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- Swain County Schools Superintendent Mark Sale on Gov. Cooper's school decision; read more about Swain's plans on page 8



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N.C. schools, including Cherokee Central, will open with 'Plan B'

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After a delayed decision, Governor Roy Cooper announced on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 14 that public schools in North Carolina will be opening this fall on a limited basis.

In a press conference at 3 p.m., Governor Cooper pointed to the consistently climbing rates of COVID-19 cases in North Carolina. The state has seen a significant rise of late. Since the Governor's announcement to maintain Phase 2 on June 26, there has been more than 30,000 new cases reported.

On that day, there were 58,818 cases. As of July 14, there have been 89,484 positive results in the state. In the same press conference, Governor Cooper also announced that North Carolina would remain in Phase 2 of the reopening schedule.

"Today, we announce that North Carolina schools will open for both in-person and remote learning with key safety precautions to protect the health of our students, teachers, staff and families. This is the Plan B that we asked schools to prepare."

Governor Cooper mentioned that while 'Plan B' is the decision, it is not the only option for indi-

vidual students and schools.

"As a part of this plan, we want local school districts to provide a remote learning option for any child who chooses it. In addition, school districts will have the option of Plan C – all remote learning – if that's best for them."

Governor Cooper said that they will be rolling out plenty of safety regulations to go with this decision. "Face coverings will be required for every teacher, staff and student from kindergarten through high school. The studies have shown overwhelmingly that face coverings reduce disease transmission."

Governor Cooper said to help with this policy, the state will be providing five facemasks to every student, teacher, and staff member at the schools. He continued by saying this plan can change. If COVID grows at even higher rates, there is a chance that the school year could be moved to remote learning before the semester is over.

Cherokee Central Schools Superintendent Michael Murray said this move was not a tremendous surprise for him, and that he is confident that his staff can handle anything moving forward.

"Fortunately, Cherokee Central has been working diligently for weeks on a Plan B schedule," said Superintendent Murray. "Because we are so unique. Our system, being that we are a separate nation basically, and we have a different type of campus - we should be able to do a Plan B safer than any of our competition,"

There was already a plan in

place to operate the beginning of the school year on an A/B schedule. Now, that will need to be adapted for the full semester and further detailed.

The CCS Board of Education has its next meeting planned for Monday, July 20. Murray said that his plan is to gather everything he can to be ready for that meeting and to have the Board finalize the plan for the semester.

"I think what's important is that our School Board be given all the information they can as we work through this together. So, my goal this week is to really, now that we know that the Governor is going that direction with the surrounding counties, we're going to continue on with our plans. However, I'm going to make sure that we have some accurate data to give [the Board], especially some suggestions from our local health department. Vickie Bradley will be working with us to give us some insight into our plans. I've reached out to the Chief. I think it's important for our School Board to hear from all our stakeholders."

Superintendent Murray said that this will be difficult, but if everyone is on the same page it won't be impossible. "That's the main thing, I want to make sure we are prepared to bring the kids when we bring them. So, we're going to be meeting with our staff this week and tiding up some time frames. It's really important to me to get out to parents that because of the unpredictable nature of COVID-19, that we are going to come up with a plan but it maybe that we have to change course or times without a

How do you say that in Cherokee?

Potato - nuna
Soup - ugama
Gravy - ugama asusdi
Corn - selu
Rice - ganohena

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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In 1889, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was recognized as a corporation by the State of North Carolina, giving them legal standing in the state. They owned land that they bought back through William Holland Thomas, who held it in his name from 1839-1889.

(Source: Museum of the Cherokee Indian)

William Holland Thomas
Photo courtesy of Museum of the Cherokee Indian

whole lot of advanced notice.”

“We want people to be as patient as possible as we navigate through these uncertain times.”

A major issue moving forward for all North Carolina schools will be the remote learning aspect of Plan B. With Cherokee’s A/B schedule, half of the school’s students will attend in-person class on alternating days. During the time they are not in school, remote learning will be required.

That means access to internet and other resources. Those amenities are not always guaranteed, especially not in more rural areas. Superintendent Murray said that he has been in contact with departments in the Tribe (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) about this issue, and that he knows the Chief is working to find the best solution for CCS.

“We have had discussions, and we recently just had some discussions with the Emergency Management folks. Mollie [Grant] was kind enough to meet with me yesterday. We’re talking a lot about communication and how to make sure that we’re reaching a lot of folks. I think it is important for equity purposes that we do everything we can...now’s the time for all of our partners to pick up the pace when it comes to increasing that connectivity out there,” said Superintendent Murray.

He said that he is intent on pulling in all the resources he can to keep the kids and his staff as safe as possible. More on the school’s plans will be coming out as that information is received and when the School Board convenes.

“The unknown is what is really scaring folks and we all want to

do our best so that they have confidence when they drop their children off that we are not only protecting them, but we’re doing everything in our ability to make sure we return them COVID-Free,” said Superintendent Murray.

In a press release to the One Feather, Superintendent Murray outlined the following:

As you are aware, COVID-19 has not only impacted the health of our community and nation, but has presented many challenges as it relates to the education of our students. Cherokee Central Schools has been working to develop a number of scenarios designed to meet the educational needs of our community both face-to-face and virtually. Over the past months we have worked with administrators and staff to create an educational program that not only ensures continuity of education, but works to address technological inadequacies that are presented by geography. These plans have been created with the safety of our students, faculty, staff and community in mind. While we look to the Bureau of Indian

Education, Tribal Leadership, local health authorities, the Office of the Governor and NC Department of Public Instruction for guidance. It is important to know that our plan must meet the needs of our community and provide the safest environment possible for our students, faculty and staff.

We will be meeting with our School Board this Monday to review our “Return to Learn Transition” Cherokee Central Schools Return to School Plans. We will be sending out all possible start dates and information to parents as soon as our Board reviews and approves.

Because of the unpredictable nature of COVID-19, it is important to understand that while we have a plan in place it may be necessary to change course without advanced notice. I ask that you remain patient as we navigate the uncertainty of these times and ask for continued prayer for our school system as difficult challenges present themselves. It is a true pleasure to serve our children on the Qualla Boundary!

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Oriental Lilies

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John Kesler, left, and Tasha Benyshek, archaeologists with TRC Solutions, work on the site of a Cherokee Sweat Lodge in the Yellowhill Community.

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Sweat Lodge earth feature found in Yellowhill Community

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A Cherokee sweat lodge structure, dating back hundreds of years, has been found in the Yellowhill Community. Just off of Acquoni Road, the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Tribal Housing Division has been work-

ing on a housing project recently, and a crew moving topsoil inadvertently uncovered the archaeological anomaly.

The structure was found in that area and right at the end of the initial phase of the archaeology work according to Tasha Benyshek, senior archaeologist with TRC Solutions in Asheville.

“They (Tribal Construction) uncovered this big stain in the ground,” she noted adding that it didn’t look like an intact house structure she is accustomed to seeing. “And I thought, ‘what in the world?’”

She added, “I thought that



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The rocks shown were unearthed, along with the rest of the structure.

maybe it was just a big tree growth, but we kept investigating.”

The archaeology team then found a piece of cazuela-shaped pottery dating from 1600 A.D. “All of a sudden, rocks showed up in the bottom.”

The team began speculating what the structure might be. “It’s a big, huge complex, we think, of sweat areas. Also, there is no domestic debris, aside from the cazuela.”

Benyshek further commented, “I have not seen anything like this anywhere in the southeastern literature. I’ve never seen anything similar to this.”

Evidence of inhabitation was found at the site from around 600 A.D.

“I am not familiar with any potential sweat lodge feature in the area that is comparable to this,” said Brian Burgess, EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) senior archaeologist. “We just don’t encounter these often. The lack of cultural material recovered, with the exception of the bowl, doesn’t give many clues as to how this structure was constructed or used by the builders. No clear post pattern was observed surrounding the resource.”

He believes the find dates back five centuries. “We think the specific feature and bowl date to the 16th Century, and the site overall has earlier and later components. The science of archaeology is about 25 percent field work and 75 percent is devoted to research and lab work.”

Burgess said the find and the work done at the site is important for future study. “TRC did excellent work at this site, and we are hoping once all data collected is processed and analyzed, we will gain a greater understanding of what was going on in the Oco-



Photo contributed

This piece of cazuela-shaped pottery dating from 1600 A.D. was found at the site.

naluftee River Valley in the distant past. THPO plans to use photogrammetry to create a 3D model of the sweat lodge and adjacent features, something we are excited about. We appreciated the EBCI Housing Program for securing funding for this project, and for their patience during a surreal field season.”

Benyshek said more was found at the overall site. “We did find some graves and a couple of structures with post patterns. It’s really neat, though, what we have found out here for such a low-density area. We found time periods that are hard to find.”

She related that the graves found have been protected and avoided.



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Most of the structural area of the sweat lodge can be seen in this photo.

Tribal Courts closed for minimum of two weeks

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In an order released on the afternoon of Monday, July 13, the EBCI Tribal Court announced it will be closed for at least the next two weeks.

The announcement stated that an employee at the Court had tested positive for COVID-19. That employee was immediately sent home to isolate, though they had been working after their test between July 6 until July 13, potentially exposing several at the Court.

“The Tribe has a great team of health care professionals, and I consulted with them,” said Tribal Court Chief Justice Kirk Saunooke.

“That was the decision that they recommended, was that everyone go home, and we got to be re-tested. I can’t have anybody back in the building until we get the results. Hopefully, it’s only a two-week deal.”

This is the second positive case among the staff at Tribal Court. The other employee received their results when they were still at home in late June, Saunooke confirmed.

The same issue occurred last week at the Rutherford County courts. After confirming a staff member had tested positive on July 9, the Court closed. They will remain closed until at least July 17. Every employee at Tribal Court will be getting tested this week and

Saunooke says the facilities were vigorously cleaned on Tuesday. He also said that they will continue to handle several cases remotely.

“Certain due process hearings. When someone is arrested, they’re entitled to a hearing within ‘x’ number of days, that’s required by law. Same with DV [domestic violence] cases. There’s some due process considerations there. And, you know, we have some family safety issues where if their process has been initiated, there has to be return hearing within seven days. So, we’re doing those remotely.”

The Court is operating these remote hearings via Microsoft Teams. A clerk and judge are present via video chat from home. Some cases are also handled the same way but called in with just audio. Saunooke said the magistrates are also operating during this closure as well.

“We’re doing it like when we

were in the big shutdown. That’s how we were continuing business right then.”

Saunooke said that other hearings will be rescheduled as soon as possible, but the Courts will need to be open for that to happen. Until then, it will be a waiting game as the rest of the staff is tested. If enough staff is negative, they will return to the Court in two weeks. If anyone else is positive, they will have to wait two weeks and receive a negative test before returning to work.

