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Cherokee Central Schools chooses remote learning

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The Monday, July 20 meeting on the Cherokee Central Schools Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Board Chair Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Ike Long; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; Board members Gloria Griffin, Karen French-Browning, and Ledford Rosario; School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle; HR Director Heather Driver; Superintendent Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Beverly Payne; and Tribal Council representative Chelsea Saunooke present.

The most essential piece discussed at this meeting was how the Board wished to address the

return to school. Last Tuesday, July 14, N.C. Governor Roy Cooper announced a state-wide decision to shift to Plan B, a hybrid of Plan A and C. However, Cherokee Central Schools is under its own jurisdiction. The Board had previously voted to start the school year on an A/B schedule, but that was voted on three weeks ago.

After discussing the consistently increasing numbers of COVID-19, the Board moved to begin the semester with remote learning only, or Plan C. The school year will officially start on Aug. 19 for students. Teachers and staff will be returning to campus on Aug. 6.

Several Board members mentioned that they had been asking the parents in their community

what they wished to happen.

Tara Reed-Cooper said that she hadn't had conversations with a very large sample size, but of all those that she had talked to one thing was clear. "None of them want to come back, none of them are ready to come back. I'm going to be honest; I can't vote to say to send these kids back today. I can't."

French-Browning said that she has talked to her community members, her family, and thought for weeks about this decision. "Right now is not the time to bring those kids back. I'm sorry. I know we have to get our teachers back in here so they can start working."

French-Browning was also concerned about how much time that CCS teachers would need

to prepare for a remote learning landscape. She said that she was very willing to move the start of school to offer as much time as needed for teachers. A date of Aug. 24 was considered. After a lengthy debate, it was decided that a move to the start date would hinder more than help. Several members pointed out that this could cause testing to get pushed later and could take place after the holiday season.

Another concern that Tara Reed-Cooper brought up is that this will create unique difficulties for special education. Assistant Superintendent Beverly Payne assured there will be a focus with remote learning for special education, though she understands that it is an area of concern.

How do you say that in Cherokee?

Milk - unvdi
 Drink - aditasdi
 Pork - siqua hawiya
 Beef - waga hawiya
 Cabbage - usgewi

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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An historical marker, set by the Oklahoma Historical Society on US 81 in Garfield County, Okla., describes the historic Cherokee Strip. The marker reads, "The 1893 opening of the Cherokee Strip was the largest opening of Indian lands to settlement in American history. The 6.5 million acres now comprise parts of eleven counties in northern Oklahoma east of the 100th Meridian. The area is officially known in government records as the Cherokee Outlet. On September 16, 1893, thousands of 160-acre homesteads dotted the land hours after the opening."

Superintendent Michael Murray said that he was ready for any direction the Board wished to go, and that he was in full support for moving to Plan C.

“Those people that you’re seeing on the news that said that we should be able to reopen schools because we reopened Wal-Mart and we reopened Lowe’s have never taught a day in their life,” said Superintendent Murray. “There is not even close to an analogy with that. There’s a big difference between putting on a mask and staying six feet apart in a Lowe’s or a Wal-Mart than it is us educating kids. The importance level of what we’re doing right now is protecting our future with our children.” He also mentioned that this does not yet directly affect sports. He said that they are currently follow-

ing the NCHSAA, who postponed fall sports until at least September. That situation will continue to be monitored moving forward. While re-opening of schools made up most of the meeting’s discussion, there were several other pieces of business handled Monday evening.

The first guests to the Board were members from the EBCI Investment Committee. Polly Kelley, chair of the Committee, was happy to report that the CCS Reserve account had recovered from losses earlier in the year due to the economic recession caused by COVID-19. Kelley said that the Investment Committee decided to “ride the wave” instead of pulling funds and that the accounts had significant gains over the last few months to make up for all the losses.

Next was the Cherokee Boys Club (CBC) financial update. They said that there was “nothing out of the ordinary to report” and noted that several departments will have lessened budgets due to cuts. There was a question about the budget for sanitary products, and the CBC said there was money set aside for masks, sanitizer, and other cleaning products.

There was also the handling of the consent agenda and a couple pieces of new business. Five of the nine resolutions on the consent agenda were pulled for further discussions, and the remaining four were passed unanimously. They set forth the following:


- The Student Wellness Policy (policy 6140) be adopted as revised.
- Tina Swimmer approved as a middle school volleyball volunteer.
- Jennifer Neal approved as an elementary teacher for CES.
- Geraldine Bradley approved as a full-time custodian for CCS.

The two other items passed were the K-12 CARES Funding Assurances and Policy 4230 Communicable Diseases-Students.

The final topic in open session came from Superintendent Murray who wished to highlight Assistant Superintendent Payne for her efforts during the process. He announced that she will be presenting CCS’s plans to the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) on Wednesday, July 22 during an online meeting. The BIE requested this of CCS, and Murray says it is a great honor for the school. He will also be part of that presentation.

The meeting finished in a closed session.

The next gathering of the CCS Board of Education will occur on Monday, Aug. 3. This meeting was held in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center at CCS to ensure proper social distancing and will be new location until further notice.



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Tribal leaders decide on long-term care master plan for Hospital

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A long-term care campus, to serve the needs of the elders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is now one step closer to coming to fruition. Tribal leaders and health officials discussed numerous plans for the campus during a work session on Thursday, July 23 and came up with one they are moving forward with.

“I want to thank you for all of your input and your advocacy for the elders of this community that need a safe place to be in their later years,” Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) chief executive officer, said following an hour of discussion. “And, we really appreciate your concern that was expressed several times here about their safety and their ability to access the services that they need at the hospital.”

He added, “It feels like there is general enthusiasm on Option 6 with the understanding that option 6 could be the most financially-challenging, could be logistically-challenging because of the substation. If those challenges could be overcome, it sounds like that is the preferred option.”

According to information provided by the CIHA, Option 6 could be built for an estimated \$193,669,684 and would include the following amenities: Skilled Nursing and Memory Care (\$77,182,040), Adult Day Care (\$5,497,336), Independent Living (apartments) and Amenities (\$42,619,772), Dialysis Center

(\$6,777,420), Assisted Living (\$14,457,924), Independent Living Cottages (\$10,745,680), and Site Work (\$38,779,560).

Within each option, the following amenities are planned: Skilled Nursing, 100 beds; Memory Care, 24 beds; Assisted Living, 24 apartments; and Independent Living, 18 cottages and 42 apartments.

Of the finances, Cooper noted,

requests and would like to see all private rooms at the facility, private showers,” said Sabillon. “It is a really big deal not to have to go down to a community shower but to do that in your own room.”

She further noted, “The vision of the long-term care facility is connectivity to the hospital. That was a really big conversation in the community forums...”

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*- Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority
chief executive officer*

“As we are studying the financial feasibility of it, if its determined that we need to scale back and just focus on the high-priority elements first, we can do that.”

A presentation was given during the meeting by Cristy Sabillon, McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture healthcare segment leader. She referenced two community forums that were held last summer (Aug. 19, 2019 at Cherokee Indian Hospital and Sept. 10, 2019 at Tsali Care Center) and said discussions at those forums included whether there would be independent living cottages, independent living apartments, skilled nursing facility, a replacement for Tsali Care, and discussions about Tsali Manor replacement at the site so that everybody was in a community.

“The community, by far,

Following the community forums, Sabillon and her colleagues compiled the data and formulated the top priorities people wanted to see in the campus including: connectivity to hospital, 20 percent; adjacencies (close parking, centralized amenities), 20 percent; safety, 20 percent; accessible open spaces, 15 percent; views, 10 percent; future expansion potential, 5 percent; environmental impact, 5 percent; and logistics/schedule, 5 percent.

Wolftown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke questioned how the facility would be made safe for elders.

Damon Lambert, CIHA director of engineering, replied, “We actually had a lot of discussion in the community forums about that. We had elders that came to the forums that actually gave us

very bad stories about experiences that had happened at Tsali Manor or HIP Homes. So, we did try to think about that a lot in the layout. The independent living cottages and apartment residents have a lot more freedom and are a lot more mobile, so we thought about where we’d place those on site because they’ll have more traffic that goes freely in and out versus the skilled nursing home which is more secure because you’d have locked entrances and cameras.”

Following the decision to pursue Option 6, various leaders expressed their support for the project.

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha praised the efforts of Cooper and said, “I appreciate your team and all of your hard work in getting this plan in place and taking the feedback from the community and bringing it here before Council.”

Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe commented, “Either one of them (options), I’m good with. I just want to see the project get started.”

Rep. Chelsea Saunooke added, “I think this is a great opportunity to keep our people connected to the community. I think that’s huge. I do hope that, in this process, you are using the Cherokee Core Values because those were developed by community members and elders as well.”

Cooper concluded his comments at the meeting by saying, “The next big hurdle is to look at some options to determine the financial feasibility of the project, and so we’ll stay focused on that.”

EBCI tribal members added to Atlanta Braves Cultural Committee

The Atlanta Braves Cultural Committee, established by the Atlanta Braves Team, has two new members per Res. No. 165 (2020) passed by Tribal Council in the March regular session.

Laura Blythe, program director at Cherokee Historical Association, was nominated by Tribal Council to serve on this committee. Ashley Martin, audio visual producer for EBCI Communications, was nominated by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed and approved by Tribal Council.

The Atlanta Braves Cultural Committee will work with the Atlanta Braves to educate staff and players, ensure any representation

of the EBCI is culturally appropriate, and the EBCI's interests are met moving forward. Possible projects include the incorporation of syllabary in the Atlanta Braves ballpark, educational panels for visitors, and addressing issues as they arise.

"I am excited to serve in this capacity and look forward to working with our EBCI community to determine how we collectively feel the EBCI should communicate and work with the Atlanta Braves," said Blythe. "I hope EBCI community members feel free to reach out to me to provide their input and to discuss what the EBCI would like to see come out of this relationship. I am committed to

representing the EBCI to the best of my ability and am thankful for the opportunity to assist."

