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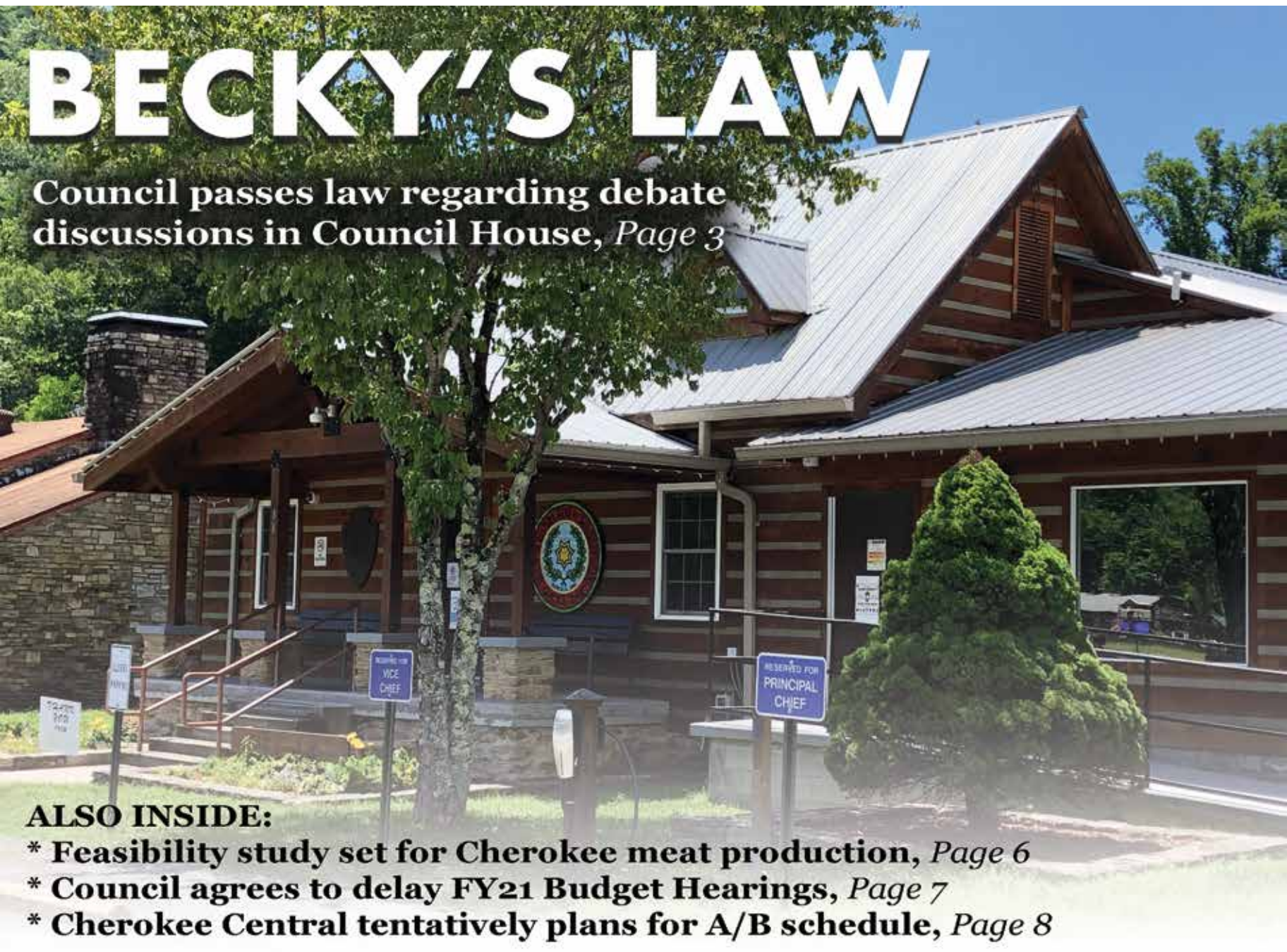
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Tribes to enter into business relationship with Innovation Capital, LLC

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is looking at commercial gaming operations in various states, and Tribal Council has approved a measure to aid in that endeavor. Tribal Council passed Res. No. 213 (2020), during its regular session on Thursday, July 9, that approves the Tribe “to enter a contract with Innovation Capital, LLC to assist the Tribe in its efforts to expand and diversify its business opportunities, including in gaming and non-gaming industries”.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, who submitted the legislation, said the impetus behind the engagement with Innovation Capital, LLC is that several surrounding states are currently discussing or have currently begun commercial gaming. “Over the course of the next five to seven years, there is a potential for approximately anywhere between \$150 to \$250 million in lost revenue to the Tribe...we have created the Kituwah, LLC and there are opportunities for diversification there, but those opportunities do not present the type of revenue that gaming can produce.”

He added, “What this (agreement) would do is give us the ability to engage with Innovation Capital, and they would be our advisors, our agents in any potential deals in commercial gaming that we decide to enter into.”

According to the legislation,

Innovation Capital, LLC has done business previously with several other federally recognized tribes including: Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Choctaw Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Seneca Nation, and the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

“Overall, they (Innovation) have brokered over \$9 billion in deals,” said Chief Sneed, “probably the most notable that we’re

state, Innovation Capital would be engaged.”

Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe, who voted against the measure, stated that he would like to wait until after the first quarter of FY2021 to see the Tribe’s financial status following the spring 2020 shutdown of Harrah’s Cherokee casinos.

“This might be something that we might want to put off until January to make sure we do have the money coming in to be able

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- Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah

familiar with is the Poarch Band of Creek with their acquisition of Bethlehem Sands in Pennsylvania and acquisition of two properties in the Caribbean and Aruba that are casino resorts. They’ve got an excellent track record, and we, by proxy, have already been engaged with Innovation Capital through Caesar’s in the past.”

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell asked for clarification between the Kituwah, LLC and the Innovation Capital, LLC group.

Chief Sneed replied, “This is a limited engagement. The Kituwah, LLC is actually a corporation owned by the Tribe that does business on behalf of the Tribe. They’re diversifying into other areas such as real estate, of course the Cardinal Homes project, and some other things that we’re looking at right now that Council is aware of that we have not made public yet. This is a limited engagement for the purpose of a particular acquisition so if the Tribe were to acquire a commercial gaming property in another

to make purchases...just to make sure that we’re going to be able to afford to do with what we’re being asked to do right now.”

He made a motion to table and put the project out for an RFP (request for proposals). This motion did not receive a second.

Chief Sneed commented, “On the issue of waiting until January, I can assure you that the opportunities that are out there right now are not going to be there in January.”

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley said on the proposal, “The point being is if we approve this and any acquisition going forward, it’s going to have to come back before this body before we take action.”

Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah said, “I know this is an unprecedented time, and we have all stated that we need to diversify our economy. Look at the Seminoles in 2006, I’m sure they were worried and scared to death to invest \$965 million in the Hard Rock, but now how many billions are they worth now? If we don’t

do something, and these other casinos start popping up around us... we will be looking at 50 percent budgets and start having to cut jobs and services to our people. I don’t think any of us want to do that or see that happen.”

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha said, “I remember something my dad (the late Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Abe Wachacha) told me a long time ago because he was one of the ones that made the decision on moving into the gaming field, and it wasn’t a very popular decision, but look at the rewards that our Tribe has been able to reap because of it. Because of the very few and limited amount of Council members who took that leap of faith, the Tribe has been able to benefit from that for years now.”

During debate, the legislation was amended to state, “the funding to pay for this engagement shall come from the following account: Governmental Affairs.” Since no contracts for gaming or other endeavors have been put forth, there is not a funding amount to approve yet.

The resolution passed as amended by a 9-1 vote with two absent as follows: For - Painttown Rep. Tommy Saunooke, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, Wolftown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke, Chairman Adam Wachacha, Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah, Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown, Big Cove Reps. Perry Shell and Richard French; Against - Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe; Absent - Birdtown Reps. Albert Rose and Boyd Owle (both out per COVID-19 protocol).

Council passes “Becky’s Law” regarding debate discussions

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One of the most vocal and involved members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is Becky Walker – who, for years has attended Tribal Council meetings offering her thoughts, insight, and suggestions on issues affecting the Tribe.

During its regular session on Thursday, July 9, Council passed Tabled Ord. No. 152 (2020), submitted by Walker, which amends Cherokee Code Section 117-16 (c) to read as follows: “Persons in the audience wishing to be recognized will gain recognition from the Tribal Chairman and shall be

limited to five minutes of debate or discussion on each resolution, ordinance, or matter under consideration by the Council, unless they are presenting a resolution or ordinance.”

The legislation passed Council unanimously (10-0) by all of those present with Birdtown Reps. Albert Rose and Boyd Owle absent due to coronavirus protocols.

Prior to its passage, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley offered an amendment, which was accepted and passed unanimously by those present, to name the legislation “Becky’s Law” honoring her previous and continued involvement and work. He noted, “We all represent our communities the best

that we know how and giving them the opportunity to come in here and voice their opinion is the only right a lot of them enjoy having.”

Previously, Section 117-16 stated that persons could address Council “through a request of their Council representative or by representation of a resolution or ordinance”.

Walker wrote in her legislation accompanying the ordinance change, “it is the inherent right of the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to speak on matters of importance”. She added, “...enrolled members have been restricted regarding time and opportunity at the podium as dictated by old and antiquated

tribal law.”

Lori Taylor, an EBCI tribal member from the Big Cove Community, spoke highly of Walker saying, “She’s the epitome of someone with a voice and somebody that showed you that voice.”

She spoke of the importance of Walker’s legislation, “All of her work throughout her entire time here was for the people, was to have equality and fairness across the board. If there’s an issue on board, whether its Business Committee, Budget Committee, Lands Committee, the people have a right to know those things and the people have a right to speak on those things because it pertains to them.”



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Kituwah LLC to place model homes in Cherokee

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The Kituwah LLC has been granted a portion of land to place model homes for viewing in Cherokee.

Earlier this year, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' economic development entity purchased the Cardinal Homes, a modular home company that is based out of Wylliesburg, Va.

Mark Hubble, chief executive officer of the Kituwah LLC, spoke at Tuesday's Budget Council to explain the need and benefit of acquiring land for these model homes.

"We've had a lot of inquiries

from tribal members. And so, I think this will be a pretty successful endeavor. In order to actually show them the homes, I met with Chief Sneed and we found four location here in Cherokee that we would put models on. So that somebody could actually tour them," said Hubble.

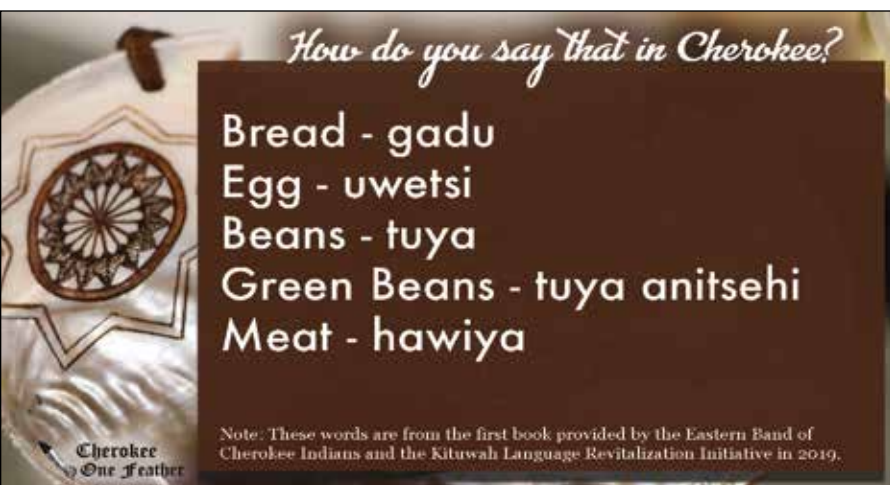
He continued by saying that these models wouldn't require plumbing and would be on a temporary foundation. They would need electricity and to have an active air conditioning unit to maintain air circulation.

Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown asked Hubble about the status of the Cardinal Homes website, and if there was a



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The Kituwah LLC has been granted a portion of land, shown on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 7, to place model homes for viewing in Cherokee.



How do you say that in Cherokee?

Bread - gadu
Egg - uwetsi
Beans - tuya
Green Beans - tuya anitsehi
Meat - hawiya

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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With the Proclamation of 1763, King George III declared there would be no English settlement west of the Blue Ridge.

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function for looking at individual homes.

"There is a Cardinal Homes website," said Hubble. "They have a lot of them, they don't have all of them... we're updating that website."

Hubble said that there are over 200 floor plans in the Cardinal Homes catalogue, and that the plan is to digitize all of those and assign them into themes.

Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe asked Hubble about using Cardinal Homes to help with the project of getting a new building for an Adult Day Care center.

"I believe they already have plans on it," said Rep. Crowe. "So, this might be something we need to start pushing to get done and use our modular company to do the buildings for us."

Hubble answered, "Absolutely. Because we can modify them for sterile rooms or whatever is required. The only part you would have to build on site, obviously the foundation other things like that would be built on site, is some of the center rooms because it won't fit in the module. But it's ideal for that kind of stuff. Small office buildings can be done with it, obviously hotels, and homes."

Hubble explained what they were looking for in the ideal location for the model homes. "We were looking at traffic, so they can be seen by the public and seen by tribal members. They were relatively easy to get to and centralized. The other site criteria was security. We don't want them vandalized."

Hubble says that the Kituwah

LLC and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed shared a top choice for the location of the plot of land. That area is the former casino employee parking lot across from Taco Bell.

"It's a good site. It's close enough so I don't have to add people. If someone's interested, they can just come over to our office. It's got pretty good visibility for security issues, and it can be gated relatively easily."

Hubble said that while they found four potential locations in Cherokee, they will only pick one. However, there are plans to establish a second site.

"We have not identified a site out in Murphy. The reason we would like to put the second site near Murphy is because we sell to the Atlanta market...and we're

"We were looking at traffic, so they can be seen by the public and seen by tribal members."

- Mark Hubble, Kituwah LLC
chief executive officer

getting licensed for Tennessee."

Hubble also mentioned that they have agreed to sell homes to tribal members at fully burdened cost. This means that the LLC will not be turning a profit on sales to enrolled members.

Tribal Council voted unanimously to pass this resolution.

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Feasibility study set for Cherokee meat production

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A feasibility study for a potential Cherokee meat production facility was approved Tuesday, July 7 at the regular session of Budget Council.

The resolution was submitted by Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed and after a few amendments it was unanimously passed by Tribal Council. According to the resolution, this is a response to the “incredible hardship and burden on the nation’s food supply due to the global pandemic.”

“It necessitates the need for the Tribe (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) to be sustainable and create its own food sources so

that the members of the Tribe will always have food,” reads the resolution. “The time for preparing for future food shortages is now, by investing in an angus farm, which would produce meats of all varieties (beef, pork, chicken), and would ensure all enrolled member families have access to these critical sources of food.”

The EBCI Division of Commerce will be tasked with facilitating the study. Along with the looking into the logistics of the project, the study will also research potential profits that could be gained from selling meats to both enrolled and non-enrolled communities, stores, and restaurants.

“I’ve seen that there’s a need for this,” said Rep. Sneed. “We

could buy the beef from the surrounding counties and brand it as Cherokee’s. I think it’s a win-win situation all the way around. There’s been some studies done. David [Wolfe] and I met with a couple of fellas in the Chief’s office, and they were wanting us to go in with existing butcher shops. I’d rather the Tribe go ahead and build its own.”

Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah asked if Commerce was the best division for this study. Rep. Sneed said that Commerce would be in contact with Agriculture and other departments.

“We can take a look at it,” said Michael Parker, director of EBCI Destination Marketing. “And I told [Dike] maybe after we get the feasibility done then it might rest somewhere else or develop a sort of enterprise approach to it.”

Tribal Council Vice Chairperson David Wolfe said they have been in contact with people from the state to discuss this concept. He said that the state is looking to fund smaller processors throughout North Carolina to lessen reliance on nationwide meat processors.

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha proposed four amendments to the resolution that were all added and approved by Council. The first was to replace the term ‘angus farm’ with ‘meat

markets’. The next was to change the phrasing that Cherokee would need its own ‘butcher shop’ to ‘processing plant’.

The final two amendments came in the section of ‘Be it finally resolved’, adding that the feasibility study would also need to identify funding and need to hire subject matter experts to assist in entering the market.

“There’s a lot of free resources out there. The state, they’re willing to step in and help with this. They have a lot of this information already because they’re wanting to expand the whole processing plants across the state. So, we can fit right in there with them,” said Vice Chairperson Wolfe.

“The meat process plants that they had, they’re 50 years old. They’re really excited about us wanting to start from the ground-up to build a brand new one,” said Rep. Sneed about discussions with North Carolina.

Much more will be revealed once the study is complete, and many issues were not discussed. A potential location, cost, and environmental impact were not brought up on the floor. All these items will be reported through the study.

Parker suggested a 60-day timeline for the feasibility study, a timeline which Tribal Council approved.



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Council agrees to delay FY21 Budget Hearings

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The shutdown of Harrah's Cherokee Casinos in the spring due to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) has put the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in a budgetary strain. The FY21 EBCI Budget, submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, addresses the revenue shortfall by budgeting at 50 percent of gaming revenue instead of the usual which is around 80 percent or higher.

Due to this, Tribal Council has approved legislation to delay the FY21 Budget Hearings until after the first quarter. Res. No. 192 (2020), submitted by Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha and Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe, passed 45-31 (24 absent) during the Budget Council session on Tuesday, July 7.

"...it will be more effective for the Tribal Council to review incremental increases to the budget over the course of the fiscal year through a budget hearing process as performance targets are reached rather than conducting hearings from the outset."

Voting on Res. No. 192 went as follows: For – Chairman Wachacha, Vice Chairman Wolfe, Wolfstown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke, Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah, Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown, and Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell; Against – Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe, and Big Cove Rep. Richard French; Absent – Birdtown Reps. Albert Rose and Boyd Owle.

At the start of discussion on the legislation, Vice Chairman

Wolfe said, "This resolution is not to do away with the budget hearings, but to delay them." He added, "...two of the major things that we looked at when trying to establish a budget for the Tribe is taking care of our employees and maintaining the services...this is just to delay the Budget Hearings for one quarter, and if the projected numbers from the casino go up, then we can start looking at allocating that into the

"...if the projected numbers from the casino go up, then we can start looking at allocating that into the appropriate programs based on the needs of the programs."

- Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe

appropriate programs based on the needs of the programs."

Chairman Wachacha noted, "I like the approach on the sliding scale to allow the first quarter to come in from gaming revenue so it can kind of give us a better gauge on what we can fill back... its basically going to be a sliding scale budget so depending on what the numbers are from the gaming revenue, or levy or whatever, then we can start adding that back into the budget..."

EBCI Secretary of Treasury Cory Blankenship spoke on the budget process as it is normally handled stating that they usually begin in February. "We were closed for the duration of that cycle and because of where the revenues are with the casino being closed and them having to re-forecast, our directive was to take 50 percent of current year (projections) in order to meet that mandate of having a budget to Council by the first of July. Essen-

tially what that does, holding at 50 percent, is it reduces our projected revenue to the tribal government, from all sources, by about \$121 million."

Rep. Chelsea Saunooke, who voted for the measure, said she has concerns regarding the "unmet needs list" and noted, "We have some essential programs that are zeroed out for overtime and other pay. If they have to go out on an emergency, how are we going to

cover that? We really can't stop those types of services."

Blankenship addressed her concern stating, "We know that those eventually have to be funded. What that delay gives us is time to see where the casino projection actually lands."

Rep. Shell, who supported the resolution, said, "We have never, ever been this unsure about what our revenues are going to be. I think this is a smart way to do it to keep those things that are essential in place, and as we watch how this changes over a period of time, we come back and adjust as we need to."

Rep. French opposed the legislation stating, "They need to hear what's in these budgets. They need to see it right here on camera what each one of these positions are."

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, who served more than two decades as a Tribal Council representative for the Yellowhill Community, said he

sees the importance of the Budget Hearings but also sees the need to wait during this particular cycle. "As a Council member, I enjoyed these budget hearings more so than anybody. That's a time, as a Council member, that you can review and get a good understanding of every program from the very bottom-line employee to the manager or director."

He added, "We've never seen the times that we're in right now. We could bring them all in here and we all know that every program has needs and wants, and most of the time Tribal Council will approve the wants whether they need them or not. I like having budget hearings, but I think we need to have a good understanding of exactly where we're at."

Chief Sneed praised the Council representatives who called for transparency in the budget process and commented, "We don't know right now what our cash flow is going to look like coming from the casino. Right now, it looks good, but we don't know if that is going to be sustained. We don't know if we're going to have to shut down again."

He went on to state, "At this 50 percent threshold that we're using, we're going to maintain that from October through December, and that will get us through quarter one and then we'll have a good picture to know what the revenue picture is going to look like. Right now, we don't know."

Following passage of this legislation, Council heard Res. No. 193 (2020), submitted by Chief Sneed and Vice Chief Ensley, which would approve the FY 2021 Budget. That resolution was tabled unanimously by all present.

CCS tentatively plans for an A/B schedule

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In lieu of meeting in-person for the first time in July, the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education decided to hold an email poll to vote on 17 resolutions. There were two of these polls. The first contained 14 resolutions, and the second had three.

Chair Jennifer Thompson, Vice Chair Ike Long, Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper, and Board members Gloria Griffin and Karen French-Browning voted on each resolution in both polls. Regina Ledford Rosario offered no voting response for either.

All 17 resolutions passed. The first 13 were unanimously passed, and the final resolution of the first poll was voted against by Long and French-Browning.

This final resolution passed 3-2 and gave Aaron Hogner a three-year extension as the Men's Varsity Head Basketball Coach.

Among the other items, the first six had to do with CCS protocols and policies.

The first addressed the re-opening of the school in August.

Currently, the entire state is awaiting news from N.C. Governor Roy Cooper on whether schools will be opening next month. CCS may follow the decision of the state. In the meantime, this resolution establishes that CCS will be on an A/B schedule to begin the school year. This would mean that CCS would assign students to an A-day group and a B-day group, and they would alternate when they went to school. Whenever one group is at school, the other is to be remote learning.

For example, in this revised schedule the first day of school for A-day students is set for Wednesday, Aug. 12. The following day, Thursday, Aug. 13 would be the first day for B-day students. All students would be remote on Friday, Aug. 14.

This would fall in line with a possible 'Plan B' for state schools. There would also be a limited capacity at the schools and on buses. Though it has been deemed safer than 'Plan A', it is logistically the most difficult.

A mask policy has also been enacted for CCS. It states the following: "All employees must wear a cloth face covering or face shield while on campus to prevent asymptomatic spread of COVID-19. These are required when an employee is interacting with co-workers, parents, students, or visitors.

- If an employee has a private office, they may remove the mask if their door is closed.
- If an employee is working outside and can maintain social distancing of at least six feet, or is working alone, then a facemask is not required.
- If an employee must leave their workspace and enter other workspaces or public areas, they must wear a facemask.
- If an employee must complete a home visit, screening or assessment, the employee is required to wear a face covering."