All cases for this July have been cancelled. All acts that were due by July 13 will be considered timely done if completed by Aug. 1. “Circumstances could change either way,” said Saunooke. “Of course, I want to open back up. Being closed is hard on everyone. A lot of people depend on the Tribal Court.”



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Architects win award for work on Cherokee Cultural Corridor

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Johnson Architecture and IBI Placemaking, both of Knoxville, Tenn., won an award for their work on the Cherokee Cultural Corridor master plan. The North Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects gave them the 2020 Honor Award in the Analysis and Planning category.

“We were inspired by the EBCI’s rich and storied history and the Cherokee culture that lives on today,” Daryl Johnson, founder and president of Johnson Architecture, said in a statement. “Collaborating with EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) and IBI Placemaking, we created a master plan that celebrates and strengthens the Cherokee community and amplifies the sharing of stories and culture with visitors.”

According to Chris Greene, EBCI Project Management manager, “The Cultural Corridor is an area in Cherokee located from First Citizens Bank on US 441 to the intersection of US 19 next to KFC. Over the course of a week, we met with different stakeholders that the corridor affected directly and indirectly. Our goal was to establish a place for both tourists and residents to congregate, recreate, and reconnect with the Cherokee heritage. The master



plan wanted to develop a ‘special place’ or ‘heart’ that could visually and emotionally tell the story of the Cherokee people.”

Greene spoke to the master plan stating, “The master plan developed three options for the area: A, B, and C with option C being the choice. Johnson Architects and Project Management received input from tribal leadership and the community to establish option C. The key features of option C are a new Ceremonial Grounds, Welcome Center, Makers Studio and retail, expanded Museum, Civic

Complex, parking garages, relocating the Oconaluftee Indian Village, and a designated sports complex with three regulation fields.”

Bill Bruce, associate director and principal-in-charge for IBI Placemaking, said in a statement, “The EBCI is a unique Native people’s community, and we were committed to ensuring that the community and culture would flourish and remain vibrant for generations to come. As landscape architects, we focus on the people who will enjoy the outdoor spaces we create, and we consider it an

honor to help share the story of Cherokee, North Carolina.”

Green noted that EBCI Project Management has an active role in the process. “Project Management helped guide the team in making the design and planning decisions that were aesthetically pleasing and in harmony with the local geography and culture of the Cherokee people. The team of architects, planners, and landscape architects did a great job of creating a visual plan to start the redevelopment of the Cherokee Cultural Corridor.”



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Swain County Schools needs community input

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Like all public schools in North Carolina, Swain County is scrambling to gather all possible information in preparation for one of the most questioned semesters in recent history.

N.C. Governor Roy Cooper announced on Tuesday, July 14 that state public schools would be operating under Plan B, a measure that includes a hybrid of in-class learning and remote learning.

Swain County Schools Superintendent Mark Sale said that he was not fully prepared for the information offered at the press conference.

“It took me a little bit by surprise because in all honesty I thought that the governor was going to move to Plan A. I understand why he didn’t, but I thought he was going to move to Plan A. Because it would allow flexibility in the various districts. We could always dial back and be more restrictive, but we can’t open up,” said Sale.

He remarked that Swain County, which has only seen 77 positive cases of COVID-19 at the printing of this article, is in a lot better situation than some of the other counties in North Carolina. However, this was not the only aspect of Governor Cooper’s announcement that caught Sale off-guard.

“I think the bigger shock for me was when he said that we’re going to have masks for kindergarten through fifth grade. I really wasn’t expecting that in any way. Especially after he called everybody from sixth grade up to have masks just a week or two ago.”

Sale said that now it is time for Swain County to come together with its school system to manifest the

most feasible plan moving forward.

“The very next step for us is to gather data from our community. That is probably the most crucial piece that we’re waiting on. We put out a news survey [Wednesday], we had one that went out on Monday and we got good results. I’m really thankful to our community for how they responded. But we needed to drill down into some of the numbers a little bit more.”

Part of Governor Cooper’s decision is that it is not an all-encompassing order. It is a minimum.

“As a part of this plan, we want local school districts to provide a remote learning option for any child who chooses it. In addition, school districts will have the option of Plan C – all remote learning – if that’s best for them,” said Governor Cooper on Tuesday.

Most school systems are taking this a step further and allowing individual families to make their decision on whether they are comfortable bringing their children back to campus. This is why Swain County’s survey is so important.

Sale said that there are two major questions they need answered from each family:

- Are you planning on allowing your child back to school with Plan B, or would you like to exercise Plan C (full remote learning)?
- If yes, how do you plan on getting your child to school each day?

These questions dictate everything moving forward for Swain County Schools. They must know just how many kids will be on campus and how to separate them into two groups. Also, in Plan B, buses are limited to carrying one child per seat unless the children are related. Sale says that this means they can only fit 20-27 kids per bus, and that

the difficulty increased in certain communities.

Superintendent Sale says that a model has not yet been finalized, but that a possible solution to the A/B schedule will be to have Wednesdays as a remote-only day. He said that this model provides a chance to have the facilities appropriately cleaned before the second group attends classes for half of the week.

“Right now, because we’re really not sure what we’re dealing with as far as the spread and what would happen when our students get into the buildings how much cross-contamination and spread will happen there. Even though we’ll make every plan we possibly can to keep that from happening, there’s still that potential for cross-contamination,” said Sale.

He says that the biggest factor that would cause the school to have to change course would be a situation where multiple staff members test positive for COVID-19.

“Whenever you start to lose teachers for 14 days at minimum, you are really creating some difficulties in delivering instruction to hundreds of students. And, if it gets to the point where we’re losing too many teachers, we may opt to look at moving to more of a remote learning type plan exclusively for a period of time.”

All these issues are ones presented on campus. There are plenty of more when it comes to remote learning. “We’re going to fall back on some of the things that we used back in the Spring, and those are community hotspots. We’ve been in conversations with our two primary providers for internet and connectivity. That would be Zito Media and Skywaves,” said Sale.

“We’ve got some Kajeet hotspots that are actually designed to be put on buses. They work off of the cell signal service through Verizon Wireless, I believe. Instead of putting them on buses, what we’ve done is we put them in buildings.”

Sale continued by saying that they have been in communication with local churches and the business education center to provide places for students to work.

“We’re going to use all of the resources we’ve got there to give our families somewhere to go. That still doesn’t help them always have the service and connectivity that they really need at their home.”

Sale says that they are trying to address every problem they can, and part of that is communication with other school districts. He says that he has been in constant contact with other local Superintendents. They have had multiple online meetings and have been texting regularly since the news on Tuesday.

Sale asks that all parents who have children at Swain County Schools fill out their survey. The link to that survey is as follows: <https://bit.ly/SwainK12ParentSurvey>.

“We’re sincerely concerned with the health and the safety in all the different aspects of a student’s life. We’re working very hard that we take care of those,” said Sale.

“We’re also concerned with providing for our staff because it’s just stressful for everyone. So, we’re doing our very best to provide the best educational product that we can for all of our students. And, at the same time, realize that everybody in our community is struggling a little bit and we want to help them.”

Mainspring conserves Historic Cherokee Town

Mainspring Conservation Trust recently acquired 40 acres in Macon County that holds considerable cultural heritage significance.

The property, just north of Franklin and south of the Little Tennessee River, is viewable from Scenic Hwy 28 and includes Watauga Mound and a portion of historic Watauga Town. One of the ancient Cherokee Middle Towns, Watauga Mound is located between Nikwasi (3 miles upstream in modern Franklin) and Cowee (4 miles downstream).

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, said the site is an important part of Cherokee heritage and the heritage of North America. “For a thousand years – all over these mountains and surrounding areas – there were many platform mounds with great Cherokee townhouses on their summits. “These monumental structures were the center of the community, in the same way that today’s Council House is the center of the community.”

Dr. Ben Steere, associate professor of anthropology at Western Carolina University and director of the Cherokee Studies program, said, “The Watauga Mound is a very important cultural site in the Cherokee heartland of western North Carolina. Archaeological and historical research indicate that Cherokee and their ancestors have lived near this site for thousands of years.”

Dr. Steere adds that naturalist William Bartram writes about Watauga from his visit through western North Carolina in 1775. “He described an impressive council house rising above nearby houses and gardens. Bartram was



Photo courtesy of Mainspring Conservation Trust

Macon Mound

warmly received by a town leader and his sons, and was treated to a meal of venison and corn cakes before traveling to Cowee Town.”

The effort to conserve the property involved two acquisitions, since property ownership split right through the mound. The first acquisition came through a real estate listing, while the second landowners, after hearing of the conservation project, chose to sell their portion of the mound as well. “We are extremely fortunate that the families involved in the purchase were interested in protecting the mound for conservation,” says Mainspring Executive Director Jordan Smith. “I am grateful that

the landowners were willing to work with Mainspring throughout the year-long process as we put all of the pieces together to purchase the two properties. This level farmland with exceptional views was pretty prime for development and I am proud this special place is now protected forever.”

Chief Sneed says the need to protect these mounds is as important as ever. “Many of the mounds in the Cherokee heartland have been decimated over the last century by intentional destruction, development, and agriculture, making the preservation of sites like the Watauga mound of critical importance. Through the efforts

of many people – including volunteers, Western Carolina University faculty, and Mainspring Conservation Trust – the Watauga mound is preserved. We are grateful that this important legacy is being preserved into perpetuity.”

Mainspring Conservation Trust is a regional nonprofit that works to conserve the most important forests, farms, waters and cultural heritage places in the six western-most counties of North Carolina and northern Rabun County, Georgia. Learn more at mainspringconserves.org.

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Elk: Nuisance or asset?

Cherokee Elk Study shows importance to Appalachian community and economy

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and survey research firm Responsive Management recently released the results of an economic analysis showing that the presence of elk is important to the southern Appalachian community and its economy. The scientific study assessed economic impacts and measured public opinion toward elk among EBCI tribal members and visitors to the Cherokee area.

The public often contacts the EBCI biological staff about elk damage and other elk related complaints, while the community does not always share more positive feedback. After years of addressing community concerns about elk and a three-year survey of local gardener perceptions about elk, the EBCI Office of Fisheries and Wildlife wanted a more comprehensive social and economic study. To better manage elk as a resource, the Tribe is investing in elk restoration and protection, but a better understanding of the community's perspective and the value of elk to the community is necessary for determining the scope and limits of this investment.

