traveling, and sharing our culture. Once we were faced with COVID-19, all of these things had to cease in order to keep us safe. Despite all of the uncertainties, I am humbled to be able to continue my reign until 2021. I am very excited to see what the next year holds and to be able to experience this with three young women who are more like my sisters."

West added, "I will continue to hold this title with integrity and represent this Tribe to the best of my abilities. I would like to thank the EBCI Pageant Board for allowing us all to have this opportunity. I also want to thank my family and friends for supporting me during this time and continuing to support me as we move forward. This decision to continue my reign came easy to me. I feel that, as Miss Cherokee, it is my duty to continue to hold this title and represent my Tribe. God has truly blessed me, and I am looking forward to upholding my title."

Panther commented, "I would like to start by saying how humbled I am to have been asked to

represent my Tribe and continue my reign for another year. Holding this title is a huge honor for myself and my family. I am excited to continue this journey with the girls who have become like sisters to me. Although we are unsure of how things will be in the coming months, I am working to find ways to complete a few community service projects while adhering to the 'new normal' and following all guidelines put forth."

She went on to say, "I would like to thank the EBCI Pageant Board for their continued support and, most importantly, my family for always sticking by my side and supporting me in all that I do. I love you all."

Girty said she is also very excited to have the opportunity to extend her reign. "It was such an honor to be chosen as Little Miss Cherokee. The first four months were great until the coronavirus put the world to a stop. I was meeting a lot of new friends, and the other girls were becoming like big sisters to me. We missed seeing each other but understood the importance of keeping everyone safe. I look forward to a chance to continue our reign together, share fun times, and make new memories when it is safe to do so. Sgi to the Pageant Board for this opportunity. I am as excited as a firework to continue my reign for another year."

Smith noted, "Siyo nigada. I would first like to send my deepest condolences to the families that have been affected by COVID-19.



Little Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Georgja Girty, Junior Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Nevayah Panther, and Teen Miss Cherokee 2019-21 Haley Smith are shown at a Rock Your Mocs event in Cherokee on Nov. 15, 2019.

This is such a rough time we are in, but coming together is one way we can overcome it. I have been practicing the three Ws to help flatten the curve as we all should in this trying time."

She added, "I am very excited

about being given the opportunity to spend another year serving as Teen Miss Cherokee with my royalty sisters. Thank you everyone for the endless support, especially my family and friends."



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CCS to operate on ‘bare bones’ budget

JONAH LOSSIAH

ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Monday, June 15 meeting of the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chair Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Isaac Long; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; Board members Gloria Griffin, and Karen French-Browning; School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle; HR Director Heather Driver; Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne; and Tribal Council representative Chelsea Saunooke present. Board member Regina Ledford Rosario called in-advance and asked to be excused for health precautions.

The meeting began with bringing in Howard Wahnetah and Ashford Smith for a CCS Finance update. The last time they reported to the School Board was to finalize the CCS budget for fiscal year 2020-21.

“Since the last conversation we had regarding the budget, a lot of things have happened,” said Smith.

“The biggest thing is that we reached out to Tribal Finance with a copy of our budget, and they informed us that the Tribe is running on a 50 percent gaming revenue projection. Last year, the Tribe budgeted at 80 percent, which gave us the 8.4 million dollars. So, since the Tribe is budgeting less, of course that meant less funding for us. They had told us to operate off a 6.5-million-dollar allocation for gaming. Well, since we were asking for an additional 4 million dollars, that put our budget in a bind.”

Smith and Wahnetah said that they have pooled all the resources

and tried to find the most effective way to make cuts. Wahnetah said that he has talked to each of the principals in the schools and asked them where they can save. That means maintaining vacancies for some positions. He said that one of the main goals is to maintain jobs at the school, and that so far, they have.

Smith and Wahnetah said that they have found about \$2 million to cut and that CCS will be working on a ‘bare-bones budget’. Smith also said that in order to offset the difference, they would need to pull \$4 million from the CCS Reserve Investment account. He talked to Corey Blankenship, EBCI Secretary of Treasury, who said that was an option if the school could find no more cuts.

The Board then discussed the need to be patient as the situation progresses. They talked about options for finding cuts, and what items were untouchable. There was a conversation about the importance of annual bonuses and other incentives that they wished to maintain for the upcoming year.

There was an extensive consent agenda for this meeting, with 97 resolutions up for vote. This did not include three items that were approved via email poll the week prior. Among the 100 resolutions, 88 were approved and 12 were pulled for discussion. Of the 12 pulled resolutions, 11 were killed and one was tabled. Thompson said the Board was voting down resolutions so that the positions could then be openly advertised.

Many of these resolutions had to do with renewing contract of CCS employees. Just over half of the resolutions had to do with hiring or renewing coaches and assistant

coaches for the 2020-21 school year. The Board agreed that edits needed to be made to the review process for hiring and renewing coaches. Long brought up the Board’s request from last year to have reviews and recommendations done after the season. Doing this would make sure that coaches were hired well in advance and that there is plenty of time to advertise if needed.

Following the consent agenda, the Board moved to approve the revised LEA assurances that Beverly Payne presented. She said that when she was given the assurances earlier in the year, the numbers were incorrect. Payne said that she did not receive the revised assurances until the week on this meeting.

There was one walk-in resolution. It was passed and approved a new art teacher for Cherokee Elementary School, pending a drug test and a background check.

The first item under new business was to vote upon the Cherokee Boys Club contract for 2020-21. This contract is regarding administrative services only. The Board approved this new deal.

Next, they reviewed the details for the Disabilities Education Act Part B Supplemental Funds. Simply, the Board needed to approve the use of the funds and agree that the money was to be used for the specific purpose of disability education.

The final major topic of discussion was the remote learning plan. This is a working document that creates guidelines for a potential scenario of at-home education due to the current pandemic. Payne said that the plan addresses online learning, as well as the need to

assist in that. This would include providing Wi-Fi hotspots and internet hub locations. She said that this plan will be consistently adjusting in order to meet the needs of everyone.

Superintendent Murray had discussed the future of the 2020 school year earlier in the meeting.

“I’ve sent you everything I could on the state’s plans of re-entry, on what we’re talking about for re-entry, and we’re all praying daily that we can re-enter in August and that we can figure out some way to get through this,” said Murray.

“The Governor is supposed to announce something in July, and the superintendents are pressing him to announce that early in July... if you noticed, there was a Plan A, B, and C. ‘Plan A’ being sort of the measures we’re taking with social distancing, washing hands, all the things that you see...most superintendents are saying that ‘Plan B’ is literally impossible to pull off. Which means you can run at 50 percent capacity; it means you put 11 people in a bus. It would be difficult. Most superintendents are saying give us Plan A and let us work through this thing until you get a cure or go ahead and call Plan C early so we can focus on doing what we can remotely.”

Payne and the Board said that a draft of the plan would soon be made public, and that input from the community is highly encouraged. They wish to create the best resource for everyone that might be affected, and that means as much communication as possible.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education is tentatively set for July 20. There is a chance they will meet on July 7 if the need arises.

‘A little sense of normalcy’: Fireworks will fly on July 4th

JONAH LOSSIAH
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Despite almost every event in Cherokee being cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic, the July 4 fireworks aren't going anywhere.

Each year, Cherokee highlights its 4th of July Pow Wow with a fireworks display. However, the pow wow has been postponed and there are currently no plans for it to be rescheduled. Given this, there were some doubts about the explosions in the sky.

Jacob Reed, EBCI economic analyst who organizes the display, confirmed last week that the

display is indeed set for Saturday, July 4 at 10 p.m.

“We checked with PHHS (EBCI Public Health and Human Services) on all the events to figure out what we needed to do as far as public safety and all that stuff. It was not recommended that we cancel the fireworks or anything, so we went ahead with it,” said Reed.

He said that after talking with PHHS and other departments, they will be operating with CDC and local guidelines for the event. He said that those involved the need to wear a mask, maintaining six feet of distance, and having attendees remain in their vehicles

if possible.

The fireworks will be shot off from the Acquoni Expo Center on Acquoni Rd.

“Since the event is outdoors, people should be able to distance without any issue,” said Reed. “We also understand that sightlines may not allow people to remain in their vehicles.”

A large part of the pandemic impact in Cherokee has been the financial hit to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The Tribe is currently operating on a 50 percent revenue projection from the Harrah's Cherokee Casinos, down from 80 percent last year. That means that many departments

have had significant cuts to their budgets. However, Reed said that money for fireworks had already been set aside.

“The fireworks were not affected. I think that was all in process before cuts started coming down from Finance. So, going forward there's probably going to be other things that are impacted, but it didn't affect fireworks,” said Reed.

The cost for this display will be \$16,000 dollars. Reed said that he finalized the contract with East Coast Pyrotechnics in mid-June. This is the same company that they use for fireworks each year. Reed said that they are not planning for the event to draw in people from out of town, and that it is primarily being held for the community value.

“There's just a general assumption that there will be fewer out-of-towners here. But, anything directly related to that, I don't think anyone's really discussed it. If they have, I'm not aware of it.” Reed said that he's hopeful that the fireworks can offer some joy to the local people of Cherokee. He discussed how difficult it has been for some folks during quarantine, and that this might offer a night a fun.

“Personally, trying to get things back to normal. You know, we do it every year and people always look forward to fireworks. It's always a good event for our community and any community. I would think that maybe it'll bring a little sense of normalcy back after the last three months.”

- Dress yourself in safer clothing such as closed shoes, long pants and eye and ear protection.
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- Spend a few minutes reading the manual to learn how to use the machine safely.
- The engine and exhaust can become extremely hot. Take care when touching the heated surfaces or when handling fuel.
- If the mower stalls, there may still be stored tension in the drive; do not reach in around blades to clear them.

—Brenda Weaver

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The Garden Bug

Mowing safety tips



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Motorcycle fatality on Newfound Gap Road

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Rangers responded to a report of a motorcycle collision on Newfound Gap Road at 5:11 p.m. on Monday, June 22. Phillip Rath, 69, of Schoolcraft, Mich., was traveling northbound on his motorcycle when he crossed the center line and struck a Honda Odyssey that was traveling southbound near the Chimney Tops Trailhead, approximately nine miles south of Gatlinburg. Rath was unresponsive and pronounced deceased as a result of his injuries at 6:13 p.m.

Gatlinburg Fire and Emergency Medical Services also responded to the scene and transported Rath to LeConte Medical Center in Sevierville, Tenn. No other involved visitors were injured in the accident. No additional details are available at this time.

- National Park Service release

Larch sentenced to 92 months on firearms charge

ASHEVILLE - Chief U.S. District Judge Martin Reidinger sentenced Tanner Moren Eagle Larch, 30, of Cherokee, on Thursday, June 25 to 92 months in prison and three years of supervised release for a firearms offense, announced Andrew Murray, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

Vincent C. Pallozzi, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in North Carolina, and Sheriff Chip Hall of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office joined U.S. Attorney Murray in making Thursday's announcement.

