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- N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper on the plan for schools statewide this fall

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he countdown to the fall semester is getting unnervingly close for many in the North Carolina education system. The biggest cause of the anxiety is the uncertainty as to what the fall semester will look like. There are several directions that the schools are preparing for - plans A, B, and C, respectively. N.C. Governor Roy Cooper was expected to announce his decision regarding the upcoming semester by July 1. That date has come, and the only announcement is that the decision has been pushed.

"Schools were asked to prepare three plans: The first plan is in-person learning with key health and safety rules in place. The second plan is the same as the first plan, but with fewer children in the classroom at one time. And the third plan is remote learning for all students," said Governor Cooper.

"District and school administrators are still working on ways to implement those plans, and we're asking them to keep using this time to work with teachers, staff, parents and public health officials to make sure that our schools are opening in the safest possible way."

The Governor says that he will be making a statewide decision soon, but there is no date set at this time for the announcement. Gov. Cooper could be waiting to see just how the virus maintains over the next two weeks. North Carolina has had a considerable increase in cases over the last month.

On June 1, the state reported a total of 29,263 cases throughout all the counties. Since then, the numbers have more than doubled to 68,142 cases (as of July 2). This has to do with the progression of reopening across North Carolina, along with a significant increase in testing. Many residents are back at work and others are traveling to and from North Carolina.

In June, Gov. Cooper established a mask order for North Carolina that required citizens to wear a mask while out in public, with a few exceptions. Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed enacted a very similar order on the same day.

"Let me be clear: We want our schools open for in-person instruction in August. The classroom is the best place for children to learn. Recent reports recommend it, and I know many parents and children agree." the Governor stated.

In the meantime, public schools are less than two months out from a start date. The reason for the discomfort is the idea that many superintendents believe the decision will be an 'all-or-nothing' approach. Meaning that the it will either be Plan A or C.

Plan A involves the appropriate social distancing and sanitary measures at schools with a full capacity. If the number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise, this becomes a less likely option.

Plan C is remote learning only. This would mean that teachers and school systems would have to adapt everything for online and handout learning. This was the major impetus for getting the decision made early, for it would give everyone more time to prepare and shift curriculums. There is also the case of online availability. Many areas in North Carolina are lacking in appropriate internet needed for remote learning. There are current plans for mobile hotspots to be offered and distributed, but even that requires a strong enough service. This plan, while it is the safest, would increase the level of difficulty for schools significantly.

Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) has been working to create its plan for remote learning. School leaders discussed this in-depth at the past School Board meeting. Superintendent Michael Murray has been in virtual meetings to stay informed and stay ahead.

"Cherokee Central Schools administrators have been diligently working on parent surveys, collaborative discussions with all tribal entities, and complying with all CDC and health professional recommendations to create a plan that will allow us to do our best to 'safely' open," said Superintendent Murray.

"The opening of our system will be driven by creating a safe environment for our children and school family. We will be sharing our re-entry plan with our School Board this month and will share with everyone as soon as the School Board reviews and approves. It is clear that parents, public leaders, and school personnel realize that extended learning packets/remote learning or virtual classrooms are no substitute for face to face classrooms."

A decision from Gov. Cooper on the upcoming school semester is expected to come in mid-July. For CCS, there is a good chance they will follow the lead of the state. They don't not have to abide by the North Carolina order, but they did so when the shutdowns first started.

The current start date for CCS

is set for Aug. 17. Some schools are starting before this, as well, so a decision will certainly be expected sooner rather than later.

"A few schools are scheduled to start in July, and we ask that those schools conduct remote learning until the decision is made for in-person learning. Our goal remains getting children back in classroom for in-person instruction that's safe for students and their teachers," said Gov. Cooper.

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- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 lemon
 - Steamed asparagus

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Redskins organization facing pressure again to change name

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notice in the Daily Republican newspaper, in Winona, Minn., on Sept. 24, 1863 reads, "The state reward for dead Indians has been increased to \$200 for every red-skin sent to Purgatory. This sum is more than the dead bodies of all the Indians east of the Red River are worth."

The Washington Redskins organization is facing mounting pressure again to change its name many in Indian Country deem as offensive. The current movement is an off-shoot of the changes sweeping the nation, following the murder of George Floyd in May, regarding monuments and symbols many deem as racist.

FedEx owns the naming rights to the Redskins' stadium per a 1998 deal for \$205 million that runs through 2025. In a statement on Thursday, July 2, FedEx officials noted, "We have communicated to the team in Washington our request that they change the team name."

As of Thursday as well, Nike has removed all Redskins gear and merchandise from its website. Patrons searching for Washington will be directed to other teams' merchandise, and those searching for "Redskins" will receive a message saying it is not found. Redskins merchandise, as of this printing, is still available for purchase at the National Football League's NFL Shop.

The Washington Redskins organization said in a statement on Friday, July 3, "In light of recent events around our country and feedback from our community, the Washington Redskins are announcing the team will undergo a thorough review of the team's name. This review formalizes the initial discussions the team has been having with the league in recent weeks."

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement on July 3, "In the last few weeks, we have had ongoing discussions with Dan (Snyder) and we are supportive of this important step."