From baseline data, experiences and accumulated questions, the EBCI Office of Fisheries and Wildlife commissioned Responsive Management to perform the survey research. The study entailed a



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An elk is shown just off of Acquoni Road in front of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

scientific, probability-based telephone survey of EBCI members and an online survey of visitors to the area. The surveys explored a range of issues related to attitudes toward elk on the Qualla Bound-

ary. Research also included an economic analysis of spending on elk viewing, which used economic modeling to calculate direct ef-

fects, indirect effects, and induced effects of that spending.

Of the \$29 million and 400 jobs in the Cherokee area that are generated by elk viewing, the economic analysis calculated that

The full report of study results can be access here:
<https://cherokeeenaturalresources.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Cherokee-2020-Report-20-03-19.pdf>

about a quarter of these impacts go directly to the Qualla Boundary itself: approximately \$7 million in impacts and approximately 100

jobs result from elk viewing within the Qualla Boundary.

In addition to the beneficial economic impacts, the presence of elk is appreciated by EBCI members: the overwhelming majority of members (80 percent) like having elk around, and 42 percent of members have engaged (or tried to engage) in wildlife viewing of elk.

The majority of EBCI tribal members think the size of the elk population is about right (61 percent); otherwise, they are divided, with 19 percent saying it is too high and 13 percent saying it is too

low. (The remainder responded that they did not know).

An overwhelming majority of EBCI tribal members (80 percent) like having elk around, although some of those members like them but worry about the problems that elk cause (24 percent). A small percentage of members (7 percent) regard elk as a nuisance. The remainder have no particular feeling about elk.

Problems with visitor viewing was twice that of problems with the elk themselves: in the past 12 months, 13 percent of members had problems with elk, while 26 percent had problems with people viewing elk. Examples of problems experienced with elk most commonly included damage to gardens and landscaping, while nearly all problems with visitors and tourists viewing elk involved transportation issues, such as traffic jams and illegal or obstructive parking.

A sizeable percentage of visitors (43 percent) had been to Harrah's Cherokee Casino within the past 12 months, with about a third of those visitors saying that having elk in the area influenced their decision to come to Harrah's Casino.

Following the successful re-introduction of elk into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the early 2000s, surrounding communities have benefited from the presence of the species by marketing elk-related recreational attractions to residents and visitors. The most-visited national park in the United States, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, has been home to a growing elk herd since 2001, when elk were first released in Cataloochee Valley. Since then, surrounding towns have prominently advertised elk-related activities unique to the Great Smoky Mountains National

Park region.

The prominence of elk in marketing and advertising for tourism-related activities and attractions in and around Cherokee follows the examples of other areas of the country in which reintroduced elk have contributed to local economies thanks to increased tourism and participation in recreational activities involving elk.

Due to the presence of elk and its growing impact on the area, the EBCI wanted to assess the attitudes of its members toward elk presence, quantify any nuisance or conflict issues, and analyze the economic benefits of having the elk on the Qualla Boundary. The tribe also wanted to weigh the benefits of elk compared to the costs of having elk that, for example, damage gardens and other property or cause traffic issues with tourists slowing to view elk.

As mentioned previously, in the past 12 months, 13 percent of members had problems with elk and 26 percent had problems with tourists viewing elk; in total, those who experienced problems with elk directly or problems with tourists viewing elk is about a third (33 percent) of tribal members. Among those who experienced problems, a majority (78 percent) still like having elk around: after discussing the problems they had experienced, 44 percent said they like having elk on the Qualla Boundary and 34 percent like having elk on the Qualla Boundary but worry about the problems they can cause. Only 9 percent of those who have experienced problems said they regard elk as a nuisance.

The results of this study will help the EBCI community make critical management and restoration decisions about elk. For instance, the benefits seem

to outweigh any costs, whether economic or social. Most costs of having elk were related to traffic issues, so the Tribe could invest in mitigation strategies for safe and productive viewing opportunities. If it comes time to consider a draw hunt, many factors in this study will aid decisions, such as the worth of elk on the hoof and public interests. Based on these results, the Tribe may choose certain investments, like stronger laws to protect elk as a resource. The tribe may consider investing in conservation such as research and land management. Ecotourism may thrive with better strategies and greater opportunities for viewing elk. By and far, the visitors and citizens enjoy elk, and the tribe's economy and community benefit greatly from their presence on the landscape.

Responsive Management is an internationally recognized survey research firm specializing in attitudes toward natural resource and outdoor recreation issues. Its mission is to help natural resource and outdoor recreation agencies, businesses, and organizations better understand and work with their constituents, customers, and the public (<https://responsivemanagement.com/>).

If you have any questions, contact EBCI Fisheries and Wildlife Management 359-6110 or email ebcifw@gmail.com

To learn how to safely view elk in Cherokee: <https://visitcherokeenc.com/blog/entry/elk-sightings-in-choerokee-tips-for-glimpsing-the-great-big-deer/>

You can learn more about EBCI Fisheries and Wildlife and elk management here: <https://cherokeeenaturalresources.com/fish-and-wildlife-management/>
- EBCI Natural Resources release





JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo

Tribal officials cut the ribbon to officially open the Soco Creek Apartments on the afternoon of Thursday, July 16. Shown, left to right, front row - Wolfstown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed; back row - Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah, Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe, unidentified, Sparrow Standingdeer, and Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose.

CIPD Arrest Report for July 5-11, 2020

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

Thompson, Chayton Heath – age 24

Arrested: July 8

Released: July 9

Charges: Assault on a Female

Brady, Nathan Karl – age 38

Arrested: July 9

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Hornbuckle, Crystal L. – age 39

Arrested: July 9

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Providing or Possessing Contraband

Jones, Dustin Corey – age 28

Arrested: July 9

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Communicating Threats, Assault on a Female, Abuse Disable/Elder with Injury, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Kirkland, Nathasha Belle – age 32

Arrested: July 10

Released: July 10

Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain County

Rickman, John Preston – age 33

Arrested: July 10

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Know your Ws!



WEAR
a cloth face covering.



WAIT
6 feet apart.
Avoid close contact.



WASH
your hands often
or use hand sanitizer.

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N.C. sports delayed until at least Sept. 1

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

A day after N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper announced his plans for re-opening North Carolina public schools, the NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association) announced it is delaying all fall sports until at least Sept. 1.

“For now, we believe these steps provide hope for our student-athletes, and the possibility for playing fall sports,” Que Tucker, NCHSAA commissioner, said in a statement on Wednesday, July 15. “We know that many decisions are being made relative to the re-opening plan your school will follow.”

In announcing his school plans during a press conference on Tuesday, July 14, Gov. Cooper noted, “The most important opening is that of our classroom doors. Our schools provide more than academics: they are vital to our children’s health, safety, and emotional development. This is a difficult time for families with hard choices on every side. I am committed to working together to ensure our students and educators are as safe as possible...”

Gov. Cooper announced he was approving “Plan B” which is a hybrid environment with some in-person instruction and some distance learning. But, he also noted that individual school

systems have the ability to go for Option C which is all distance learning.


Tucker continued in her statement, “After each LEA (local education authority) has had an opportunity to formalize and finalize those re-opening plans, the NCHSAA staff will survey the membership to determine how sports should and/or can fit into the various models that will exist across the state. Please understand this delayed start is not ‘in cement’ and can be delayed even further if we do not have improved data from DHHS (N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services), or some other reason exists for delaying further into September or

beyond.”


She is staying positive though, “We acknowledge that playing certain sports are more problematic at any time without a vaccine; however, we remain in consultation with our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) members, and they believe we can and should offer a sports program, with all necessary modifications, delays, etc.”

On Tuesday, Tucker said in a statement immediately following Gov. Cooper’s address, “We know everyone is interested in start dates and protocols. The NCHSAA will provide further updates when they become available after Board discussion and action.”


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK
Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida
SŌHi ʌD RVLLEʌJ DʒʌYL



Skynnyrd, a 10-year-old Jack Russell Terrier, lives in the Yellowhill Community with Sarah Bruneel.



Is your pet your best friend? If you’d like to have your pet (whatever that may be) featured as the **Cherokee Pet of the Week**, send a clear, high resolution photo (include name, breed, and age of pet) to Scott at: scotmcki@nc-chokeee.com or message us at the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page.



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Remember the Remained Bike Riders express gratitude for community support

The 2020 Remember the Remained bike ride participants were Bear Allison, Laura Blythe, Nika West, Drew Johnson, Emra Arkansas, Shayla Jackson, Raylen Bark, Sis Cabe, Matt Martens, Osh and Jake Stephens, Keyonna Owle, and Jan Smith. This ride was organized by some of the 2020 EBCI Remember the Removal bike riders because the 2020 Remember the Removal bike ride, retracing the Northern Route of the Trail of Tears, was cancelled due to COVID-19.

The riders completed five local rides which included stops at historic and sacred sites where they learned from various educators about the significance of the places



Photo contributed

The 2020 Remember the Remained bike riders are shown at Judaculla Rock including, left to right, Drew Johnson, Raylen Bark, Bear Allison, Laura Blythe, Nika West, Emra Arkansas, and Shayla Jackson.

they visited. The riders rode over 260 miles to complete all five of the rides.

The 2020 Remember the Remained bike riders would like to thank the following people and

organizations that donated, volunteered, presented, provided lunch or snacks, and offered support to make this program a success. We greatly appreciate your help: Bear Allison, Laura Blythe, Sis Sneed,

Mike Ramos, Jake and Osh Stephens, Matt Martens, TJ Holland, Adam Wachacha and family, Bucky Brown, Larry Blythe, Laura Smith, Dr. Blythe Winchester, Jan Smith, Dr. Brett Riggs, Wolf-town Community Club, Bo Crowe, Chelsea Taylor, Keyonna and Joe Don Owle, Dr. Ben Steere, 2019 RTR team, 2018 RTR team, Rez Hope, Kathi Littlejohn, Tonya Carroll, Chazi Blankenship, Beau Carroll, Tom Belt, Monica and Kevin Tafoya, Lori Owle, Tara and Toby McCoy, Andrea Chester, Leslie and Jesse Sneed, Jace Bingham, Oconaluftee Indian Village, Qualla Creations, Justin Rodgers, Yellowhill Community Club, Fire Mountain Outpost, Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee Historical Association, Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute, Jakeli Swimmer, Sequoyah Fund, Cherokee

Tribal member wins award as part of Duke's Alpha Pi Omega sorority

TULSA, Okla. — Alpha Pi Omega sisters from Duke University came away from the sorority's first virtual convention with two awards and a charter.

One of two sites to be unanimously approved for a charter Saturday, July 11, Alpha Pi Omega's group at Duke University is now officially the sorority's Nu Chapter.