On April 4, 2013, Larch was sentenced to six and a half years in prison and three years of supervised

release for a federal robbery conviction. According to filed court documents and Thursday's sentencing hearing, on Sept. 14, 2018, while Larch was still on federal probation, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office was informed that an arrest warrant for Larch had been issued for a violation of the terms of his supervised release. Court records show that Larch had been seen on the campus of Smoky Mountain High School leaving the football stadium on the same day. Law enforcement located and attempted to arrest Larch, who dropped a firearm he possessed and fled on foot. After he fled the scene, Larch, holding a second firearm behind his back, approached five young males standing outside of a car in the parking lot behind the high school's gymnasium. Following a brief tussle, one of the young men wrestled the firearm out of Larch's hands, and Larch fled the scene again. Shortly thereafter, Larch was apprehended by law enforcement.

On Jan. 7, 2020, a federal jury convicted Larch of two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon. Larch is currently in federal custody and will be transferred to the custody of the federal Bureau of Prisons upon designation of a federal facility.

In making Thursday's announcement, U.S. Attorney Murray commended the ATF and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office for their investigation of this case. He also thanked District Attorney Ashley Welch for her office's coordination over the course of the prosecution of this case.

Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) Alexis Solheim prosecuted the case. She is a state prosecutor with the office of the 30th Prosecutorial District, and was assigned by

District Attorney Ashley Welch to serve as SAUSA with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville. Ms. Solheim is duly sworn in both state and federal courts. The SAUSA position is a reflection of the partnership between the office of the 30th Prosecutorial District and the United States Attorney's Office. The SAUSA position helps ensure the effective and vigorous prosecution of federal court cases that impact the counties within the 30th Prosecutorial District.

- U.S. Department of Justice
Release

Tragic drowning occurs near Oconaluftee Visitor Center

At approximately 5:20 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, Great Smoky Mountains National Park Rangers responded to a drowning in progress on the Oconaluftee River behind the Mountain Farm Museum in Cherokee. Witnesses reported that a young man, Bulmaro Morales, 32, of Dudley, heroically jumped into the river to save a juvenile family member in distress.

When rangers arrived on scene, the juvenile was safe on shore, but Morales had not resurfaced. Rangers immediately joined with bystanders to search for Morales. He was found under water, approximately 10-feet deep, unresponsive. Life-saving efforts were conducted but were unsuccessful. Cherokee EMS and Cherokee Fire and Rescue assisted with the incident. No additional details are available at this time.

- National Park Service release

CIPD Arrest Report for June 15-22

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.

Ledford, James Allen – age 54
Arrested: June 15
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Ledford, Leslie Dawn – age 37
Arrested: June 15
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Locust, Shananadoah Sharie – age 42
Arrested: June 15
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Locust, Timothy Jefferey – age 36
Arrested: June 15
Released: June 18
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive, Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting Lawful Arrest

Wildcatt, Tinola David – age 42
Arrested: June 15
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 42
Arrested: June 16
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession with intent to

Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Larch IV, William Daniel – age 27

Arrested: June 16

Released: June 16

Charges: Possession with intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule I Controlled Substance; Drug Trafficking

Lineberry, Jeffery Wayne – age 34

Arrested: June 16

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Possession with intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Murphy, Tashina Michele – age 34

Arrested: June 16

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Possession with intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Crowe, John David – age 48

Arrested: June 17

Released: June 18

Charges: Driving While Impaired

Crowe, Isaac Nathaniel – age 22

Arrested: June 18

Released: June 22

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Junaluska, Cory Deshawn – age 21

Arrested: June 18

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Assault with Deadly Weapon – Serious Injury

Smith, Ashley Nicole – age 32

Arrested: June 18

Released: June 18

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Watty, Dalisa Daniela – age 26

Arrested: June 18

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Welch, Anthony (aka Zigg Keith)

– age 24

Arrested: June 18

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Obstructing Justice; Simple Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Possession with intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled

Substance

West, Carolyn Rae – age 48

Arrested: June 18

Released: June 18

Charges: Obstructing Justice

Pepion, Tyler Dean – age 25

Arrested: June 19

Released: June 22

Charges: Assault on a Female, Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order

Hill, Christopher James – age 31

Arrested: June 20

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Grand Larceny, Assault on a Female, Obstructing Justice, Resisting Lawful Arrest

Bark, Darrin Shaderick – age 42

Arrested: June 21

Released: June 22

Charges: Breaking and Entering

Wildcatt, Stephanie Ann – age 34

Arrested: June 21

Released: June 22

Charges: Breaking and/or Entering



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BOWLING

Wolfe signs letter of intent with Tusculum University

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Brandon Wolfe signed a letter of intent recently to join the bowling team at Tusculum University in Greenville, Tenn. Wolfe is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a recent graduate of Cherokee High School (CHS).

"I come from a bowling family and grew up in the bowling alleys in Franklin and Sylva, but I never really got serious about it until nine years ago," he said.

Wolfe said he is looking forward to bowling at the next level. "It is definitely going to be a different experience for sure. I know it's going to be harder and a lot more challenging, but I am up for it."

Martha Wolfe, Brandon's mother, commented, "He has worked very hard to be at the level he is now. Seeing him sign to bowl in college could not have made me any more proud."

The Tusculum University Pioneers bowling program said in a statement, "We are Pioneer nation and we are growing, we are truly blessed to have signed Brandon Wolfe from Cherokee, North Carolina...Brandon will add great versatility as our first southpaw in the program!"

While at CHS, Wolfe was inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior and was a member of the AISES program his junior and senior years.

He is the son of Wayne and Martha Wolfe.



Photo contributed

Surrounded by his family, Brandon Wolfe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, signs a letter of intent recently to join the bowling team at Tusculum University.

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her face covering to secure government or medical services or for identification purposes;

- Would be at risk from wearing a face covering at work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulations or workplace safety guidelines;
- Has found that his or her face covering is impeding visibility to operate equipment or a vehicle; or
- Is a child whose parent, guardian, or responsible person has been unable to place the face covering safely on the child's face."

Gov. Cooper's order also states, "Citations under this Section shall be written only to businesses or organizations that fail to enforce the requirement to wear face coverings...law enforcement personnel are not authorized to criminally enforce the face covering requirements of this Executive Order against individual workers, customers, or patrons."

In another incident, a resident of Graham County tested positive for COVID-19 and health officials have been working to contact trace in the case. According to the Graham County Health Department, "The Graham County Health Department, in collaboration

with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, identified on Wednesday, June 24 a Graham County resident who tested positive for COVID-19 in the county and is now isolating in their home. The resident attended a gathering on Sunday, June 21 at the Little Snowbird Baptist Church, at 1897 Little Snowbird Road, in Robbinsville."

Graham County health officials also noted, "If you attended this gathering or have concerns regarding details of this specific situation and would like to be tested, contact the EBCI COVID-19 hotline 497-3743."



COVID HOTLINE

497-3743



Cherokee Preservation Foundation announces Spring Grants for 2020

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation awarded 16 spring grants to partners within Western North Carolina and beyond. Grants totaled more than \$2 million and were awarded to projects advancing the Foundation's mission of improving the quality of life for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and neighboring communities.

Awarded CPF 2020 Spring Grants:

- Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute will expand Cherokee cultural curriculum, offer cultural life-long-learning opportunities, increase membership, create an alumni program, and enhance program assessment tools. Grant: \$320,501

- Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program seeks to continue offering culturally based leadership development opportunities, encourage volunteerism (Ga-Du-Gi), improve mentoring programs, develop a summer retreat experience, and create a community outreach project. Grant: \$143,836
- N.C. Cooperative Extension - EBCI Center will support cultural exchange opportunities between EBCI and regional youth which highlights Cherokee history, language, and culture. Grant: \$19,745
- North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching will support the town of Cherokee's workforce development by implementing Cherokee Central School's teacher leadership development

activities through innovative and empowerment trainings. Grant: \$15,846

- Sequoyah Fund shall provide training and loans to entrepreneurs which encourage a vibrant business economy within the seven westernmost counties. Grant: \$525,000

- The Museum of the Cherokee Indian seeks to develop a new exhibit, create their own giftshop merchandise, promote international visitation by offer foreign language self-guided tours, offer genealogy services, and expand the Atsila Anotasi (formerly the Cherokee Friends). Grant: \$280,680

- Freshwaters Illustrated will incorporate Cherokee language and cultural views into their documentary film "Hidden Rivers". Grant: \$12,478

- Cherokee Historical Association seeks to increase group tours and revenue streams, improve staff efficiency, improve guest experience, create a historical reenactment, and offer a historical play at the Cherokee High School. Grant: \$392,107

- Trails of Tears Association will host the 25th Annual Trail of Tears Conference and Symposium on the Cherokee Qualla Boundary. Grant: \$51,958

- Swain Arts Center will continue offering a Summer Cultural Arts Camp for EBCI and regional youth. Grant: \$4,823

- Mainspring Conservation Trust seeks to promote youth environmental stewardship, while encouraging them to enter environmental careers in the future. Grant: \$16,700

- Folkmoot-N.C. will continue integrating Cherokee cultural exchange opportunities and performances into the annual Folkmoot Festival. Grant: \$62,500

- Center for Craft seeks to engage Cherokee artisans in the planning and development of a culturally themed park in Asheville. Grant: \$19,634

- Conserving Carolina will manage and monitor the Native Cane Restoration Project in Sumter National Forest. Grant: \$8,146

- Blue Ridge National Heritage Area seeks to support the development of the Blue Ridge Craft Trails in the far west counties of NC in order to promote EBCI and regional artisans. Grant: \$67,000

- Mainspring Conservation Trust will continue supporting Cherokee cultural land preservation efforts. Grant: \$69,000

- Cherokee Preservation Foundation release



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Blood Drive. July 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wolftown Community Club. COVID-19 antibody testing is also now available for all donors. For an appointment, call or text Venita Wolfe 554-1199 or John Clodfelter 458-6682, visit www.redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-REDCROSS

One Feather deadline
Thursday at 12 p.m.

OBITUARIES



Jean Clara Tahquette Bushyhead

Jean Clara Tahquette Bushyhead, 86, went to be with her loved ones in Heaven on Saturday, June 20, 2020. She was the daughter of Glen Tahquette and Claudia and Robert Seay. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Minda Faye Ross and son-in-law Red Ross; her son, William (Peter Gun) Lambert; as well as the father of her children, Herbert Lambert; her husband, Robert Bushyhead; her brother, John A. Tahquette; and her daughter-in-law, Lisa Lambert.

Carrying on her memory here are her three sons, Robert (Mary) Lambert of Cherokee, Jody Lambert of Anderson, S.C., and Darrell (Tammy) Lambert of Cherokee. Jean is also survived by seven grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, her sister-in-law Betty Tahquette, one niece, and one nephew.

Jean was a teacher aide at Cherokee Schools for a short time. She will be remembered for her love of animals, especially her numerous cats, dogs, and birds. Jean was known to tell it like it was.

The family held a graveside service on Wednesday, June 24 at Tahquette Seay Cemetery off of

Bob Seay Rd. Ben Reed officiated. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Cheryl Leigh Garner

Cheryl Leigh Garner, 49, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 22, 2020 in Bryson City.

Cheryl was the daughter of the late Jess T Martin and Thelma "Mickey" Sampson, both of Cherokee. She worked as a waitress to support herself over the years and is remembered as a loving mother, daughter, sister, and friend by those that knew her. She was known to be a Nascar Racing fan of Kyle Bush, die-hard Tennessee Volunteers and San Francisco 49's fan and a love for Pepsi.