The move by FedEx to request a name change is one that encourages the National Congress of American Indian (NCAI). Fawn Sharp, NCAI president, said on July 2, "Tonight's action by FedEx is a wake-up call to all of those who choose to remain in business with the National Football League. In this historic moment and global movement for racial justice, they can no longer sit idly by as the league's Washington franchise clings to a dictionary-defined racial slur as its mascot. The R-word is destined for the dustbin of history - its not a question of if, but when, and that time is now."

Dan Snyder, Washington Redskins owner, said in a statement on July 3, "This process allows the team to take into account not only the proud tradition and history of the franchise but also input from our alumni, the organization, sponsors, the National Football League, and the local community it is proud to represent on and off the field."

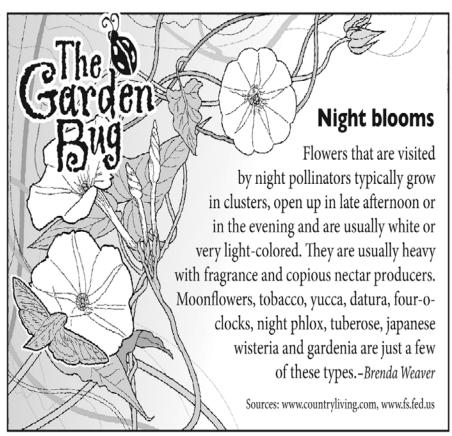
The Redskins current head coach, Ron Rivera, one of only four people of color who are head coaches currently in the NFL, said on July 3, "This issue is of personal importance to me, and I look forward to working closely with Dan Snyder to make sure we continue the mission of honoring and supporting Native Americans and our military." This issue has been brewing for years.

The Oneida Nation of New York launched the Change The Mascot organization (ChangeThe-Mascot.org) several years ago. Ray Halbritter, Change The Mascot organization leader and Oneida Nation leader, said in a statement on July 2, "Change The Mascot praises FedEx and fully supports its historic request for Washington's NFL team to stop using the R-word racial slur as its name and mascot. FedEx is rising to the moment and doing the decent thing by challenging the team to stop disparaging and denigrating people of color by maintaining a team name that is an offensive, racist epithet."

Amanda Blackhorse, a mem-

ber of the Navajo Nation and one of several plaintiffs in the landmark Blackhorse v. Pro-Football, Inc. case, has been on a crusade to see the Washington team's name changed for years. The case named above resulted in the team having six of its trademarks cancelled by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 2015 only to have that decision rendered moot by a U.S. Supreme Court decision two years later which ruled that the law banning "disparaging names" was unconstitutional.

She took to Twitter on July 2 stating, "...getting rid of the name R*dsk*ns and keeping imagery doesn't address the issue. Appropriated Native imagery promotes stereotypes of Native people and encourages fans to dress in redface and wear fake headdresses. It is not an honor."



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CIPD Arrest Report for June 21-29

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

Wildcatt, Stephanie Ann – age 34 Arrested: June 21 Released: June 22 Charges: Breaking and/or Entering

Finger, Brian David – age 30 Arrested: June 23 Released: June 26 Charges: Assault on a Female

Lequire, Charles Dewight – age 45 Arrested: June 23 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Escape, Probation Violation

Wachacha, Melvin – age 50 Arrested: June 23 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Breaking and/or Entering, Injuring Real Property

Hoyt, Sarah Ann – age 29 Arrested: June 24 Released: June 27 Charges: DV

Lossiah Jr., Kirk Wilson – age 30 Arrested: June 24 Released: June 27 Charges: Assault on a Female

McCoy, Frank Joseph – age 26 Arrested: June 25 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance Cucumber, Heather Marie – age 42 Arrested: June 27 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Violation of Court Order DV

Sequoyah, Cheryl Lynn – age 41 Arrested: June 27 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts); Possession with intent Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance; Possession with intent Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule III Controlled Substance; Trafficking in Opium or Heroin

Saunooke, Letina Renee – age 38 Arrested: June 28 Released: June 28 Charges: Obstructing Justice, Harboring a Wanted Person



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Robert Strange, U.S. Senator from 1836-40, was the author of "Eoneguski, or the Cherokee Chief; a Tale of Past Wars" which, according to the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources Historical Marker program, is "the first novel with a setting in the state by a native of North Carolina". Information from the NCDCR states, "The book was a rather scathing commentary on the treatment of Native Americans by whites within the state. Remarkably ahead of its time, the novel was not well-received by Southern critics." The book was published in 1839. The Smokies classic hits station

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VOLLEYBALL

Cherokee hires new head volleyball coach

SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

Cherokee High School has hired a new head volleyball coach for the upcoming season, and she has quite a resume. Pamela Sumner Bryant comes to the Lady Braves from a successful stint at Tuscola High School.

"Pam brings quite an impressive resume as both a high school and DI collegiate player, as well as a coach," said Sean Ross, Cherokee Central Schools athletic director.

"The excitement that has emerged

upon her arrival has been palpable, and our numbers have grown each week in our first round of workouts with participation ranging from 25 to 30 athletes."