Martin, who has committed to serving on this Committee, says, "I have had the opportunity to speak with many stakeholder groups already regarding this developing partnership. I look forward to continuing my work of assessing the community's feedback regarding the respectful, accurate, and appropriate representation of the Eastern Band of Cherokee. I have worked with many of the Braves staff already and appreciate their willingness to listen to our community members' feedback. I will continue to work to ensure the EBCI's interests are heard in this

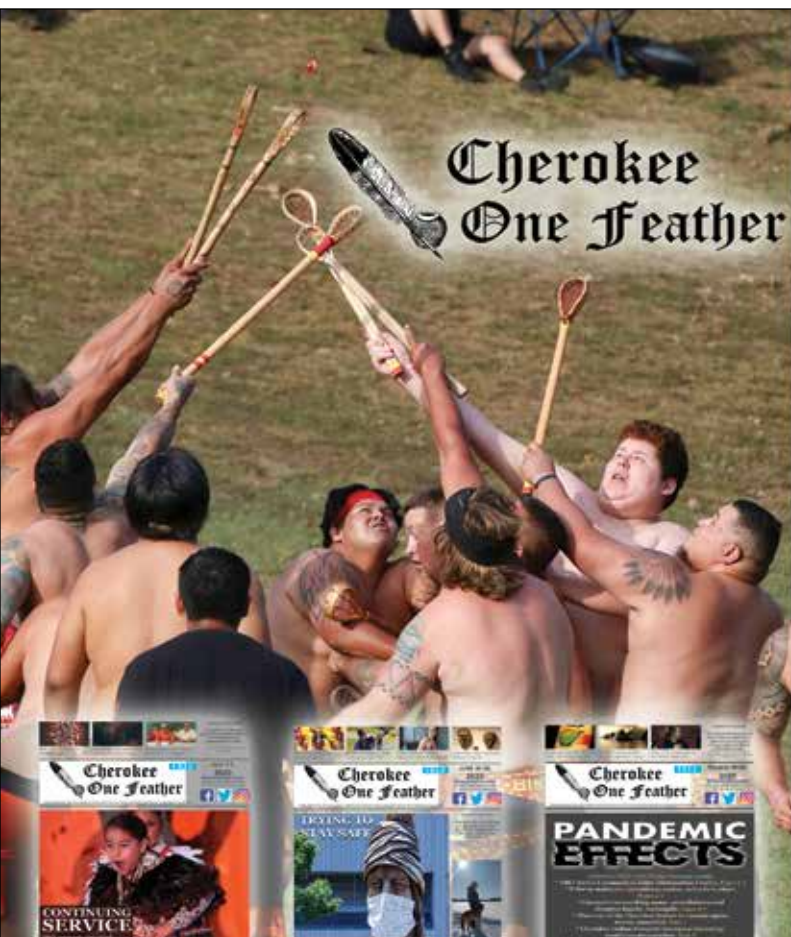
partnership."

If you have questions about the Atlanta Braves Cultural Committee, the work they do, how you think the EBCI should be represented, or what you would like to see become of this partnership Laura and Ashley would like to hear your feedback.

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CIHA employee tests positive for COVID-19

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority has received notification of an employee of the Cherokee Indian Hospital who has tested positive for COVID-19. This employee has not been working in the hospital since Thursday, July 16. No patients served at the Cherokee Indian Hospital are felt to be at risk of COVID-19 infection from this employee as no visitors meet the direct contact criteria.

A direct contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of someone who tested positive for more than 10 minutes without wearing masks. All known direct contacts have been notified and are currently isolating at home. Hospital officials noted, "Cherokee Indian Hospital is committed to protecting this community, our patients, and our employees. We wish to thank all patients, visitors and staff who have complied with infection control guidance to limit the spread of COVID-19."

Any person who is concerned they may need COVID testing is

encouraged to contact the hotline at (828) 497-3743.

– *EBCI Joint Information Center release*

COVID-19 cluster identified at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

The Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH) and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services (EBCI PHHS) have identified a COVID-19 cluster in a local business.

Five employees of the table games section at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort have tested positive for COVID-19. All positive employees are following isolation orders. The investigation is ongoing.

The North Carolina Division of Public Health (NCDPH) defines clusters of COVID-19 in workplace, educational, and other community settings as: 1) a minimum of five cases with illness onsets or initial positive results within a 14-day period and, 2) plausible linkage between cases where cases

were present in the same setting during the same time-period (e.g., same shift, same classroom, same physical work area); that the timing fits with likely timing of exposure; and that there is no other more likely source of exposure for identified cases (e.g., household or close contact to a confirmed case in another setting).

Symptomatic individuals who test positive will be required to remain in isolation under the following conditions: 1) at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and, 2) at least 24 hours have passed since the last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, and 3) Symptoms (like cough and shortness of breath) have improved. Asymptomatic individuals who test positive will be required to remain in isolation under the following conditions: 1) At least 10 days have passed since their positive test assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

JCDPH, EBCI PHHS, and other local health departments are

working to identify any additional close contacts of these employees. The CDC defines close contact as being within approximately 6 feet of a person with an infection with COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time of 10-15 minutes during their period of infectivity. Based on information provided by the employees, county health officials will assess risks of exposure, determine which if any additional measures are needed, quarantine and/or testing.

"Harrah's Cherokee Casinos remain committed to the well-being of our employees and customers," said Brooks Robinson, Harrah's Cherokee Casino regional general manager. "Enhanced health and safety protocols in place since reopening include training of our entire team of over 3,000 employees on cleaning and sanitizing techniques, the proper use of PPE, and mandatory wearing of face masks by employees and customers. Based on information provided by the employees and video surveillance records, no other employees or custom-

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**



ers have been identified as close contacts as defined by the CDC. Additionally, all employees who test positive, show symptoms or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive have been directed not to come to work and to self-isolate.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed declined to comment at this time.

– Jackson County Dept. of Public Health release, One Feather staff contributed to this report

Jackson Co. health officials identify COVID cluster at Cashiers church

CASHIERS - The Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH) has identified a COVID-19 cluster in a local church.

Eight individuals who attended a three-day revival on July 12-14 at the Cashiers Church of God have tested positive for COVID-19. All positive individuals are following isolation orders. The investigation is ongoing.

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– Jackson County Department of Public Health release

CIPD Arrest Report for July 12-18

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.

French, Walter Nathaniel – age 63
Arrested: July 12
Released: Not released as of release date
Charges: Harassment

Fuller, Walter William – age 31
Arrested: July 12
Released: July 12
Charges: Assault on a Female

Radford, Jennifer Nicole – age 30
Arrested: July 12
Released: July 12
Charges: Simple Assault

Owl, Jessica Rain – age 26
Arrested: July 13

Released: Not released as of release date
Charges: Obstructing Government Functions

Bigwitch, John Albert – age 41
Arrested: July 14
Released: July 15
Charges: Probation Violation

Lossiah Jr., Kirk Wilson – age 30
Arrested: July 15
Released: Not released as of release date
Charges: Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order

Carroll, Earl Thomas – age 55
Arrested: July 16
Released: July 17
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Ramirez, Hugo Gardo – age 35
Arrested: July 16
Released: Not released as of release date
Charges: Larceny, Breaking or Entering

Bird, April Dawn – age 41
Arrested: July 17
Released: July 17
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

McCoy, Autumn Lynn – age 31
Arrested: July 17
Released: July 18
Charges: Driving While License Revoked

Pheasant, Jayda Arlene – age 30
Arrested: July 17
Released: Not released as of release date
Charges: Driving While License Revoked, Simple Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance, Providing Drugs to Inmate

Ross, John Robert – age 33

Arrested: July 17
Released: July 17
Charges: Receiving or possessing stolen property, False Pretenses

Taylor, Heather Lee – age 31
Arrested: July 17
Released: Not released as of release date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts)

Taylor, Shaina Marie – age 29
Arrested: July 17
Released: July 18
Charges: Possession with intent Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Esquivel, Carlos Dale – age 42
Arrested: July 18
Released: Not released as of release date
Charges: False Imprisonment



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Weekly COVID updates with Dr. Bunio

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

Each week, Chris McCoy, director of EBCI Communications, interviews Dr. Richard A. Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive clinical director, about current COVID-19 updates and news. It is aired via Cherokee Cablevision Channel 28 and livestreamed by Communications.

Here is an edited transcript of the Q&A session on Wednesday, July 22. All answers presented below are from Dr. Bunio who has been in practice for more than 20 years.

What is happening with the yellow mask?

“The Chief rolled out the Tribal Dashboard and we now have COVID risk levels. There’s red, orange, yellow, and green. Obviously, green is as good as it gets and red is trouble. I offered to wear a mask to represent our current risk level. We are currently at the yellow level. We were in the orange, now we are in the yellow.”

What does the yellow level signify?

“Yellow means that we are still having community spread. That it is really important that people keep following our advice. But things have improved a little bit. We want to say to the community that what you are doing is working.”

“One of the things you know, there have been some people who

refuse to wear a mask. I just wanted to take a minute and say you know these are not bad people. In everything, there are people, we call them early adopters; the people who are standing in line waiting to get the very latest iPhone. Then there are other people who like to sit back and wait. Maybe they have a story - maybe they have been burned before. So, not everybody is going to jump on the bandwagon right away. We’ve got more and more data that masks work and they protect you and they protect other people. People who haven’t been wearing masks, I see them starting to wear masks and I think that is great.”

“One of the benefits of us getting started on this so early up at the hospital and public health we started talking about this in February. So, we have had a lot of practice and we have built our contact tracing team so that when we find a case we can respond to it very quickly. Again, I want to emphasize if you get a call from the hospital or Public Health, answer the phone, share your information. We’ve actually been able to tamp down a couple of very worrisome cases.”

Should we get our kids tested?

“If your child is sick, contact your primary care provider, contact the team. They will advise you whether you should have your children tested. We know children can get the virus. We know they tend to have less serious illness, but they can spread it. And of course, there are those rare cases where they have life-threatening issues. Get your kids tested, especially if they are sick.”

The criteria has changed for what is considered a direct

contact. Can you explain what has changed and why?

“The CDC changes this based on new science and new evidence. A direct contact is someone who you have been around less than six feet for 15 minutes. These are just rough guidelines. How long does it take to catch the virus from somebody? If somebody sneezes or coughs and you are not wearing a mask, it will take a couple of seconds. So this is just general guidance the CDC has been updating. We believe it makes a difference if you are wearing a mask. If you are wearing a mask and the other person is wearing a mask, you may still be considered a direct contact but we believe the risk is way down. I was reading a study that if you are wearing a mask in a household, you could reduce the infection rate by 80 percent. Unfortunately, you have to be wearing the mask almost before you know you are sick a lot of the time. We still have that where we are spreading the virus before we even know it.”

If I end up testing positive should I call the people that I know I’ve been around? Or, do I wait on the contact tracing team to do that?

“If you give them that list of names, the contact tracing team will take care of that for you and they will not reveal your identity. (There is nothing stopping you from contacting your contacts directly if you choose to or you feel that the contact tracing team might have difficulty locating or communicating with a contact.) If we have someone who is reluctant to share who they have been around, that is when you will see the public service announcement asking if you were at a particular gathering on a certain date.”

One of my friends was contacted by Contact Tracing and notified they were a direct contact and we had gone to dinner together the day before. Do I need to worry?