Cheryl is survived by her children, daughter, Jessica T. Lossiah and son, Johnnie R. Lossiah, both of Cherokee; sisters, Henrietta Sampson, Harriet Sampson, Inez Sampson, Una Lea Sampson, and Leauna "Tootsie" Gloyne; as well as her brothers, Delbert Sampson and Leon Sampson; her aunt, Gwen Wildcat, as well as Andy Gloyne and Sarah Teesateskie. She also leaves behind three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Cheryl was preceded in death by brother, Gary Martin; sister, Sally Martin; grandson, Elijah Lossiah; grandmother, Leauna Crowe; aunts, Lily Wolfe, Elsie Martin, Joann Kalonaheskie, Tunnie Catt, Lawand Maney; and uncle, Duffy Sampson.

Services were held on Friday, June 26 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Monika French Toineeta

Monika French Toineeta, 44, of the Big Cove Community, passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2020. She is preceded in death by her parents, Mike French and Diann Bark; brother, Xavier Ryan French; grandparents, Guy and Martha Bark and Roy and Mary French; uncles, Peanut French and Don Reed; aunt, Lawanda Myers; and father in law, Jesse Toineeta. Moni is survived by her husband of 22 years, Jesse B. Toineeta; son, Jesse Toineeta (wife Jordyn); grandsons, Easton and Kyler Toineeta; brother and sister, Bruce and Sunshine Toineeta; niece and nephew, Kendall and Anthony Toineeta; godson, Darius Thompson; goddaughters, Jade and Madison Ledford; aunts, Ruby, Thelma, Velma, Roberta Bark, Genevieve Lambert, and Karen, Sharon and Angie French; uncles, Goodlow Bark, Richard and Walter French; and mother in law, Betty Toineeta.

A graveside service was held at the Swayney Family Cemetery, Tuesday, June 23 with James "Bear" Lambert officiating. Pallbearers were Anthony Toineeta, Lucas Woodard, Raymius Smith, Craig Barker, Jim Oocumma, Preston Bark, and Frank Driver. Honorary pallbearers were Christopher Hornbuckle and Brian Matthews.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Cherokee Central Schools.

Reverend Charles Ray Ball

Reverend Charles Ray Ball, 79, of the Balltown Community in Swain County, went to his heavenly home Thursday, June 25, 2020. He was an ordained Baptist Preacher and faithfully served the Lord by preaching God's Word for the past 59 years. He was the

current Pastor of Straight Fork Baptist Church in Cherokee which he loved so dearly for the last 20 years, and was beloved by untold numbers of people in the communities of Swain County, where he had touched many lives.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Bryson City and Swain County. He uplifted the name of Jesus until his death and gave God the glory for all things in his life. As 2nd Timothy says, he fought a good fight, he finished his course, and he kept the faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Albert Ball and Nota Mae Dowell Ball; and two sons, Ronnie Ball Sr. and Mitchell Smiley.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty Bradley Ball; one daughter, Pat Smiley; grandchildren, Shae Deck and husband Josh, Kayla Gregory and husband Travis, Aaron Smiley and wife Sarah, Ronnie Ball Jr. and wife Ashley; and great grandchildren, Ayden Smiley, Gracelynn Deck, Willow Smiley, Aizleigh Gregory, Fischer Deck, Addison Gregory, and Charlie Ball.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 29 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Revs. Tony Cochran and Caleb King officiated with burial at Cline Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Alan Ball, Josh Deck, Aaron Smiley, Travis Gregory, and Larry Roland. Honorary Pallbearers were James Driver, Sam Watty, Ayden Smiley, and Fisher Deck.

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Betty Bradley Ball

Betty Bradley Ball, 78, of the Balltown community in Swain County, followed her husband Charles Ray to their heavenly home to walk the streets of Glory hand and hand on Saturday, June 27, 2020. Known for her compassion and love for others, she continuously wanted to tell others about the Lord and how good He had been to her. As Proverbs 31:10 says “who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies”. Her heart’s desire was for people to know the Lord.

Betty was a life-long native of Swain County. She worked hard and retired from Con Met in 2015. She enjoyed camping at Smokemont with her best friends, but most of all she enjoyed loving on her great grandbabies. She adored her great grandchildren. She sung “Jesus Loves Me” to them and showed them how to live for Jesus.

In addition to her loving husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents, Pomeroy and Irene Bradley; and two sons, Ronnie Ball Sr. and Mitchell Smiley.

She is survived by her daughter, Pat Smiley; four grandchildren, Shae Deck and husband Josh, Kayla Gregory and husband Travis, Aaron Smiley and wife Sarah, and Ronnie Ball Jr and wife Ashley; seven great grandchildren, Ayden Smiley, Gracelynn Deck, Willow Smiley, Aizleigh Gregory, Fischer Deck, Addison Gregory and Charlie Ball.

Funeral Services were held Monday, June 29 at Crisp Funeral Home. Revs. Tony Cochran, Caleb King, and Marty Pressley officiated with burial at Cline Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David and Ethan King, Robbie Bumgarner, Woover Partridge, Jesse Gonzalez, and Ayden Smiley.

Mary Ross Visage

Mary Ross Visage, 82, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Blairsville, Ga. made her journey to her heavenly home on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. She was the daughter of the late McKinley (Mac) Ross and the late Lily Mae Wahn-etah, both of the Yellowhill Community. Mary is preceded in death by one brother, Robert (Bob) Ross of the Yellowhill Community; one sister, Jessie Ross-Swimmer of the Big Cove Community; and one son, Myron (Mike) A. Ledford of the Birdtown Community.

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 34 years, Clyde Wayne Visage of Blairsville, Ga.; her sister, Gig McCoy, of the Yellowhill Community; her brothers, Frank and Stanley Ross; her sons, William J. Ledford (wife Loretta Ledford) of Albuquerque, N.M., Gary R. Ledford and Ethan W. Ledford, both of the Birdtown Community, and Shannon Ross of the Yellowhill Community; and daughter in-law, Colene Ross. She is also survived by grandchildren, Jason Ledford, Damin Ledford, Jarin Ledford, Julian Ledford, Ashley Ledford, Alannah Ledford, Storm Ledford, Travis Ledford, Katelynn Ledford-McCoy, Amber Ledford, Joseph “JD” Ledford, Xavier “Ace” Ledford, Joanna Ledford, Dalton Ledford, Brianna Ross, DJ Williams, Taylor Williams; and 16 great grandchildren.

Mary was born and raised in Cherokee and was a proud member of the EBCI. She was a devout active member of the Jehovah’s Witness until she could not physically be, a NAIWA member for many years, she loved to cook, and do embroidery. She was also a very hard working woman. She earned retirement after 34 years at

the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and worked five years in social services. She would sometimes work two or three jobs even while raising her kids.

Mary was a very kind and loving woman. She will always be remembered as the epitome of what unconditional love is. She took time to be intentional with the way she loved each of her family members, and as well as her beloved friends. Grandchildren of hers can recall her beautifully humming soothing tunes while doing busy-work like cooking and cleaning, and she would also tell fairy tales to her grand-babies. She was a very gentle woman. She would make sure to message each of her family members to let them know that she was thinking about them, and was a pro with using emojis. She loved to take a trip home and invite all the family to come eat lunch at Granny’s Kitchen. One thing that will always be unforgettable were the hugs that she would give. When she embraced people into her arms, you could actually feel the warmth and love radiating from her.

As she would say in the last few months she spent here on earth with us... “Love you much-er.”

Mountain View Funeral Home of Blairsville, Ga is in charge of the arrangements. You may sign the family guest book and send condolences online at www.mountain-viewfuneralhome.com

Robert Cain Bigmeat

Robert Cain Bigmeat, 71, passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2020 after a brief illness. Robert was born in Swain County on Feb. 14, 1949 to the late Welch and Golinda Bigmeat. He served on the Cherokee Fire Department and retired after 33 years.

Robert is survived by his wife, Marina Catt, of 39 years. In addition, he is survived by two daughters, Sonya Agustin and Robyn Bigmeat; one son, Beejay Bigmeat; eight grandchildren, Dana, Robert, Alejandra, Cara, Crystal, Wade, Rabekka, and Tehya; 11 great-grandchildren, Silas, Dominique, Julia, Romero, Dante, Bree, Xavier, Zander, Maxx, Dalilah, and Emmalyn; one sister, Susie Bigmeat; one brother, John Ray Bigmeat; numerous nieces, nephews, and special friends and his fur babies, Ms. Kitty and Fat Boy.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a granddaughter, Alicia Wolfe and three brothers, Crock Lambert, Adam Lambert, and Chuck Lambert. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 30 at Yellowhill Baptist Church. Reverends For-man Bradley and Eddie Morrow officiated. The Cherokee Fire and Rescue Department served as pallbearers. Burial followed at the West Family Cemetery.

Crisp Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



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2020 EBCI Cooperative Extension Garden Contest

This year's EBCI Garden Contest will be split into categories including: youth (17 and under), individual gardens, family gardens, and community gardens. When entering, select if you are an organic or conventional gardener. The registration deadline is Tuesday, June 23, and judging will occur July 7-9.

The tentative judging dates are as follows: Wolfetown, Big Y, Birdtown, 3200 Acre Tract - July 7; Big Cove, Tow String, Yellowhill, Painttown - July 8; and Cherokee County, Snowbird - July 9. A team from the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office will bring judges to visit the garden and score in the following areas: general appearance, planning for season-long food production, evidence of exceptional gardening practices such as soil preparation, plant selection and variety, pest control and season-extending techniques, creatives (design, unique plants, etc.), including of any livestock, onsite composting, and using a variety of pollinating plants.

Register online at: <https://forms.gle/9QNNHuL3RB5Nsvx16> or email to benjcoll@nc-chokeee.com for the form.

- EBCI Cooperative Extension Office

Updates to Cherokee's fishing tournaments

EBCI Natural Resources officials have announced that the remaining tagged fish tournaments in Cherokee are on schedule to proceed. The Tim Hill Memorial Fish Tournament in July and the Qualla Country Fish Tournament in September will place as scheduled.

"However, due to the continued COVID-19 threat, a few

changes are necessary," said Natural Resources officials. "We have updated the procedures and the location of the tag turn-in/prize distributions for the continued safety of anglers and Natural Resources staff."

Tags may be turned in on tournament days from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. (Additional 1-hour)

Participants will:

- Arrive at the tag turn in location
- 88 Council House Loop, Cherokee NC 28719 – located next to the Veterans Park/Council House entrance, across the road from the Cherokee Welcome Center.
- Pick up the necessary paperwork to fill out at the parking area entrance (sign-in sheet & W-9 Form).
- Fill out forms.
- Place sign-in sheet, W-9 Form, valid permit, proof of registration & colored tags in envelope provided at entrance.
- Fish are not required, only tags.
- Drive around the building to the drive through window.
- Submit envelope to staff at window.

Cash prizes will be distributed at window.

It was also announced that due to unforeseen circumstance related to the COVID-19 virus, the 2020 Rumble in the Rhododendron Fly-Fishing Tournament has been cancelled.

- EBCI Natural Resources release

Deadline for Yogi Crowe Scholarships approaching

The Board of Directors of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund reminds graduate and post-graduate students that July 1 is the deadline for requesting financial assistance from the Fund for fall semester. Applications and eligibility guidelines are available

from any of the board members, from Tribal Education or from the Website www.yogicrowescholarship.org. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date and mailed on or before the deadline. Applications not postmarked or received electronically by the deadline will not be considered.