Bryant played high school volleyball at Smoky Mountain where she led the Lady Mustangs to back-to-back state titles in 1991 and 1992 - earning Most Valuable Player honors in both of the state championship matches. Her jersey has been retired at Smoky Mountain for volleyball, and she is an inductee into the Jackson County Hall of Fame. She played collegiately at N.C. State University as an outside hitter from 1993-96. She ended her career with 1,358 kills including 581 as a senior, a number which still stands to this day as the second most in a single season by a Wolfpack player. Bryant earned second team All-ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) honors in 1996.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCH-SAA) named her to its list of 100 to Remember - Female Athletes.



Photo contributed Pamela Sumner Bryant

ROWING Tribal member named

All-Academic in collegiate rowing

Seth Saunooke, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been named to the All-Academic second team in the American Collegiate Rowing Association (ACRA). A student at UC - Santa Barbara, he met the requirements by maintaining a GPA between 3.5 - 3.84.

Saunooke was one of 155 second team All-Academic rowers.

"Though the 2020 Regatta was cancelled and these student-athletes were unable to show the results of their training, the organization would still like to recognize their efforts in the classroom!" said ACRA officials.

Saunooke was joined on the second team by the following teammates: Annli Tico, Christien Skousen, Gabriel Soule, Jackson Bright, Kelly Garvey, and Sean Costello.

- One Feather staff report



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WCU board removes name 'Hoey' from campus auditorium

CULLOWHEE – The Western Carolina University Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution removing the name "Hoey" from a campus performance facility.

The action to rename the facility University Auditorium came Monday, June 29, during a special called meeting of the board, which was held by teleconference because of protocols related to COVID-19.

Clyde R. Hoey, the facility's namesake, is a former governor of North Carolina and state and federal legislator who actively opposed civil rights legislation and favored racial segregation. He also opposed statehood for Hawaii because the territory contained "only a small percentage of white people."

"It is the policy of the university to honor the core values of diversity, equality and social justice, and the university is devoted to the development of a culture of inclusivity," the board's resolution states. "The university reserves the right to terminate a facility naming when the facility naming is contrary to the best interests of the university."

Bryant Kinney, chair of the



WCU photo

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board, said that he and his fellow trustees thought it was important for the university to take this action.

"The board feels strongly that we needed to take this step to reflect the values of today's Western Carolina University campus," Kinney said. "We are not an institution that honors a past that supported inequality. We are an institution that honors diversity, equality and social justice."

The action to change the auditorium's name is "long overdue," WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown said. "I am proud that WCU is taking this proactive step today as we model our core values of diversity and inclusion," Brown said. "The values and views of the auditorium's now former namesake do not correspond with the values and views of Western Carolina University."

Ricardo Nazario-Colón, WCU's chief diversity officer, commended the board for changing the facility's name.

"Today's action is more than

symbolic," Nazario-Colón said. "It demonstrates that we as an organization have the capacity to listen, evolve and possess the fortitude to stand on the side of goodness. Thank you for leading the way and thank you to each board member."

Completed in 1939, the historic 450-seat auditorium was the university's first dedicated performance space and helped WCU expand its music and arts offerings. The facility was renovated in the late 1980s.

The auditorium – which is still used for some performances, as well as for rehearsals, set design and storage – is slated for eventual demolition as part of the university's long-range master plan, said Interim Provost Richard Starnes.

The 1,000-seat Performance Hall in the John W. Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center has become WCU's primary space for theatrical performances since its completion in 2005. The university's long-range master plan calls for additional performance space to be built adjacent to Bardo before to the smaller auditorium is taken down.

- Western Carolina University release

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OBITUARIES

Mary F. Lambert

Mary Seonia Fuller Lambert, 80, of Cherokee, went to her Heavenly home on Monday, June 29, 2020 surrounded by loved ones. Mary will be greeted at Heavens Gate by her late husband, J.D. Lambert, and sons, Will Lambert and Rick Lambert. The daughter of the late Richard Fuller and Jessie Wolfe Fuller, she will also be rejoined with her sister, Miriam Wolfe; her brother, Ben Marmon; and her grandchildren, Jessica Owle and Boyd Owle Jr.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her children: Denise Ballard (Poncho), Buddy Lambert (Debbie), Mark Lambert (Sherry), all of Cherokee, along with her son Lumpy Lambert (Tia) of Murphy. Mary also leaves behind her grandchildren: Amanda Smoker, Neil Owle, Melanie Lambert, Michael Lambert, Miss Bea Sampson, Jessica Lambert, Allyson Lambert, Logan Lambert, Livia Lambert, Trista Welch, Brandi Lambert, Brianna Lambert, and Charlie Lambert; along with 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by her sister, Carol Long (Butch), and her sister-in-law, Brenda Grady. Mary also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews as well as extended family and friends. She loved, supported, and took great pride in her family.

She was a member of Wrights Creek Baptist Church where she attended until her health declined. She was a pillar of strength in the community, always helping others in their time of need. Mary





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Now online at 941classic country (QR code provided for convenience) retired from the Cherokee Indian Hospital. She was known by most as Granny Mary. Many know her as being the #1 Cherokee Braves and Lady Braves fan. She enjoyed spending time on the lake fishing, mushroom hunting, gardening, reading, and crocheting.