“This is basically a contact of a contact. The risk there is probably low. First of all, if you are going to dinner, you should be keeping your distance from people who are not in your household. You could consider getting tested, but I would say your risk is pretty low. You may want to keep in touch with that person because they are going to be asked to be tested. If they test positive, then you’re up next.”

How long should I wait to be tested after I’ve been in contact with a COVID positive person? What precautions do I take while I wait?

“The sweet spot is about eight days or the very first day you start feeling sick. The precaution you should take while you are waiting is that you should be quarantined. You should stay home. You should isolate yourself from vulnerable people. Unfortunately, we are experiencing some longer delays in getting these tests back.”

“If you get tested too early, there is a really good chance, like if you were in contact with someone yesterday, we test you today, almost a 100 percent chance that test is going to come back negative. The virus has not had enough time in your body to replicate.”

What do I do if I was around someone who just tested positive but I have not been contacted by the contact tracing team?

“If you think you have been around someone, call the hotline.

We can talk you through it and see if you were really a contact and we can even schedule some testing. If you come up to the drive-thru without calling or appointment, we will ask you 'Why are you here? Are you feeling sick?' So, tell them there 'Hey I was around a person' and we'll make a note of it and then we'll make sure that we track everything. If you are really worried and want to get tested, eight days after contact is the best time."

Someone that was in line in front of me at the grocery store tested positive a few days after I seen them. Should I be tested?

"Most of the grocery stores have those little marks that you are supposed to stand six feet away. The other benefit is that person is not facing you unless they are on their phone and they turn around. So, I think that risk is pretty low. When you get out of the grocery store, use your hand sanitizer, you know, just take all those precautions. I wouldn't recommend necessarily getting testing."

"You are not going to catch it just from touching (an item after someone who is positive touched it). It is when you touch it and you touch your eye, nose, mouth. So, if you hand sanitize, you are good."

There's been people calling for the border to close and upset about tourists potentially bringing the virus to our people. Am I more likely to get the virus from someone coming into town to visit than I am going to a friend's BBQ?

"So we actually started looking at this because we knew that the community was concerned about tourism. So, there are a couple of different factors here. How likely

are you to get near a tourist? Me, not very. I may pass by them in the grocery store but I am not going to spend a whole lot of time with them. So, I think the risk there is pretty low. But, if I am going to a friend's BBQ, unless I am wearing my mask and keeping my distance, I think that is actually a higher risk. We looked at all the positive cases that we've had and about 25 percent of the cases are related to people in the same household. So, no tourists there. Another 25 percent are related to these gatherings - cookouts, some funerals. And then there is another 50 percent that we call community spread where somebody tests positive - we don't know where they got it. Could it have been a tourist? Maybe, but I think we have to ask ourselves, aside from the casino, how often do tourists really interact with us less than six feet for more than 15 minutes? So, I think the risk is pretty low and this is where we are; the virus is everywhere. We are probably just as likely to give it to a tourist as they are to give it to us. It depends on where they come from too. People coming from high risk areas could be a little bit concerning. You know, even when we closed the border, we didn't stop people in Cherokee from traveling back and forth. I think the community can take some credit for keeping us in this yellow zone. One person in a big gathering, that is where the risk is."

If we have family members who are coming into the community to stay with family to avoid hot spot areas that they are currently living in, what's the safest way to make that transition?

"Put them on a 14-day quarantine. Isolate them from the rest

of your family. If you want to get them tested that is another strategy that could be used, but anyone coming in contact with the virus could get sick anytime within the 14 days. If after a 14-day quarantine they are feeling fine, then the risk is pretty low. And then they become part of what we call

your quarantine bubble. These are people that if any one of them tests positive, the whole household is probably going to have to quarantine."

The updates are currently being broadcast live on Wednesdays at noon.

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Cherokee Central Schools planning for fall sports pending state decision

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

If the state governing body deems it appropriate, Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) will be all in for fall sports. The NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association) hasn't made its decision yet regarding athletics this fall due to the recent rise of COVID-19 cases in the state.

During a meeting on Monday, July 20, the CCS School Board opted to begin the semester on "Plan C" which is remote learning only. The next day, CCS Superintendent Michael Murray put out a letter providing details on how a Plan C academic year will look stating the school will start with

online instruction on Wednesday, Aug. 19 and will continue online through at least the first nine weeks.

The following day, the Cherokee Central Schools Athletics Dept. said in a statement, "As we navigate through this first stage of the school year, please be aware that it is our intent for Cherokee Central Schools to continue with full participation in middle and high school athletics in the upcoming year, so far as the NCHSAA provides the allowance to continue statewide."

The statement continued, "We know that this may sound concerning to some of you, but please know that our student-athletes have already done a tremendous

job within the initial five weeks of Phase One workouts. They have shown maturity, understanding, and a commitment to follow whatever protocols are necessary to stay in contention to compete in athletics, as that opportunity still remains for them."

So far, there has not been an official decision from NCHSAA regarding fall sports.

During a Zoom meeting with journalists statewide on Wednesday, July 8, Que Tucker, NCHSAA commissioner, noted, "At this time...we do not know. But, we promise that we will do the best we can to offer students the opportunity to get on the field and play the games that they enjoy and that they love. Our staff is working to craft new and innovative ways to accommodate schedule changes, to make tweaks that may be necessary to offer competitive opportunities during this current climate."

Gov. Roy Cooper made his announcement regarding the upcoming academic year on Tues-

day, July 14 stating that the state will begin with "Plan B" which is a hybrid of in-person and online instruction.

The next day, Commissioner Tucker said that the start date for all fall sports in the state would be delayed until at least Tuesday, Sept. 1. "We know that many decisions are being made relative to the reopening plan your school(s) will follow. After each LEA has had an opportunity to formalize and finalize those reopening 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."

She added, "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."

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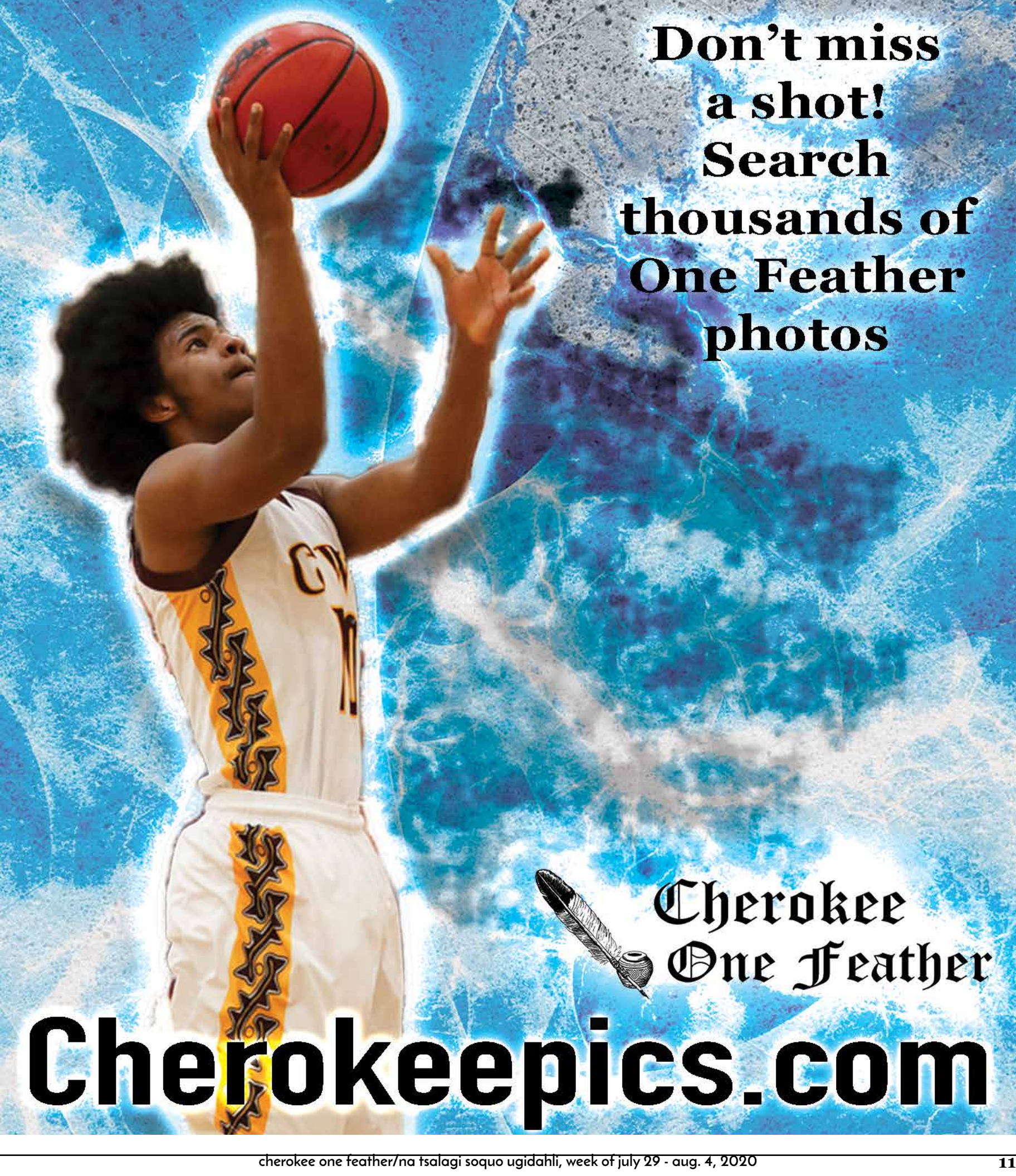
The Garden Bug

Pink ladies slipper is a wildflower related to the orchid family. To reproduce, its seeds (which have no food supply of their own) must interact with a fungus in the soil, which breaks them open and passes on nutrients (the fungus later receives food from the mature plant). This plant flowers in early summer, ranging from magenta to almost white. Its root was once commonly prepared and given for a range of maladies.

-Brenda Weaver

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Overcoming obstacles

EBCI freshman college students facing challenges amid COVID-19

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High school graduations, in whatever form they took, are over and recent graduates are now looking at a whole new set of challenges as they prepare to enter college this fall. Several members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have shared their stories with the One Feather.

Raylen Bark, valedictorian of the Cherokee High School Class of 2020, is entering Dartmouth College. “As of right now, we’ll be going in early September; however, they’re still deciding on whether or not we will be on campus or school will take place online.”

She noted that the usual freshman orientation was held online through Zoom. “Virtually meeting classmates, professors, and the staff was different,” she said. “I wish I could have met everyone in person on campus. Admitted students were able to visit the college through a program, but, of course, it was cancelled. We missed out on our preview for the next four years. Getting paperwork and forms filled out without direct help from the school has been the most challenging because businesses aren’t open and it has made everything so difficult.”