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has been advised by the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina where our endowment is invested that the amount of spendable income for 2020-21 will be considerably less than recent years. Students currently receiving grants from the Scholarship Fund are advised that grants for this year and next will be significantly less than they have been. The spendable income is less because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

and stock market losses.

For more information, contact any of the Scholarship Fund board members: Dr. Jennifer Thompson, president (507-5997); Dr. Reva Ballew, vice president (631-1350); Mary Herr, secretary (497-9498); Tamitha Fourkiller, treasurer (497-7034); Dr. Carmaleta Monteith (497-2717); Sunshine Parker (506-1952), Jan Smith (507-1519) or Shannon Swimmer (736-3191).

- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund release

SCC selects date for start of fall semester

SYLVA – Southwestern Community College will start its fall semester as scheduled on Aug. 17, and officials are rolling out a number of schedule adjustments and format changes to help keep



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students and employees safe during the ongoing pandemic. Fall break has been canceled, and Southwestern will hold no in-person curriculum classes after Thanksgiving Break. A "Flex and Finals Week" following Thanksgiving will allow students to remotely finish any pending course requirements. The final day of classes has been moved up to Dec. 4, two weeks earlier than originally planned.

All curriculum classes will be web-supported, hybrid or web-centered, and no face-to-face classes will meet on Fridays. This means that while SCC is still offering a range of face-to-face classes, they will all have some level of online activity.

"We have considered a wide range of options for scheduling our fall semester, and we feel like this schedule affords us the most flexibility while also keeping our students and employees safe," said Dr. Don Tomas, SCC President. "One advantage of our current plan is that it keeps us on the same calendar as the public schools, so early college and other high school students can continue to take their college classes seamlessly."

SCC remains poised to immediately transition to a fully virtual college should federal, state or local conditions require such a move.

All programs at Southwestern's Public Safety Training Center are continuing to meet the region's essential needs via in-person training.

At all campuses and locations, college officials are informing all employees and students that they are required to wear facial coverings or masks to help prevent virus spread.

"The safety of everyone in our Southwestern community is our

absolute top priority," Dr. Tomas said. "Our mission is to help our students succeed, and we want them to pursue their educational goals in the safest possible environment."

Safety measures are being taken at all SCC sites. Multiple hand sanitizing stations are located in all buildings, plexiglass dividers minimize contact in high-traffic areas and the college encourages employees, students and visitors to self-screen for COVID symptoms before arriving at any SCC location.

Housekeeping crews sanitize high-traffic areas and contact points throughout the day. Prominently displayed signs remind individuals to follow Centers for Disease Control safety guidelines.

Most ceremonies and student life events have been postponed through the rest of the calendar year, but a commencement ceremony is still scheduled for Aug. 8. If any adjustments are made to the timing or format of that event, SCC will directly inform graduates.

Officials will finalize and communicate decisions regarding fall commencement ceremonies at a later date.

- Southwestern Community College release

Tribe receives USDA grant from Community Forest Program

The USDA Forest Service has awarded grants to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina from the Community Forest Program, which supports working forests that provide benefits like clean water, wildlife habitat, educational opportunities, and public access for recreation.

The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will use their grant to expand and connect the

Hall Mountain Community Forest to the Little Tennessee River. The community's goal is to allow use of the Hall Mountain property for recreation and education with hiking trails, interpretative materials about natural features, forest restoration efforts, and descriptions of historical and cultural relevance. It will also be a site for hosting educational events and trainings and coordinating with the nearby Cowee Mound.

"The Hall Mountain Community Forest has returned a key resource to the tribe— a working forest that is also a cultural landscape which has been shaped by thousands of years of use. The continuation of traditional use and forest management fits the values of Cherokee land stewardship," said Tommy Cabe, Forest Resource Specialist for EBCI.

The forests at Hall Mountain reflect thousands of years of human shaping through fire and low impact harvesting, mainly of non-timber forest products including artisan materials, nuts and other foods, and wood. Prescribed burning, invasive species removal, and tree planting may be used to help restore the health and diversity of the forest while preserving the cultural history of the property. The conservation and restoration of these lands also protects soils and streams that drain into the Little Tennessee River.

At Oak Hill Community Park and Forest, Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina (FCNC) will use

their grant to help purchase the remaining 321 acres of the project property in Burke County. The conservancy is raising additional funds to complete the purchase. The forest will eventually offer public trails, environmental education and archaeology programs, ecological study, and forest restoration. Forest management activities include prescribed fire, loblolly pine and sustainable hardwood management, invasive species removal, wildlife management, and sustainable agriculture.

"Foothills Conservancy's expectation is that the Oak Hill Community Park and Forest land will energize the community by connecting people with place, nature, and each other through unique environmental education and outdoor recreation opportunities that we anticipate developing with partners such as Burke County, City of Morganton, Burke County Public Schools, Warren Wilson College, Exploring Joara Foundation, and NC FarmLink, among others. There are so many other community benefits derived from the conservation of this forest including enhanced air and water quality, wildlife habitat, and public health improvement and enjoyment," said Andrew Kota, Executive Director of FCNC.

In total this year, the USDA Forest Service awarded \$4 million to 10 community forest projects across seven states.

- USDA Forest Service release

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68th Annual Cherokee National Holiday to be “Virtual Holiday”

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr., announced today that the 68th Annual Cherokee National Holiday will be a “virtual Holiday” this year.

Traditionally, the Cherokee National Holiday draws more than 100,000 visitors from both Oklahoma and out of state on Labor Day weekend. Due to the risks of COVID-19, and a recent uptick in cases in Oklahoma, and out of an abundance of caution for Cherokee citizen participants and visitor’s safety, the Holiday will be celebrated by watching many key events online.

“It’s important we celebrate the great achievements of the Cherokee Nation, our government and our citizens, but COVID-19 still remains a threat, especially for our elders, and our community, with the thousands potentially coming into the Cherokee Nation Labor Day weekend,” Chief Hoskin said. “This was a tough decision but we always want to err on the side of caution and protect our employees who put on the events and the public, so this year we felt it best to share our Cherokee National Holiday celebration and traditions safely online for viewers around the globe to tune in and see.”

This year spectators will be able to tune in from the convenience of home to watch the Chief’s important State of the Nation Address, Cherokee art show, Miss Cherokee competition, demonstrations of traditional games and more.

Larger events, such as the annual parade, fishing derby, powwow, softball tournament and arts and crafts food and vendor markets, will be held regularly

next year.

This year’s holiday theme is “We the People of the Cherokee Nation: Celebrating Tribal Sovereignty.”

In this year’s design, the Cherokee Constitution is shown in the background with the first sentence, “We, the people of the Cherokee Nation.”

At top, is the seven stars to represent the seven clans. The one star directly below symbolizes the appointed Cherokee Nation Delegate to Congress, which is a treaty right between the Cherokee Nation and United States Government.

The 38 leaves on the sides represent the federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma with two branches representing the partnership the tribes play with the state of Oklahoma. The middle leaf represents good medicine as the partners negotiate a gaming

compact.

The two sides at the medicine represent the Five Tribes. At the center is the Hawk, a symbol of stately leadership like that of the Principal Chief and Deputy Chief in their first-year in office. The Hawk holds in protection the Seal of the Cherokee Nation, and encompassed in the wings is the hard-working tribal government and its employees. In the tail is 42 feathers, representative of the years the federal Indian Child Welfare Act which protects Native and Cherokee children and keeps them with their tribe, has been upheld. The three outer rings represent the three branches of Cherokee Nation government, tirelessly working to defend the Cherokee Nation and is sovereign right to self-govern.

“This Cherokee National Holiday will be unlike any we’ve

ever had, and while some events won’t be open to the public so that we can maintain safety here in the Cherokee Nation, it does allow citizens across the globe to watch an array of events that are traditional to our Cherokee people, and plan their trip to Tahlequah in 2021,” Cherokee National Holiday Coordinator Austin Patton said.

The Cherokee National Holiday commemorates the signing of the Cherokee Nation Constitution in 1839, which reestablished the tribe’s government in Indian Territory after forced removal from the Cherokees’ original homelands in the Southeast.

A full list of virtual events will be posted soon. Check <https://holiday.cherokee.org> for updates. For questions about the Holiday, call Patton at 918-822-2427.

- Cherokee Nation release

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JUNE 29-JULY 5, 2020

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseegee River	Stocking May 4. Hatchery Supported Waters are open	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Yellow Stone, Light Cahill, Sulfur Duns, Female Hendrickson, Yellow Sallies	Soft Hackle Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Tellico, Golden Stone, Red Copper John, Olive Woolly Buggers
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Yellow Stone, Light Cahill, Sulfur Duns, Female Hendrickson, Yellow Sallies	Rubber Leg Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Red Midge, Eggs & Worms
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Yellow Stone, Light Cahill, Sulfur Duns, Golden Stones, Yellow Sallies	Yellow Palmer, Light Caddis, Yellow Stimulator, Pink Lady, Soft Hackles, Girdle Bug, Olive Woolly Buggers

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AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	BEST	SEASON'S BEST
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9:02 PM-11:02 PM	9:54 PM-11:54 PM	10:48 PM-12:48 PM	11:44 PM-1:44 AM	12:13 PM-2:13 PM	1:12 PM-3:12 PM	2:09 PM-4:09 PM

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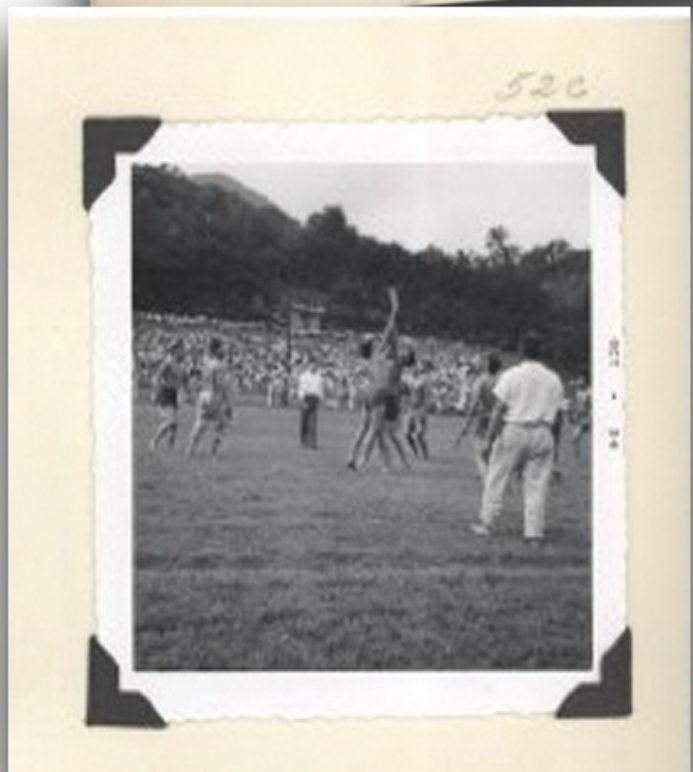
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COMMENTARY

It is important - now more than ever

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

I have often been critical (constructively, of course) of the tendency of media organizations, particularly news organizations, to mix opinion and fact in news reporting. The title "reporter" or "journalist", by definition, is documenting factual happenings or taking factual testimony about a happening. Period.