Along with the mask policy, CCS will also be checking the temperature of all employees as well. The other temporary policies added to help with the current situation are added time for Emergency Paid Sick Leave and Emergency Family Leave. The Board also voted in the CCS Procurement

Plan for Food Nutrition,

The remaining resolutions from the voting had to do with approving hired personnel at the school. The first poll put in for the following:

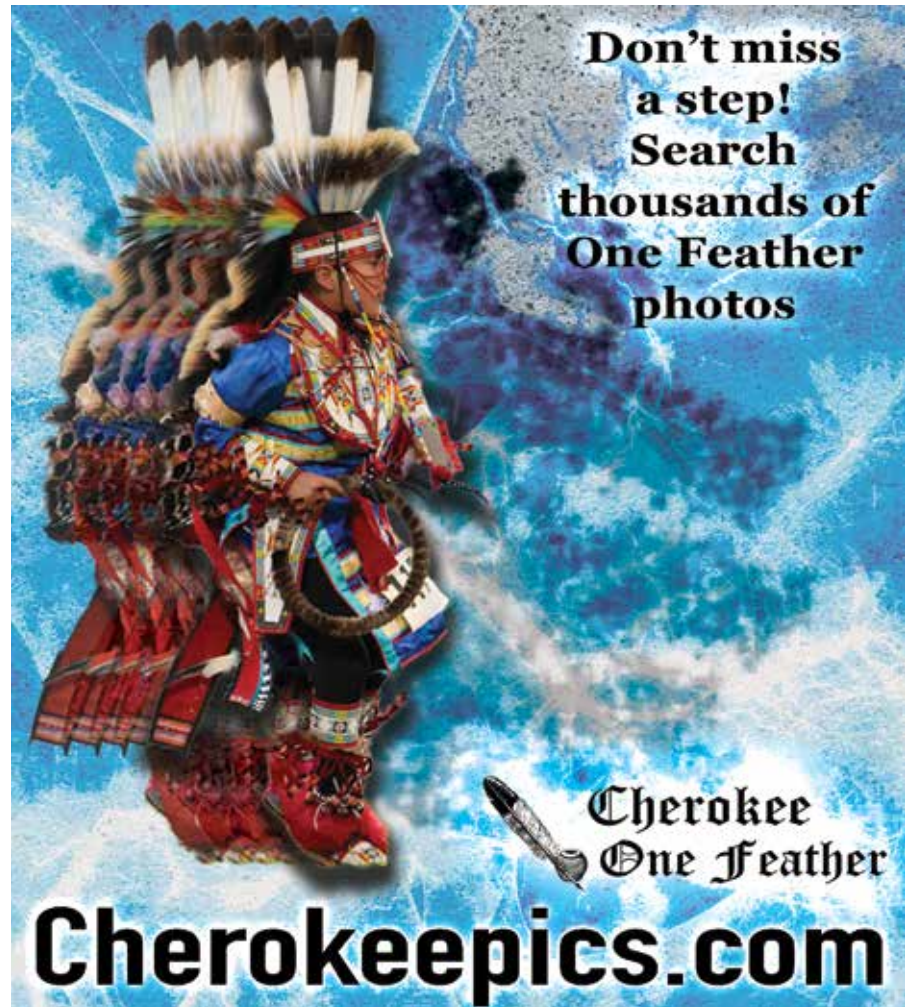
- Tasha Cochran approved as a teacher's assistant at Cherokee Elementary School (CES).
- Cashel Wikle approved as a teacher at CES
- Pamela Sneed approved as a teacher at CES
- Leslie Owle - approved as a computer teacher at CES
- Lynzie Smith - approved as a nurse at CES
- Sherry Wachacha approved to upgrade to Cherokee Language Instructor at CCS.

• Charles Jumper approved as a custodian at CCS.

The second poll was approving coaches. All three of these were passed 3-2, with Long and French-Browning voting against.

- Albert Arch - Softball Head Coach
- Tim Hawkins - Varsity Football Assistant Coach
- Virginia Ann Gardner - Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach

The process for preparing for an unprecedented school year continues. There may be more policies added as the semester draws nearer. With a start date just over a month away there is plenty of work to be done.



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Chief Sneed appears on Congressional candidate's talk show

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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed appeared on an 11th Congressional District candidate's live virtual town hall meeting on the evening of Thursday, July 9. "Moe Talks" is a twice-weekly internet talk show hosted by Moe Davis, the Democratic nominee for the 11th District seat.

Prior to the show, Davis said in a statement the impetus behind inviting Chief Sneed to participate. "I have a lot to learn about the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and what a member of Congress can do to be an effective advocate for their interests, so I'm grateful to Principal Chief Sneed for taking time to talk with me. He and I are both military veterans and former educators, so we share a common commitment to our country and our communities."

The talk show was held via Zoom so COVID-19 safety protocols could be upheld.

Chief Sneed and Davis started the show by discussing their commonalities including military service (Davis is a retired Air Force colonel) and both being educators. Chief Sneed then gave a brief history and basic understanding of who the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are and what sovereignty means to the Tribe and western North Carolina.

Davis began a discussion on the coronavirus (COVID-19) stating, "Folks across the country have been impacted by COVID-19 from business to education to just normal day-to-day life. What has the impact been for folks in the western part of the district there in Cherokee?"

Chief Sneed answered, "We're

very unique in that we have the ability to look at best practices, not only from around the country but from around the world, and then be able to implement those. One of the things that we made a decision early on was to do mass-testing, and the reason we did that was because we looked at the Korean model. They were one of the countries that were able to get ahold on COVID and actually stop it from spreading very rapidly across the country. And, one of the mechanisms they used was

mass-testing so that you could identify who was positive and isolate them in quarantine."

He added, "We are actually testing at four to six times the rate that the counties are doing." Chief Sneed then discussed the Tribe's seven-week lockdown and the current procedures surrounding the re-opening.

"Our mission was always to flatten the curve and not have our health care system overrun," said Chief Sneed. "Short of a vaccine, we are going to have to learn to live with it. We can't have our economies shut down indefinitely. So, we implemented very strict protocols at our casino properties where everybody is masked, guests and employees alike, and enhanced sanitizing protocols."

Davis then asked, "How about education-wise, do you foresee schools opening? What do you think is going to happen going forward with education?"

Chief Sneed replied, "I think it's going to be a real challenge. Obviously, we want our young

people to be back in school. The plans that are being put forward right now are for a staggered plan - half of the student body comes one day, the other half comes the next day. And, you have sort of a hybrid of online and classroom."

He said that internet access in western North Carolina is a huge challenge to online instruction.

"We're dealing with that issue now. We're looking at acquiring assets in the region to actually be able to provide affordable, high-speed connectivity to

our citizens."

Davis commented on that issue. "That's certainly one of the issues that is high on the list of things I would like to work on in Congress. Across the country, about 92 percent of folks in the country have access to broadband. North Carolina, as a whole, is a little ahead of the curve. We're at about 94 percent. But, a lot of the counties in the western part of the state are at 50 percent or less."

Following the internet discussion, Davis asked Chief Sneed what he could do to help the Tribe if elected. Chief Sneed gave a brief synopsis of his experiences and observations while visiting Washington, D.C.

"For anybody representing this District, it would behoove them to really educate themselves on Native issues - especially when you have a tribe like the Eastern Band who is literally the economic driver for the western part of the state."

Davis then brought up the issue of the Catawba Indian Na-

tion's plan to open a casino in the Kings Mountain area of the state and asked Chief Sneed to speak on why it is an important issue for the Tribe.

Chief Sneed answered, "The Catawba Nation are a South Carolina tribe who sought to put a casino in South Carolina which was rejected by the State of South Carolina, and then they sought to move into North Carolina."

He added, "Folks need to understand that what happens to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians happens to western North Carolina. We are absolutely, inextricably connected...if we are impacted in a negative way fiscally, it will impact western North Carolina."

Davis then stated, "You're in a unique position where you're having to deal with the federal government, the state government, the county government. How do you juggle all of those balls?"

Chief Sneed replied, "One meeting you're in you're talking to someone at the federal level, the next meeting you're in it's a constituent, and the meeting after that I'm talking with the CDC down in Atlanta, the meeting after that I'm talking with somebody down in Raleigh. So, it's a lot. It's a very steep learning curve when you first get in. But, then again, I think being an educator really helped me because I'm constantly a student. So, it doesn't embarrass me to ask questions when I don't know."

The two discussed several other issues including natural resources, historic sites, and tourism.

Davis stated at the end of the broadcast that whether elected or not, he will continue to be an advocate for western North Carolina and the Tribe.

Person with COVID-19 attends church gatherings; health officials encouraging testing

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) and Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) identified a Qualla Boundary resident on Thursday, July 9 who tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is currently isolated in their home.

The Qualla Boundary resident, who tested positive for COVID-19, attended community gatherings at the Yellowhill Baptist Church on Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30.

"The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services and Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority are working diligently to identify and notify close contacts who may have come in contact with this individual," EBCI health officials said in a statement.

If you attended either of these gatherings or have concerns regarding details of this specific situation and would like to be tested, contact the EBCI COVID-19 hotline 497-3743.

Drive-thru testing will be made available at Drama Hill on the following dates:

- Monday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- Wednesday, July 15 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- Friday, July 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The CDC defines close contact as being

within approximately 6 feet of a person with an infection with COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time of 10 minutes or longer.

The Public Health and Human Services Division is working with other health and emergency officials to identify close contacts.

For local information, call the CIHA COVID-19 Hotline at 497-3743.

- EBCI Public Health and Human Services release

CIPD Arrest Report for June 28 to July 4

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.

Taylor, Vernie Franklin – age 59

Arrested: June 29

Released: June 29

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Disorderly Conduct, Second Degree Trespass, Assault on Law Enforcement

Meuse Jr., Richard Joseph – age 31

Arrested: June 30

Released: July 1

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Pepion, Tyler Dean – age 26

Arrested: July 1

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order

Holiday, Siah Kenyon – age 18

Arrested: July 2

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Probation Violation

Sanchez, Tristan Israel – age 31

Arrested: July 2

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Resisting Public Officer, False Imprisonment, Aggravated Weapons Offense, Injury to Real Property

Wolfe, Diamond Spring – age 25

Arrested: July 2

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Criminal Mischief to Property, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Raby, Jeremy Justin – age 39

Arrested: July 3

Released: July 5

Charges: Assault with Deadly Weapon Serious Injury

Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

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

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

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



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Still no word from NCHSAA on fall sports

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) is getting lots of inquiries to one burning question on everyone's minds - will there be sports in the fall? During a Zoom meeting with journalists statewide on the morning of Wednesday, July 8, Que Tucker, NCHSAA commissioner, gave some insight into the mindset of the thinking and planning going into a decision by the NCHSAA regarding sports in the current environment surrounding the coronavirus pandemic.

"At this time...we do not know," she said in addressing the

overall question. "But, we promise that we will do the best we can to offer students the opportunity to get on the field and play the games that they enjoy and that they love. Our staff is working to craft new and innovative ways to accommodate schedule changes, to make tweaks that may be necessary to offer competitive opportunities during this current climate."

Aug. 1 is the date set for practices to begin for traditional fall sports.

Tucker added, "We believe that the governor, unless he feels that conditions will allow students to return to some form of in-person learning safely, it is difficult to imagine that high school athletics

will be able to resume any type of competition at our member schools. If it is unsafe for our students to be in school, then certainly the idea is that it would be unsafe for our students to be playing in those athletic venues."

Some schools across the state have begun summer workouts while others have chosen to hold off. Tucker noted that the rules of the NCHSAA allow individual school districts to impose rules and policies that are "more restrictive" than the state rules. "We applaud our member schools for operating in what they believe to be in the best interest of their students and their communities as it relates to their health and safety."

Tucker further noted, "We want our students back in the classroom which means that they can then be on the field and on the court. We will do everything in our power to make that a reality and to offer as much of a season as is safe and feasible for each of our sports and our teams."


A decision has yet to be made for sports in-part because N.C. Governor Roy Cooper has yet

to announce the state plans for school academics in the fall. Gov. Cooper is expected to announce his decision the week of July 13, and he will decide from three plans: Plan A: in-person classes with safety precautions; Plan B: limited capacity, altered student schedules; or Plan C: remote learning.