A private graveside service was held on Wednesday, July 1 at Mose Owl Cemetery. Pastor James "Bo" Parris and Pastor Eddie Sherrill officiated. Pallbearers were among her grandsons and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Betty's Place or Cherokee Children's Home. The family wishes to thank everyone in the community for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Irene Allen Foster

Irene Allen Foster, 85, of Anderson, S.C., passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at Rainey Hospice House. Born Nov. 1, 1934 in Beaverdam, she was the daughter of the late Charlie Allen and Lillie Murphy Allen. She was married to Paul Edwin Foster for 64 years until his death on Dec. 28, 2019. Theirs was a story of love - the love for God and each other.

Irene was a talented musician and played the banjo and guitar. She was a member of Broadway Lake Baptist church where she taught Sunday School and Bible School for many years. She was a descendant of the Cherokee Indian Nation. Irene was devoted to her family and, even prior to her marriage, loved being a caregiver to them all.

She is survived by her sons Roger Foster of Anderson, S.C., and Donald L. Foster (Cassandra), of Easley, S.C.; daughters, Susan Boggs (Roger) of Anderson, S.C., and Cynthia L VanValkenburg of Fort Worth, Texas; brother Cecil Allen (Evelyn) of Murphy; grandchildren Tim Boggs, Melissa Ambrose, Kaley VanValkenburg, Brandi Strickland, Rudy Martin, Jessica Childress, and Selena Turner; and several great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her son Neal Foster, five brothers, and one sister.

The family would like to extend their deepest thanks and appreciation to the staff at Marchbanks Assisted Living and Memory Care who loved their mother in both the good times and the challenging times.

A graveside service was held on Friday, July 3 at South Lawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wren Hospice, 955 W. Wade Hampton Blvd, #3A, Greer, S.C., 29650 and Hospice of the Upstate, 1835 Rogers Rd., Anderson, S.C., 29621.

One Feather deadline until further notice Thursday at 12 p.m.

es, the fee is \$70. The application is available at swainartscenter. com. Each participant may submit up to five images.

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

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

- Swain Arts Center

Sequoyah Birthplace Museum cancels events

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

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

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

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

Info: www.sequoyahmuseum. org, (423) 884-6246

- Sequoyah Birthplace Museum release

THANK YOU LETTERS

Women's Wellness employee says thanks at retirement

I have reluctantly entered a new phase in my life called retirement. I say reluctantly because I don't know what this phase will actually look like in the midst of a COVID-19 pandemic. I am also reluctant because I will be leaving all the wonderful women who graciously crossed the threshold of the Cherokee Women's Wellness Center and allowed me to be a participant in their health care. I feel truly blessed.

From the very first day, I have been welcomed by all and felt truly privileged to be a listener and supporter. What these women do not realize is how they have also supported and aided me in my growth as a caring human being. I do love you all and will miss every single one of you a great deal. I feel I am leaving a large group of friends. Please remember that everyone continuing to work at Tsalagi Public Health/Women's Wellness are wonderful as well and want more than anything to keep everyone safe and able to enjoy life to the fullest. Please continue to offer

your support to each and every one as you have courageously done in the past. My best wishes to all and prayers for everyone to weather the current storm safely.

It is a scary time but, if there is one thing out of the many I have come to understand during my time here, is that Cherokee people are strong, stand tall in the midst of adversity, and care about their community. God bless one and all.

> **Debi Jacob-Brotherton** Provider, Cherokee Women's Wellness Center

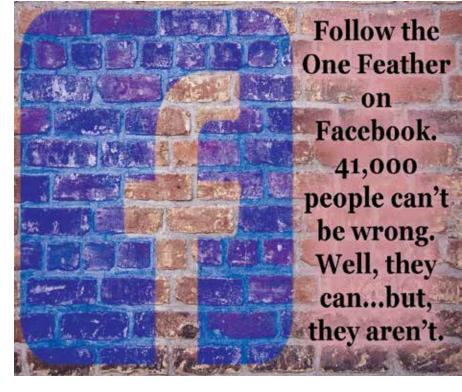
Thank you from the Toineeta family

There are no words to express how saddened we are of the passing of our wife, mother, and grandmother, Monika Toineeta. We would like to thank the following for all the love and support you have shown us during one of the hardest times of our lives: Vice Chief B Ensley and family; Cherokee Central Schools; Cherokee Central School Board; Cherokee Tribal Construction; Crisp Funeral Home; Bear Lambert; Hunter,

Trace, and Tay Lambert; Brooke Chastain; Pallbearers; Bruce Toineeta and family; Mel Lambert; Jessica "Puskitt" Lambert; Jade and Madison Ledford; Rose Mc-Coy; Jannie Thompson; Caroline Thompson-Hyatt; Karen French; Richard French and family; Deb Foerst; Craig Barker and family; Brandy Sequoyah; Tosh Welch and Sharri Pheasant; Frank and Diane Driver; Kobe Toineeta, Amanda Smoker, and Denise Ballard; Michelle and Darius Thompson; Raymius Smith and family; Tuff Jackson and family; Sarah Teesateskie; Boo and Brian Matthews; Calloway "Junebug" Ledford; Phillip Pheasant; Roger and Carla Neadeau; Pam and Holden Straughan; Nick Stephenson; Jason Owl

And to everyone else who called, messaged and whispered prayers for us, we are so grateful for you, and we thank you for loving Moni! Sincerely,

Jess, Jesse, Jordyn, Easton, and Kyler Toineeta





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COMMENTARY The question of congregating

ROBERT JUMPER ONE FEATHER EDITOR

ho do you love passionately? What is it like when you are told you cannot see them, touch them, or show any physical affection to them? Agonizing, right?