Nola Teesatuskie, a member of the Swain County High School

Class of 2020, will be attending school across the country at Washington State University. The structure of her classes is yet to be determined. “So far, they said it is up to the professor’s discretion. If they have a class over 50, then they have the option to split the class into thirds or do online classes.”

Her orientation session was also online and involved three days of learning about the school and their individual course of study culminating in a session with their advisor on the third day to discuss and work out their fall course load.

Teesatuskie said one aspect of all of this has been the hardest. “I think the most challenging is the uncertainty of what is exactly going to happen. We mostly have an idea, but it’s still a waiting game to see how long we can guess around about what is the best route for us. The only thing I know of so far is that our classes may be online, and they may only do one person in a dorm.”

Winston Welch, the lone graduate from the remote McGrath School in Alaska, has enrolled in the culinary certificate program at Southwestern Community College. “Classes are scheduled to be online, but the labs will be on campus. The last time I looked, orientation was planned for on-campus, but of course, that may change.”

Remote learning is nothing new for Welch. “I have a lot of experience with online learning. The Iditarod Area School District, where I graduated, uses Acellus for a lot of classes. Acellus was self-paced and college classes won’t be.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

Raylen Bark, Cherokee High School Class of 2020 valedictorian, is entering Dartmouth College this fall.

So, that will be new. I am going to have to learn how to use Blackboard.”

He added, “I’ve done a lot of online school so I’m not worried about that so much. But, I am coming into college from a very small school. It will be very different not knowing my teachers and knowing they don’t know me.”

Welch said the labs he will

have to do for his culinary education will be difficult to navigate. “The greatest challenge going to college during the pandemic for me is getting back to North Carolina from Alaska. I know how to be safe - like wearing a mask, keeping distant from other people, and washing my hands all the time, but it seems like a lot of people aren’t doing those things.”

Cherokee Nation adds 16 bee pollinator homes to heirloom garden

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — The Cherokee Nation has installed 16 new bee pollinator homes in the tribe's heirloom garden in Tahlequah as part of a new initiative by First Lady January Hoskin to boost the population of pollinators while improving the environment.

Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. joined First Lady Hoskin and First Daughter Jasmine Hoskin at the heirloom garden recently to hang the new pollinator homes, which will play an important role in creating sustainable habitats for pollinators such as bees. Pollinators affect one-third of food supplies across the U.S., including the traditional Cherokee plants housed in the heirloom garden.

“As First Lady of the Cherokee Nation and as the mother and grandmother of Cherokee children, caring for our environment is an issue that is important not only to me, but to the next seven generations of Cherokee Nation citizens,” said First Lady Hoskin. “Pollinators like bees and butterflies face increasing threats of extinction because of habitat loss. The pollinator houses we are hanging will play an important role in supporting and sustaining the traditional plants in the Cherokee Nation Heirloom Garden. I encourage Cherokees to make their own pollinator houses, plant pollinator-friendly plants, and support the bees and butterflies living in their own backyard.”

There are over 4,000 species of native bees in North America. With increasing use of pesticides as well as habitat loss, native bees have seen a decline in population in recent years. The 16 new pollinator homes will provide hundreds of native bees and other pollinators a safe place to live.

“Every piece of food we eat is a result of these insects,” said Cherokee Nation Senior Director of Environmental Resources Pat Gwin. “So, take a sunflower for example; they pollinate the female flower which will grow into the sunflower seed, which we eat. Even the meat that we eat – deer or cows eat the plants that are being pollinated by these insects. If we take care of bees and other pollinators, they will take care of our pollinating needs that allow for us to supply thousands of plant materials to Cherokees.”

Gwin and his team maintain the Cherokee Nation Heirloom Garden and the tribe's heirloom seed bank. The heirloom garden is home to over 200 different traditional plants and 26 crops that were used by Cherokees hundreds of years ago for food, ceremonies and medicinal purposes. These plants and crops include White Eagle Corn, river cane, Cherokee dipper gourds, elderberry and rattlesnake master, among others.

After Cherokees were forcefully removed to present-day Oklahoma, the unique heirloom crops Cherokees grew were nearly lost. The Cherokee Nation Heirloom Garden was created to grow, preserve and share these plants and crops that are precious to the Cherokee culture.

The heirloom crops and native plants grown each year in the garden also help replenish the Cherokee Nation Seed Bank, which provides seeds to tribal citizens who are interested in growing their own traditional Cherokee crops.

The pollinator homes in the heirloom garden are similar to a bird house in shape and have pre-drilled holes in the wood for bees to nest. Some of the pollina-



Cherokee Nation photos

One of 16 newly-installed pollinator homes placed on the Heirloom Garden grounds in Tahlequah, Okla. The pollinator homes are similar to a bird house in shape and have pre-drilled holes in the wood for bees to nest. Some of the pollinator homes, such as this one, include small slits in the wood, allowing butterflies a safe place to get away from harsh weather conditions such as rain and wind.



Cherokee Nation's First Family, Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr., First Lady January Hoskin, and First Daughter Jasmine Hoskin place bee pollinator homes at the Tribe's Heirloom Garden in Tahlequah, Okla. The pollinator homes are part of the First Lady's initiative to help better the environment as well as to help provide a safe habitat for bees and other pollinators.

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weather conditions such as rain and wind.

WNC Communities' Get Counted Program encouraging census participation

Regional nonprofit, WNC Communities, is partnering with active community clubs who participate in the annual WNC Honors Awards Program to assist in getting communities across western North Carolina get counted in the 2020 census.

Director of Community and Agriculture Programs for WNC Communities Terri Wells states, "It is critical that we get all of our community members counted because of the direct impact on funding and services for the next ten years. At this time, western North Carolina is underreported, and we are excited to work in partnership with our community club leaders across Western North Carolina on our 'WNC Communities Get Counted Program' to assist their community members in getting counted. Everyone counts,

and we want to ensure that no one is left out. We also appreciate the partnership of Dogwood Health Trust who is providing funding for this program. This funding directly benefits our participating communities across western North Carolina including the communities of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians."

Community efforts are underway this summer to assist community members who have not participated in the 2020 Census. Community Club members are not working for nor representing the census. As trusted voices in their communities, they are volunteering to ensure that their community members get counted.

The following community clubs are participating in this program. If you need assistance with completing the 2020 Census form and would like to help your community raise some funds, please contact the following members:

- Snowbird Community Club, Roger Smoker, 735-4959
- Yellowhill Community Club, Virginia Johnson, 788-8659
- Big Y Community Club, Trudy Crowe, 788-5579
- Wofltown Community Club, Tuff Jackson, 788-4088
- Big Cove Community Club, Lisa Hardesty, 788-1646
- Towstring Community Club, Janice Crutchfield, 497-9330

If up have any questions concerning the 2020 Census or this program, contact Tammy Jackson, EBCI Community Development Coordinator, 359-6934 or tam-mjack@nc-chokeee.com

- WNC Communities release

Park Superintendent Launches Smokies Hikes for Healing

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent Cassius Cash is inviting the public to participate in a new initiative he developed called Smokies Hikes

for Healing. Up to 10 people can join the superintendent on eight hikes led by facilitators who will provide an opportunity for an open conversation about diversity and racism while enjoying one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. The public can also participate by coordinating their own experiences using Smokies Hikes for Healing materials.

"National Parks have long provided a place of healing, and I believe the setting of this mountain sanctuary is a powerful space to bring us together to engage in crucial conversations," said Superintendent Cassius Cash. "This year has brought a lot of uncertainty and fear that tends to draw people to their corners. Through this opportunity, I'm inviting everyone to step out and have real conversations about the history of racism locally and globally. In learning about our past, we open the doors to our future."

The goal of this initiative is to provide a safe space for individuals of all backgrounds and ethnicities to begin difficult conversations that can lead to change.

The eight guided hikes will be held August through December in different locations across the park in Tennessee and North Carolina. During the hikes, a facilitator will lead each group in a thought-provoking discussion around race by first establishing an environment that is trusting and safe for individuals to recognize the long-standing ills associated with racism and how these have carried over into today's society. Facilitators will equip participants with tools and ideas about how to identify biases through a deeper level of self-awareness and reflection so that participants can become intentional in addressing racism and race relations.

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WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

JULY 27-AUG. 2, 2020

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

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AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	BETTER
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Space is limited to up to ten participants for each hike. Groups will follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing and wearing of facial coverings when the appropriate distance cannot be maintained. Interested individuals can find more information on how to apply for the hikes by visiting smokieshikesforhealing.org. A set of starter guidelines and questions will be available on the website for those interested in leading their own conversations about racism along Smokies trails with friends, strangers, or colleagues. Everyone is invited to join the conversation virtually through this digital platform where hike participants can share their stories, realizations, and commitments.

Longtime park partner Great Smoky Mountains Association assisted in the creative development of the program and website, along with additional financial support from park partner Friends of the Smokies. For more information on hiking in the park, please visit the park's website at <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/hiking.htm>.

- National Park Service release

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting cancelled

The Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society (SCGHS) has announced it is canceling its monthly meeting scheduled for Aug. 6. "Rest assured that when it is safe enough to gather, we will have a big announcement," SCGHS officials said in a statement.

"We will continue to evaluate month to month and resume our meetings when it is safe for all to be in such a gathering. The work on our new building continues and we hope to be able to announce moving plans soon. Until then, the genealogical library remains closed. We all look forward to the re-opening in our new building. Stay safe."

- Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society

Revival and Homecoming cancelled

The Smokemont Baptist Church 2020 revival and homecoming have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. All Great Smoky Mountain Park indoor events have been cancelled. "Please pray that we will be able to meet next year," Smokemont Baptist Church officials

said in a statement.

- Smokemont Baptist Church

Cherokee Senior Citizens Program meal pick-up

Effective immediately, drive through meal pick-up is reserved for eligible persons only (on one under the age of 59 1/2). Meals cannot be purchased. As a reminder, all eligible persons must call before 10 a.m. Monday – Thursday.

All regular home-bound meal deliveries remain the same. Once operations return to normal and the program is able to serve meals in the dining area, they will resume the practice of allowing non-eligible persons to purchase a meal.

- Cherokee Senior Citizens Program



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

The Cherokee One Feather would like to share your stories in a column we call "Veteran's Corner". Send your written stories to Robert Jumper, editor, at robejump@nc-chokeee.com. Or, if you prefer to sit down for an interview with one of our reporters, call 359-6482 (Robert), 359-6263 (Scott), or 359-6264 (Jonah).