"It is very meaningful to us to have a support system for Native women at our university where others understand our journeys and aspirations," Nu Chapter President Kya Locklear said. "This sorority is a huge step in amplifying



Photo courtesy of Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc.

Scarlett Guy

the Indigenous voice and presence on Duke's campus. Our members have already benefited from this

community and sisterhood in many ways, and we can't wait to see the ways in which our chapter can grow in the future."

The newly chartered chapter was also recognized for having the highest cumulative grade point average among the sorority's undergraduate chapters.

"During a time of great uncertainty with schools closing at mid-semester due to COVID-19, our Duke sisters still maintained high academic marks," Grand Awards Committee chairwoman Francine Cummings said. "We are very proud of their continued academic excellence, particularly in the midst of adversity."

Additionally, Nu Chapter

member earned one of the sorority's national individual awards.

Scarlett Guy, an evolutionary anthropology junior from Cherokee, was named Honeycomb of the Year. The award is presented annually to the sorority's top new member. A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Guy was nominated by another member of the sorority due to her dedication, persistence and commitment.

"Scarlett's nomination letter emphasized her dedication both to our honey process and academics," Cummings said. "She has upheld our sorority's values and far exceeded sisters' expectations." - Alpha Pi Omega Sorority release

One Feather deadline - Thursdays at 12 p.m. until further notice

Park celebrates 2019 Employee of the Year

Great Smoky Mountains National Park announced recently that Steve Spanyer was chosen as the 2019 Employee of the Year. Recognition of the Employee of the Year has been a tradition in the Smokies since 1984. Although the format of this recognition has changed over time, the park is pleased to continue to acknowledge one employee each year who's work goes above and beyond. Steve was nominated and selected for this award by his peers, based on his outstanding performance; his innovative improvement to job practices; and his mentoring attitude.

"Steve has been a supportive and pioneering force in the Smokies," stated Resource and Visitor Protection Division Chief Lisa Hendy. "Steve has often taken on challenging details to further the progress of the law enforcement and emergency services operation. His willingness to step up and help for the greater good is a mark of his stellar leadership. However, it is the grateful testimony of his subordinate Rangers that best describes his value to the division, the park, and the entire National Park Service as he has mentored dozens of the next generation of Rangers."

Serving as a Supervisory Park Ranger in the Visitor and Resource Protection Division, Spanyer has led the Cades Cove Rangers



Cassius Cash, right, Great Smoky Mountains National Park superintendent, presents Steve Spanyer, with the 2019 Park Employee of the Year Award recently.

through high-profile incidents, including search and rescue operations and criminal investigations. For over a year, he has been filling the position of acting Law Enforcement Specialist. Spanyer has had a large role in the development and deployment of the park's new computer aided dispatch (CAD), which helps track both people and the resources available to them in the Park.

"Steve exemplifies what a Ranger should be; hardworking, dedicated not only to the mission, but to supporting his coworkers," said Superintendent Cassius Cash. "He leads by example and motivates his staff to maintain high standards of performance."

Originally from Louisville, Ky., Spanyer attended Xavier University where he received his bachelor's of science degree in

natural sciences in 1988 before joining the Peace Corps. He lives in Maryville, Tenn. with his wife Jaquie, a teacher in Maryville City Schools. They have three children: Haven (age 25), Jake (age 22), and Siena (age 19). When Spanyer isn't working, he enjoys woodworking, painting, and spending time with his family.

- National Park Service release



COVID HOTLINE

497-3743

Cherokee Heritage Center announces winners of the 49th Annual Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale



TAHLEQUAH, Okla. —

Winners of the 49th Annual Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale were announced Friday, July 10 during a virtual awards reception hosted on the Cherokee Heritage Center’s Facebook page.

The show features a variety of authentic Native art with more than 160 items from 95 artists, representing 15 tribal nations. This year’s grand prize went to Cherokee Nation artist Jerry Sutton for “Cultural Appropriation.”

The mixed media piece features Michelangelo’s iconic David statue dressed as a precontact Cherokee hunter in an ironic depiction of how European and colonial cultures have appropriated from Indigenous cultures.

“This piece came together so organically. It was truly the art directing the artist,” Sutton said. “It is my hope that people will at first be amused by the unexpected juxtaposition of images, and that will then spark deeper conversations about cultural appropriation as contrasted against cultural appreciation. I do not see this as a one-way street with clear lines of delineation. Every culture is influenced by those around it. We can all learn from each other as long as we do so with integrity and respect.”

The longest-running American Indian art show in Oklahoma was set to debut in early spring but was delayed due to the COVID-19 global health crisis.

“For nearly 50 years this show has served as a platform for Native artists to share their history and culture,” said Paul Buckner, interim executive director for Cherokee Heritage Center. “While we are unable to host the show and sale in person, we remain fully committed to these artists and hope that the public will join us in celebrating their work in a new and exciting way.”

The 49th annual Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale will be offered to the public in an online platform that includes digital tours, gallery showcases and artist interviews.

“Art shows have been cancelled throughout the country for months, and the impact it will have on the art community will be felt far and wide. It was imperative that we come together to find a way to give these artists the support they both need and deserve,” said Callie Chunestudy, curator for CHC. “We hope that the digital platform will help us reach new audiences who will enjoy getting to know more about the artists, the show and the Cherokee Heritage Center.”

Through the juried show, artists compete for more than \$15,000 in the following categories: painting, sculpture, pottery, basketry, graphics, jewelry, miniatures, diverse art forms and photography/digital art. In addition, all work featured in the show is available to purchase.

To access the digital show, please visit the CHC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cherokeehc.

The 49th annual Trail of Tears Art Show is made possible through



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Samuel Pheasant, center, won the recent “Wear Your Mask Dog-Gone It Challenge” contest co-sponsored by the EBCI Joint Information Center and the Cherokee One Feather. From the Yellowhill Community, Samuel is shown with his humans, Jeremiah Pheasant and Brandy Watty.

the support of Bank of Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation Businesses, and Chickasaw Nation.

The Cherokee Heritage Center is located at 21192 S. Keeler Drive, Park Hill, Okla.

- Cherokee Heritage Center release

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

MEMORY POEM

Dad

I can shed tears that he is gone, or I can smile because he lived. I can close my eyes and pray that he will come back, or I can open my eyes and see all he left.

My heart can be empty because I can't see him, or I can be full of the love that he shared. I can turn my back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or I can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. I can remember him and only that he is gone, or I can cherish his memory and let it live on. I can cry and close my mind, be empty and turn back, or I can do what he would want: smile, open my eyes, love, and go on!

I love and miss you Dad,
"Happy Birthday".

Love always,
John Ed Bradley

his Cherokee heritage. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Paul, Arthur, Albert (Curly), Mary, Virginia, Hugh Jr, Lloyd, and Johnny. He was also preceded in death by in-laws, Vinessa Neill, Harold Owen, David Jones, Jackie Lambert; and by his best friend/brother-in-law, Lionel McCall.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Jency McCall Lambert of Brevard. They were married on June 27, 1954 at Cherryfield Baptist Church in Brevard. He is also survived by his son, Ricky and wife Amanda, of Pisgah Forest. He was the proudest Papaw to his adored grandson Easton and grand-dog Valley. Also surviving are his brother, Roy Lambert of Cherokee; sisters, Betty McCall of Brevard, Sarah Owen Jones of Brevard, and Peggy

(Carl) Phipps of Winston-Salem; sister-in-law, Lorraine Lambert of Indiana; and many nieces and nephews.

Richard was a 1949 graduate of Swain High School. After graduation, he moved to Brevard where he attended college, met his wife, and made his home. He enlisted and proudly served in the U.S. Navy. Upon discharge, he worked at both Olin and Dupont before working with the late Robert Merrill at Brevard Industrial Storage. After a short retirement and finding himself bored, he began a logging business from which he retired years later.

Richard was a member and helped build Cherryfield Baptist Church. He loved bluegrass music, eating breakfast at Ingles, going to casinos, and fishing. He is well known for the huge gardens he

grew on the family farm and his strong work ethic. He can now rest in the arms of his Savior and will be deeply missed by his friends and family.

Special thanks to those who cared for him: Dr Dale Nash, Wanda and Lynn; Bonita Freeman and Martha Maxwell; and Shirley's Angels (Becka, Sharon and Crystal).

Services were held on Friday, July 17 at Cathey's Creek Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Weekday Children's Program Playground Fund. Online condolences may be left at www.moodyconnollyfuneralhome.com

Moody-Connolly Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

OBITUARIES

Richard Randolph "Dick" Lambert



Richard Randolph "Dick" Lambert, 88, of Brevard, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

He was born in Cherokee on March 19, 1932 to the late Hugh and Ava Lambert and was proud of

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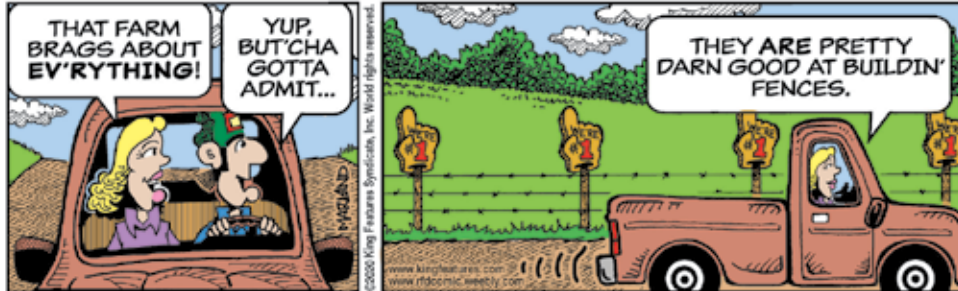
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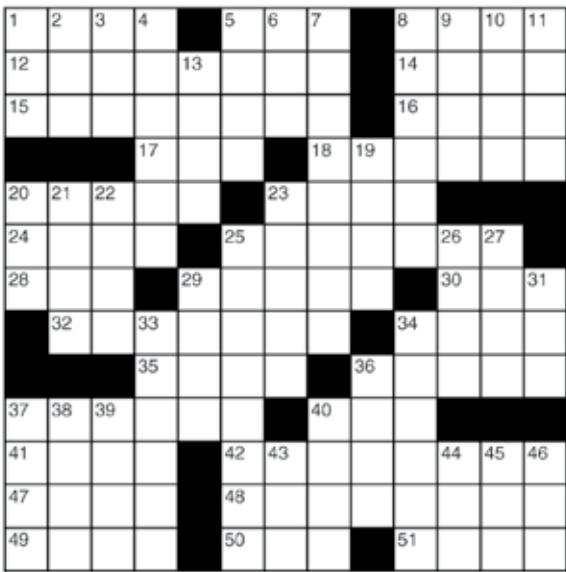
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Fleet from faraway?
- 5 "—" Impossible"
- 8 Get a look at
- 12 Strict disciplinarian
- 14 Small grimace
- 15 Geometric curve
- 16 Former European capital
- 17 Can metal
- 18 "Gracias"
- 20 Orbital point
- 23 Affair of honor
- 24 Coalition
- 25 New Jersey borough
- 28 Coquettish
- 29 Parking lot structure
- 30 Bigwig, for short
- 32 "Semper —" (Coast Guard motto)
- 34 Toy block name
- 35 Thing
- 36 Angle
- 37 Destroyer
- 40 Pod occupant
- 41 Chimney grime
- 42 Irrational fear
- 47 Lip