Millions of Americans have been through a three-month education in separation from loved ones and many are having to continue in isolation because of illness or age. So, I know that I am talking to experts in the field of isolation.

Yet, the national, regional, and local media are filling with letters to the editor and opinion/news articles chastising church congregations for even thinking about coming together for worship. The criticisms range from charges of insensitivity to insanity for wanting to be able to gather to worship. Many of the critics are self-proclaimed believers themselves. And, very few could argue with the logic during this crisis, at least with the medical opinions that have been put forward.

Philosophically, calling church a non-essential function of society spoke volumes about the state of religion in America today. I have often wondered where we are as a society when it comes to faith. In word, we say that it is an essential part of our lives, a foundational piece of our being. God means something to each of us, even though it may be something different and to varying degrees.

Most gods require loyalty and adherence to a code. Whether it is a prerequisite of salvation or a cultural identifier once a person enters a body of believers, a worshipper is "marked" by the way they worship. If this were not so, then faith could be considered a club. Pay your fees and meet attendance requirements and, in return, receive salvation. I once heard a preacher refer to church congregating as "coming to the gas station". He said that without regular church attendance, a person will run out of spiritual gas. He was stating that congregating, at least in that denomination, was essential to the spiritual life of the individuals in it.

Indeed, there is something spiritually motivating about in-person events. We have seen the recent sadness, even depression, expressed because graduation events have been relegated to either video conferencing or drive-by diploma ceremonies. Some would say a minor blip in the life experience, but it has dramatic emotional consequences.

Tears and heartache have been experienced over the past several months due to the isolation necessary at hospitals and rest homes, attempting to protect "the most vulnerable among us". Heartbreaking instances where people are passing away with many of their family members unable to be physically present to comfort them. Even those with critical illness have been limited in the number of loved ones who may come to comfort them during the COVID-19 crisis.

So, we understand the emotional distress that comes with isolation and segregation. Even in that light, I have heard some of the most insensitive criticisms of people wanting to exercise their faith that I have heard in modern history. Granted, we are in a period when love is expressed in violence and hateful speech. But the cold, clinical disparities cast on the faith community is an especially telling shift in our cultural norms.

In many religions, if not all religions, congregating is an integral part of their worship. Individuals in a church body do not look at each other as individual members of a club, but as members of a close-knit family. Members of the Christian faith, for example, refer to themselves in the singular, "the Body or Bride

of Christ".

Certainly, there are those who treat religion as a hobby or club. It is an add-on or supplement to their everyday lives. They buy the book, get the tee shirt, and that is the extent of their relationship with God and the church. They have a faith and they can prove it because they carry the card. God and faith are something to be trotted out when they want to show it off or to be pulled off the shelf and used in case of emergency. There are those who do not give their faith a thought through the week unless an accident, sickness or other crisis comes their way. Only then do they seek close relationship with the object of their faith.

But, there are those who take seriously a deep personal relationship with their Creator and his family. That relationship was deemed so important by the founders of America that it was codified in the Bill of Rights. They look upon acts of faith, including congregating, as a sacred act before God. It is essential to them. It is a unification of family in an act of faith that no Zoom meeting or Facebook video can replace. Speaking specifically about the Christian faith, it is not only a Constitutional right, but also a Biblical mandate to congregate.

So, pastors, rabbis, priests, and other church leaders have had a burdensome task. I have heard much criticism of people of faith, condemning them as either insensitive or ignorant. I do not believe they are either. I believe they have been weighing the consequences of meeting and not meeting since the crisis began.

One pastor made the statement, "They didn't teach me how to lead a congregation through a pandemic in seminary school."

Chrch leaders and congrega-

tion members are very concerned about the COVID-19 crisis. They do not want to infect their loved ones or their congregations, with a potentially deadly disease, nor do they want to be a flash point for community spread. All of this is new to us as community members, government leaders, and religious leadership. And all are doing the best we can under new circumstances and feeling our ways around untried and untested responses.

Those church leaders must also weigh the spiritual health of their congregations and communities in the current crisis against a Biblical mandate to assemble. While video social media broadcasts are giving congregations lifelines, they lack the intimacy and personal contact of in-person meetings. Seeing and relating to people 6 feet away and/or masked is completely different from seeing them on a monitor. Think of a long-term social media "friend" that you have never met personally and compare that relationship to someone who is in your community and visits your home daily. The level of intimacy is very likely quite different.

Expert opinions are that as many as 50 percent of regular church attendees will not return to regular attendance once the restrictions are lifted. This gives you a picture of what church decisionmakers are facing during the crisis.