Thank you for your service, and we look forward to hearing from you so we can share your stories of service with the entire community.



OBITUARIES



Elizabeth Ann Edwards

Elizabeth Ann Edwards, 62, of Cherokee, went to be with her heavenly father on Sunday, July 12, 2020. She is survived by her husband, Lee Edwards, of thirty seven years. She passed away on their anniversary. She was born in Jamestown, Va. on Feb. 13, 1958 to Inez Welch Soap. She worked in Cherokee as the manager of Tribal Bingo.

Her children called her the best mother you could ever have. She was very family oriented and loved spending time with her family and loved being a grandmother and great grandmother as well. Elizabeth was always looking forward to gardening and any

other activity to spend time in her yard with her flowers. She loved to cook for her family as well. Another favorite hobby was arts and crafts and making decorations. In addition she shared a love of traveling with her husband. They had recently returned from a trip to Amish country in Pennsylvania and from another trip to Niagara Falls. She had traveled to Israel several times as well with their church group.

In addition to her husband, and mother, she is survived by three daughters, Sandi Cox, Kystal Long, and Hayley Edwards; one stepdaughter, April Edwards; two sons, Andrew Edwards and David Edwards; one stepson, Scott Daniels; sixteen grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister Elsie Biddix; a very special friend, BG George and numerous nieces, nephews, and other special family members. She is preceded in death by two brothers, Gene Cornwell and William Cornwell.

A funeral service was held on July 15 in the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Pastor Donnie Walker officiated. Burial followed in the Birdtown Cemetery.

Crisp Funeral Home assisted the Edwards family with arrangements.

Rosalee Teesatuskie

Rosalee Teesatuskie, 74, born

March 2, 1946, passed away following a period of declining health on Friday, July 17, 2020 while at the Memorial Campus of Mission Hospitals in Asheville.

Rosalee was an elevated, loving, caring, wife, sister, mother, and friend to all who knew her.

Rosalee is preceded in death by her father, Jonah Teesatuskie; her mother, Estella (Arch) Teesatuskie; brothers, David Arch and Richard Teesatuskie; and a nephew, Jason Teesatuskie.

Rosalee is survived by her husband of 35 years, Don Smiley; one daughter, Andrea "Dre" Teesatuskie; three brothers, Raymond Teesatuskie, Roy Teesatuskie, and Ruben (Maxine) Teesatuskie; two sisters, Rowena Teesatuskie and Ramona Standingdeer; and numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Monday, July 20 at the Drama Hill Cemetery in Cherokee with the Rev. James "Bo" Parris and Brother James Smiley officiating. Pallbearers were among friends and family with Estella Millsaps and Latyra Maney acting as Honorary Pallbearers.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers - donations be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org, one of Rosalee's favorite organizations.

Long House Funeral Home was honored to assist the Teesatuskie family.

Henry Whipperwil Mahsetky

Henry Whipperwil Mahsetky, 38, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 19, 2020. The son of Patrick Mahsetky of Oklahoma and Janet Wolfe Wildcat of Cherokee, he is preceded in death by his grandfather, Ned Wolfe; and his sister, Erica Watty.

Known as Goolie by his friends and family, in addition to his parents, he is survived by his children; Terrance, Vecca, Vonda, Shonda, Malik and Shadrick(Samantha); four grandchildren, Cella, Lighza, Niiya and Aaliyah; his brothers, Russell Wolfe Jr. Mahsetky and Kevin Watty; his sisters, Minda Mahsetky Hill (Andre) and Christine Mahsetky, both of Oklahoma; his aunt, Vicki Driver; his uncle, Darrell Wolfe; his grandmother, Inez Wolfe; and a special brother, Richard Driver.

The family had a graveside service for Henry on Friday, July 24 at the Soggy Hill Cemetery where he was laid to rest. Pallbearers were Richard Driver, Jodi Wolfe, JR Mahsetky, Taylor Wolfe, Kevin Watty, Stan Watty, Damion Kalonaheskie, and Stevie Watty. Reverend James "Bo" Parris officiated.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

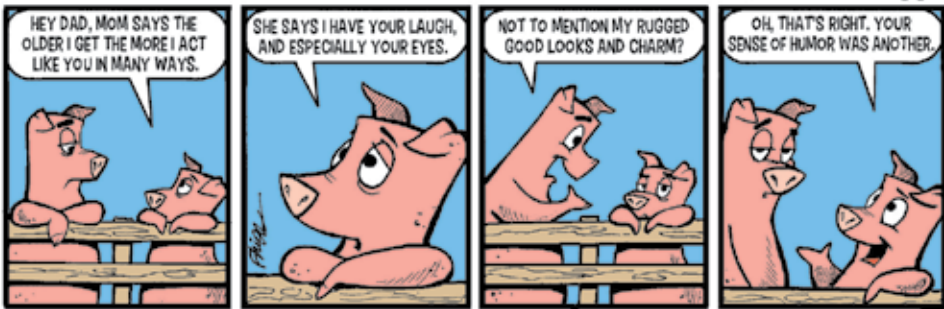


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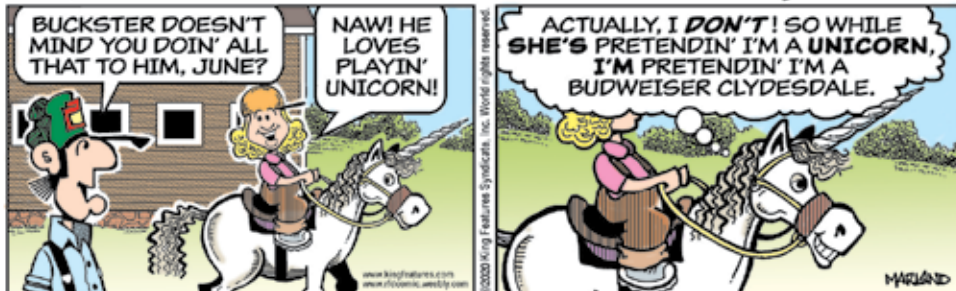
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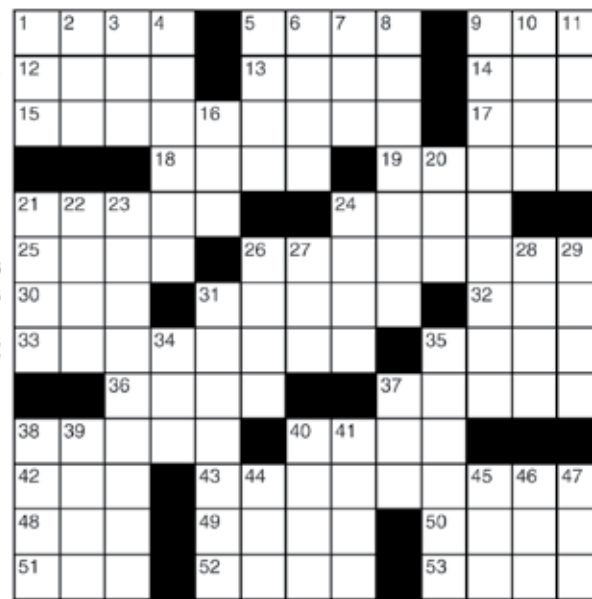
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ACROSS

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- 5 Largest continent
- 9 Crime scene evidence
- 12 Lounge around
- 13 Charged bits
- 14 A billion years
- 15 Perry Mason's client
- 17 Entertainment
- 18 Smell bad
- 19 Geneva's river
- 21 Skiers' 7-Down
- 24 String instrument
- 25 Do as you're told



- 26 Old cars for new ones
- 30 "Help!"
- 31 Repeat verb
- 32 Arctic bird
- 33 Confiscations
- 35 Sans siblings
- 36 Diner staffer
- 37 Name
- 38 BLT meat
- 40 Swimming venue
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- 43 Secret or Sure
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- 1 Antiquated
- 2 "The Raven" writer
- 3 Sprite
- 4 Group of priests
- 5 Helper
- 6 Drench
- 7 Hostel
- 8 On both

- 27 Fish eggs
- 28 — and void
- 29 Terrier variety
- 31 Former
- 34 Menagerie
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- 47 Explosive stick

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by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bushes are missing. 2. Apron is different. 3. Earring is missing. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Man's nose is different. 6. Briefcase is larger.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

? Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Is the book of Titus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Joshua 10, the sun stood still while Joshua's army destroyed what people? *Amorites, Midianites, Egyptians, Philistines*
3. In Genesis 9, who saw a rainbow in the sky? *Adam, Moses, Noah, Abraham*
4. From 1 Samuel 2, how many children did Hannah have? *5, 10, 15, 20*
5. In which city did King Ahasuerus live? *Corinth, Gath, Berea, Shushan*
6. Who was David's oldest brother? *Jonah, Eliab, Joel, Agrippa*

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birthstone traditionally associated with the month of July?
2. MOVIES: What was the name of the artificial intelligence system in "The Terminator" movie series?
3. CHEMISTRY: Which element has the chemical symbol Pt?
4. HISTORY: Which two boxers were matched in 1974's "The Rumble in the Jungle" contest in Zaire?
5. ANATOMY: What is the common name for the hallux?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which product is featured in the advertising slogan "Obey your thirst"?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Which four U.S. states start with the letter "I"?
8. TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the 1990s sitcom "Home Improvement"?
9. MUSIC: Which female singer had a No. 1 hit in the 1970s with the song "You're No Good"?
10. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1/4 cup?

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We must not forget the innocent.

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

The monster that is COVID-19 consumes our thoughts and actions today. The battle rages daily. People are modifying their lives in ways many would have thought impossible as late as last Christmas. We look at each other with suspicion at a simple cough or sneeze. We weigh the benefit of traveling outside our homes versus the possibility of infection. We hide our faces behind masks and forego the simple signs of affection and community like handshakes and hugs to further potentially protect ourselves. We permit governmental mandates, in some cases encourage them, giving up freedoms that we would never consider giving up were we not seeing forecasts of death, both physical and economic.

What we must not do is let this pandemic take our minds away from the serious issues that were plaguing us before this strain of coronavirus showed up. We are still battling an epidemic of drug use and abuse that has not let up even in the face of worldwide infection. Our latest Cherokee Indian Police Department arrest report provides a window into the issue, riddled with drug and drug-related charges upon members of the Cherokee community.

Another area of concern for our citizens is domestic violence. Pundits on national media indicate that domestic violence may be experiencing increases due to the COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders that were instituted throughout the country, both Indian and U.S.