Tucker noted that the NCHSAA plans will mirror Gov. Cooper's decision. "If it is Plan A, all of you know what the plan will be - we will start on time and we will do business as usual. If it is Plan B or if it is Plan C, then honestly what we'll need to do will be to see what that means as it relates to numbers."


Tucker said herself and the NCHSAA Board has been looking at various plans in preparation to decide. "So, we've got everything on the table - no lines really drawn in the sand right now except that we know that Aug. 1 is approaching quickly and so a decision will be made sooner rather than later. We're not going to be rushed into a decision because it's not fair to our students. It's not fair to coaches."

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK
Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida
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Brutie and Archie, daughter and son of Glen and Nichole Roberts of the Wolftown Community

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The Garden Bug

Bridal bouquets

In ancient times, garlands or flowers symbolized the bride's fertility. In the Middle Ages, wedding bouquets were packed with pungent herbs; garlic, spices and dill were used to fend off evil spirits and bad luck that might plague the bride and the guests. The tradition of tossing the bouquet began from guests tearing pieces from the bride's dress for good luck; the bride would divert attention from this practice by throwing either the bouquet or the garter.

—Brenda Weaver



Source: www.roseandblossom.com

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Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program holds Summer Retreat

LAKE JUNALUSKA - The Fellows of the 2020-2021 Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program assembled lakeside at Lake Junaluska on July 6-8 to meet with their mentors and begin their journey through the program year. The retreat was a little bit different this year due to COVID-19. The meetings were held outdoors, each participant was provided a cloth and N95 mask, hand sanitizer, and gloves, food was take-out only, and social distancing was required.

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award program is a culturally-based leadership program for college undergraduate students who are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Each fellow is paired with a mentor to work with throughout the program year.

This year's program fellows and their respective mentors include: Levi West (mentor Monica Wildcatt), Kristen "Sassy" Washington and Hope Long (mentor Dr. Blythe Winchester), Raylen Bark (mentor Ahli-sha Stephens), Nolan Arkansas (mentor Dr. Trey Adcock), Nola Teesatuskie (mentor Tara McCoy), Sarah Thompson (mentor Kathi Littlejohn), Jessica Lambert (mentor Dawn Arneach), and Kevonna Tushka (mentor Dr. Jennifer Thompson). Mentors are selected based on their high degree of professionalism and knowledge of history/culture and community service work. Mentoring is completely voluntary, and the pairings are made based on the individual fellows' needs and career path.

The retreat begins with the participants reviewing and discussing the seven Cherokee core values including: Group Harmony,

Sense of Place, Strong Individual Character, Educating the Children, Honoring the Past, Spirituality, and Sense of Humor.

Workshops included the Fellows building their individual leadership plan that includes an individual cultural goal and leadership goal they want to achieve. Their cultural goal is something they wish to learn and share that incorporates Cherokee culture. Their leadership goal is something they wish to accomplish that will help them gain knowledge of becoming a better leader utilizing the traditional Cherokee leadership practice of selfless leadership.

Fellows are awarded up to \$4,000 each to complete their leadership plan.

The summer heat was minimal as the group participated in afternoon group project brainstorming. The J-B Fellows annually complete a community project and participate in volunteer work. The group project is completely in their hands, though mentors offer advice and guidance. A project idea is conceived and brought into the advanced planning phases in just three planning sessions.

The next morning was clear and bright; the fellows are brought together for a discussion on higher education and to go over the next steps in the program. Fellows who are upperclassmen offer advice to the upcoming freshmen, while the freshmen bring their own questions to ask those with more experience.

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Program is a program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute which is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is supported by the Cherokee Pres-

ervation Foundation. It is named Jones-Bowman Leadership Award



Photos courtesy of Jones-Bowman Leadership Award program

Kevonna Tushka, left, and Levi West are shown working on a retreat assignment at the recent Jones-Bowman Leadership Award program retreat at Lake Junaluska. In the background, Dawn Arneach, left, a Jones-Bowman mentor, is shown discussing a topic with her Fellow, Jessica Lambert.



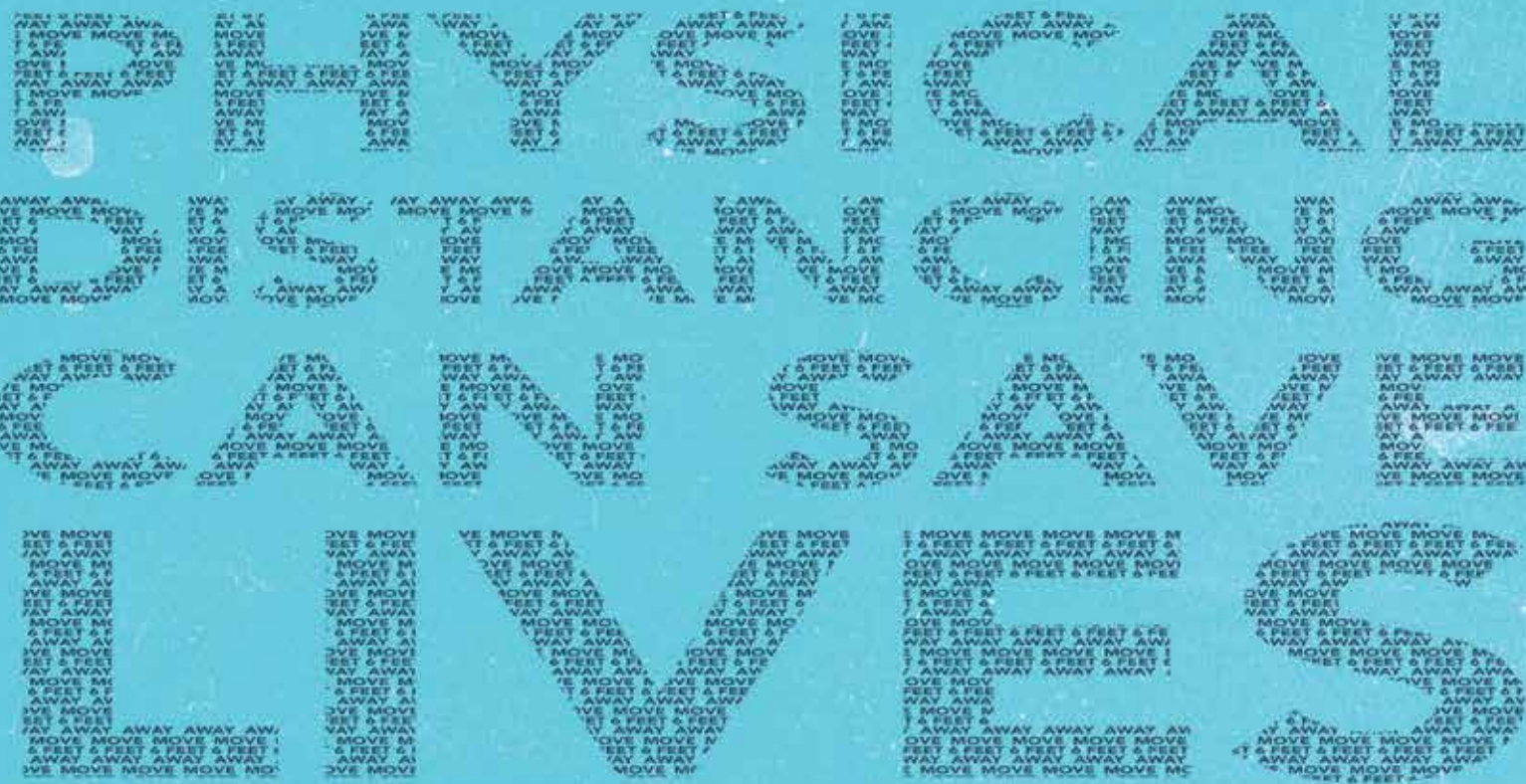
The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award program mentors and Fellows are shown, left-right, Monica Wildcatt, Dr. Trey Adcock, Sarah Thompson, Nolan Arkansas, Ahli-sha Stephens, Kathi Littlejohn, Jessica Lambert, Raylen Bark, Christopher Reed, Kevonna Tushka, Levi West, Hope Long, Nola Teesatuskie, Kristen "Sassy" Washington, and Dr. Blythe Winchester. Not pictured - Dawn Arneach, Dr. Jennifer Thompson, and Tara McCoy.

after Principal Chief Leon Jones and Tribal Council Representative James Bowman who were integral in the formation of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

For more information on the

program and how to apply in the future, contact Christopher Reed chris@rkli.org or 359-5544.

- Submitted by Christopher Reed,
Jones-Bowman leadership
specialist



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OBITUARIES

Teresa "Tracie" Ann French



Teresa Ann French, 55, of Cherokee, went to her Heavenly home on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. Teresa was known by most everyone as Tracie. The daughter of the late Marvin (Skilly) French and Katherine (Kay) Bain French, she is preceded in death by her brother, Daniel Marvin French.

Tracie is survived by her children, Gary (Yona) Sequoyah (Taryn Walking eagle), Redbird Sequoyah (Gatlin West), and Tashina Lynn Sequoyah. In addition, she leaves behind her brothers, Randy French and Eddie French; her sisters, Patsy French and Erin French Tyner. Tracie's memory will be carried on by her 12 grandchildren, Justiana West, Isiah West, Loki West, Awee Sequoyah, AK Sequoyah, Taliyah Sequoyah, Deacon Sequoyah, Cedar Sequoyah, William Mesteth, Waylon Walking eagle, Bitiste Pepion, and Julius Pepion. She has many special friends, but her four-legged furbaby daughter, Snookie, was her everything.

Tracie had at one time been a wildland firefighter. Most recently,

she did stonework and masonry. A long-time fan of the Washington Redskins, her favorite basketball team was the Maryland Terrapins. Tracie enjoyed crafting and doing beadwork. She was generous with her humor. Tracie was a warrior woman who loved her family and her tribe. She wanted what was best for everyone. Tracie was a mom, a dad, an auntie, a sister, and Nana.

A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, July 7 at the First Baptist Church of Bryson City with Pastor Ted Duncan officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.



Walter "Jake" Ferguson

Walter "Jake" Ferguson, 78, passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 after an extended illness.

Born in Waynesville on July 18, 1941 to William Noble Ferguson and Sara Orr Ferguson, he lived most of his life in Haywood County. Jake proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1960-66 where he served in the Second Marine Air Wing. He was extremely proud of his military service and his family and passed on a love of God, family and country to his children and

grandchildren. He was a living example of hard work, strength and good humor and always stood up for the underdog.

Jake was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Janice; and his sister, Margaret.

He was the father of three sons and one daughter, Neil (Julie) of Cherokee, Todd (Wendy Jo) of Etowah, Kirk (Jamie) of Stockdale, Texas, and Teresa Lowman of Morganton; and nine grandchildren, Nicholas, DJ, Sara-Marie, Will, Brandon, Lillie, Israel, Leeah, and Matthew.

Per his wishes, there will be no memorial service planned. Family will have a private meeting at a later date to scatter his cremains at his beloved beach as well as in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Cherokee Children's Home or Ernestine Walkingstick Domestic Violence Shelter.

Smoky Mountain Cremations and Funeral Service of Clyde is caring for the family and the on-line register is available at www.smokymountaincremations.com.

Johnny Lee Thompson

Johnny Lee Thompson, 33, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, July 9, 2020.

He was the son of the late Wilson Junior Thompson and surviving mother Anita Swimmer Thompson of the home. Johnny was a fun loving guy. He was a gamer and loved X-box and also did some wrestling.

Johnny was preceded in death by grandfather, Isaac David Swimmer; grandmother, Dorothy P. Swimmer; uncles, David P. Swimmer and Adam, Lawrence, Eugene and Edison Thompson; aunts,

Tiny and Lillian Thompson; and cousins, Tsa-ni Youngdeer and Caden Jayce Lossie.