Most local churches that I am aware of are attempting to meet within the guidelines established by the state, even though a federal court ruling admonished the state for potentially violating constitutional protections. The leaders of these congregations and the congregants are not ignorant. In fact, they have been tasked with planning on a level that governments do not even contemplate. On top of that, they must deal with the ridicule of people with their own agendas for interfering with the functions of faith. We must exhibit the love we speak before we will convince others that our actions are from love.

No one knows the right answer when it comes to responding to the COVID pandemic. At the time of this writing, overall, America is seeing infection spikes in a potential "second wave" of disease. This is an occasion where recommendations are becoming law without the input of the people. And we are making moral judgements about people because of their acceptance, or lack thereof, of recommendations. Lawmakers are even acknowledging their uncertainty by implementing regulation without enforcement or consequences to the violator. It seems a little arrogant and prideful of us as a community to condemn anyone based on a hunch, even an educated hunch, especially in a time when the propaganda of the day says we are "all in this together".

Each one of us must decide for ourselves where we place our faith in relationship to our day-to-day lives. And we must each weigh the costs of either congregating, isolating, or segregating. We are in a time of global uncertainty. We must limit gathering without limiting unity. We must cover our faces so that people may see our hearts. We must wash our hands so that we may reach out to neighbors in health. The church community understands it needs to be mindful of the seriousness of COVID-19 and may be trusted to attend to the physical and spiritual health of each other and the community at large. They understand the cost of action or inaction, congregating or isolating. Like most of us, they will make mistakes. And like us, they will learn from them and do it better with the new knowledge they acquire. Instead of speaking or acting out of fear and anger, lets work together to educate and motivate each other to love and protect each other, even if it is inconvenient and uncomfortable. We will all be better for it.



One Feather Question of the Week Are you in favor or against having high school sports this fall?

Dennis Burgess: Not yet

Gary James: Not at this point; virus still too strong

Faye McCoy: Nope not yet, our cases continue to climb daily.

Yona Sequoyah: Don't make the same mistake Sneed made and open and start things too soon.

Charlotte Edison: No, protect. Pray to our inner spirits for wisdom.

Nannie Taylor: Not this time, I think the lives of our children and grandchildren are more important to us than sports at the moment beause I love my grandsons too much to risk their lives right now.

Bela Moose: I think if it was done right, it could be possible – social distancing, masks, parents, brothers and sisters – only who had to be at the game. Televise the game so everyone else can see.

Katrina Maney: No sports this year

Margaret Hollenbeck: I agree

you have done a great job at staying safe through this. Why take a chance and ruin your record and, most of all, put your precious people at risk?

Mark Lambert: Sports, is school actually starting on schedule?

Awi Amatsvna Snidi: No sports yet

Christopher Streets: It's not worth exposing our kids to the virus.

Trudy Crowe: Numbers are climbing and too many unknowns – I say better safe than sorry.

Angela Farmer-Watkins: I don't see how it's even possible. No physical contact with each other or the ball in baseball, football, volleyball.

Jeff Yona Byrd: I do not believe it would be wise to risk the future of our communities.

Carol Long: Keep the boys and girls safe – no sports.

Joe Pye: It depends upon the transmission rate of the virus at that time. It we cannot get the number of new virus cases under control, then no sports.

Alyssa Streets: Safety first!

JA Whary II: I guess it depends on whether or not the insanity is over.

Sandi Owle: As much as we will all miss them, I have to say no at this time. We don't even know what school will look like. Things are currently getting more serious here, and across the state. Sports should be put on the back burner for fall.

Xavier Siweumptewa: I agree with everyone in here. It's not worth exposing our kids to this virus and/or our parents and elders who attend the games.

Michelle Lassiter Fekete:

Could you imagine being a senior and not getting to play a sport you love after missing part of your junior year? This is time they will never get back. Let the kids play. They will need to sanitize and shower as soon as they get home. Most fall sports take place outside. Limit who can be at games. Make mask mandatory for the spectators. Keep the kids spread out on the sideline, take temperatures before practice and games.

Candi Teesatuskie: No! Not yet

Renee Cole: Just to be safe, I would say no. I love football, but I wouldn't chance it at the moment. **Kathy Burgess:** I would say no, but if they did, I would say no spectators except the parents. I do feel for the seniors who could possibly get a scholarship.

Pat Swayney: No

Tammy Cucumber: We can't control what people do in their communities...but we can...somewhat...in Cherokee. I see that there is no good answer! Families need to make money but not expose loved ones to this virus!

Teddy Bird: We already have enough problems with the COVID-19. Why would anyone want more problems when they start bringing the virus back home to their elders?

Carolyn Panther: My grandson plays for Swain. I would rather him be safe than sorry – for all schools.

Gloria Punkin Griffin: My person opinion is no due to the close contact. Need to keep our students safe.

Teresa McCoy: Sorry, but no

Isabel Catolster: No – health and safety first

How do you say "blue" in the Cherokee language. See page 4 to find out.