Unlike sports, history does not need pundits to do play-by-play analysis. It used to be news organizations' objective to provide the public with information to make informed decisions about living. Those days are long gone, and we now live in an age where large media conglomerates are exerting their power of persuasion to guide society into a way of life that they or their advertisers have determined to be appropriate. Unfor-

tunately, we, as a community, are also seeing regional and local media organizations follow suit by infusing their reporting with writer commentary that, intentionally or not, manipulates the readers to a specific conclusion about a situation.

Watching the level of hate and violence rise as the media fans the flames, almost literally, should give us all pause and should rally us as a community to be more vigilant and do our own research before we pick up our torch and follow the villagers to burn down the city. The voices of reason are being drowned out by the voices of specific causes. And, in many cases, the media is controlling what and who gets seen and heard. News outlets can impact hundreds, thousands, and millions of people. News outlets have a finite amount of time in a news day. So, even in the scheduling of who gets to bend your ear, media outlets may



and are deciding, based on their own biases, which direction they will lead you in.

Many media outlets have become nothing more than public relations offices. Please do not be deceived. A public relations unit in a business or government is not a news organization. A PR firm or arm of an entity is not tasked necessarily with providing you fact or documentation of history. They are tasked with highlighting the positive, spinning the negative in a positive light, and, if necessary, hiding the negative for the good of the organization. Public relations people get paid to ensure that the organization they represent comes out in a positive light and that the press releases they deliver guide a constituency or client base in a specific direction.

If a reporter is doing the job right, to the best of their ability, they are leaving their biases and opinions on an event at the door. When they pick up their pen or finger their keyboard, the journalist's personal opinions are suppressed to provide the most nonpartisan picture possible for their readers, hearers, and seers.

This is absolutely not what we are seeing in our media environment today. We are in one of the most divisive environments that I have seen in my 60 years on earth. Part of it is our fault as news consumers. We like it when the media tickles our ears and tells us that the mindset that we have is the right one. We like being in "the majority". We want to feel like we matter. And, we want people to acknowledge it, regardless of what "side" that we may be on.

Media organizations depend on readers or viewership to sell advertisements. They make money when we watch their programs and their sponsors' advertise-

ments. So, from an economic standpoint, your least profitable news organizations are likely to be those who report free from personal bias.

Whether we, as reporters, agree with an object of reporting or not, it is our duty to provide "just the facts" when we are writing and presenting news to the people. If we do not, we are no better and have no more value than the Facebook gossip that pervades our current society. If we, as readers, allow ourselves to be led by opinion instead of fact, we deserve the chaos that we get.

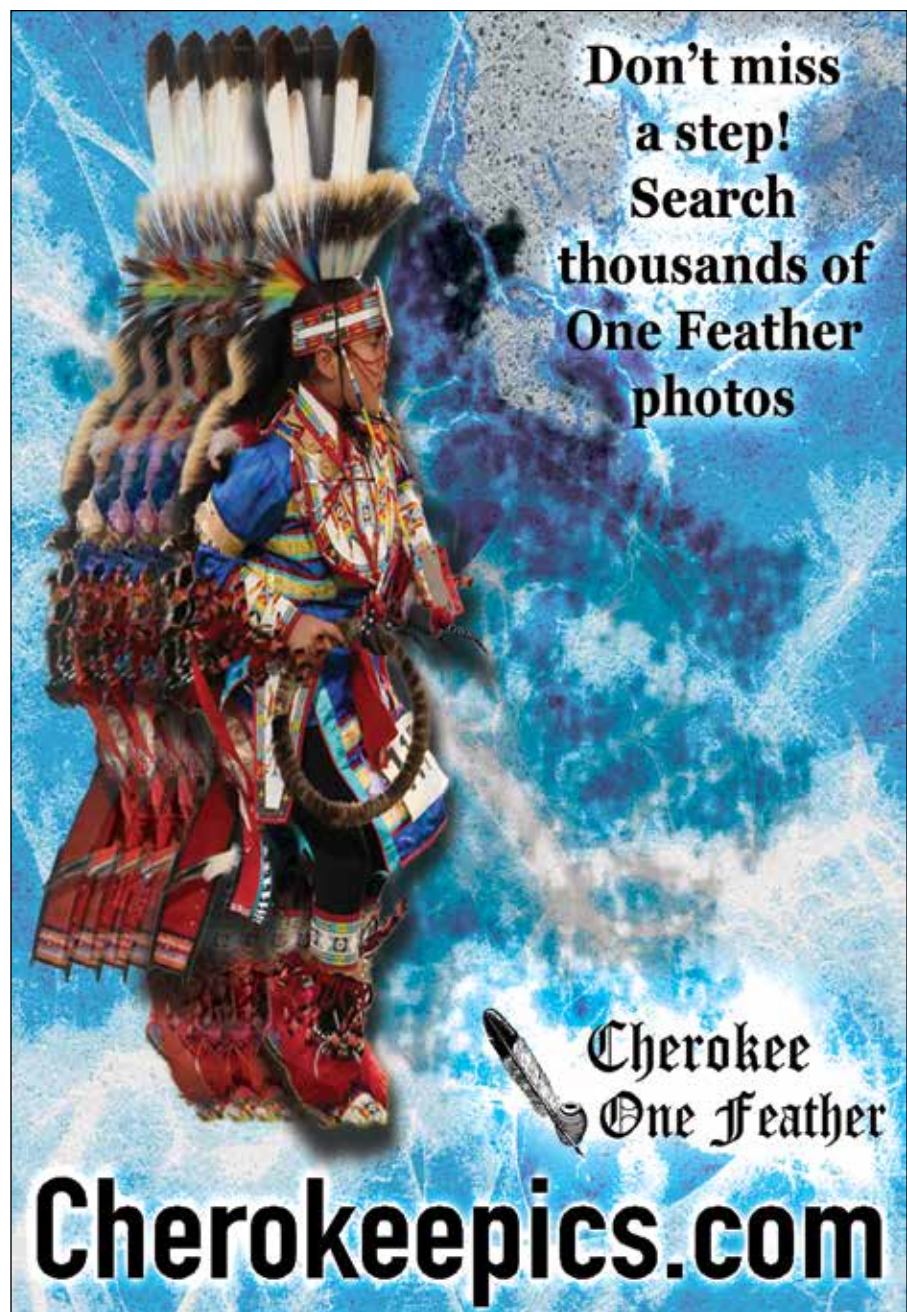
I am appalled at the gullibility of our society. It is dangerous. People are killing each other. We are hating people who wear masks. We are hating people who don't wear masks. We are hating each other because of our skin color. We are hating because of heritage. We are hating because of our social habits. We are hating those who are anti-social. If we believe the reporting that we see and the social media traffic, America is a country of hate. And, many of us are doing nothing to contradict that perception. In fact, many people are acting in hate and saying that they are doing it out of love. And, this is true regardless of which "side" you have chosen.

As I have said in the past, we must, absolutely must, educate ourselves and make educated decisions. Listening to a newscast nowadays, in many cases, is tantamount to listening to water cooler gossip. Yes, I am being oppressively hard on my own chosen profession. Many of my colleagues have had more experience and have achieved higher acclaim than I. I do not claim to be an expert on the subject. But you do not have to be an expert to understand moral and ethical behavior. As journal-

ists, it is not our job to convince our readers of a position during our reporting of the news. Injecting our opinion and preference in the reporting of history is the height of arrogance. The Constitutional right of free speech is for the people. The duty of the free press is to accurately disseminate facts to the people.

I cannot force our profession to change the way they write or execute news. All I can do is implore you, the reader, to be more vigilant in checking what you hear and see. We, as individuals are going to

have diverse and varied opinions on issues. We must value and respect each other and those opinions, even though we may strongly differ. Since we cannot be assured that we are hearing or seeing news without personal or corporate commentary or slant, we must be more diligent in researching, particularly when we hear something that we agree with or that "tickles our ears". If we will do so, I believe that much of the hatred will turn into productive discussion and hopefully resolution. But that is just my opinion.



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Editorial Board says thanks for support, patience

ONE FEATHER EDITORIAL BOARD

We would like to thank all the great readers and subscribers for the enormous amount of patience that they have shown over the past three months. We realize how frustrating it has been for our print readers because communication was interrupted along with their newspaper mailing. In fact, this may be the first time you are seeing direct contact from us since the COVID crisis shutdown tribal operations and One Feather access.

We apologize especially to those of you who only see us via print. While our online presence continued on, providing vital up-

dates and reporting on the community coping with COVID (due to the almost exclusive efforts of our reporter and star online mechanic Scott McKie Brings Plenty), those of you who do not use the Internet were left with no news from the One Feather. The shutdown happened so abruptly that we did not have time to create and mail an explanatory print mailing to let you know what happened to us. We are sorry that we could not be more communicative. We hope and plan to do better.

The One Feather would also like to thank those who have continued to provide information and advertising to the paper for online publication. Your content has been valuable to our community. Thank

you to the Office of Information Technology, who have continued to work on critical issues toward keeping the online presence of One Feather resolved.

Of course, we acknowledge the valiant efforts of our governmental leadership, our medical community, law enforcement, emergency services, and our governmental essential workers. They have truly been the front line in the battle during this crisis. We pray for your safety and thank you for your service as you continue the battle. Readers-moving forward, we have committed to resume subscription mailings. Hopefully, by the time you read this message, you will have already received the June 18 edition. We are happy to be back

with you. We will be reviewing the subscription list and advancing your subscription a least another 12 editions to compensate you for the gap in service. If you would like to talk with us directly about your account, please give us a call and we will work with you.

As of this printing, the plan is for the staff to be at work Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may phone us, email us, or leave us a message on our Facebook page. Our mainline is (828) 359-6261. A prompt will direct you to specific staff of the One Feather. Our email addresses are printed in this newspaper. Stay safe!

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**



COMMENTARY

Voting by absentee ballot

Nov. 3 is Election Day in the United States and North Carolina. Decisions made at all levels of government (President and Congress in Washington, DC, General Assembly in Raleigh and local counties) affect the lives of Cherokee people, especially your children and grandchildren. Congress determines the amount of funding for Indian Health Service, education and many other programs that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians depends upon to provide services. Voting makes sure your voice and opinions are heard.

I hope every eligible North Carolina resident plans to vote in the November election; the opportunity to vote is both a privilege and a responsibility for all of us. As new residents of Swain County and a military family, we have moved 14 times, but now western

North Carolina is our home. I am an unaffiliated registered voter.

Downloading the request form from the N.C. State Board of Elections web site (NCSBOE) is easy. Go to:

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voting-Options/Absentee-Voting>

When I was active duty, absentee ballot was how I voted. I never wondered if my ballot was counted; I trusted the system. In North Carolina, you don't need a reason. Five states - Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah and Washington have all-mail voting. In these five states, every voter receives a ballot by mail. Voting by mail is necessary to safely allow increasing voter turnout during the time of this pandemic.