Along with his mother, Johnny is survived by a twin brother, Homer Lee Thompson; sister, Ada Jay "Ducky" Thompson; niece, Addi Taylor; nephew, Calvin Taylor; aunts, Geraldine Thompson, Amanda Thompson, Kina Swimmer, Bobbi George (Russell), Bonnie Youngdeer (Barnie), all of Cherokee, Dinah Melton (Jerry), of Puryear, Tenn.; three uncles, Ben, Juggie and Dean (Lola) Swimmer of Cherokee; many cousins of both Thompson and Swimmer families; and special brothers Keonta, T-Bear, Booger and James.

Johnny had a graveside funeral service on Monday, July 13 in the Thompson Family Cemetery off Wilson Thompson Rd. in the Birdtown Community. Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiated with

Good Housekeeping

Grilled Peach Melba

Try this easy dessert recipe with other grilled fruits such as nectarines or apricots, then top with frozen yogurt and strawberry or blackberry sauce.

- 2 large ripe peaches, each cut in half and pits discarded
- 1/2 pint raspberries
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 1/2 cups vanilla ice cream

1. Prepare outdoor grill for direct grilling on medium.

2. Place peach halves on hot grill grate and cook 5 to 6 minutes or until lightly charred and tender, turning over once.

3. Meanwhile, prepare sauce: In bowl, with fork, mash half the raspberries with sugar. Stir in remaining raspberries.

4. To serve, place a peach half in each of 4 dessert bowls; top with ice cream and raspberry sauce.

• Each serving: About 160 calories, 8g total fat (5g saturated), 26mg cholesterol, 25mg sodium, 22g total carbohydrate, 3g dietary fiber, 2g protein.

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**Swain Arts Center 2020
Open Juried Photography
Competition**

The Swain Arts Center will host its fourth annual Open Juried Photography Competition on Oct. 17. This year there will be two categories for photographs: Weather Scenes and Mountain Views. Submissions should be made online no later than Sept. 21 (jpg format). Participants will be notified on Sept. 23 if their submissions have been accepted for the competition. The submission fee is \$15 per single entry. If you submit five images, the fee is \$70. The application is available at swainartscenter.com. Each participant may submit up to five images.

Photographs accepted for the competition should be delivered to the Swain Arts Center on Oct. 12. The Photography Competition Judging and Reception will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Swain Arts Center, 1415 Fontana Road, Bryson City. Photos chosen for display should be a minimum size of 11" x 14" and a maximum size of 36" x 48", printed on paper, metal, or canvas. Photos should be ready to hang. Prizes for each category are: First Place-\$100, Second Place-\$75, Third Place-\$50. Three Honorable Mention Awards will be given. There will be one Best of Show prize of \$200.

Info: Rachel Lackey, director of the Swain Arts Center, 488-7843
- *Swain Arts Center*

**Sequoyah Birthplace Museum
cancels events**

VONORE, Tenn. - The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, located in Vonore, Tenn., has announced that several fall events have been cancelled due to COVID-19.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

Following a hard rainstorm, a rainbow rises above a mountaintop in the Painttown Community on the evening of Thursday, July 9.

"It is with great sadness that we announce the Executive Committee has decided that all public events have been canceled due to COVID-19, which includes Sequoyah Remembrance Day, scheduled to be held Aug. 2; the Monroe Life Balloon Fiesta, scheduled to be held Sep. 5-6; and the Annual Cherokee Fall Festival, scheduled to be held Sept. 12-13," Museum officials said in a statement. "Due to difficulties in planning caused by COVID-19, we could not create the safe and enjoyable festival

experience that you have come to know and love. We truly believe this is the right choice to protect the safety and well-being of our vendors, demonstrators, staff, and the visitors."

Their statement continued, "We look forward to brighter days ahead when we can gather again to celebrate with everyone in a healthy and prosperous manner. Thank you so much for your support, and we look forward to seeing you 2021!"

Info: www.sequoyahmuseum.org.

org, (423) 884-6246
- *Sequoyah Birthplace Museum*
release

Swain Dem meeting via Zoom

Swain County Democratic Party meeting via Zoom. July 21 at 6 p.m. Agenda will include getting the word regarding absentee voting/vote-by-mail. All are welcome. Call Luke Hyde 488-1234 for an email link to join the call.

- *Swain County Democratic Party*

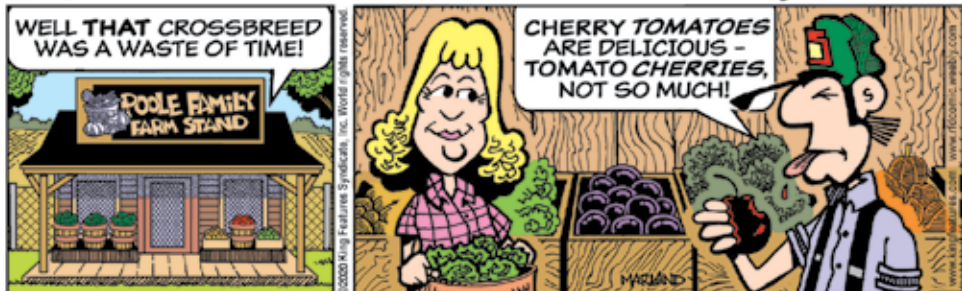
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by Jeff Pickering



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



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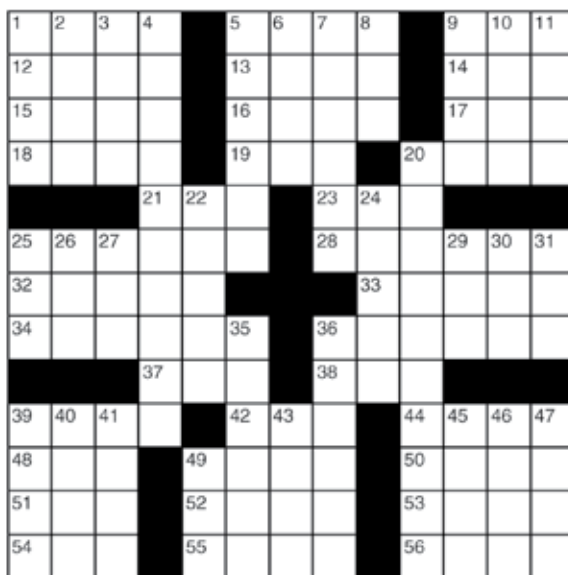


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- 46 "Puttin' on the —"
- 47 Crucial time
- 49 Blond shade

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Luke 8, Jesus caused swine to rush into what body of water? *River Jordan, Dead Sea, Nile, Sea of Galilee*
 3. In which gospel does Jesus say the scripture cannot be broken? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
 4. From Matthew 17, what did Peter find with a coin in its mouth? *Ram, Fish, Viper, Raven*
 5. Who was Jacob's firstborn as mentioned in Genesis 35? *Reuben, Ehud, Joshua, Elah*
 6. Zacchaeus climbed what type tree to see Jesus? *Fig, Carob, Sycamore, Box*
- "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: In which 1980s-90s sitcom did a waitress named Carla Tortelli appear?
2. LITERATURE: What are the tree-like beings called in "The Lord of the Rings"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the rallying cry for the shape-changing Transformers?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state would a Jayhawker hail from?
5. MOVIES: Which movie featured the line, "Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death!"?
6. ANATOMY: Which part of the human body is affected by surgery called rhinoplasty?
7. MUSIC: Which rock group's debut album was titled "Bleach"?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was known as the "hero of San Juan Hill"?
9. MEASUREMENTS: What does a joule measure?
10. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Grand Teton National Park?

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COMMENTARY

Am I “woke”?

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

I must admit, the older I get, the harder it is to keep up with the trends. I am a proud Baby Boomer and, with each additional day of life, I find it more difficult to be surprised at humans, human nature, and the actions of humans. Unfortunately, it feels like we have entered a new era of hate. We do not seem to be able to distinguish between love and hate. We also cannot separate the hate of actions from the hate of individuals.

Recent news reports have been exceptionally disheartening. After being mentally handheld in the understanding that masks will protect others, we either stubbornly or ignorantly keep positioning ourselves to be of harm to others. We even create COVID parties where people gather with a person who has a confirmed case of the coronavirus with the intent of catching the disease so that we may win a prize. When I see news like this, it makes me wonder what I am missing.

The “which life matters” debate has also been a head-scratcher (that’s old man speak for “confusing”). I see the phrase “Black Lives Matter”, and I think, of course those lives matter. It would be the height of arrogance, inhumanity, and, yes, racism, to think otherwise. And yet when one of us makes the statement that “All Lives Matter”, voices rise in aggravation and anger. It would seem it is not okay to say that everyone matters or that saying “all” somehow makes lives of color matter less.

Racism as a cultural issue is front and center in our thoughts and lives these days. I was once told by a friend and fellow tribal member that it is impossible to be a racist if you are in a minority. I tried to explain that race hate was not about

numbers per se, but my friend did not think so.

What we call racism is much more complicated than we make it out to be. And because we over-simplify it, we lump everyone into one camp or another. Racism, as we define it as a society, is not just about color. It is also about culture and history. Unfortunately, some are using the term racism to gain or exert power. Riots, murder, and vandalism have all been justified or excused in the name of racism.

Meriam Webster’s definition of racism is “a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race.” The definition assumes physical and psychologic differences that would cause one or another person of a race to think it is better than the other.

There are historic and current societal examples of this mentality being the case in our history.

Beginning with European contact, at least in America, there have been numerous incidents of immigrant Europeans subjugating people of color for the purposes of acquiring land and forced labor. There are horrific examples of people of color being thought of and treated like pets, livestock, and worse. Clearly, there have been atrocities committed and justified in the name of racial superiority. Within the issues that face us currently is a massive gap in knowledge of our history as American peoples as a single society and as individual cultural groups.

I have always been a hobbyist when it comes to history, particularly when it comes to Civil War history. Having ancestral roots in Cherokee, the “South”, and Africa, it was natural for me to want to know more about a pivotal time that im-

pacts all three of my historic roots. We miss so much and anger too quickly by not getting into the particulars of our shared history. How many times have we witnessed, maybe have been a party to, having a family member, a bad apple, if you will, who does atrocious things, and the family stand behind them. Or, maybe we have a loved one who has done good and charitable things but has a very nasty habit that we deplore. We will say that we do not condone that behavior, but they are still family and we still accept them. Because we know our family members intimately, we base our valuation of them on the totality of their actions and their relationship to the family. We know their personal histories intimately and we take the good with the bad.

Our national community resists generalizing and labeling, and yet one group or another, in order to get their point or points across will categorize people as this or that. I did it in my opening paragraph when I identified myself as a Baby Boomer, a member of an age group. And we assume things about people in a group. Tourism and economic consultants paint with broad strokes how Baby Boomers are and will respond to certain stimuli.

Another age group, the Millennials, have a whole different set of traits and responses. And yet there are Millennials who think and act like Boomers and visa versa. We are many times labeling and, indeed, are being labeled before all the facts are in. "You want to keep the statues, well then you must be racist". "You're a police officer, well then you must want to hurt and kill people". "You're a protester, well then you must be a rioter".

While race has been a dividing factor in our history, there is much more to it than the color of our skins. In our desire to be right,

we portray those who do not agree with our point of view in the most negative light possible. We accentuate the negative. We downplay and hide the positive. The object is to win, and it does not help the cause to transparently discuss all sides of the situation.

I absolutely understand and agree with much of the outrage we all feel on all sides of the issues. The atrocities of the past are well documented. And yet, they are only part of the history. As some have said we need reminders of how we lived out history. We need the good reminders so that we honor and cherish that which is good about us. We need the bad reminders so that we do not repeat the bad about us. And sometimes a single symbol may be a reminder of both good and bad.