- 48 Fluidless barometers
- 49 Act
- 50 Siesta
- 51 Feed the hogs
- 9 Any time now
- 10 Play a prank on (SI.)
- 11 Longings
- 13 Sacred wading bird
- 19 Listen to
- 20 Kimmel's network
- 21 Fall into a beanbag chair
- 22 Sauce source
- 23 Piece of information
- 25 Jif rival
- 26 Eye layer
- 27 Portent
- 29 Partner
- 31 Cauldron
- 33 Disturbed the peace
- 34 Argentine grasslands
- 36 Burn somewhat
- 37 Secondhand
- 38 Protuberance
- 39 Venetian magistrate
- 40 Get ready, for short
- 43 Literary collection
- 44 Lubricate
- 45 Wedding utterance
- 46 Venomous viper

DOWN

- 1 Ref
- 2 Sky safety org.
- 3 Bobby of hockey
- 4 Radio interference
- 5 A party to
- 6 Aviv lead-in
- 7 Heights
- 8 Mummify, maybe

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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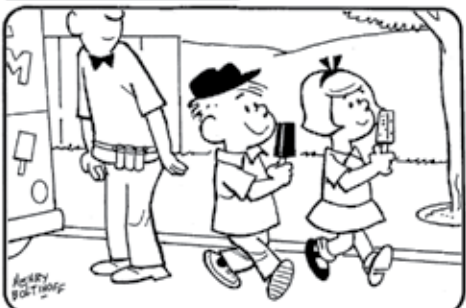
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- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

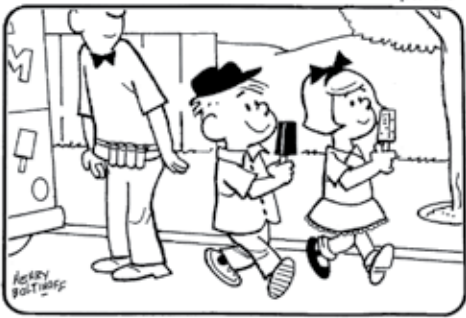
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree is fuller. 2. Change belt is different. 3. Fence is longer. 4. Girl's bow is different. 5. Boy's shirt has buttons. 6. Girl's skirt is decorated.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1) Is the book of Joshua in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 - 2) In the parable of the 10 female virgins, five were called "wise, but why were the other five called "foolish"? *Washing stones, Forgot oil for their lamps, Daytime sleeping, Gossiping*
 - 3) From 2 Kings 9, what creatures ate the carcass of Jezebel? *She-bears, Dogs, Frogs, Worms*
 - 4) What was the first bird released from Noah's Ark? *Raven, Pigeon, Sparrow, Dove*
 - 5) In Proverbs 15, what does "a soft answer turneth away"? *Wisdom, Scorn, Wrath, Fear*
 6. From Joshua 2 who hid two spies on a roof? *Hosea, Ezra, Satan, Rahab*
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1. GEOGRAPHY: Which capital city is located on the Tiber River?
2. LITERATURE: What is the home team of the main character in the baseball poem "Casey at the Bat"?
3. MOVIES: What is the name of the treelike character in "Guardians of the Galaxy"?
4. GAMES: How many spaces are in a standard Monopoly playing board?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who are the four presidents whose likenesses are carved into Mount Rushmore?
6. TELEVISION: What city is the setting for the sitcom "Laverne & Shirley"?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition known as glossophobia?
8. SCIENCE: What is the chemical symbol for copper?
9. FOOD & DRINK: What is venison?
10. MEASUREMENTS: How many cubic feet are in a cubic yard?

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COMMENTARY

Bellwether

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

I have been reading a book about a hurricane that hit the east coast during the latter part of the 18th century. If you will recall, the east coast was pretty much all European America during that time period. Expeditions were taking place, but anything beyond the Blue Ridge mountains was pretty much “unsettled” (even though Indians had been living there for 10,000 plus years). The book talks about the nearly complete lack of warning the colonists had when bad weather, like a hurricane, would come. They did not have radar, sonar, satellites, or any gadgets that our meteorologists have today. In fact, you probably have access to more forecasting data on your phone than all the world had back in that day.

We are a people of signs. We watch nature and look for the way things in it speak to us. When the wind blows and turns the leaves over on the trees, we know that a storm is near. By the shade and time of day the clouds are pink in the sky, we know that we may expect a certain type of weather. If the animals start gathering food early in the late summer, we know to anticipate a harsh winter. We know this, in part, because our fathers, mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers taught us so, and because, over a period of years, we have a history to review and rely on the consistency of whatever marker we look for. For example, when the leaves are blown over on the trees, if it is followed by a thunderstorm nine out of 10 times. Then, the next time I see those leaves blown over on the trees, we are preparing for a storm.

In terms of the economy, we are in a turbulent time. One might say the leaves are blowing over on the trees. We have been and are a very blessed, very prosperous nation as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. But, we have taken a financial hit that is unprecedented in modern times. Fortunately, we have leaders who are monitoring trends and evaluating markers to help guide us through the storm. Unfortunately, we tend to spend beyond our needs and our means. Fortunately, we have leadership who began years ago to see the need for increased fiscal accountability and frugality. Unfortunately, the economic crisis came quickly and the reductions in revenue are more crippling than we could have predicted. Our leaders are still evaluating the damage that has been done and the potential damage to come. Fortunately, we were financially strong when the storm hit. Our coffers were full. Unfortunately, because of the huge municipal infrastructure of our nation, coffers may be depleted faster than they may be replenished in the current economic environment.

The wind is not just blowing the leaves over. It is shaking the trees.

With that, I will yield the balance of my time (sorry, I couldn't resist that) to our tribal leadership. Keep in mind that I am giving you quotes out of context, so I encourage you to watch and listen for yourselves the entire session of Budget Council from Tuesday, July 7. These quotes start about 50 minutes into the session. These are excerpts from a discussion concerning proposed Res. 192 (2020) which would postpone the tribal budget hearings until after the first quarter of the next fiscal year.

Councilman Perry Shell of the Big Cove Community

“We had no income for a period of time. A budget is just an estimate. It is not

hard numbers. The situation is that it is an estimate of expenditures and an estimate of revenue for a period of time. We have never, ever been this unsure about what our revenues are going to be. We have an idea of what our expenditures would be based on the past, but we have no concrete estimate like we have had in the past with the gaming revenue that we have been bringing in. We don't have that now. I think this is a smart way to do it (the proposed legislation to postpone budget hearings until first quarter revenue is realized). This is all we can do. We don't know. We are just too unsure at this point. As revenues go up, or go down. They might go down. This might get worse than it already is."

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha of the Cherokee County/Snowbird Community

"From the get-go I kept saying that this needs to be our eye-opener to start looking to create revenue, other sources of revenue to overcome the deficits that we are looking at based on the one cash cow that we have sitting in Painttown and Cherokee County. That we need to start finding other sources of revenue to offset that deficit cause it ain't just gaming operations that we are worried about, competition wise, its COVID and everything else so I hope this is our Tribe's eye-opener for moving forward."

EBCI Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley

"We have never seen the times that we are in right now. I think we need to have a good understanding of exactly where we are at and, like Perry said, we don't know where we're at. That's the scary part that we have got to try to deal with. Me and the Chief, we have had I think two Executive meetings. We have to just bottom line employees. We have hard discussions on whether or not to let that position be advertised. That is where we are at today. We really need to be careful. I like the reports we got from the TCGE Chairman that showed the percentages that were coming into the gaming operation. Stuff like that is what we've got to learn to pay attention to more so than ever before. We have all talked about diversifying. I think Council needs to pat themselves on the back. A lot of people don't know the meetings and stuff we've done during the closed period.

We have went out on diversifying this Tribe more than ever before in closed meetings that the general public don't know about."

Tribal Treasury Secretary Cory Blankenship

"When we had to pick that revenue target of 50 percent, and again, it is not cutting the budget by 50 percent. It is moving us from where we were at 80% of projected (gaming) revenue to 50 percent of projected revenue. So, it is not a 50 percent across the board cut to the Tribal budget. Based on the revised forecast numbers, which we continue to analyze, that would put us from 80 percent of budgeted revenue to about 75 percent of budgeted revenue. So that is how much the projected revenue has decreased based on current state of operations. So I think what you are going to find is that unless we make some decisions now, those decisions are going to be made for you in just a matter of a few months. And then we are going to have conversations about what services and what programs go away because we don't have the cashflow to support them."

Councilwoman Chelsea Saunooke of the Wolfstown Community

"I never thought in my lifetime that we would be going by a needs-based budget or performance-based approach. I know growing up I always thought 'we waste a lot of money'. It took a pandemic to come in and hit us hard to get us to this point. It shouldn't have taken a pandemic. But we are a wealthy tribe. And even though we are wealthy, we don't need to live like there is no tomorrow."

Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe of the Yellowhill Community

"This is actually the second test the Tribe's going to have to endure. The first test was the 2008 recession. The Director of Finance was almost in tears because we were right at 98 percent of the gaming revenue that was projected with no cushion. And we had the Balance Budget Act that requires us to stay in balance."

EBCI Principal Chief Richard Sneed

"I don't know that any of us ever thought we would be here, however, you all will remember that we had some pretty hard conversations

in years past about budgets. We talk about gaming competition. This is kind of a foretaste of what that would be like. A \$120 million budget shortfall. This is what it looks like. This is what it feels like. I think the point that is really important for everybody to understand is that we don't know right now what our cash flow will be with the revenue 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 are going to have to shut down again. Right now, we don't know. We have been able to go back historically. We could go back 20 years and look for the last 20 years and see this nice upward trajectory, except for 2009-10, when it kinda got flat. Now, we don't know. This is one of those unknown variables right now. What we do know is that if we are budgeted at 50 percent, we can fund everything, nobody loses a job, we keep on rolling. We just don't know what the revenue picture is going to look like. It's great, like right now people are spending a lot of money. It's a smaller number of people coming to the casino but they are spending more as individuals. Is that trend sustainable? I doubt it. I don't think it is. Are we going to get to a point where we are going to be able to increase our capacity to 40, 50, 60 percent or even full capacity? Don't know the answer to that one either. Are we going to have to shut down again? It's possible. If we have an outbreak at the casino and we get clusters, what the public health folks call clusters, yeah, we could shut down again. So, the revenue we are enjoying coming in right now, and we are happy and blessed to have it, that could go away as well. So there are just so many unknowns."