Recently, North Carolina's legislature passed an election reform law. It expanded absentee voting and made in-person voting safer amid rising concern over the ability to hold smooth elections during the coronavirus pandemic. The law requires an online absentee

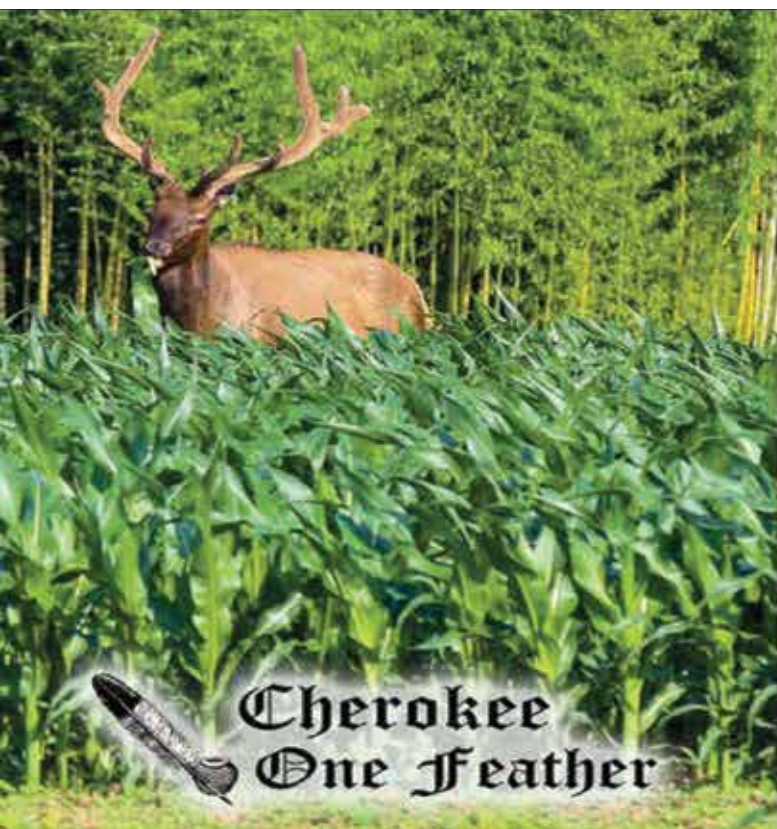
request option for North Carolina voters, who formerly could only request such ballots by mail or in person. The law also reduced the number of witnesses who must sign a voter's absentee ballot from two to one. Just because you request an absentee ballot doesn't mean that you can't still vote in person if you choose.

A significant number of people will be requesting absentee ballots this year. It is a sound decision knowing the lines may be long and social distancing during these times is so important; the convenience is obvious. Don't wait until the last minute to request your ballot – do it now! If you don't have computer access, you can request the application for an absentee ballot at your County Board of Elections. Voters need one of the following types of identification: North Carolina driver's license, North Carolina special identification card for non-operators or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

Every position on the ballot is important – at this time our world is particularly stressed and sound leadership at every level of government is important. Everyone has a role to play in good governance and protecting each other as best we can. Our local governments are stressed and budgets require creative utilization of dwindling resources. That is another reason to pay attention to the local elections. Local elections are vitally important.

I have mailed my request form to Swain County BOE giving plenty of time for it to be processed for the November election. It's not too early to request it. The request must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, one week before the election. Let's keep each other and the people who work the polls safe and get it done!

Mary K. Buranosky
CDR USNR-Ret
Whittier



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One Feather Question of the Week

Several EBCI public events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis. Do you think the Cherokee Indian Fair should be cancelled, held as is, or held in a way modified for safety?

Vinny George: Cancel

Wes Hicks: Cancelled

Linda Kemp: Cancel

Nathan Bush: Let's still have the craft competition part if we cancel it.

Kerri Wolfe: Cancel it all

Destiny Crowe-Howell: Cancel since no one has enough common sense to follow rules and regulations.

Chantel Sutton: Don't cancel it. That's the best part of the year, and everything else has been cancelled thus far.

Cindy Brown: How is it any different than any other outdoor event? Or church? It's not.

Chandra Bigmeat: Cancel it for everyone's safety.

Sandra Hyder: Safety!

Casey Bird: I think it's too soon.

Dennis Burgess: Cancel the carnival. Keep the exhibitions. Show the art on here. You can still sell food - that and stickball are the main things anyways.

Driver Blythe: It's probably best to cancel...our state has become

a hot spot for the virus. We just had a mask policy mandated both tribal- and state-wide because some people can't listen. A second wave is coming in with virus rates, and we opened up way too early on the Boundary. Our numbers have increased by tens and tens in the past few weeks. Nobody knows the perfect solution on how to handle this, but I was all for keeping the borders closed a few more weeks to see how things went. Now, we have spiked around 50 or more cases since phased re-opening. Not to mention, we've had our first tribal member pass away.

Angela Jeffery Grizzard: I think we should wait until later in the summer and see if things settle down before cancelling. I look forward to it every year.

Zach Maney: Cancel

Davita Roland: I think it should be cancelled until all of this mess is over with. Because if a child, enrolled or not, catches it then people will gripe because it should have been cancelled. You can't please everyone.

Tracie French: Wait a couple week, then ask. I think it's too soon.

TJ Bark: Cancel it because it's not safe even outdoors. The virus will be worse by then.

Jennie Shue-Allen: Cancel because people coming don't follow directions. Don't want anyone else to die from this.

Janice Owle: Cancel it. I agree people will not follow the rules.

Sarah Bruneel: Cancel it

Linda West: Cancel it. It's sad, but a necessary thing to do. By fall, the flu will start making its round on top of COVID.

Sandra Nalley: It's so sad that you had your first death, but you have got to remember even when the Boundary was closed people left, went on vacation, went fishing every day with their boats. So, it's everyone's responsibility to take precautions and do the best to be safe.

Jeff Yona Byrd: Cancel it for the health and safety of the whole community.

Dawn Russell: Cancel for safety...the carnival workers come from out of state and all over. They are interacting with everyone, and there's no telling if they're sick or asymptomatic...why expose our children, elders, and community to more threats of this illness? There's always next year.

Ann Chambers: Cancel. Sad, but it would be safer for everyone.

Ken Wells: Be smart and make smart choices. Even if it is modified, it would require too much additional work to make it that way. Cancelling this, as unfortunate as it is, would be the only corrective action to honor all people during this time.

Audrey Shelton: So many of you agreeing to cancel is great. Wish everyone in every state would agree on things.

Roni Seawright: As one who lives out of state but comes in every year for homecoming, it's not worth the risk to any of the children or elders. Cancel it.

Debra Blanton Pruitt: Cancel

Angel Clouse: Do what's best for Cherokee. Sad we have all this going on. With so many new cases, everyone needs to stay safe.

Tootie Lambert: Cancel

Albert Jason: Cancel the rides since they get worse every year any way and also can't be sanitized after each ride. But, should modify and keep craft exhibit and keep the other shows through the week.

Randy Derreberry: The safety of the Tribe should come first.

Karen Kenna: Cancelled

Jarod Heath: You could try and keep it open by doing what the Island in Pigeon Forge is doing by limiting the amount of people by distancing the ride spaces. Also, after every ride spraying it down through sanitation.

Frances Long: Cancel

Juanita Plummer Wilson: Whatever keeps the people safe. We may not have the Fair, but we have each other.

Hawk Brown: Cancel it!

Tina Clark: Cancel it. A smart question.

Awi Amatsvna Snidi: Cancel

Jada Mondelli-Wahnetah: Yes, cancel it. Cancel everything. As much as we wish we could enjoy all of these wonderful things, the safety of our community cannot be compromised. I wish I could come home and visit, but I don't want to put anyone at risk. Stay safe, wear a mask, and wash your hands

everyone. Gvgeyu.

Terri Bradley: Cancel it for the safety of our community.

Candi Teesatuskie: Cancelled! Too risky

Brady Kaye: Cancelled - for the safety of the kids and everyone else.

Jean Cooper: Cancelled - better safe than sorry.

Mischa Hoenig: It depends on how much this virus has been attacking around Qualla. It's safer to cancel, but if safety and distance is respected it might do good to all who dwell there to at least see each other, send some good energy, knowing that soon all will be past as so many other deadly viruses our people survived. For sure, it should not be a public event for people from off the Rez. And, watch out for drones flying over. Viruses can get spread from them.

Charla Crowe: Cancel

Viv Wildcatt: Cancel

Alyssa Streets: Cancel

Teresa McCoy: Thank you for asking. We could do the booth entries by virtual and the exhibit hall also. We can be creative and start looking for virtual contests with cash prizes. Or, even better, local art pieces to keep the artists from starving...we could send Communications into the communities to interview people and play those on (Channel) 28. We could shown blue ribbon winners and actually sell artwork, canned foods, cakes and critters. We could have fall festivals in the community too! \$5,000 community-best, commu-

nity-wide fall festival decorated community...Communications can slide show/video unique tribal fall festival decor in yards, and again, cash prizes...however, I must agree, and I have been thinking about it, no. No Fair this year is the best decision.

Sue Bradley Hornbuckle: Cancel

Matilda Calhoun: No, not yet

David Sheppard: Do what's best for the great people of Cherokee - always next year.

Rose McCoy: Cancel

Sidney Bradley Moore: Cancel

Jeff Switzer: Sadly, I don't see fairs and festivals happening this year.

Vanessa Norton: For the safety of our only elders and our younger generations, I feel it should be postponed until further notice.

Kevin Whidner: Would hate to see another even cancelled, but safety comes first. The Council should choose wisely.

Sandi Owle: Cancel - anything but the real thing would be a let-down.

Janet Arch: Cancel

Brandyn Salinas: It shouldn't even be a question. It needs to be cancelled.

Sadie Locust: Cancel

Pat Swayney: Cancel

Leslie Swayney: Cancel

Sheri Jenks Cornelius: Cancel

Michelle Lynn Raby: Sadly, cancel

Kim Ramirez: Cancel

Paula Wojtkowski: Cancel - it's too risky.

Martha Baerreis: There will other years and more will be here to enjoy it if we hold the line of social distancing better at home.

Pamela Jackson: Cancel

Herbert Wachacha: Cancelled - too risky for the communities.

Mary Newton: Cancelled for right now

Vicki Saunooke: Cancel

Renee Cole: Cancel - our elders are too important to our language survival and traditions.

Gretchen McNab: Cancel

Martha Arch Lozano: Cancel

Lavita Hill: I'll risk it for the frybread - love frybread.

Salina Swimmer Lee: Cancel

Daryl Webb: Held with safety in mind

Truman Taylor: Cancel

Michael Abram: I believe the Fair should be cancelled this year. Maybe it will be safe to have it next year and everyone can enjoy the Fair without a worry.

Martha Ledford: It shouldn't even been questioned. We've already had one family who is

mourning over a loved one. Keep the safety of people first and foremost.

John Wolfe: Wait and see. It will be flu season and everything should be done the same as COVID. Flu is more dangerous.

Frances Walkingstick: Cancel

Inez Watts: Cancel

Sarah McClellan-Welch: The risk is too high. The Fair was not held during the WWII years, so there is history to taking a break due to national crisis.

Elnora Thompson: Cancel - should not even be a question!

Carol Maita: Protect yourselves. Wait for another year.

Danie Welch: Cancel the activities but keep the craft competitions going. From what I've witnessed, most of the elders usually go for the exhibit hall anyway and mandating masks, in my opinion, would make it safer for us and them to look at the talent. They keep it all behind a fence so no one can touch anyways.

Phyllis Jumper: Cancel

Roberta Gloyne: Cancel

Angela Hackney: I know it's good for people to have fun and make money, but cases are surging. As much as I love to see, it's not worth a life is my own thought.