A contributing writer for the Macon County News, Brittany Lofthouse, last week wrote about the role of a community in western North Carolina in the Civil War. It is a very interesting read, and I encourage you to find it and read it in its entirety (www.themaconcountynews.com). She spoke to Robert Shook, who is the curator for the Macon County Historical Society Museum.

She wrote, "Out of the more than 889 volunteers to fight for the Confederacy, 300 men didn't return home. Shook has a three-ring binder which lists the name, regiment, company, age and rank of every Macon County native who died during the war. Shook's records also include three Native Americans who fought in the war as part of William Holland Thomas' Native American Unit. Macon County's history in the Civil War extends beyond white and black soldiers and encompasses the history of more than 400 Cherokee soldiers who pledged their loyalty to the Con-

federacy. Confederate Col. William H. Thomas organized Thomas's Legion of Cherokee Indians and Mountaineers in Western North Carolina who were largely responsible in preventing the Union being able to occupy Western North Carolina during the war. The names of the Cherokee soldiers who died during the War have been added to a comprehensive list of names of Macon County residents who died even though Thomas's Legion is recorded as being from "Quallatown" due to being comprised of Native American Soldiers. Several Cherokee who volunteered to fight in the war hailed from Sandtown, a village just west of Franklin in the Cartoogechaye area. Thomas plays further significance in local history as being the first and only white man to serve as Cherokee Chief."

There are those who look at certain statues and see them as reminders of a time of national failing, a condoning of slavery that dates to the founding of the nation. Those statues are a slap in the face to those who have loved ones in their ancestry who suffered and even today are disadvantaged because of the legacy of slavery. There are those who look at those same statues and see them as memorials to lost loved ones during the most violent war that America has known to date. For example, the majority of those who fought on the side of the Confederacy in North Carolina did not own nor did they necessarily condone slavery. Most soldiers were dirt farmers and common laborers, particularly in western North Carolina, who were fighting because of impending invasion and promised takeover of their homes. Tearing down or removing the statues, the ancestors of those lost in the war, is also a slap in the face.

And both views have merit

and deserve respect. One does not have to be wrong if the other is right. They may both be right. If we can ever get past all the noise of people cussing, finger-pointing, and hating long enough to sit and listen to each other, we will find that we have much more in common than what divides us. What would be devastating to us as a community and a nation is if we let hate, rioting, criminal behavior, and chaos dictate the decisions we make as a society. Solutions to the issues at hand are attainable, likely in a way that will be beneficial or at least satisfactory to everyone. But we must listen and talk to each other without rhetoric and with honest, full disclosure. The yelling and violence is a distraction that is intended to divide us. The issues of race have been used as an excuse to murder and destroy on both sides of the issue. We, as a community and society, have prescribed lawful ways to make change if we want it. We put those remedies in place so that we could make change in peace and be sure that it is the will of the people to make change. Let's do it together and in peace.

I grabbed an urban dictionary because I was having difficulty understanding the latest buzz word "woke". For my Boomer buddies out there, here is the definition..."Urban Dictionary defines 'woke' as being aware, and 'knowing what's going on in the community.' It also mentions its specific ties to racism and social injustice. To use 'woke' accurately in a sentence, one that captures its connotations and nuances, you'd need to reference someone who is thinking for themselves, who sees the ways in which racism, sexism and classism affect how we live our lives on a daily basis. Or, alternatively, someone who doesn't." (www.bustle.com)

Clear as mud, right?

One Feather Question of the Week

Including yourself, what percentage of people that you come in contact with wear a mask/face covering?

Driver Blythe: 1/4 don't wear from what I see.

Elnora Thompson: Since it became mandatory, most of the people I see are wearing them! I stay home mostly, so I don't see a majority of people to know if a lot don't wear masks. I'm thankful that the ones I see do!

Tonya Crowe: No one that I've been but the ones that live here. No respect

Martha Baerreis: Downtown Murphy - maybe 5 percent wear masks. The shop employees don't wear masks. When we drive by the restaurants, people going in do not wear masks. The coffee shop employees do not wear masks. Very few. At the grocery store, it looks like about 50/50 - employees are all masked, but it is common to see employees with their masks around their chins.

Allison Sheckels: I work in a salon in South Carolina. I'm the only operator wearing a mask and probably only 5 percent of clients coming in wear one.

Deborah Youngdeer: In and around Cherokee, I would say 95 percent of the locals wear masks when they're inside.

Terri Townsend: Not very many...

Dennis Burgess: 75 percent

Carol Long: Most Natives do, a few don't

Kristy Maney Herron: I would say about 75 percent.

Garrett Lagan: At Ingles in Bryson City last Saturday, I counted four people without masks. It was a huge improvement.

Josie Coffield Reynolds: My family lives on a farm in the country. We don't wear a mask around each other. I wear one when I go to

grocery, but I see very few wearing them any in the store. And 1/2 of them aren't wearing them correctly.

Brianna Brady: As a truck driver that travels all the states, even if the state mandates masks, it's at a 50 percent participation rate. More people may be wearing them but are not wearing them correctly.

Judy Murphy: About half in Atlanta

Gerri Grady: 85 percent - we require masks at the Museum. I don't come into contact with too many people. I noticed that the people at the Post Office don't always comply.

Donna Jackson: Most people in Robbinsville don't wear a mask.

Susan Lynn Bailey: In Manhattan, New York City, about 95 percent; pretty good! Stay safe and wear a mask and social distance.

Christopher Streets: I work at the Welcome Center, and I'd say about half the people who come up to talk to us wear masks.

Andrew Shadrick: Maybe 5 percent and they look at me like I'm crazy for wearing a mask.

Joshua Thompson: About 75 percent

Jeff Switzer: 90 percent would be a guess

James Atkinson: Asheville, NC: maybe 30 percent overall. Lower than that for visitors, and much lower than that in the surrounding rural areas and some suburbs. Much higher than that at selected locations, but stores and restaurants that mandate masks to enter tend to encounter significant but sporadic hostility.

Candy Wachacha Crowe: In Asheville, about 90 percent; in Robbinsville, 1 percent; in Cherokee, 80 percent

Stanley Ross: 75 percent

Elizabeth Lambert Abbott: Mostly our people are wearing masks, but I have really only gone to a grocery store.

Kathy Burgess: 75 percent

Janis Owl: Cherokee County, about 20 percent

Lizzie McCoy Bernal: In the past week, I have noticed more and more people wearing them. It doesn't bother me to see an occasional person not wearing a mask because I know there are some that can't due to health reasons, but when you see a whole family or a whole crowd of people that aren't then you know they are just refusing to wear them.

Onita Bush: Mostly elderly people

Crystal R Rhynes: When I have to go out in surrounding counties, it varies by county. In Macon, I would say 90 percent of locals but maybe only 40 percent of tourists. In Jackson, maybe 50/50 with coverings by what appear to be college-age students being only maybe 20 percent. Swain, not very many tourists are wearing them and not many residents either.

P.J. Diaz: I live in Pennsylvania and we have to wear them when we are in crowds and inside, still it's about 75 percent. My mom said down there mostly people in Qualla are wearing them and most people in Sylva, but she went to Pigeon Forge for lunch with my daughter and they were two of the few in masks. My daughter is so disgusted that she wants to cut her stay short.

Marie Clark: In public in Jackson County, it's 50/50. People who are visiting less likely. Younger population is less likely. Either you do or you don't. I wear mine regardless.

Matt Hollifield: Like 80 percent; more in Cherokee, less in Robbinsville

Roellen Pugh: At work at the casino, 100 percent every day every moment! Out in Bryson City or Cherokee or Sylva, maybe 50 percent.

E.J. Wachacha: Maybe 10 percent in Robbinsville. My wife and I have been wearing masks since March.

Ann Hensley: Anytime I enter a building except my home.

Faye Pheasant: Working 4th of July weekend, approximately 95 percent had masks when they came to Welcome Center.

John Wolfe: 50 percent – I do have elderly parent and mother-in-law and pregnant daughter-in-law.

Wanda Sea: About 20 percent

Brenda Mestas: 95 percent – because of my job, all my family knows I can't be around them. And, I also bought all my immediate household (family) a mask.

Dale C. Pettigrew: 100 percent or I tell them to stay far away from me. Just wear a mask people! It can save lives.

Kat Songbird: In New England, the days I go to the store there are about 1 percent of adults I see without – see a higher percentage when driving by basketball courts and on news...but, all indoor, public spaces are required in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and have been for a couple of months.

Debra Hoppe: Cherokee people are pretty good about wearing them. I have been in Arlington, Va. For almost a month and from what I could see from the balcony, it was about 60 percent wearing them.

Sarah Keeney-Peine: I would say 50/50 in Sylva, N.C.

Josh Stevenson: 50 percent

Ren Yay: I'm from the Atlanta area. Stores like Sprouts and Costco – you will see it but Walmart is always a gamble. There are a lot of fools wearing them around their neck as well. I was shocked when I went for a visit with my dentist and chiropractor and their cavalier attitude towards it. Georgia

Nannie Garrett: Wal Mart is about the only place that I see people wearing masks. I asked the lady why they don't require all customers to

wear masks. She said, 'oh, they will get mad'. They have aisles marked with red and green and I was surprised at the people who don't know what red and green mean or they can't read but the main thing is they don't care.

Nika West: Less than 20 percent

Michelle Jackson Stamper: 95 percent; required at our job

Donna Hunt: Here in Asheville, it's about 85 percent that I have seen wearing their masks. My son and I wear ours everywhere we go, and it is required that we wear on when being in the commons areas of our apartment building.

Linda Thomas: 75 percent

Adora Elsa: Publix in Waynesville yesterday 100 percent wearing mask; Ingles only 80 percent

R.S. Gonzalez: Not many at all. We wear masks anytime we are out around other people.

Frank Herron: 85 percent

Terry Foster: I don't go out unmasked, and in grocery stores gloves too. I go out rarely, once every two or three weeks. No one except my daughter comes in my house. She is masked. I order a lot online. And, I do some pick-up of stuff - never leaving my vehicle. Everyone delivering has to be masked or I speak up.

Joe Mayberry: Not many

Nannie Taylor: I don't hardly go out, except to grocery store when I need something, and I see Natives wearing their masks. And, I always wear mine, and my grandbabies and daughter are the only ones at my house. And, I think about 90 percent when I go out.

Mendee Bell McCrary: Maybe 20 percent in Cleveland. We visited Cherokee a few weeks ago and about 30 percent of the people we saw out had on masks.

Rene Corbin Plemmons: .001 percent

Jessica Myers: 90 percent

Casey Tyler Foster Armachain: Most of the residents of the Tribe wear them, but I haven't seen any tourists wear them.

Laura Hamm: About 20 percent

Bo Lee: Not many tourists wearing them, that's for sure.

Wyman Clark: Close to 100 percent

Fern Amara Shobe: Maybe 20 percent have been wearing masks. Noone is taking it seriously. And, they should.

Darrell Pyle: In my stores, before the mandate it was 10 percent. Now, it's probably 95 percent but business is down quite a bit since the mandate.

Tamra Lynn Awtrey: I don't dare go to anywhere in town. There's so many tourists not wearing masks.

Derah LC Davis: I'm in Kentucky and don't get out much because when I do it's much less than 50 percent.

Debi Stamper: 100 at my work! Good for us!

Janice Griffin Jenkins: 100 percent at my work, 80 percent at grocery store

John Parker: 95 percent

Chris Banks: When we were in Cherokee, 95 percent of all the people there wore a face mask.

Dawn Arneach: Between 95 to 100 percent, but then it's just been mostly work and home. We do enforce at work.

Thomas Temple: 3 percent

Judy Weatherholtz: 80 percent

Katherine McCue: 100 percent

I propose changing the name of Jackson County to Jackson County

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Nationwide, we are seeing statues of slave owners come down and names regarded as racist being changed, and I propose that Jackson County, North Carolina change its name to Jackson County. This proposal would change the namesake only, cost zero dollars, and lift the county up from being named after a person responsible for one of the most atrocious acts in American history to being named after the 18th Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

I propose simply changing the namesake of the county from President Jackson to former Principal Chief Walter S. Jackson (1923-71). This change would not cost the county anything as nothing would really need to be changed such as signage, documents, decals on county vehicles, etc. The namesake would only change and, in doing so, would help further solidify the relationship between the EBCI and the county.