One Feather Question of the Week

N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper announced yesterday that state schools will start in the fall under the plan “B” - a hybrid of in-person classes and remote learning. Cherokee Central Schools will follow a similar plan. What are your thoughts on these plans for school this fall?

Danielle Billyjack Hicks: Remote learning! Be the safest for our children!

Cassie Bowman: Stay straight, remote learning. It at least gives us that option. My child's health and life are more important than going to school and risking her safety.

Kat Leroy: I'm torn between home and in-classroom teaching. My only concern is my autistic son does need in-person teaching and continuing his speech and other therapies. Special education children could be affected by not having that one-on-one teaching. My son's overall health is important as well as his education. It's not an easy solution for all, as we have unique home/family situations. Praying for all to make good choices for their child(ren) during this difficult time.

Janice Sutton: The numbers are still rising here on the reservation. If we can't go to the movies and stay six feet apart or have a Fair which is outdoors and wear a mask and social distance, how do they expect school to happen? Most parents will not be able to take their children and buses will be one child per seat with a seat in between. And another fact most parents are not making children under a certain age wear a mask so how will a child be able to wear it for 6+ hours at a time! And, will the schools be sanitized all day and after children go home?

Cassie Armitage: My children will not return at this time.

Kristin Washington: There are a ton of things to take into consideration. Schools do provide students with so much - counseling services, food, support, instruction by qualified professionals. Remote learning is a great al-

ternative, but the issue there comes with every family's ability to access the materials and/or class meeting times. Not every home has internet or could easily get to areas offering free Wifi. Our kids are safe at home if precautions are being taken, because it is limiting everyone's exposure. This really is a tough call for everyone. Parents having to decide what to do. Educators considering all the options. Leaders providing people with their rights to decide but also having to make those tough calls.

Wes Hicks: Sending them back into the classroom during a pandemic you might as well be sending them off to residential schools!

Roseanna Belt: I am for total remote learning. It's too risky for schools for open.

Jean Earley Thomas: Yes, they need an education but that education is not worth risking that child's life. If that child gets the virus and dies, what good was that education? Would Cooper send his grandchildren into a situation like this? No. I'm sure his grandchildren or whatever go to a private school. This virus does not care what age it hits.

Candi Teesatuskie: I would rather mine do remote learning than to go back and possibly be exposed to this nasty/scary virus. Both of my girls have asthma which would make it easier for them to get it. Plus, you have to think about if they are exposed to it at school, who are they then exposing to it at home? We also have two small children at home, one with asthma and the other only being 3-months-old. I, for one, hated doing the remote learning, but they did it because it kept them safe. And, I applaud our school system for doing so, but I feel this virus is too risky to send our kids back to school at this time. Our numbers are rising. Send them to school and it's going to get worse and we may possibly lose some of our younger generation. That is a thought I do not like thinking about it.

Evan Watty: (The) Tribe shouldn't have backed out of buying the Cablevision. Bad move - could've used the internet service expansion.

Storm Dorris: Online and remote learning only until things are safe. My university is going online. Keep our tribal people safe! Better to be safe than sorry!

Smith Fancy: I will not be sending my child in a classroom. We are all for remote learning - absolutely. But, if that is not an option, then I will sign up for North Carolina homeschooling! My child, or any child, should be able to focus on their studies instead of having the extra mental, emotional distress of getting exposed to COVID-19.

Wayne Kalonaheskie: Cherokee's capability to accommodate the changes needed are more accessible than most tribes. Surely, the Tribe can pursue a temporary affordable way to distribute CDs of class work for kids to do at home for those without internet. One thing is for sure, this could be the new school procedure until a vaccine is manufactured/passed by FDA/CDC. Town hall meeting should be called to address this so the whole community will know what parents/schools need to do to integrate them together so no child is behind.

James Bradley: I think it is too soon and too dangerous.

Bo Lee: With low area internet coverage, online schooling full-time will be almost impossible. If everyone had broadband, or at least had access to tower signals, it would make it feasible. Not to mention, I wouldn't send my kids to school, during a pandemic, when all other social gatherings have been banned. That's just asking for trouble. Bottom line - if there's a pandemic going on, you don't send your kids to a crowded classroom! I can't believe this is even being considered! We can't go to church. We can't go to ball games. We can't have mass gatherings of people. But yet, you're going to pile 1,000+ kids into a building? Get real! No way! This is stupid.

Susie Rogers: To my understanding, he said the schools could do the option that would best fit the school which “C” would probably be the best until 2021.

Michael Siweumtewa: Wish we had better

internet service for remote learning.

DeAnne Smith: I strongly disagree with this plan. Our children are vulnerable and many do not have strong or fully developed immune systems. The doctors still don't know what this is or what the long-term effects are. There were three teachers in the same room and one caught the virus. It's too dangerous, especially when the cases are rising daily.

Zach Maney: Remote learning is the best for the safety of our students. Cases are worse than they were last week! I say no school until a vaccine or next year.

Heather Sneed Bolanos: I believe it is way too soon to be risking our children to go back to school. I have cousins with asthma and CF and there's no way I would feel at peace sending them back at all with this. Also, my mother is a teacher and she's older and I don't want her exposed to this virus. You can't expect all these children to be responsible enough to always do the right thing to protect themselves and the teachers as always are out-numbered and can't always have eyes everywhere. Please think about the children and staff before opening schools and exposing them to this virus and risking their lives. Home school or remote learning is the best option.

Sam Crowe: Mine are not going. This is stupid. This should raise some red flags. The government should make a better decision

than putting our children at risk and school is not worth your kid's life.

Carol Bernhisel: I know I don't want my grandbabies going back to school during this pandemic.

Beverly Carson: Children are statistically proven to be low-risk for contracting the virus, and if they do, they are often asymptomatic or have very mild symptoms. The risk would come when they live with or have constant contact with high-risk family members.

Kimberly Arch: Remote learning for my girl. I'm not sending her period.

Faye McCoy: The only question I have is why are we following the state? Are we mandated by the state? What happened to being sovereign? Are we not? Making a small child wear a mask for six hours is insane. The schools can't protect the children from headlice outbreak, or the regular flu, scabbies and whatever else, explain how they are going to control a COVID-19 outbreak. There will be a cluster, watch and see. Stop trying or wanting to put children in danger, and stop being a coattail rider with the state. We did the same when the borders came down, followed the state ruling on opening or ending the quarantine, and the cases have multiplied since those barriers came down and the casino opened. It's almost like the Tribe can't do anything unless it's follow the state.

Elke Widmark: You don't have to send them. You can elect remote learning. They are leaving it up to parents to decide what is best for their family.

Nancy Brady: Unreal! I hope my son doesn't send his back so soon.

Georgia Shirley: I don't have a dog in this fight, so to speak, but I think it is unreasonable for schools to start again. Unfortunately, Cherokee has sketchy internet service which makes remote schooling difficult. So what do you do?

Misty Buchanan: Mine will not be going back. They have the computers and internet (that is slow but it works). I'm not risking their health. I feel like it is too soon! The Tribe need all homes with children to have access to internet so that everyone can make their own decision on what to do. Some don't have an option for their kids to be home for financial reasons and with more kids being able to stay home, those that have to go would be safer as well.

Sanda A Cald: Children should never be forced to wear a mask, I believe the wearing of masks are extremely unhealthy/ Home schooling I believe is a better choice, if children are forced to wear masks. Have you forgotten how the U.S. government tried to wipe out all Native people? Wake up my people.

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**



Indian Country reacts to retiring of Redskins name and logo

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

The Washington NFL organization announced on the morning of Monday, July 13 that it was retiring its Redskins name and logo. Following are comments and statements from leaders and organizations throughout Indian Country on this decision:

United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) President Kirk Francis

“USET SPF is encouraged and heartened that, at long last, this disparaging and racist word will no longer be used in professional sports. We extend our deep gratitude to all the advocates and allies who never wavered in their efforts to achieve today’s win. While it should have been relegated to America’s racist past long ago, we welcome this change as an opportunity for education, growth, and reconciliation, as the nation acknowledges its historic and ongoing shameful acts against tribal nations and Native people. It is our hope that the team’s new name and logo will truly reflect our evolution as a society. Bottom line, our people and cultures are not mascots and the time is long past due for us to be properly respected, not only within sports teams, but in all aspects.”

National Congress of American Indians

“Today is a day for all Native people to celebrate. We thank the generations of tribal nations, leaders, and activists who worked for decades to make this day possible. We commend the Washington NFL team for eliminating a brand that disrespected, demeaned, and stereotyped all Native people, and we call on all other sports teams and corporate brands to retire all caricatures of Native people that they use as their mascots. We are not mascots – we are Native people, citizens of more than 500 tribal nations who have stood strong for millennia and overcome countless challenges

to reach this pivotal moment in time when we can help transform America into the just, equitable, and compassionate country our children deserve.”

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer

“For generations, this team name and logo has misrepresented the true history and events that define the term ‘redskins’. History tells us that the term ‘redskins’ derived from bounty hunters, which identified Indigenous peoples by the color of their skin. Bounties were offered for the murder of Native Americans. Bounty hunters killed Native Americans, referenced as ‘redskins’, and brought to the market the stained, bloodied scalps in exchange for payment. This is the tragic and disgusting history that the world is not often told.”

Navajo Nation Council Speaker Seth Damon

“The changing of a national football franchise’s name is no small accomplishment. Today, we commend the work of Suzan Shown Harjo, Amanda Blackhorse, and others that have continued to push for this moment since 1992. The term had become so normalized to American society that it forgot, or thought it could dismiss, the violent and bloody history behind the very word. Throughout the years, we’ve continued to hope that a retired Washington ‘Redskins’ team name and logo could become a symbol of greater understanding of the misrepresentation that many Native nations continue to face today. No amount of symbolic ‘honoring’ can undo decades of cultural appropriation that have followed on the coat tails of centuries of extermination and exploitation.”

Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon White Eagle

“We thank FedEx, Nike, corporate sponsors and all of those involved in this historic change. As Indigenous people inherent to this land called the United States of America, we have for a long time been portrayed and characterized in a negative stereotype. We are not mascots. The name change is long overdue.”