COMMENTARY Life lessons JOSHUA HOLLOWAY

You are never too old to learn. This is some very sound advice that I have heard over the years and has served quite a purpose. But the one thing that trips us up is understanding just how hard it is to learn the older we get. Becoming set in our ways is something that eventually happens to us all but if we pay attention long enough we will eventually learn something.

I have definitely learned a lot recently. For instance, I have learned just how "non-essential" churches are and how essential rioting and looting is at least in the eyes of one particular political party. Going to church is definitely a no-go. But burning down businesses and destroying public buildings? Have at it. Opening your business and the manner in which it should be done should be at the owner's discretion not the government. Burning down a business is perfectly fine though, and in some cities, encouraged. I have also learned that no matter how significantly low police brutality and racism statistics are, in the long run it doesn't matter. The only thing that matters is how you feel about something regardless of how true it is. Punishing a few bad cops for the heinous acts they have committed on a few civilians is not good enough. Vilifying the entire police force in the US is the more appropriate response. Forget punishing those responsible. I learned we should punish all those who look like them, whether they are guilty or not. Remember, we should be doing this based on feelings and not scientific data. I learned that "ending racism" is a

very confusing goal since it consists of absolutely nothing specific that is attainable. Does ending racism mean changing how people think? If so, then whoever figures out how to do that first is going to be a very wealthy person.

This next one is a little confusing since I assumed that we have made some progress in terms of minority education and success in this country. I learned that all minority kids should be grouped under the "poor" category regardless of their parent's financial status. Are minority kids just as bright as white kids? You bet. Are all minority kids poor? Not by a long shot.

One of the "things" I had the hardest time learning was regarding inappropriate conduct towards women. I had initially thought that we should believe all women victims and lock the man who committed the abuse up for life regardless of due process. Then I learned that doesn't apply to presidential candidates with the last name Biden. Maybe it's his age or his "experience" in Washington but he gets due process while the rest of the population is subject to the wishes of the mob.

Probably the most significant thing I have learned over the past couple of months is that there are huge swaths of people throughout this country that have far too much hate in their heart. They have so much hate that they would literally prefer to see most American citizens suffer whether it be through loss of job, sickness, or just complete turmoil than to put up with a leader they don't like. To those people, we are nothing more than expendable pawns who mean nothing and are used in a way people should never

be used. If America burns then so be it and at whatever cost. It's downright sickening.

One last thing I learned and probably the most important: the police are not the enemy. One bad cop does not contaminate the rest. When I call for help, and I have, I take great comfort in knowing it is my local police on the other end of that line. I know that it takes a special kind of person to lay down their life for their communities and people they don't know. It is still fresh in my mind seeing cops running into the World Trade Center to save people they didn't know. Those who see that for anything other than what it is still have a lot to learn.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' LUKE 15:20,21

Detail from *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Rembrandt (1636)

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A national strategy to prevent veteran suicide with deep roots in the Carolinas

BRANDON WILSON and ILARIO PANTANO

With COVID accelerating veteran unemployment and economic uncertainty, a whole of government approach to tackling veteran suicide inclusive of private industry and academia is needed now more than ever. On Wednesday, Veterans Administration Secretary Robert Wilkie joined President Trump to reveal the action plan ("Road Map") of a fresh multi-agency collaborative called PREVENTS. While the secretary's ties to North Carolina are common knowledge, a veteran himself who grew up in Fayetteville where his father served, what is less well known is that many of the practices and strategies being deployed nationally by the PREVENTS taskforce that Secretary Wilkie leads were pioneered in North Carolina.

Grassroots collaboratives have been a way of life in self-reliant mountain communities and coastal base towns for decades. More recently, federally guided training efforts such as the Mayor's Challenge and then later the Governor's Challenge to prevent Veteran Suicide (strongly supported by Governor Cooper), began a coached process of interagency collaboration, planning and problem solving. But before those initiatives took hold, North Carolina was already pioneering a digitally enabled coordinated care network for veterans and their families called NCServes that has addressed over 35,000 complex needs for veterans and their families that are typically in the Social & Community services realm outside of VA care. The NCServes hub and spoke model of high-touch and high-tech care coordination has been such a game changer that states from Texas to Rhode Island have sought to replicate it.

Public Private Partnerships, led by support from the Walmart Foundation and local funding through organizations such as Leon Levine and Evergreen Foundations respectfully, created these coordinated care networks. There are now four Networks across the state, including Jacksonville, Raleigh, Charlotte and one right here in Asheville. Today, the Department of Health and Human services has assumed the mantle of command in growing and guiding these efforts to better connect over 300 community providers and state and county agencies with those in need. They are working closely with community partners such as the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM) and their growing portfolio of Veteran Services of the Carolinas, in order to connect thousands of North Carolina veterans and their families to the wrap-around care and service that they have earned.

The team at ABCCM's Veteran Services of the Carolinas has steadily worked to become the largest US Department of Labor supported Veterans program in the Nation. This collaborative focus on ending homelessness and suicide through workforce development has proven so successful that it is integral to the new national PREVENTS framework. The ABCCM Veterans Services team maintains a 90 percent success rate in placing Homeless Veterans; additionally 90% of these Veterans are still stably housed 18 months after exit and have found self-sufficiency through employment and mental health support systems.