Mickey Solorio: Cancel

Randi Lee Locust: Leave as is; just have people wear masks

SPEAKING OF FAITH

A song of his praises wins every battle!

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR
CHEROKEE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
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“But the people of God will sing a song of joy, like the songs at the holy festivals. You will be filled with joy, as when a flutist leads a group of pilgrims to Jerusalem, the mountain of the LORD—to the Rock of Israel.

“And the LORD will make his majestic voice heard. He will display the strength of his mighty arm. It will descend with devouring flames, with cloudbursts, thunderstorms, and huge hailstones.

“At the LORD’s command, the Assyrians will be shattered. He will strike them down with his royal scepter.

“And as the LORD strikes them with his rod of punishment, his people will celebrate with tambourines and harps. Lifting his mighty arm, he will fight the Assyrian.

Isaiah 30:29-32 (NLT)

“For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5:4-5 (NLT)

“No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.”

Romans 8:37 (NLT)

“If you can believe it, we are ‘more than conquerors,’” emphasized Rev. Melton, “The good news is that with our song of praises to Him, He beats up our enemy, satan. With every downbeat of our song, satan and his cohorts, attacking us, get a crushing, bruising

wallop. Praise Him and keep on praising Him with the whole worshipping body of believers. It is a lot easier to do with a whole body of believers, and is one reason why everyone should be a part of a church. We don’t win battles with counseling, whining or complaining, but with our praising and worshipping of our God. He fights the battles for us and hands the Victory of being overcomers, to us! Quit limiting God using only our puny strength. Use His mighty strength instead. The joy of the Lord is our strength.”

“But, thank God! He gives the victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NLT)

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

“See, all your angry enemies lie there, confused and humiliated. Anyone who opposes you will die and come to nothing.

“You will look in vain for those who tried to conquer you. Those who attack you will come to nothing.”

Isaiah 41:10-12 (NLT)

Adding, “Let a song out! Every note of praise crushes your enemy! The thief must even leave 7 times whatever he has stolen.

With the singing faith of the believer, one can say, ‘My enemies are going down’, encouraged Rev. Melton. “What else can be said? The unrighteousness in government will fall, hunger will fall, poverty will fall. Done in faith, asking such things of the LORD, we are overcomers.

“Singing praises to God really builds your faith. With Jericho, a shout and the obedience of following the LORD’s directions, made the walls there fall down. When there is no fear, even cancer, or the griphold of poverty all begin to shake, even a hornet’s nest can fall. It is the victory of your faith as you cheer Him on that wins your battle for you. The chains on Paul and Silas in prison fell off and the doors opened as they began to sing at midnight.

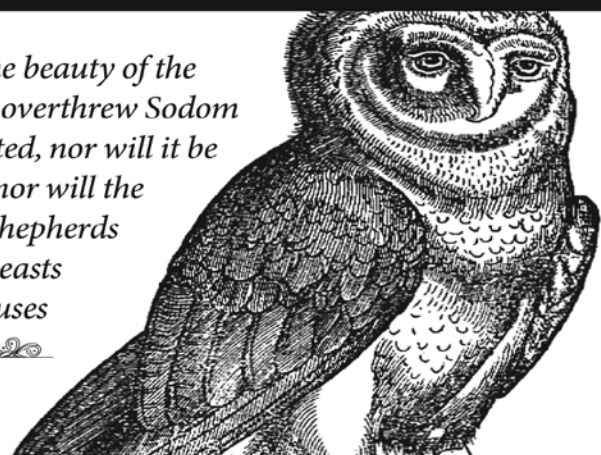
“On national issues it can take a church full of Holy Spirit-filled believers in unity for all the problems to be defeated today. Let your faith rise up and sing together. At the thunders and lightnings of GOD the demons really run. Demons of depression, diseases, and viruses flee. We cheer on the LORD with hand claps, tambourines, and foot stomps as He beats and bruises the devils. Just picture that! Happy people harm the devils. God will also begin to carry you to the next level. God responds to a song. Your job is to sing throughout the day. We sing spiritual songs, hymns, as the bad guys like the dark, we sing for the Light. After all, the Lord ‘sings over us throughout the night. (Zephaniah 3:17b). Remind every devil of that when you want the devil to fear you! ‘And the God of Peace shall place the devil under your feet.’ Am so glad it’s the God of Peace that brings the bruises to satan’s neck!”



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And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans’ pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It will never be inhabited, nor will it be settled from generation to generation; nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there. But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of owls... ISAIAH 13:19-21

Detail of medieval engraving



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1. What 1982 AL Cy Young Award winner portrayed fictional New York Yankees slugger Clu Haywood in the 1989 baseball comedy film "Major League"?
2. What player, selected fourth overall in the 1978 NBA Draft by the New York Knicks, was handed a lifetime ban from the league in 1986 for a third drug policy violation?
3. The Golf Channel, one of the first TV networks dedicated to a single sport, was co-founded by media entrepreneur Joseph E. Gibbs and what golf legend?
4. What ice hockey invitational tournament, first held in 1923, is played each year in Davos, Switzerland?
5. What team won the inaugural NCAA Division I women's beach volleyball championship in 2016?
6. What former NBA player, whose birth name was Brian Carson Williams, went missing in the South Pacific in 2002 and is presumed dead?
7. What two running backs made up the "Thunder and Lightning" tandem during the 2000 New York Giants NFC championship season?

Answers

1. Pete Vuckovich.
2. Micheal Ray Richardson.
3. Arnold Palmer.
4. The Spengler Cup.
5. The USC Trojans.
6. Bison Dele.
7. Ron Dayne and Tiki Barber, respectively.

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Her Cat Eats Fast and Then Vomits

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My tomcat "Robbie" is a big guy who I adopted from a shelter two years ago. When I feed him, he gulps his food so quickly that sometimes he throws it all back up. Why does he eat so fast, and how can I stop it? — Cheryl in Pittsburgh

DEAR CHERYL: Regurgitation is soooo not fun! I'm sure Robbie doesn't like it, and you don't like having to clean up.

Because Robbie was a shelter cat, he may have been in a situation in the past where he had to compete for food with other cats — not in the shelter, but perhaps in a bad home environment. So now he eats fast, so the food doesn't disappear on him, and he probably eats all of it right away. His overfull stomach is triggered to regurgitate some of that food.

First, make sure that no underlying health conditions are contributing to Robbie's food gulping and regurgitation. Have the veterinarian examine him and discuss the behavior, as you will get some great, targeted advice about ways to reduce the problem.

Once that's done, implement some new suppertime habits to slow down Robbie's pace:

— Try a slow feeder bowl, which uses a maze or puzzle to force a cat to work for each morsel of dry food.

— Space out feedings through the day if possible, splitting Robbie's total daily intake up into several smaller amounts.

— Try a different type of cat food, or a different way of feeding, such as mixing dry and wet foods together.

— Switch in some fresh foods like steamed chicken and rice (unseasoned).

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you don't like to change plans once they're set, once again, you might find that doing so can make a big difference in your favor. Family matters dominate the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You continue to get encouragement for your proposals, including some support from unlikely sources. Use this positive flow to move forward with your plans. Good luck.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters are dominant this week. It's a good time to be with those you love. It's also a good time to contact loved ones with whom you've lost touch.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to allow differences of opinion to create unpleasant feelings, especially in the workplace. A neutral observer could check out the situation and suggest a resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) While the Lion's Den is the center of attention this week, with family matters dominating much of your time, workplace issues are also important. Try to find a balance between them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The future of a new relationship could depend on how much the usually impatient-to-get-things-done Virgo is willing to stop pushing and let things happen naturally.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Worry over a loved one's well-being is eased with good news from a sympathetic source. Your continued show of love and support is important. Stay with it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to consider mending fences with someone you wish was back in your life. Forget about blame, and focus on the good things you once shared.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to start researching information regarding whatever changes you're considering, whether it involves a new home, a new location or a new job.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A long-anticipated job opportunity could turn out to be less than you expected. But appearances might be deceiving. Check it out before you decide it's not for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Adapting to a new situation might come more easily than you expected. You can look for continued support from colleagues who appreciate your contributions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you care for might need more reassurance from the typically "unemotional" Pisces. Go ahead. Open up, and you might be surprised at what you find when you do.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a romantic at heart, although you can be amazingly practical when you need to be.

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

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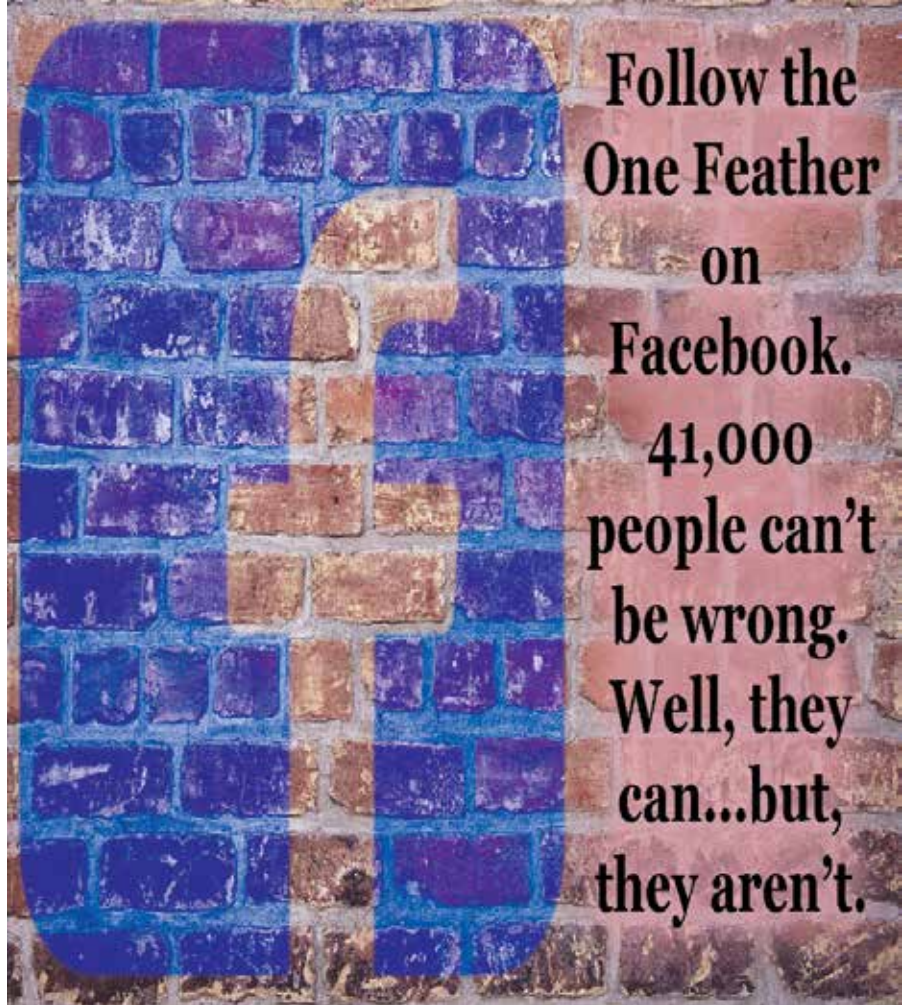
eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates

Open Until Filled

1. Patrol Officer (Multiple) - Cherokee Police Department - Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
2. Detention Officer (Multiple) - Corrections - Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)