In an April 2020 paper on bioethics by John Neetu, Sara Casey, Giselle Carino, and Terry McGovern, research points to a direct correlation between isolation measures and domestic violence. "Organizations that work with domestic

violence survivors report that measures such as quarantine and physical distancing increase tension within households. As the authors of the Bioethics paper note. 'Confinement in physical spaces, along with economic and health shocks, have increased stress levels.' As a result, women have experienced more physical violence, as well as compounded stress and mental health consequences. In addition to physical violence, women are being subjected to mental anguish and heightened coercion and control tactics, all of which harm their well-being."

Tracking the actual increases of domestic violence in real time is tricky. Most surveys of this type lag several months while data is correlated, analyzed, and summarized. But all indications globally, nationally, and locally are that domestic violence, including elder abuse will become increasingly prevalent in the era of COVID-19.

The realities of domestic violence are horrifying - bruises, swollen faces, broken bones, blood, and death. Every family member in an abuser's household is impacted. Women being grabbed, shoved, pushed, slapped, and hit. Approximately 325,000 pregnant women in America are victims of domestic violence each year. Men are not immune. The CDC reports that one in seven men will experience domestic violence by an intimate partner this year. Children are experiencing the same physical violence and are watching as one of their parents beats on the other. Nationally, each year child protective authorities get over three million referrals. Two children out of every 100,000 die. Demeaning and vulgar language are poured out on innocent ears. Entire families living in fear and pain. I want us to get a good clear mental picture of the gruesomeness of domestic violence before we get too caught up in the statistics. Sometimes, when we look

at numbers, that is all we see. We do not want to see the hurt and feel the pain. Looking into the face of a battered and bloody woman or child is too much for some of us to bear. We want to look away. And because we look away, the violence continues, and people continue to suffer.

I asked our EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division to provide some insight into the condition of our community regarding domestic violence and elder abuse.

Sunshine Parker, Human Services director, responded, "We do track elder abuse and domestic violence statistics separately. There is some crossover in that elder abuse can include domestic violence and vice versa. In FY19, the Walkingstick Shelter assisted with 84 DVPO's. Thus far in FY20, they have assisted with 56, this is with the caveat that we may be missing some data that was lost during the cyber-attack. In relation to elder abuse, the Family Safety Program Adult Protective Services Unit received 143 reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation in FY19. In December 2019, a new set of elder abuse laws passed that changed some of the definitions related to elder abuse for criminal prosecution and increased the penalties related to being convicted of elder abuse. These laws also created a mutual reporting mandate between Family Safety and the Cherokee Indian Police Department, and it created the 50E which is protective order specifically for victims of elder abuse. So far in FY20, APS has received 146 reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation."

The stories were already heart-breaking enough. Pre-coronavirus, we heard stories, even from the seats of Tribal Council, of visiting

nursing facilities and seeing the elderly sitting alone. Reaching out to strangers for a moment of companionship and intimacy that they rarely received. Many either had no family or family that, for whatever reason simply do not have time or take time to spend with those in nursing facilities. But the stories get even more tragic, there are aging family members in homes who are being exploited, having supplement checks and resources like food and medicine stripped away from them, much of the time by their own relatives. In some cases, elders are being subjected to physical violence because of insensitivity or greed.

Now with COVID-19, we have the added agony for both elders and their families of limited contact or isolation in nursing facilities. Out of necessity to protect physical health and well-being, thousands of elders are seeing loved ones only through plexi-glass and hearing them through a speakerphone. Even caregivers are required to limit contact and contact time with elders for fear of infection.

According to the Center for Disease Control, nationally, elder abuse is largely unreported. They conjecture that elders may be fearful of their attacker, blame themselves as the cause of the attacks, may not know what to do, or are simply ashamed of what is happening to them. In a clinical environment, underreporting was attributed to "poor recognition of the problem, lack of understanding of reporting methods and requirements, and concerns about physician-patient confidentiality."

The CDC goes on to say that they estimate that elder abuse occurs in between 3 percent and 10 percent of the elder population.

146 reports of abuse, neglect,

or exploitation. If each report represents a tribal elder, then that is almost one percent of our total Tribal population. And even one incident, one elder, is too many. Regarding both domestic violence and elder abuse (which is another form of domestic violence), the statistics Sunshine provided point to projected increases in both this year over 2019.

Some of that increase may be attributed to coronavirus response; some may be from the onslaught of drug over use and abuse. Hopefully, it is not an indicator of a deeper evil in our community and the country. With so many crisis situations in the country and our community, it is easy for long standing issues to get lost or covered up. We cannot allow that to happen when it comes to violence, whether mental or physical, against our loved ones in the community. If they are strong enough to come forward, we must be there for them, support them, and stand with them until they are free from domestic violence. If they cannot stand for themselves, we must seek to identify it and make sure that the proper authorities may investigate their situation

and step in on their behalf. We have a duty to each other as community members, as members of humanity, to end their suffering. If you see violence of any kind, your first response needs to be to call 911 and report it immediately.

Public Health and Human Services provides the following information:

The Domestic Violence Program is available 24/7 by calling 828 359 6830.

To make a report of child or adult maltreatment you can call the Family Safety Program at 828 359 1520 during regular business hours. After hours, on weekends, or holidays you can call 828 497 4131 and ask for the on call social worker.

For information related to child welfare you can go to <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/> <https://www.childwelfare.gov/>

For elder abuse <https://www.ncoa.org>

<https://ncea.acl.gov>

For domestic violence <https://ncadv.org>

<https://www.womenshealth.gov/relationships-and-safety/domestic-violence>



How about naming the Fairgrounds after Jerry Wolfe?

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

There are many words that could be used to describe the late Jerry Wolfe, Beloved Man of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, including: traditionalist, storyteller, ambassador, ballplayer, mason, veteran, hero, etc. In April 2013, he was named the first Beloved Man in over 200 years.

Currently, the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds has a fairly dull name. There's nothing wrong with it per se, it is just dull and forgettable. I propose the Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe Memorial Fairgrounds.

Wolfe was a staple at the annual Cherokee Indian Fair where he called all of the stickball games – describing much of the action and terms in the Cherokee language to expose the masses.

His dedication to the Cherokee language was immense. When he was named a Beloved Man in 2013, EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver noted, “Oftentimes, we may come across a word that we don't remember or we need to know something about our history or our culture, and we can always go to Jerry, and he is always more than willing to help us.”

Yes, he was always willing to help.

Following his pass-

ing in 2018, Gerry Grady, Wolfe's daughter, said, “He was happy to be useful to the community in any way he could: teaching about stickball, storytelling, visiting schools, and offering prayers and smoke. He was most passionate about the continuation of the Cherokee language and the culture...”

The Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds is home to the Cherokee Indian Fair, the annual event that best displays the culture of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. So, it seems fitting that the venue be named for one of the cultural icons of the Tribe.

While he was frequently honored by various organizations, Wolfe remained humble through it all. He appreciated the recognition, but it certainly wasn't a motivating factor for him. After being named a Beloved Man, he simply said, “It's an honor. It's a great honor.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed spoke to this at Wolfe's memorial service in March 2018, “He was a humble man. In all the years I've known Jerry and all of the conversations I've had with him, I've never heard him say a cross word about another human being. He was truly a man of humility.”

I had the pleasure of speaking with Wolfe many times over the years, and



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The late EBCI Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe speaks at the Tri-Council meeting at Red Clay State Park on Aug. 28, 2015. He encouraged everyone to help save the Cherokee language and said, “Our true identity is language. We must save our language and teach the youth coming along.”

he was always kind, open to discussion, and you didn't have a conversation with him, I mean a true conversation, unless he told you at least one story.

This idea wouldn't cost too much really – just a new sign for the front of the Fairgrounds that prob-

ably is due to be replaced soon anyways. The rest would be changes online or to the next run of brochures advertising Cherokee's events, but there wouldn't be any added cost as the new name could just be added into the new publications.

So, I think the Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe Memorial Fairgrounds would be a fitting memorial and honoring for a man who would be the last person who thought he deserved the recognition – all the more reason for him to be so honored.

Support responsible businesses

One Feather Editorial Board

The health of our community - socially, physically, economically - is at least partially dependent on the business community. While we, as a community, have some insulation from the economic affects of COVID-19 and the resulting governmental restrictions, entrepreneurs and other business partners are struggling to keep doors open and keep staff employed.

At least two local employers could not or would not continue to attempt to operate in this environment. They have closed their doors and look to have no plans to

come back. These closures mean there are more families looking for a means to support themselves. It also means additional reduction of income to the Tribe (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) because of the loss of tribal levy. And, it means that there are at least two fewer amenities or choices for community members and the visiting public.

As we have seen in recent sessions of Tribal Council, we are scrambling to identify high yield revenue streams to "prop up" the tribal economy. Impacts of the recent coronavirus shutdowns and ongoing restrictions are continuing to strangle revenue streams,

particularly the ones we depend on for big returns.

Internally, the Tribe is implementing austerity measures to conserve funds in existing coffers. But the government can only lessen the bleeding, not stop it. Essential services must continue to be provided and that requires a regular expenditure out of those coffers. Regardless of the depth of our pockets, the pockets do have a bottom.

The importance of retail businesses is highlighted by the in-progress retail space construction on the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort property. A multimillion dollar effort is in progress that will depend heavily on community and tourism traffic to produce a return on investment for businesses who lease there, the management company that negotiates and works those leases, and the Tribe who receives levy from those entities. In the current environment and moving forward, retail traffic may be expected to be drastically reduced from the projections that made the retail space attractive in better economic times.

We should and must support our businesses, but we also need for our businesses to support the community and touring public. PHHS (EBCI Public Health and Human Services) and CDC have established some baseline tactics for safely operating a business during this crisis; tactics crafted to move us toward community physical and economic survival. It is imperative that businesses follow the regulations and even the recommendations of these leading health organizations. The economic health of the Qualla Boundary is a two-way street. Businesses must put aside personal and political prejudice and adhere to the protocols put forth by our health officials. Consumers can help craft positive business behavior by spending your time and money in businesses who openly support the guidelines put forth and who show that they care about us.

We are at a critical time in our history. Everyone must pull together to protect the community and public in all aspects. We must truly act like we are all in this together.




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One Feather Question of the Week

Are you satisfied with the measures that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is instituting regarding COVID-19?

Onita Bush: Kinda. I don't think that not enough is being done for tribal employees getting trained on this issue. All of them should attend mandatory training. Also provide protection equipment for when entering homes during emergency work. The Tribe needs to use the millions of dollars for this purpose. Families on fixed incomes cannot afford gloves, nor masks, sanitizers, etc. Share with all 10 communities instead of just in Cherokee.