Jackson County was formed in 1851 from parts of Haywood and Macon counties and named after President Andrew Jackson, according to NCpedia.org. A portion of the Qualla Boundary, the main tribal land base of the EBCI, is located in Jackson County.

For those of you who might not know, President Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act of 1830 which led to the Trail of Tears for the Cherokee Nation. In an address to Congress on Dec. 6, 1830, he stated, "And is it supposed that the wandering savage has a stronger attachment to his home than the settled, civilized Christian? Is it more afflicting to him to leave the graves of his fathers than it is to our brothers and children? Rightly considered, the policy of the General Government toward the red man is not only liberal, but generous. He is unwilling to submit to the laws of the States and mingle with their population. To save him



Photo courtesy of family

Principal Chief Walter S. Jackson (1923-71)

from this alternative, or perhaps utter annihilation, the General Government kindly offers him a new home, and proposes to pay the whole expense of his removal and settlement."

The late, acclaimed author Robert J. Conley, a member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, wrote about Chief Jackson in his book, "A Cherokee Encyclopedia" describing his service to the Cherokee people.

The book outlines many of Chief Jackson's

accomplishments in his short life including: World War II Navy veteran, manager of the Oconaluftee Indian Village, Chief of the Cherokee Indian Police Dept., head of the Tribe's community services division, Tribal Council representative for 12 years, Vice Chief for four years, and Principal Chief (elected in 1967).

Conley wrote, "He was instrumental in developing the Cherokee Boys Club, improving reservation roads, re-opening the tribal rolls, securing a new gymnasium and a new elementary school, and establishing the Public Health Service hospital."

Chief Jackson died while serving in the office of Principal Chief at the age of 47.

Conley further wrote, "U.S. Congressman Roy Taylor said of him (Chief Jackson), 'He was a warm, friendly individual whom we all looked to seeing when he came to Washington. He always seemed to have the welfare of the Cherokee Indians at heart and vigorously pursued those programs which he felt would improve their social and economic conditions. He had the ability to combine his congenial manner with serious purpose.'"

Just two days after his death, the Cherokee Boys Club named the third cottage of the old Cherokee Boys Club Home for Boys the Walter S. Jackson Cottage in his honor. A resolution from the Boys Club, dated April 28, 1971, states, "He worked very hard for the Cherokee Reservation for for the betterment of his people. He was instrumental in getting the Cherokee Boys Club, Inc. organized in 1964, and he has helped the Club tremendously in all of its work and has served on the Club's Advisory Committee since its beginning. The Club appreciates the fact that Chief Jackson devoted his life to the service of his people."

This proposed change would not cost Jackson County a penny, but it could pay generous rewards in improved relations and a new spirit of cooperation in this small part of western North Carolina.

SPEAKING OF FAITH

Cedars of Lebanon - plantings of the Lord

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

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"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to the Most High.

"It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening, "Accompanied by a ten-stringed instrument, a harp, and the melody of the lyre.

"You thrill me, LORD, with all you have done for me! I sing for joy because of what you have done.

"O LORD, what great works you do! And how deep are your thoughts.

"Only a simpleton would not know, and only a fool would not understand this:

"Though the wicked sprout liked weeds and evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever.

"But you, O LORD, will be exalted forever.

"Your enemies, LORD, will surely perish, all evildoers will be scattered.

"But you have made me as strong as a wild ox.

You have anointed me with the finest oil.

"My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the defeat of my wicked opponents.

"But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the 'cedars of Lebanon'.

"For they are transplanted to the LORD'S own house. They flourish in the courts of our God.

"Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green.

They will declare, 'The LORD is just! He is my rock! There is no evil in him!'

Psalms 92:1-15 (NLT)

"In verse 7, the weeds generally have a broad root system and end up growing as nuisances, but a good weeder can overtake most of their growth. When the Lord plants us in a setting where we can be allowed to grow and flourish, He decides to plant us near a good source of 'living water'. The trees known as the Cedars of Lebanon, are known to be big, strong

ones that can weather any storm, not at all like a weed, explained Pastor Melton. "There are three noteworthy characteristics of the useful, much-prized Cedars of Lebanon, their powerful strength, their great beauty and their wonderful fragrance which we can also be like.

("Palm trees are known for their long life. To flourish like palm trees means to stand tall and to live long. The Cedars of Lebanon grew to be 120 feet in height and up to 30 feet in circumference; thus, they were solid, strong and immovable. The writer saw believers as upright, strong, and unmoved by the winds of circumstance. Those who placed their faith firmly in God can have this strength and vitality. From notes in NLT.)

"The cedars can live to a powerful, ripe old age, and being vital and alive, not just a few broken down old trees,' Pastor Melton added. 'When there are many trees grouped together, it can even become a virtual forest. It is in the inner strength of the tree, or in the case of many believers', it is the beauty of the 'inner man or woman' trusting in their God, that brings such a majestic, and vital beauty with the ability to draw others to come near. It is in the younger ones' best interest to come, desiring to gain wisdom and knowledge from the many lives there that have been well-lived in worship and waiting upon the LORD that can bring to all of us the real hope for the future.'

"O Jacob, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles?

O Israel, how can you say God ignores your rights?

"Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

"He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

"Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion."

Isaiah 40:27-30 (NLT)

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

"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."

Isaiah 41:10. (NLT)



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*Then the fifth angel sounded:
And I saw a star fallen from heaven
to the earth. To him was given the key to
the bottomless pit. And he opened
the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out
of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace.
So the sun and the air were darkened
because of the smoke of the pit.*

REVELATION 9:1,2

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Protecting your freedom of speech

Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board

Tribal Council heard the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board on an ordinance change on Thursday, July 9 that will further protect the rights of free speech and free press. The Board proposed that the One Feather Editor position answer directly to the Executive Committee administratively. Regarding termination or transfer of an Editor, the Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and two-thirds of the Editorial Board would have to concur before any action could be taken against the Editor.

At first glance, this does not seem like very much of a change, but it will further protect the Cherokee One Feather and staff from

any potential future political pressure. This change will give the staff the confidence necessary to continue to report truthfully and fully to the community regardless of the intentions of future politicians.

One of the issues hindering the Cherokee Code is the lack of substantive protections or repercussions for violating the Code. In earlier legislation, the One Feather asked and received amendments to eliminate vagueness and codify a course of action to address political violations of the Free Press Act.

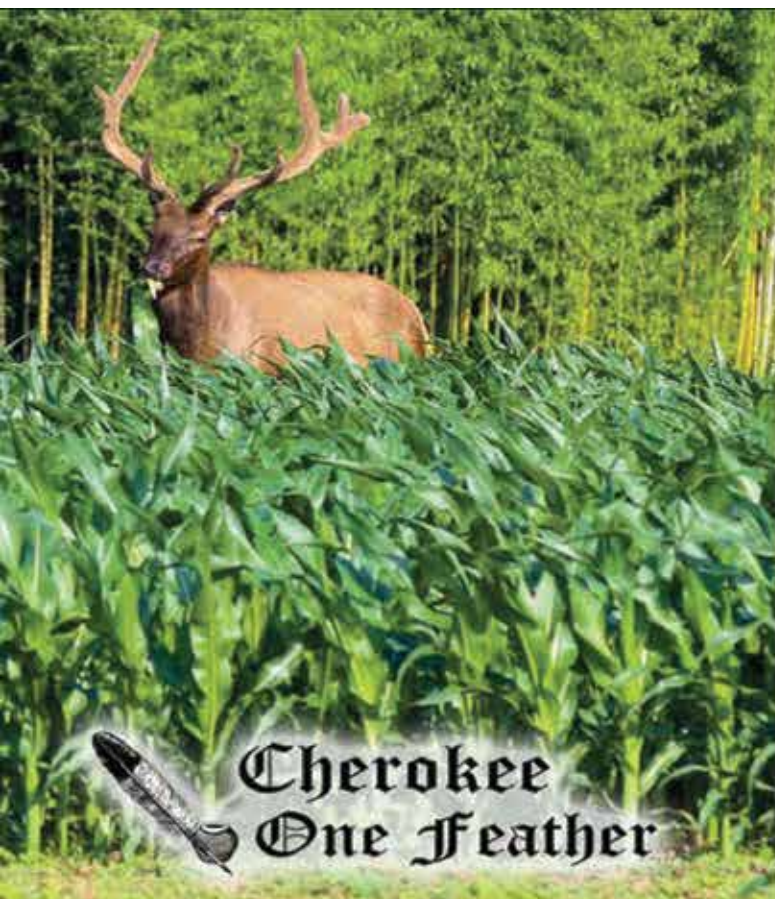
The legislation passed by Council on Thursday will permit the Editor of the newspaper, who is charged with approving story assignments and final copy, to use the Society of Professional Journalist Code of Ethics, the mandate of Chapter 75 of the Cherokee Code, and the policies set forth by the Editorial Board, to follow his best judgement in his or her duties without fear of termination or transfer.

The One Feather has enjoyed an unprecedented period of support by both the legislative and executive branch for free speech and press. This legislation provides guidance for the future, for such a time when government has conflict with the ideas of free speech.

The legislation simply codifies what is already happening between the government and the One Feather.

We, at the One Feather, appreciate the support of the Executive Office and the Tribal Council, and the incredible readers and tribal community who find value in the paper that we produce. We were amazed as we reduced our print presence over the course of the ongoing pandemic, how the community, locally and nationally, shifted to the electronic edition and readership continued to grow exponentially. We feel that it is your confidence in us that has brought us to this very important milestone in the newspaper's history.

This change will not affect the way we do business. In fact, it provides guarantees that we may continue to provide honest, unbiased, true reporting to our community and to the thousands of readers that we serve. When tribal members are doing historical research a century into the future, we want them to come to the One Feather archives and see them as the most factual documentation of Cherokee history available. Those are our vision and mission statements. It is our commitment to you.



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Cat Raids Trash Can for Kitchen Scraps

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My cat "Blaze" has figured out how to lift the lid on the kitchen trash can. He'll hop in there at any opportunity to get at the food scraps. I don't want him eating those, and I'm worried he'll get sick from raw or spoiled food. How can I stop this behavior? — *C.J. in Santa Monica, California*

DEAR C.J.: I know that's annoying! Cats are opportunists, escape artists and seemingly expert lockpickers that will take every chance to explore something that smells interesting. A trash can filled with food scraps is often irresistible.

Once a cat has figured out where all the good table scraps are, it's going to be very hard to train them out of that particular behavior. You can still try some deterrents. When you're in the kitchen and see Blaze creeping toward the trash can, hiss loudly and say "Nyah!" or "Leave it!" Or, keep a shaker can filled with pennies within reach and shake it at him when he approaches the trash can.

When you're not in the kitchen, Blaze may still keep trying to get into the trash can. For now, bungee or tape down the lid so that he can't pry it upward with his paws. Then, look for a trash can that has a locking lid, which will be much harder for your cat to lift up. This will be a huge help at night, when you can't rush into the kitchen to try and stop Blaze from his nighttime raids.

Best of luck, and remember to be patient and consistent with deterrent training methods.

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1. The Washington Kastles, San Diego Aviators, Philadelphia Freedoms and Springfield Lasers are teams competing in what pro sports league?

2. Two Denver Nuggets players led the NBA in points per game for the 1982-83 season. Who were they?

3. NFL quarterback Tom Brady was selected in the 18th round of the 1995 Major League Baseball Draft by what team?

4. The likeness of golf great Chi Chi Rodriguez appeared on the cover of the 1978 single "Be Stiff" by what American new wave band?