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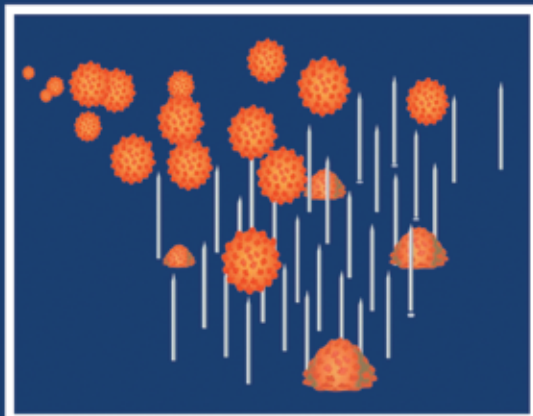


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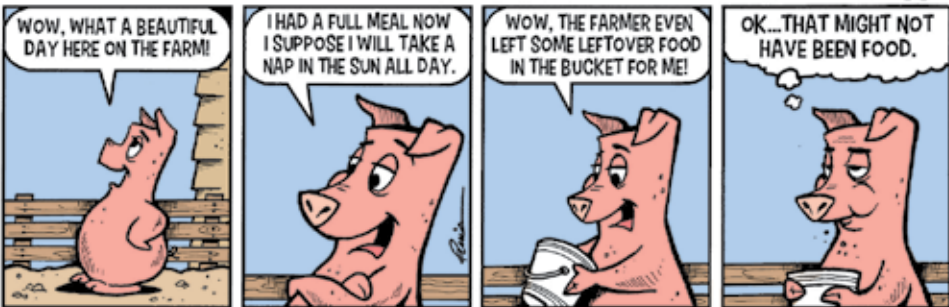
**when we
take these
steps:**

- ✓ **Avoiding close contact**
- ✓ **Staying home**
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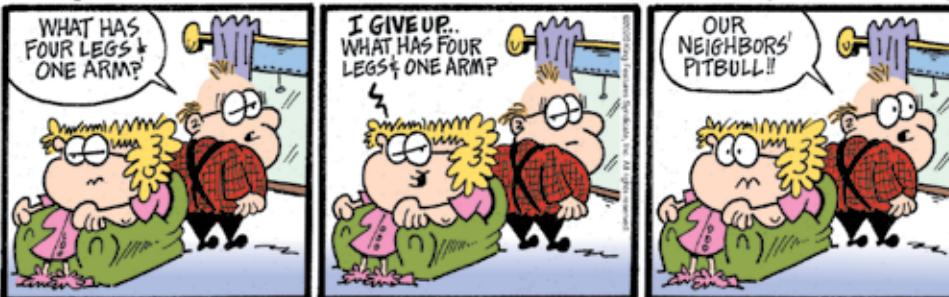
Amber Waves



R.F.D. by Mike Marland



The Spats by Jeff Pickering



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 BOLTONOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Table is different 2. Picture has moved. 3. Fish is missing. 4. Water level is higher. 5. Woman's hair has changed. 6. Boy's neckline is different.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 — and call
5 Promptly
8 Despot
12 Verve
13 Rd.
14 Regulation
15 Not yet final, in law
16 — -relief
17 Blind as —
18 Body art
20 Pack down
22 Half a fluid ounce
26 Short
29 Swiss canton
30 Tokyo, once
31 Bergman, in "Casablanca"
32 Action star Diesel
33 One
34 Mel of Cooperstown
35 Programmer's woe
36 Foolish
37 Skiers' carriages
40 Summertime pest
41 Starry
45 Honeycomb compartment
47 Web address
49 Wander
50 Met melody
51 Dos' neighbors
52 Yemeni port

DOWN

1 Crooked
2 Director
3 Kazan
3 Group of actors
4 Made a sweater, maybe
5 Biz big shot
6 Eggs
7 Oater
8 Chaplin persona
9 Court sum-

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53 Helen's home
54 Previous night
55 Saucy

10 — carte
11 Pensioned (Abbr.)
19 Lummo
21 " — was saying ..."
23 Playwright Pirandello
24 Valhalla VIP
25 Memo
26 United nations
27 Naomi's daughter-in-law
28 Incised printing method
32 Predatory sort

33 Remove a seat belt
35 Underwear with underwire
36 "Monty Python" opener
38 Dental filling
39 Untrue
42 Took the bus
43 State with certainty
44 Gave temporarily
45 Garfield or Heathcliff
46 Blunder
48 Gun the engine

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name of the Hawaiian Islands?
2. MOVIES Which Elvis Presley movie features the theme song "Can't Help Falling in Love"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is fuchsia?
4. TELEVISION: What was the real name of the Skipper's character on "Gilligan's Island"?
5. GEOLOGY: What kind of rock is sandstone?
6. FOOD & DRINK: Which country has a wine-producing region called the Rapel Valley?
7. MEDICAL: What kind of insect can transmit diseases such as cholera and typhoid fever?
8. MEASUREMENTS: How many standard bottles are contained in a magnum of champagne?
9. LITERARY: Who was the first official poet laureate of England?
10. HISTORY: Which treaty ended the American Revolution?

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate
File No. 20-031

In the Matter of the Estate of Jesse Lee Reed

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

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

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

Barry Lee Reed, 629 Blue Wing
Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. 7/1pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate
File No. 20-044

In the Matter of the Estate of Dorothy Lucille Driver West

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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Adam West, 31 Jim West Road,
Cherokee, NC 28719. 7/1pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate

File No. 20-030

In the Matter of the Estate of Ida Lee Arneach

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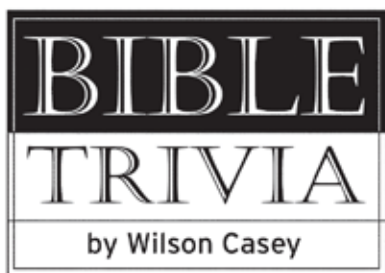
asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

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

Carolyn Rae Queen, 13 Camp
Creek Road, Whittier, NC, 28789.

7/15pd

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Haman; 3) Peter; 4) Sodom; 5) Jehu; 6) Wilderness spring



1. The Sandwich Islands
2. "Blue Hawaii"
3. Purplish red
4. Jonas Grumby
5. Sedimentary
6. Chile
7. Houseflies
8. Two
9. John Dryden
10. The Treaty of Paris

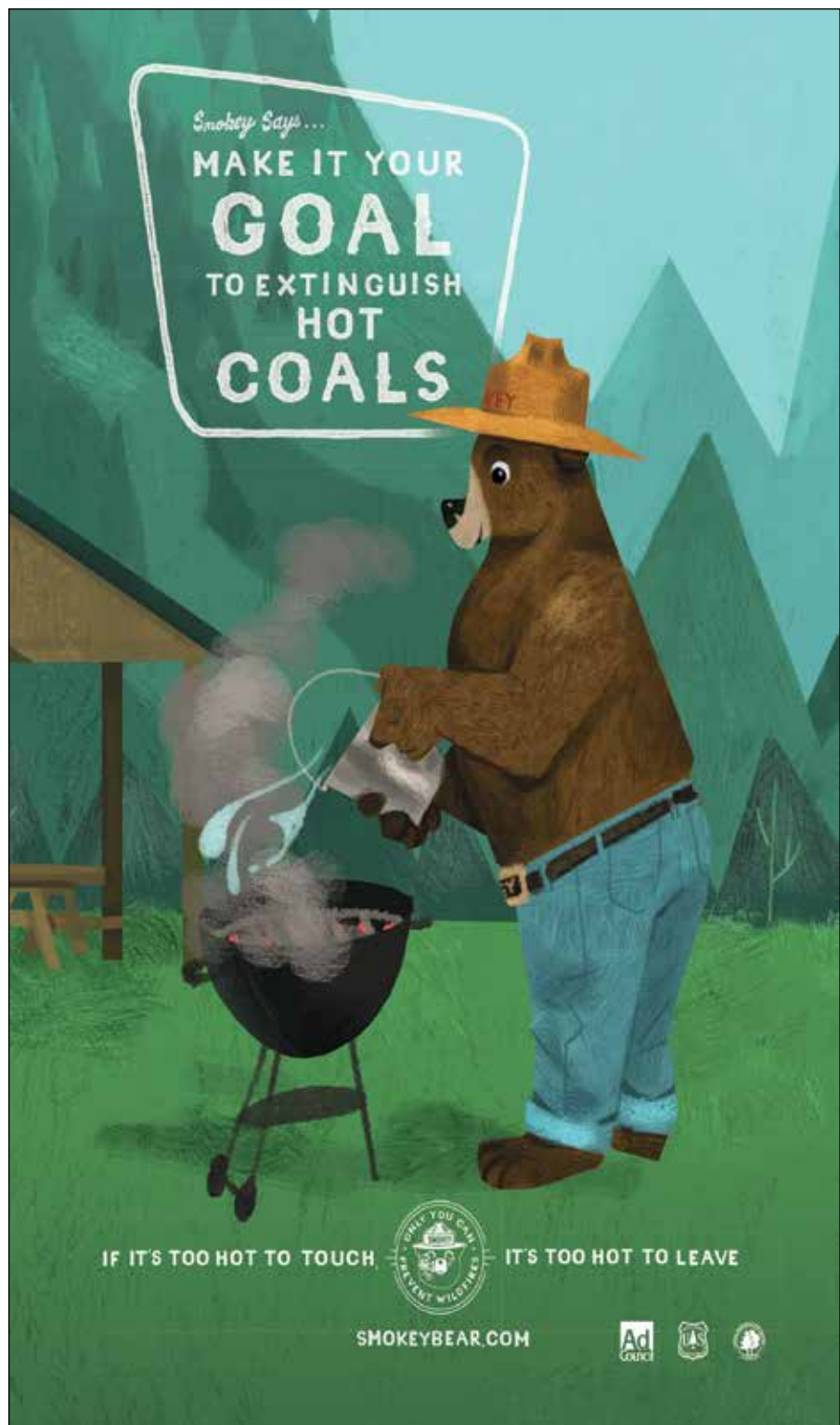
— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

BECK	NOW	TSAR
ELAN	AVE	RULE
NISI	BAS	ABAT
TATTOO	TAMP	
	TABLESPOON	
BRIEF	URI	EDO
LUND	VIN	UNIT
OTT	BUG	INANE
CHAIR	LIFTS	
	GNAT	ASTRAL
CELL	URL	ROVE
ARIA	RES	ADEN
TROY	EVE	PERT

— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

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WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. **All Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public.** You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

Additionally, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, governmental units, and Native American Tribes may also file a proof of claim against Purdue.

Go to **PurduePharmaClaims.com** to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue.

You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

If you think you've suffered harm from Purdue or its prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may also have received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (sometimes referred to as "NAS"), among others.

The deadline to file a claim is June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by "Purdue," and instructions for how to file a claim are online at **PurduePharmaClaims.com**. You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

Purdue Pharma Claims Processing Center
c/o Prime Clerk LLC
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Email: purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com - Phone: 1.844.217.0912

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Is Purdue out of money? No. For more information concerning Purdue's bankruptcy, Frequently Asked Questions, Proof of Claim Forms, examples of personal injury and other claims that can be filed, instructions on how to file a claim, and important documents including the Bar Date Notice, visit

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