Destiny Crowe-Howell: The testing is great; however, allowing the level of tourism and not actively enforcing the mask mandate and social distancing has caused a spike in our numbers. However, people leaving the Boundary and going to red zone states isn't helping either. I feel like every time a tribal business gets a case they shut down for two weeks. A cluster is found at a larger establishment and its business as usual. I think that is your problem with cases. I noticed it's been busier too and the only thing I can think is people are purposefully leaving and going out like this to make a political statement and be defiant because it's been made out as a joke and a way of taking their "freedoms" by making them wear masks and stay home. Basically, what we've done is put a bandaid on a gunshot wound. It looks good but the trauma is still there.

Ronald Mayfield: No casino, needs to be shut down and visitors

not allowed on reservation until they get a grip on COVID.

Christopher Streets: Okay, I'm satisfied by the measures the Tribe took when it was just for tribal members. I don't think anyone foresaw how astronomically insane the tourism would be during a pandemic but right now it feels like it's worse this year than last. Tourism with a major novel virus burning through the world, there's nothing we can do to protect us outside of closing back down. This tourist season has exasperated our structures in place for this pandemic.

Donnie Smith: Let it roll wide open.

Marsden Cabell: You're still doing a good job, but you need to relax the mask mandate.

Mark Myers: Completely dissatisfied. Shutting the Tribe down while leaving the casino wide open is a joke as well as a danger to members of this Tribe such as myself and my family.

Lavita Hill: Yes. The Tribe has been proactive in flattening the curve. Everyone wants to complain about something though... ultimately, I believe it's my job to protect myself when I go out. I expect there will be tourists and someone not wearing a mask but so what. I don't have to engage with them and I keep my distance and protect myself with a mask and hand sanitizer as best I can.

Keisha Lambert: I wish we could close down our borders again.

Trudy Crowe: Our Tribe has so much to protect, and I am glad to

see the measures taken so far. I don't know how we can strictly enforce precautions, but I would like to see mask regulations enforced stricter than they are now.

Christina Terrell: Closing down the border only helps if it is closed both ways. If people that live on the Boundary are leaving and returning, then nothing is changing.

Janice Owle: Stricter face mask for everyone, visitors and enrolled members. I think we should tell people to wear their masks.

Jean Cooper: Wear mask absolutely. Stay home if possible to keep your elders safe.

Clifford Long: The idea of locking down was fine and I appreciate the effort, but when Rez residents went where ever they wanted off the Rez then came back on it, it kinda made the lockdown null and void!

Faye McCoy: Mandate mask wearing in public places especially Food Lion. Set up a station where a mask is given out if a person wants to enter without one, keep infants and school age facilities closed. Why put innocent children in harms way?

Faye Pheasant: Yes, our numbers are down because of the rapid response in shutting the borders. Even though the numbers have gone up we are still low in comparison to other places. And, many have recovered from this virus.

Ronnie Lossiah: Mask are very important to keeping this from spreading. If people don't like it, then they need to stay home. Simple as that. Those same people who are complaining will see

things differently if their family members get COVID! Wear your masks! This virus ain't no joke!

Lisa Kirkland: I think the Chief and the Tribe have done a great job. I appreciate everything for my family.

Kerrie Freeman: The Chief has done a great job. We stay in a campground there. We don't leave our site unless we go to bath house, and we always have our mask on when we do. I do temp check on my family three times a day, and if someone feels bad we pack up and leave and inform the office why we are leaving. With this virus, everyone needs to understand if someone has it the mask is not 100 percent. It can get on your cloths and you can contract it.

Kiah C. West: Absolutely not. The initial lockdown was only so that our hospital staff wouldn't be flooded. Masks have never been enforced. Leaders have not been vocal about self-isolating. Tribal members are traveling to Tennessee and to the beach. Tribe removed per capita "loans" and has not sent any relief checks even though they can spend tens of millions in nontransparent "investments." Only good thing has been produce disbursements.

MeLissa J. Williams: Yes. I appreciate the rules being enforced of wearing a mask, social distancing, washing hands, and staying home.

Lisa Beatty: The entire Tribe should stand up and applaud! Your efforts proved that you love "your people".

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COMMENTARY

Why I Vote

I vote because it gives me a voice in the quality of life for my family now and into the future. For years, I drove four hours from out of state to Cherokee to vote in the tribal elections. Today, my older son drives 10 hours to get here to vote. Now, I live on the Qualla Boundary and I appreciate the convenience of being able to vote in Yellowhill. I also appreciate the convenience of voting in the county, state, and federal elections at the Cherokee-Whittier voting precinct at the Birdtown Recreation Complex.

Right now, there is a greater need than ever for leadership. Of course, our voices matter at the local tribal level. But, our lives are also impacted by the elected officials in the county, in the state of North Carolina and at the federal level in Washington, D. C. A larger voter turnout creates a stronger voice for local, state, and federal funding of schools, hospitals, and other essential services that affect our area. In fact, Nov. 3 is one of the most important elections that I can remember. We all know first-hand of the COVID-19 virus and its impact on our tribal health systems and its impact on our economy - illness and lost lives, tribal offices and schools closed, businesses closed, workplaces closed and increased families in need. And, if that isn't enough, racial and social justice concerns peaked locally and nationally. Getting back on our feet will take a long time, even years. And, this means there's a lot of work to be done.

To rebuild our communities and our Nation, we need to elect effective and responsible leaders. If you are not a registered voter, I encourage you to become one. If

you have a valid North Carolina driver's license, you can go online to the NCDMV site to register to vote. I plan to vote absentee ballot for the Nov. 3 election, and I have requested an Absentee Ballot Request Form, and I plan to vote early in October. I encourage you to vote absentee ballot and vote early. On June 24, the Cherokee One Feather published an opinion piece entitled "Commentary: Voting by Absentee Ballot" by Mary K Buranosky of Whittier. The commentary explains the process, and I encourage you to read it.

I don't believe that anyone knows when we will be out from under this pandemic nor when we will recover financially. It will be a long time for our support systems to overcome enormous loss of income, and it will require patience that many of us do not have. We continue to be stressed on the uncertainty of our futures and the toll it has taken on our children. We are a resilient people and I know that we will survive this, too.

Our voices matter more than ever before. If you are a registered voter and you vote, you have that voice now.

Carmaleta Littlejohn Monteith
Yellowhill Community

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Irreparable harm

I think it would be safe to say that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has suffered more than our share of "irreparable harm" at the hands of the U.S. government.

However, in the recent ruling in court, the government sided with the Catawba tribe, saying in their written opinion, that the EBCI didn't show that by them allowing the Catawba to purchase

Cherokee land, how that would cause us "irreparable harm." You think Donald Trump would allow China to purchase land beside the White House and build an embassy there? The answer is obvious, as it should be with the Catawba Casino case.

I pray our legal team, along with tribal leadership has rethought their defense measures, got them in order and can easily, repeatedly show that by allowing a tribe to purchase land smack dab in the middle of another tribe's ancestral homelands is not only an insult to that tribe, but it is an insult to all Native American peoples, not to mention the numerous agreements this court decision violates; Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, EBCI compact with the state. The list goes on.

Of course, the government thinks we don't understand what "irreparable harm" is. Maybe that's because we've suffered so much of it at their hands. They think it is ok to just keep breaking their promises to Native American people.

Hasn't all the recent civil unrest been caused by racial inequality?

I pray our leadership has taken the necessary steps to provide the government with the required information that will show this action, along with all the broken promises of the past is "irreparable harm" to the EBCI! Because, just like all the broken promises to our Tribe, they can't be reversed!

Harold R. Rattler
Lexington, Ky.

QUESTION: from page 24

Matt Bryant: The tribe is currently at a 3.9 percent case fatality rate with three deaths and 76 recoveries. I imagine the infection

fatality rate would be somewhat similar since we have such robust testing. Definitely a very scary figure and currently 39x more deadly than the seasonal flu.

Erin Sherrill: At some point, we will need to get past this. Shutting the reservation down is a temporary solution. The virus will still be here once we open back up. Realistic solutions for effective learning during this time. While we'd all like to believe going virtual for learning will be beneficial it is not. Children whom live on certain parts of the Boundary don't even have a vehicle let alone internet access or technology to successfully maintain their education virtually. I, like others, feel the approach needs to be re-evaluated and Realistic effective strategies need to be put in place.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. The annual award presented to the most outstanding wide receiver in NCAA Division I football is named after what Pro Football Hall of Famer?
2. What former major-leaguer, who retired from playing in 2001, is paid an annual salary of \$1,193,248.20 from the New York Mets through the year 2035?
3. "We're talking about practice! We ain't talking about the game! We're talking about *practice*, man!" is a 2002 press conference quote from what four-time NBA scoring champion?
4. What 1990 sports drama film starred Tom Cruise as NASCAR driver Cole Trickle?
5. The Kansas City Chiefs retired jersey No. 3 in honor of what place-kicker?
6. How did former North Carolina Tar Heels basketball star Joel Berry II break his hand just before the start of the 2017-18 season?
7. Hughie Jennings holds the Major League Baseball career record for most times hit by a pitch with how many?

Answers

1. Fred Biletnikoff.
2. Bobby Bonilla.
3. Allen Iverson.
4. "Days of Thunder."
5. Jan Stenerud.
6. He punched a door after losing at a video game.
7. 287.

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Jesus is coming back

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR
CHEROKEE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

Read 1 Peter 4:1-19; 1 Peter 5:6-11

“If you look at any of the news broadcasts today, you will see there are already people here who are calling ‘good’ things as being ‘evil’, many of those doing this actually are also calling ‘evil’ things, ‘good,’ related Rev. Melton. “This really is one of the signs given to us by God so we can understand where we are in His plan for the earth. We can definitely see we are on His ‘set-time’ clock, and it has begun to run down.

“Israel became a nation in the land of Israel again, on May 14-15, 1948, as a nation returned to its land, after over 1,700 years’ involuntary separation. ‘It’s a nation that was made in a day,’ just as God had pronounced it would be back during Biblical times. His ‘set-time’ clock began ticking and Jerusalem was won and put back into Israeli hands in the miraculous, Six-Day war in 1967. The Jews, having been horribly mistreated and dispersed across the world until these last years, God Himself has been setting the stage we now see, for all the nations in these last days, including the United States. All the nations, those who are for Israel, and those who are not, will be coming under scrutiny and possible judgment by God Himself, according to His Covenant and Promises.” Rev. Melton, added.

“That time and generation is now over 72 years completed. These very times are the ones He has had written of by over 40 of His most loyal and trusted servants. (Written of and for about 1,600 years before Jesus’ birth and for close to 70 years after Jesus’ death, burial, resurrection and ascension, His Word has been placed in Scripture-form for all of us human beings who will read it for themselves—Old Testament Covenant and New Testament Covenant.) This understanding lets us know that the time of our making our own life choices and

decisions is very short. “Are you ready? Are your kids and family members ready? Your neighbors and friends—are they ready? Jesus is coming back soon, Church. Put the devil on notice, that his time is almost finished,” Rev. Melton, explained.