5. What barnstorming basketball team was founded in 1952 by Louis "Red" Klotz?

6. What two NHL players scored the first playoff hat tricks of their careers in Game 2 of the 2009 Eastern Conference Semifinals?

7. In the lyrics to "The Super Bowl Shuffle," which member of the Chicago Bears Shufflin' Crew professed to "run like lightning, pass like thunder"?

Answers

1. World Team Tennis.
2. Alex English (No. 1) and Kiki Vandeweghe.
3. The Montreal Expos.
4. Devo.
5. The Washington Generals.
6. Alex Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby.
7. Steve Fuller.

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For Sale: Blue Berries, You pick \$2.00lb.- daylight to dark/Whittier ext. 72 (828)988-8098. 7/29

Classified listings are FREE of charge. Send them to Scott at scotmcki@nc-cherokee.com or message them to us on Facebook.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Starting something new is always exciting for the adventurous Aries. And here's the good news: This time you might be able to get some assistance in helping you finish what you've started.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Put your daydreaming penchant on hold for now, and face the facts as they are, not as you'd like them to be. Your customary hardheaded approach to "deals," etc., is called for.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Problems beyond your control might delay some of your plans. But things should start to get back to normal by midweek. The weekend could bring an unexpected (but welcome) visitor.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good time to buckle down and tackle those unfinished tasks so you'll be ready to take on other projects. The week's end could bring an invitation from a most surprising source.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Mixed signals could create a few stressful moments for the Lion. But by midweek, explanations should help ease the tension. The weekend is party time! Share it with someone special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good "catching up" week for finishing tasks, calling old friends and maybe reading that book you haven't opened yet or renting that movie you wanted to see again.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Money matters should be worked out, even if it takes time away from a more romantic situation. Better to settle things before feelings turn hard and angry on all sides.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A job-related problem could turn out to be less troublesome than it seemed at first. Just a few moments of talk 'twixt the parties resolves everything to everyone's satisfaction.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The Sagittarian Archer takes aim at health and fitness issues this week. Watch your diet, and try to put more exercise time into your typically busy schedule.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As you continue to focus on a career or job change, it's a good time to look over some of your rarely used skills and see where they can fit into your future workplace plans.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A loved one's health might be worrisome, but there's good news by midweek. Expect people who share your ideas and your goals to try to contact you by the week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A colleague's request that makes the typically perceptive Pisces feel uncomfortable is a request you probably will want to turn down. The week-end favors family get-togethers.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making others feel warm and wanted. Even newcomers will feel like old friends.

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BATHROOM SAFETY

SLIPS AND FALLS



80%

of senior falls happen in the bathroom due to slippery floors and surfaces as well as high structures, according to the National Institute of Aging.

Two-thirds of all injuries occurred in the tub or shower.



According to the CDC, every year about **235,000** people over 15 years old visit ERs due to injuries suffered in the bathrooms - of those 14% are hospitalized.

In 2008, approximately **21.8 million**

persons aged 15 years sustained nonfatal, unintentional injuries, resulting in approximately \$67.3 billion in lifetime medical costs.

Follow these tips to fall-proof your bathroom



Place a non-slip mat both inside and outside of the tub



Install grab bars by the toilet



Use nightlights in and around the bathroom



Install a bath step or walk in tub to make it easier to get in and out of the shower or bathtub.



For more information and to apply for Healthy Homes assistance please contact Shelby Hornbuckle at 359-6917 or shelbhorn@nc-chokeee.com. Families must meet HUD 2019 median family income eligibility requirements.

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Sea of Galilee; 3) John 10:35; 4) Fish; 5) Reuben; 6) Sycamore



1. "Cheers"
2. Ents
3. "Till all are one"
4. Kansas
5. "Auntie Mame"
6. The nose
7. Nirvana
8. Theodore Roosevelt
9. Energy
10. Wyoming, United States

— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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| CARE | CHIT | HAJ |
| ARID | AONE | ALA |
| LIND | RULE | ROZ |
| MAGI | BRA | JEEZ |
| EGO | WHO | |
| SUMMON | SAHARA | |
| ARBOR | UNBAR | |
| CLANGS | INNATE | |
| EEC | STY | |
| UGLY | AWL | CURD |
| SUE | AREA | AVID |
| ERA | SCAN | SETA |
| DUN | HERD | HAZY |

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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| 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
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| 7 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

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



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

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

Closing Sunday, July 19, 2020

- Family Safety Manager – Family Safety Program – Public Health and Human Services (L16 \$75,114 - \$93,876)
- Cherokee Language and Culture Specialist – Employment – Human Resources (L11 \$48,162 - \$60,202)
- Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- Full-Time Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

Open Until Filled

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

Notice: At this time, due to the tribal State of Emergency caused by the coronavirus, only job openings for existing positions that are classified as essential or critical positions will be advertised for hiring. All other open positions will be addressed at a later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:
www.ebci.com/jobs

#throwbackthursday

Photos Wanted



The One Feather is seeking historical and family photos to feature weekly in our #throwbackthursday posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Send your photos to Scott at scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com, text to 788-6908, or message them to us on Facebook.

Share your family history with the rest of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Images from Museum of the Cherokee Indian

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate
File No. 20-030

In the Matter of the Estate of Ida Lee Arneach

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

Carolyn Rae Queen, 13 Camp
Creek Road, Whittier, NC, 28789.
7/15pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate
File No. 20-037

In the Matter of the Estate of Geraldine Stamper

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

Carmen V. Junaluska, P. O. Box
1112, Cherokee, NC, 28719. 8/5pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-045

In the Matter of the Estate of Michael Brian Terrell

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
Christiana Terrell, P.O. Box 784
Cherokee NC 28719. 8/5pd

BIDS, RFPs., etc.

The Natural Resource Management Office is seeking Request for Proposals (RFP)
to complete EPA Brownfield

Grant work. The work will include a Phase 1 ESA and Hazardous Materials Assessments and GPR on several structures in the Painttown community. There will be an opportunity to make a site visit for any contractors who are interested in submitting a bid. The projects packets will be available on 7/10/2020 and bids will be due on 7/24/2020 at the close of business. Please contact the Natural Resource office for a bid packet or with any questions.

Derek Tahquette, Natural Resource Management, 828-736-8931

johnthahq@nc-cherokee.com
7/15pd

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of Tribal Construction (TCP)
1840 Painttown Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 269-6169
Safety Boots

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians TCP Office is requesting bids for safety boots. The deadline for submitting Bid Estimates shall be July 22, 2020 at 10am.

Please be advised that all TERO regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal regulations shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the proposal requirements through the Tribal Construction Office. If you have any questions please contact at (828)-269-6169. 7/22

Public Notice

Kituwah, LLC is seeking to contract with a vendor to rehabilitate 7 apartment units to turnkey



**CHEROKEE INDIAN
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing, Thursday July 16, 2020

Administrative Assistant – Tribal Option
Cook – Tsali Care Center
Housekeeper – Tsali Care Center
Life Enrichment Assistant – Tsali Care Center
Masters Level Therapist – Adult/Analenisgi
Pharmacy Technician I (Level II Preferred)
PTI CNA/Med Clerk – Inpatient
PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient

Closing, Thursday July 23, 2020

Behavioral Health Clerk – Analenisgi
HR Generalist
PTI Registered Nurse – Tsali Care Center
Registered Nurse - Inpatient

Open Until Filled

Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center
(multiple) Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.
CMA/LPN (multiple)

CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient
Cook – Tsali Care Center
Cultural Coordinator – Kanvwotiyi
Dental Assistant II
Dietary Services Supervisor – Patient Side
License Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center
License Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center
Masters Level Therapist – Child/Juvenile Justice
Mastres Level Therapist - Kanvwotiyi
Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi
Physician – Primary Care
PTI Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center
PTI CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient
PTI Licensed Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center
PTI Physician – Emergency Room
PTI Registered Nurse– Tsali Care Center
Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient
PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.

at the Parkside Villas Apartments, Shelby, North Carolina 28152. A full RFP may be picked up from Cameron Cooper Kituwah, LLC 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, North Carolina 28789. Please call (828)-477-4536 or email ccooper@kituwahllc.com with any questions or requests. Pre-bid scheduled for July 24, 2020. 7/22pd

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Project Management Program

Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg.

810 Acquoni Road, Suite 117

P.O. Box 1328

Cherokee, N.C. 28719

Ph. (828) 359-6700

Project Title: Marble Senior Center

Sanitary Sewer Improvements

The Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians Project Management Program is requesting separate sealed

bids for the services of a licensed

general contractor for the purpose of installing sanitary sewer improvements for the Marble Senior Center near Andrews, NC.

The project area is located in Cherokee County between the towns of Murphy and Andrews. The project will include gravity sewer service to two buildings, a sewage pump station, approximately 2,300' of 2" force main, and a directional bore to cross the Valley River. Prospective bidders must have experience in utilities construction and be properly insured for the scope of services to be provided. Contract specifications and bidding documents will be provided to any licensed con-

tractor upon request. To request a bid package, ask questions about the project, or provide comments, contact Ken Green at (828)359-6120 or by email at kengree@nc-cherokee.com.

Bid packages must be submitted to Mr. Green in accordance with the bid instruction and must be received by 11:00 a.m., August 20, 2020 at which time bids will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of this contract. 7/22pd

Learn how to say "bread" in Cherokee... see page 4

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

No Summer Vacation? Time to Get Creative

With the coronavirus still raging, it looks like none of us are going away on a summer vacation this year. If we go anywhere, it will be local day trips, somewhere that doesn't involve crossing state lines or getting on an airplane or cruise ship. Still, we've got to do something to break up the monotony.

Before you do anything, check your state's department of health for the current movement status. Are you still on home quarantine? If you're basically free to roam around your state, do that. Think: be active, be outside.

Prowl your town looking for lawns to volunteer to mow. Head for the town's senior garden plots and offer to pull weeds.

Are you near any isolated, crowd-free water (river, beach, lake)? Take a folding chair and a book (or a fishing pole), plus a cooler of ice, water and sandwiches, and spend the day outside. Stay away from others.

Scour the internet for drive-in movies in your area. Many of them have opened up.

Walk around your town with a camera and a map.

If there's a drive-up food bank near you, volunteer to hand out bags and boxes.

Look up all the veterans memorials in your area. Visit each one. Leave a small flag. Take a photo.

If you're tempted to travel to another state, remember that many states have blocked visitors from coming in unless they agree to a two-week quarantine. Some states require returning residents to quarantine if they've been out of state for 24 hours.

And, if we're feeling sorry for ourselves, consider: If active duty personnel had their travel slammed shut, sometimes in the middle of a duty station move, with the family already sent on ahead and their belongings in a van, you know that our concerns are much smaller.

No matter where you go, take a mask, hand sanitizer and gloves. Be safe.

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THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

JULY 13-19, 2020

| WATERSHED | STOCKING | PRODUCTIVITY | ACTIVE SPECIES | HATCHES | FLY/BAIT |
|---|---|--------------|--|---|---|
| Tuckasegee River | Stocked 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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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

| MONDAY, JULY 13 | TUESDAY, JULY 14 | WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | THURSDAY, JULY 16 | FRIDAY, JULY 17 | SATURDAY, JULY 18 | SUNDAY, JULY 19 |
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| AVERAGE | AVERAGE | AVERAGE+ | AVERAGE | AVERAGE | BETTER | BETTER |
| 7:54 AM-9:54 AM 8:14 PM-10:14 PM | 8:35 AM-10:35 AM 8:57 PM-10:57 PM | 9:19 AM-11:19 AM 9:42 PM-11:42 PM | 10:06 AM-12:06 PM 10:30 PM-12:30 AM | 10:56 AM-12:56 PM 11:22 PM-1:22 AM | N/A 11:49 AM-1:49 PM | 12:17 AM-2:17 AM 12:45 PM-2:45 PM |

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