Billy Mills, Olympic Gold Medalist and National Spokesperson for Running Strong for American Indian Youth

“It’s never too late to do the right thing. Now, I urge the Washington football team to truly turn the page and pick a new name and logo with no exploitation of Native people. They are on the verge of righting a historic wrong. What they do next will define this team’s legacy.”

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

“The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is encouraged that this long-overdue moment has arrived, with one professional sports franchise abandoning a mascot that perpetuated a racial slur and another examining how Native American mascots are offensive and have no place in our society. Using Native Americans as sport mascots and our deeply meaningful symbols, including headdresses, are inappropriate. Advancing troubling stereotype in popular culture and society, via sports, diminishes our personhood. The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is hopeful that other sports franchises will make the right decision by ceasing their use of derogatory and offensive mascots, and thereby examining their own use of mascots, chants, symbols, and themes that disparage our people.”

Crystal Echohawk, IllumiNative executive director

“This is 30 years in the making, and we honor the leaders of this movement, Suzan Harjo and Amanda Blackhorse, and important contributors such as Dr. Stephanie Fryberg, First Peoples Worldwide, and thousands of other Native organizations, people, and tribal leaders who have fought for this. Tomorrow, our fight continues. We will not rest until the offensive use of Native imagery, logos, and names are eradicated from professional, collegiate, and K-12 sports. The time is now to stand in solidarity and declare that racism will not be tolerated.”

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COMMENTARY

What a difference 50 or 60 years can make...

Observations and random thoughts

WILLIAM LEDFORD

Skin color matters! It took the threat of the loss of corporate sponsorship to change a name that would not be changed. No, it ain't Voldemort. In other words greenskins (not the Hulk) trumped the Redskins. I'll actually, finally say that name now that it's gone the way of gently used toilet paper. Or maybe it's true when Ol' Green Genes (thank you Stan Lee) bellows, "Hulk will smash!" And...ta da! The racist slur used as the name of the Washington NFL team is history, dust, gone. I'm 64 and I never thought I'd still be walking the earth when this day arrived. Money talks, BS walks. Gone! See ya! Woohooo!!!

A thought. If the former name of that team wasn't racist why weren't other teams named Blackskins...or Brownskins...or so on and so forth...you know what I mean. There weren't any Zulus or Cartels cartoonishly depicted on any helmets and they were/are as fierce and "savage" as any Native tribe was supposed to be. Ask the British colonists or the Mexican government. The answer to that question is simple, at one point in time, we were nearly wiped out. The government system of decimation, assimilation and eradication had taken us to the brink. Reservation, relocation, termination. All were words used to describe solutions to the "Indian"

problem. So, as a result, with us being the "vanishing race", sports teams used Native stereotypical symbolism to depict our perceived savagery on the field. The only problem with that was, we didn't die out and we're still here. Y'all non-Cherokee can celebrate inside our comfortable climate controlled casinos. Mask required.

The irony of the government trying to wipe us off the face of the Earth for doing what they themselves would do in a heartbeat has never escaped me. We fought back against people determined to take what was ours and murder us in the process. There you have it. History in a nutshell. No statue or monument needed.

50 or 60 years. Once upon a time the Democrat party was the most reviled, backward political party in the country. It was the party of Andrew Jackson, George Wallace, Jesse Helm, Strom Thurmond, Lyndon Johnson, etc. Beginning in the time of Jackson the Democrats supported slavery and states' rights, just another way of saying states had the right to own people in order to benefit the economy of those particular states. Slavery. Then the mid-60s happened. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas turned against the majority of Southern Democrats and vocally supported the Civil Rights Movement. That created the domino effect compelling the more virulent racists of his party to jump ship, change party affiliation and become Republicans. History, past and present. Again, no statue needed.

I have railed for years in written form in this paper about the inconsideration and insults heaped upon the EBCI by the fact that a portion of the reservation sits in a county named after Andrew Jackson, a vengeful,

murderous, ignorant racist slave owner. I like the idea of rededicating the county after Chief Walter Jackson. As I've said before, we are the dominant economic force in western North Carolina and as such we need to exert some muscle and get this thing done. Or, as I've stated before, the portion of Jackson County that the Rez falls in be excised out entirely and re-designated as Sequoyah County.

In other news the Supreme Court has ruled that because Congress did not officially, therefore legally, dissolve the Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, Choctaw and Chickasaw reservations in Eastern Oklahoma, that land is now back under the jurisdiction of those tribes. The land decision includes portions of Tulsa, Oklahoma's second largest city. Amazingly a judge nominated by Donald Trump, Justice Neil Gorsuch, joined the Court's forward thinking justices in this landmark decision which has already thrown White Oklahoma into turmoil. The reverberations are being felt in such quarters as oil and gas developers and ranchers whose ancestors stole the five tribe's oil and gas rights decades ago when the land was opened to the horde of squatters waiting at the border. There's also a new question of taxation and the loss of the money to the state. I look at it this way. Payback is a mean, mean animal that may take a while to arrive but is always out there, lurking.

How about that? Done and not a mention of the mighty Mr. Trump golfing his big butt away while 135,000+ people have passed away during his inept handling of the pandemic. Ooops...! I look at it this way. It's not his fault that we have a pandemic but his Administrations' response to it has been absolutely pathetic. So, you

know what to do. Vote!

Last and not least. I want to say thank you to the folks that have expressed good feelings and prayers to me and my brothers after our mother recently walked on. It's been very, very tough but she would have wanted us to keep our heads high and so, we are. Complete with mask. Again, thank you!

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



by Freddy Groves

Telehealth Use Soars

Use of the Department of Veterans Affairs telehealth video for appointments went up 1,000% between February and May. The VA attributes this massive increase to veterans guarding against getting or passing along the COVID-19 virus.

If you were one of the veterans who made use of the telehealth video for appointments instead of going in-person, good for you. And thank you.

For those who don't know, telehealth is a program that allows veterans to have a video appointment with VA care teams (both physical and mental health) right on a device from home.

Telehealth (known as VA Video Connect) is probably one of the best ideas that the VA has had. The program is so strong that it can handle over 25,000 appointments per day and is hitting other big milestones as well. Two million prescriptions have been refilled online in one month. Downloads at the VA's app store went up 259% in one month.

Additionally, over 26,000 tablets have been distributed to veterans who need a device to access their care, with the major wireless carriers providing access with no data charges to veterans who need telehealth.

If you're using telehealth and are incurring data charges, call your carrier and tell them you're a veteran who needs the service to access your medical team. You might be able to get those data charges dropped. If you need to know more about that, go online to mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect. The VA is working on restructuring the program so no veteran has data charges.

If you haven't used telehealth, go to that same link and scroll down. Read about which devices can be used — Apple iPads and iPhones, Windows, macOS and Android devices all will work.

Read the guide at the link and learn how to how to set up your device, connect for appointments and much more. For tech help, you can call 866- 651-3180 Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. through 11 p.m. EST.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR
UNC building should be renamed after Henry Owl

Dear Editor,

The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, is in the process of renaming buildings. This provides an opportunity to honor the first person of color to receive a degree from UNC. That person was Henry Owl, son of a Cherokee father and a Catawba mother and a citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokees, who received a M.A. in history from UNC in 1929. Owl's name will be familiar to many Eastern Band Cherokees, but he is not well known beyond

Qualla Boundary. Yet Owl was a champion of equal rights for Cherokees in this state, and UNC played an important role in his struggle. Owl's M.A. thesis was on the unique history of the Eastern Band and its relationship with the federal government. When this well-educated young man tried to vote in Swain County, registrars insisted that Eastern Cherokees were not covered by the 1924 federal law that enfranchised American Indians. His thesis demonstrated that they DID, in fact, possess the right to vote even before that legislation. Motivated by the attention this incident attracted and the soundness of Owl's scholarly argument, Congress passed a law in 1930 specifically enfranchising the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians so that there would no longer be any doubt. Henry Owl deserves to be hon-

ored by UNC, his alma mater, and I need your help in achieving this goal.

The current effort to rename buildings to honor those who championed rather than opposed human rights provides a unique opportunity. I ask you to publish this letter in the Cherokee One Feather, and I ask your readers to join me in trying to make this happen. If you would like to see this building renamed, please email committee chair, Dr. James Leloudis leloudis@unc.edu and Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz chancellor@unc.edu

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Tuckaseegee 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, Telico, 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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“Shout with the voice of a trumpet blast. Shout aloud! Don’t be timid. Tell my people Israel of their sins!

“Yet they act so pious! They come to the Temple everyday and seem delighted to learn all about me. They act like a righteous nation that would never abandon the laws of its God. They ask me to take action on their behalf, pretending they want to be near me.

“We have fasted before you!” they say. “Why aren’t you impressed?” We have been very hard on ourselves, and you don’t even notice it!

“I will tell you why!,” I respond. “It’s because you are fasting to please yourselves. Even while you fast, you keep oppressing your workers.”

“What good is fasting when you keep on fighting and quarreling? This kind of fasting will never get you anywhere with me.”

“You humble yourselves by going through the motions of penance, bowing your heads like reeds bending in the wind. You dress in burlap and cover yourselves with ashes. Is this what you call fasting? Do you really think this will please the LORD?”

“No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people

“Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

“Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind. Then when you call, the LORD will answer. ‘Yes, I am here,’ he will quickly reply. Remove the heavy yoke of oppression. Stop pointing your finger and spreading vicious rumors!

“Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the dark-

ness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

“The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.

“Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as a builder of walls and a restorer of homes.”

Isaiah 58:1-12; 59 (NLT)

Both Pastor Timothy Melton and Evangelist Tim Dove, at the beginning of this week’s service, said that they had received a Word from the Lord this week during each one’s separate ‘quiet time’ and study. The Word they each gave concerns The Church, and the Revealing of the Bride of Christ. It was a non-denominational message meant to be for all denominations who follow Jesus as Lord. Both messages were similar in that the Lord told them that this year the Church is going to be attacked by the enemy, the evil one, like never before. This was meant as a warning, so everyone can all be forewarned and ready to take it seriously. This should be a priority in our prayers and service to the Body of Christ.

“Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church, is on the cutting edge,” stated Pastor Melton.

In the revealing of the Bride of Christ as The True Church, the Lord asks each one to examine themselves and give an answer, “Will you still worship Him? Answer His compelling call? Choose peace and safety? Can you be of a part of a Church without walls or buildings, if need be? Are you ready to be ‘sifted as wheat’ as Peter was? Are you ready to go out into the ‘highways and byways’ to seek those who are lost? The Bride is to be spotless, without blemish...Ponder these questions. Stockpile your time with the Lord, not just food. Fasting ‘moves’ you.