“The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers.

“Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins,”

1 Peter 4:7-8 (NLT)

“So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

“Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

“In his kindness God has called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So

after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

“All power to him forever! Amen.

1 Peter 5: 6-11 (NLT)

“The end is to begin with God dealing with a judgement of the House of God first. He is coming back for a blameless and spotless Bride (His Church). There can be losers or winners, but He will find things in favor of His Church. ‘O, Lord, judge me and count me as righteous,’ offered Pastor Melton. “We already know the world blames the virus on the Church. How could that be?

“The righteous person faces many troubles, but the LORD comes to the rescue each time.” Psalm 34:19 (NLT)

“Church, you carry burdens, but it is so much better to swap them out with the burden of the LORD, soul-winning. In the lean times and the hard times I learn through great persecution. I am the Bride of Christ. He keeps me safe! The devil is a ‘paper tiger’, when he growls, the Lord Jesus stands up from His Throne and our Lion of Judah roars! Be sober, alert and aware, the enemy is coming for the Church. Stay in the Hand of God. No one can take us out of His Hand! Be not disheartened. Keep in relationship and know His Voice. Look up! He does care so much!



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*He who despises the word will be destroyed,
But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.*

Proverbs 13:13



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The TERO Office is pleased to provide the following jobs listing for the Cherokee area. We ask that when applying for any of these jobs, to please reach out to us to enroll in our Job Bank. We moved to the Aquoni Building at 756 Aquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC.

If you have any questions or need more information about a specific opening, please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy. If you need a Job Bank Application, please email Hillary or Doug. Their contact information is listed below.

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Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator
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Local Job Openings for July 2020:

Peter's Pancakes: cook, bus boys, and wait staff. The phone number is 828.497.5116

Bernhard: plumber, pipefitters, and fire watch.

Granny's Kitchen: positions available. The phone number is 828.497.5010

C.I.C. Technologies, Inc.: The requirements are: a) must pass a criminal background check by SBI, which includes being fingerprinted; b) cannot have felonies or any convictions of theft and burglary; and c) must be approved through the NC Alarm Systems Licensing Board. The open positions are:

Low Volt Technician: must have minimum 3 years' experience in any of the following areas: a) security system installation; b) access control installation; c) fire alarm system installation; d) fiber optic cable installation

Technician Helper: responsible for assisting technicians in day to day activities; work on small and large construction sites; data cable installation preferred but not required

CNC, Inc.: openings for construction and new restaurant. You can apply at CNC's office building at 1204 Tsalagi Rd. in Cherokee.

Shell Gas Station: customer service representative. You can apply on www.snaga-job.com

Subway: night shift. You can apply at Subway or online at www.mysubwaycareer.com. The phone number is 828.497.1268

Cherokee Electrical: 1 electrical supervisor (electrical schooling, 6+ years journeyman experience); 3 electrical helpers (some construction experience preferred). The phone number is 828.497.9321

Cherokee Mechanical: 1 service tech (5+ years of experience in all phases of HVAC and refrigeration); 1 installation supervisor (3+ years' experience with installation of duct work); 3 helpers (no experience necessary). The phone number is 828.497.9321

Shoe Show: 2 part-time sale associates. Apply at Shoe Show. The phone number is 828.497.8918

Cherokee Central Schools: custodian, substitute teacher, elementary teacher, interim school counselor

Alan's Jewelry and Pawn: sales/pawnbroker. The phone number is 828.554.0431

Wendy's: job openings available. You can apply at Wendy's or www.snagajob.com. The phone number is 828.497.1277

Burger King: job openings available. Apply at Burger King and ask for Chad Phillips. The phone number is 828.497.6120. They ask that you please bring an affidavit with you if you are an enrolled member of the EBCI

Taco Bell: job openings available. You can apply online at www.midsouthtacobell.com. The phone number is 828.497.1440

Mini Donut Place: full time and part time crew members. You can apply on the "Mini Donut Place" Facebook page. The phone number is 828.293.0055

Ruth's Chris Steak House: bartender, food runner, broiler, host/hostess, pantry cook, prep cook, side cook, and steward. You can apply at Ruth's Chris website under "careers."

Sequoyah National Golf Course: three positions for outside services (carts) and golf operations. Some golf knowledge preferred, but not required. Part-time. The phone number is 828.497.3000

Hampton Inn: housekeeping. Apply at Hampton Inn. The phone number is 828.497.3115

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort: laundry attendant; level 1 security officer; houseperson; food court cashier; rooms controller; cleaning specialist; room attendant; table games technician; heavy duty cleaner; shift supervisor for housekeeping. For a complete list of job openings and information on how to apply, please visit <https://harrah-chokeeejobs.com/>



MARKETPLACE

FOR RENT

2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/background check required. \$550/month. \$550/deposit. 488-8752 UFN

8 Rm Lodge for sale near Bryson City. Income Producing and Big Views. Price \$745,000. Jack A.

Calloway, Broker 828-421-3939.
jaccallowayre@gmail.com

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

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



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't gnash those pearly whites because you might have to delay your plans. This could give the Lucky Lamb a better perspective of what's been done, and what still needs doing.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Scoring financial bull's-eyes is easy for the focused Bovine who knows the ins and outs of the marketplace. But even with your success record, caution is still the watchword.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Watch that tendency to over-romanticize a situation that should be given closer scrutiny. Better to be suspicious now and ask for an explanation, rather than face a sad surprise later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Bruised self-confidence can make things difficult unless you accept the fact that you have what it takes. Ignore the critics and concentrate on believing in yourself. Good luck.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations on what you've accomplished. But this is no time to curl up for some serious catnapping. Your rivals are probably already working on plans to overtake your lead.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your adventurous side wants to play a more dominant role this week, and you might want to oblige. Try to arrange for some getaway time with that special person.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking logical approaches to pesky workplace issues can help resolve even long-standing problems. A shift in policy might catch you by surprise. Be alert to signs of change.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your kindness and compassion are exactly what are needed in dealing with an awkward situation in the early part of the week. Share the weekend fun with family.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Keeping your focus straight and true is a good way of getting your points across. Save any variations for a later time. The musical arts are important this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Reject advice to cut corners in reaching your goal. Better to take a little more time to do the job as you promised. You'll gain new respect for your honesty and integrity.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't allow a troublesome situation to grow so big that it will be increasingly difficult to deal with. The sooner you speak up, the sooner everyone will be able to benefit.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Confronting someone who is making a lot of mistakes could be the kindest thing you can do both for that person and for anyone who could be adversely affected by the errors.

BORN THIS WEEK: You absolutely glow when you see beautiful things, and everyone around you is warmed by your light.

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Know your Ws!



WEAR

a cloth face covering.



WAIT

6 feet apart.

Avoid close contact.



WASH

your hands often
or use hand sanitizer.

#ebcistrong

Puzzle Answers

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Amorites; 3) Noah; 4) 5; 5) Shushan; 6) Eliab

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Ruby
2. Skynet
3. Platinum
4. Muhammad Ali (winner) and George Foreman
5. Big toe
6. Sprite
7. Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa
8. Detroit
9. Linda Ronstadt
10. Four

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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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



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These days, we're putting extra emphasis on our cleaning. So we've increased our hourly wage to \$13/hour for select positions, like room attendants. And we're offering hiring bonuses, too. Interested? Apply today at HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com.



Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2020, Caesars License Company, LLC.

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

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

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 PUBLICATION

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-045

In the Matter of the Estate of Michael Brian Terrell

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

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

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

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

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 PUBLICATION

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

BIDS, RFPs., etc.

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, compaction 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 Caro-



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing, Thursday July 30, 2020

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

Closing, Thursday August 6, 2020

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician Supervisor
Director of Nursing – Tsali Care Center
Controller - Accounting

Open Until Filled

Case Management Support/CNA - Analenisgi
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center (Multiple) Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.
CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient
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
Masters 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 (Multiple)
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



Tri-County Community College is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Workforce Development Specialist - (Full-time)
Security Officer (Full-time)
Maintenance/Custodian (Full-time)

Complete position announcements can be viewed on the college website at www.tricountycc.edu.

For information on the application process and application deadline, please contact the Human Resources Office at Tri-County Community College, 21 Campus Circle, Murphy, NC 28906. Phone: (828) 835-4325 or email: humanresources@tricountycc.edu

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

lina 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: ehaire@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

Construction Jobs Available for Quality

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is accepting applications for heavy construction employees. Our company is interested in qualified candidates interested in providing quality performance for quality pay and benefits. Applications for the following job titles are currently being evaluated:

- General Laborers Entry Wage \$15.00 / HR
- CDL Truck Drivers Entry Wage \$17.50 / HR
- Heavy Equipment Operators Entry Wage \$20.00 / HR
- Project Superintendent Entry Wage \$ Contingent Upon Experience
- Assistant Project Manager Entry Wage \$ Contingent Upon Experience

Excellent benefit package is also provided. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. You may also pick up an application at 1371 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Pre-employment drug testing, background check, drivers license and reliable transportation required. Four year college degree, preferably in construction management required for Asst. Project Manager.



Sprayed by a Skunk!

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We were camping this weekend, and on our last day in the woods my dog "Jumper" had a run-in with a skunk. He is really rank. I tried washing him off in the lake, but it didn't seem to help the smell at all. We had to drive home with this incredibly bad smell permeating the car. Jumper smells almost as bad today as he did on Sunday. How can I get rid of the odor? — Rick in Burlington, Vermont

DEAR RICK: That odor really lingers! Good job trying to wash Jumper's coat in the lake as soon as possible; that may have helped a little bit. You'll have to use a bit of chemistry to remove the oily skunk spray.

Tomato juice is recommended by many people, and it does have some effect because it's a little bit acidic and can break up some of the oils. Its aroma also helps mask the skunk scent, at least temporarily.

Another cleaning recipe, found on American Kennel Club's website (www.AKC.org), mixes baking soda with mild detergent and household hydrogen peroxide (3% strength). The foaming mixture can be worked into your dog's coat, left on for about five minutes and then rinsed away.

With any solution or recipe you use, be careful to not let it get into Jumper's eyes, ears or nose. Many of the ingredients are irritants that can cause a lot of discomfort.

Deodorizing your car will take some extra effort. You can gently clean the upholstery, floor mats and headliner with a cloth dipped in a solution of water and baking soda. The baking soda will dry to a haze and needs to be vacuumed off. Follow up with a shampoo formulated for car interiors.

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

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