“We know, according to the Word, there is also to be a great falling away of many who, in their own pride or ‘fear’, will not choose to continue together with those who are in the Church. Leaving a hole there, a sad separation for themselves, from those who have chosen to continue onward and upward,” he quietly explains.

“God loves His people. Do a mighty work amongst the Cherokee. This will lead us into the last great ‘harvest of souls’. The Harvest begins as the Bridal Invitations for the Wedding Feast are issued and answered ‘yes!’ It will be ‘soon and very soon!’ All of the new names will be added into the Lamb’s Book,” he added.

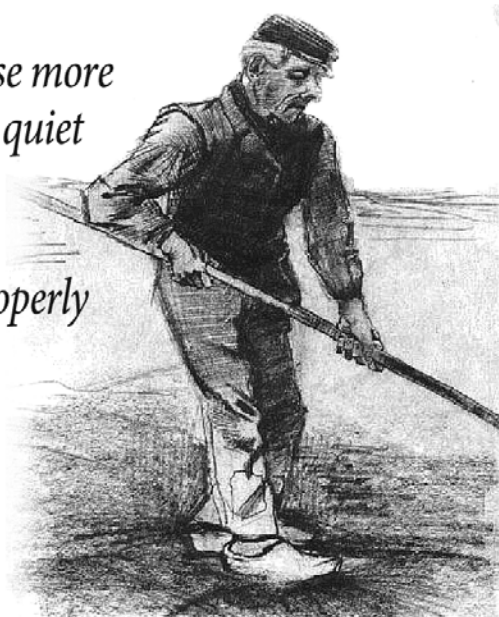


THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...We urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

1 Thessalonians 4:10-12

“Peasant with a Stick” by Vincent van Gogh (1881)



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Neighbor's Dog Loves to 'Visit'

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I don't own a dog, but I have a minor problem with one. My neighbor has a Staffordshire terrier named "Hazel." Almost every day, Hazel is let out into the neighbor's backyard, and she quickly escapes by jumping over the short gate at the side of the house. Then she walks into my yard to visit me as I work in the garden.

Hazel is very nice, so I don't feel threatened at all. I'll give her a few pats and then lead her back over to her house. But I worry about her running around the neighborhood, off-leash and unsupervised. How should I approach my neighbor about her roaming? — *Greg in Albany, New York*

DEAR GREG: You're right to be concerned. Hazel could be hit by a car; she could be attacked by another dog; or she could frighten other residents who might injure her. If police or animal control officers see her, she will likely be picked up and taken to the local pound.

The next time Hazel comes over to visit, head next door and knock on your neighbor's door. Talk to them calmly about raising the height of the gate so that she can't leap over it.

You're a good neighbor to bring Hazel back each time, but ultimately it is the responsibility of her owner to make sure she stays in her yard. Remind your neighbor that having a dog off a leash can result in steep fines from the city or county.

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

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What Washington Bullets legend won both Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player for the 1968-69 NBA season?

2. At the 2012 London Summer Olympics, what South African sprinter became the first amputee runner to compete in the Olympic Games?

3. In 1999, Cleveland Browns offensive lineman Orlando Brown suffered an eye injury caused by what object?

4. What is the name of the horse ridden by Osceola during the pregame tradition at Florida State Seminoles home football games?

5. What former Major League Baseball pitcher/outfielder published a 2017 memoir called "The Phenomenon: Pressure, the Yips, and the Pitch that Changed My Life"?

6. Who was the last NHL player permitted to play without wearing a helmet?

7. What was the name of the football simulation video game first published in 1988 by Electronic Arts for Apple II computers?

Answers

1. Wes Unseld.
2. Oscar Pistorius.
3. A weighted penalty flag.
4. Renegade.
5. Rick Ankiel.
6. Craig MacTavish.
7. John Madden Football.

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jaccallowayre@gmail.com

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



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A bit of Arian contrariness could be keeping you from getting all the facts. Turn it off, and tune in to what you need to hear. It could make all the difference this week.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting an answer to a vital question involving financial matters might take longer than you'd expected. A new factor might have to be dealt with before anything can move forward. Be patient.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Use your good sense to see what might really be driving a colleague's workplace agenda. What you learn could lead to a new way of handling some old problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind might once again turn out to be a good thing. True, most of your co-workers might not like the delay, but as before, they might appreciate what follows from it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You revel in golden opportunities this week. One cautionary note, though: Be careful to separate the gold from the glitter before you make a choice. Someone you trust can help.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Marriage is important this week, as are other partnerships. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed by sentiment. Instead, try to steer a path between emotion and common sense.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Dealing with someone who has let you down is never easy. But the sooner you're able to clear up this problem, the sooner other problems can be successfully handled.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A "friend" who is willing to bend the rules to gain an advantage for both of you is no friend. Reject the offer and stay on your usual straight and narrow path.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) After all the effort you've been putting in both on the job and for friends and family, it's a good time to indulge your own needs. The weekend could bring a pleasant surprise.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might want to do something new this weekend. Close your eyes and imagine what it could be, and then do it, or come up with the closest practical alternative.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your good deeds bring you the appreciation you so well deserve. But, once again, be careful of those who might want to exploit your generous nature for their own purposes.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Trolling for compliments isn't necessary. You earned them, and you'll get them. Concentrate this week on moving ahead into the next phase of your program.

BORN THIS WEEK: Meeting new people usually means you're making new friends. People want to be reflected in your shining light.

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Puzzle Answers

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Forgot oil for their lamps (Matthew 25); 3) Dogs; 4) Raven; 5) Wrath; 6) Rahab

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- Rome, Italy
- Mudville
- Groot
- 40
- George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodor Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln
- Milwaukee, Wis.
- Fear of public speaking
- Cu
- Deer meat
- 27

— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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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 26, 2020

- Inventory Control Specialist – Water and Sewer – Operations (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
- Education Program Specialist – Education and Training – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
- TOP/Council Assistant - Tribal Council (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

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



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

Children's Home
Open Until Filled
PT Residential Counselor - two positions

LEGAL NOTICES

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 PUBLI-
CATION

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 PUBLI-
CATION

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-053

In the Matter of the Estate of

McAdoo Levi Driver

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

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

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

Victoria P. Wolfe Driver, P.O. BOX
1302, Cherokee, NC 28719
8/12pd

BIDS, RFPs., etc.

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 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 Pro-



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing, Thursday July 23, 2020

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

Closing, Thursday July 30, 2020

Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care
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PTI Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care
Center Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.

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Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care
Center (Multiple) Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.
CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient
Case Management Support - Analenisgi
Cook – Tsali Care Center (Multiple)
Cultural Coordinator – Kanvwotiyi
Dental Assistant II

Dietary Services Supervisor –Patient Side
License Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center
License Practical Nurse – Immediate Care
Center
Mastres Level Therapist - Kanvwotiyi
Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi
(Multiple)
Physician – Primary Care
Psychiatry PA or NP - Analenisgi
PTI Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care
Center (Multiple) Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.
PTI CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient (Multi-
ple)
PTI Licensed Practical Nurse – Tsali Care
Center
PTI Physician – Emergency Room
PTI Registered Nurse– Tsali Care Center
PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient
Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient
PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient

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

gram 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 contractor 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-chokeee.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**

Advertisement for Bids

PROJECT: JUSTICE CENTER SIDEWALK REPAIR for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of approximately 100 linear feet of sidewalk demolition, installation of French drains, installation of a storm junction box structure, com-

paction and limited fill under the sidewalk area that was removed, and sidewalk replacement. Some sediment and erosion controls may also be required to maintain control of sediment in the work area. All disturbed areas shall be sodded with exception of the area over the French drain which will be crushed stone up to finished grade.

The EBCI is requesting separate sealed bids from General Contractors to provide construction services for the above project. The project site is located at 91 Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719.

Bids will be received by: 2:00 pm local time Wednesday, August 12th, 2020 at which time and place bids will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after this time will not be considered. Please be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to the bidding and award of this contract. It is the responsibility of the contractor to insure delivery and receipt by the Project Management Office. Bids sent by mail should be directed to the attention of:

Program Manager: Chris Greene
Email: chrigree@nc-chokeee.com
Phone: (828) 359-6703

Courier Delivery: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Attn: Chris Greene, Project Management Office, 810 Acquoni Road, Suite 118-A, Cherokee, NC 28719

BID PACKAGE INFORMATION:
Designer: Johnson Architecture, Inc.

Contact: Emily Haire
Email: ehair@jainc.com
Phone: (865) 671-9060

Complete plans for this project can be obtained digitally from the Architect: Johnson Architecture, Inc. (contact information above).

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Designer in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders upon request and without deposit.

Bidders submitting bids equal to or greater than \$30,000 in value are required to be licensed in accordance with state law. A statement of public contract crime status is required in the Bid form. A five percent (5%) Bid Security is required. Non-Discrimination policy applies to this project. Delete this paragraph if you've not been told otherwise by the project manager. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject bids. **7/29pd**

Advertisement for Bids

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting subcontractor and material proposals for the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Expansion from certified TERO vendors. This phase of work generally consists of landscaping. Interested companies are encouraged to contact our office to arrange to review plans and specifications and also to discuss scopes of work. Workers compensation, auto, and general liability insurance are required from all subcontractors. Bonding may be required of sub-contractors dependent upon the size of the submitted scope and in accordance with the owner's requirements. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 to arrange for appointments. **7/29pd**

Kituwah, LLC (Kituwah) is seeking to contract with a builder to set and finish approximately 6 modular home systems built by Cardinal Homes®. This project will be located on the Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, NC 28719. In order to participate in

this RFQ process, which entails prepping, setting, and finishing the modular model center, builders must meet certain criteria set forth in the full RFQ. A full RFQ 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. Final submission date will be 08/01/2020. **7/29pd**

Good Housekeeping

Summer Fruit in Spiced Syrup

- 3/4 cup water*
- 1/2 cup sugar*
- 3 (whole) cloves*
- 1 (3-inch) cinnamon stick*
- 1 star anise*
- 1 strip (3-inch by 3/4-inch) fresh lemon peel*
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice*
- 6 cups fresh fruit, such as sliced nectarines, plums, strawberries, blueberries and raspberries*

1. In 1-quart saucepan, combine water, sugar, spices and lemon peel; heat to boiling over medium-high heat, stirring frequently. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 5 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat; stir in lemon juice. Cool syrup to room temperature.

2. In large bowl, combine fruits and syrup. Cover and refrigerate 2 hours, stirring occasionally.

• Each serving: About 125 calories, 1g total fat, 2mg sodium, 32g total carbohydrate, 4g dietary fiber, 1g protein.

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