Operating in 49 of the 100 counties in North Carolina, ABC-CM's Veterans team work closely with other community collaboratives from the mountains to the sea, including with Federal partners such as VA and DoD Installations. Ft. Bragg and Camp Lejeune are now connected to more than 300 local partners ranging mental health care professionals like the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic in Fayetteville and transitional housing programs such as the Veterans Restoration Quarters in Asheville.

As Secretary Wilkie and the PREVENTS team seek to "best to equip State and local governments, engage faith-based communities" and promote community-based models that are effectively implementing evidence-informed mental health and suicide prevention programs across the country", the model of true servant leadership has become more apparent. There could be no finer or more inclusive exemplar of these plans in action of Pastoral Leadership with the team at ABCCM and Veterans Services of the Carolinas.

Brandon Wilson and Ilario Pantano are both former U.S. Marines and Iraq War veterans. Brandon is the director of The Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry's Veteran Services of the Carolinas. Ilario was the former North Carolina State Director for Veterans Affairs and is now a senior director with Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF).

Good Housekeeping

Turkey-Melon Wraps

A no-sweat dinner in just 10 minutes.

- 1/4 small cantaloupe
- lavash (half a 14-ounce package of soft Armenian flatbread)
- 1/4 cup(s) bottled horseradish sauce
 - 6 large green- or red-leaf lettuce leaves
- 12 ounce(s) thinly sliced, deli smoked turkey breast

1. Cut rind from cantaloupe; cut flesh crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick slices (you should have about 1 cup). 2. Unfold lavash. Evenly spread lavash with horseradish sauce; top with lettuce and turkey, overlapping to fit if necessary. On a short end, arrange cantaloupe in single layer to cover half of lavash.

3. Starting from end with cantaloupe, tightly roll lavash, jelly-roll fashion. Trim ends if you like. With serrated knife, cut roll into 4 pieces.

TIP: If lavash seems dry before filling, place between dampened paper towels; let stand 10 to 15 minutes to soften.

• Each serving: About 285 calories, 4g total fat (2g saturated), 43g cholesterol, 1,100mg sodium, 39g total carbohydrate, 22g protein.

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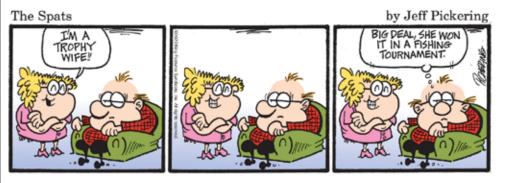


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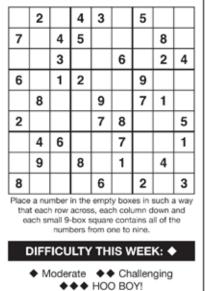




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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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Find at least six differences in details between panels. Swim trunks have no stripe. 6. Boat is on horizon.

3. Man has mustache. 4. Water bottle has been added. Differences: 1. Boy is barefoot. 2. Blanket is narrower.

King Crossword

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1. Is the book of Philemon in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From 1 Samuel 17, how many stones did David take with him to fight Goliath? 2.5.7.14

3. Which book first refers to Jesus as the Prince of Peace? Isaiah, Daniel, Matthew, Luke

4. Who is thought of as being the "mother of all the living"? Ruth, Sarah, Eve, Esther

5. In Numbers 22, to whom did the donkey speak? Silas, Daniel, Jeremiah, Balaam

6. Where was Paul the Apostle born? Thessalonica, Tarsus, Ur, Antioch

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1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which U.S. highway is known by the nickname "the Mother Road"?

Rodriguez

by Fifi

2. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of cocktail contains ginger beer, lime juice and vodka?

3. SCIENCE: What kind of cloud produces thunderstorms?

4. MUSIC: How many musicians play in a quartet?

5. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the seven continents is the driest?

MOVIES: What word is on Austin Powers' license plate in "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery"?

7. HISTORY: What was the ancient Sumerian form of writing called?

8. TELEVISION: What is the name of Bert's roommate on the children's show "Sesame Street"?

9. ANATOMY: How many lobes is the human brain divided into?

10. MEASUREMENTS: How much liquid does a standard jigger hold?

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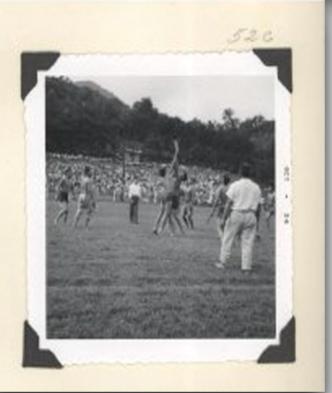
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Can I Pet That K-9?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My parents and I were marching in a demonstration, and we passed two police officers who each had a police dog. I love German Shepherds and I wanted to pet one of their dogs, but my parents wouldn't let me. Why was it wrong to pet them? - David, via email

DEAR DAVID: K-9 police dogs, just like service animals, are working dogs that are trained to accomplish complicated tasks. When they're at work, they should not be disturbed, even with a well-meaning pat.

A K-9 may be trained to help apprehend suspects, or to detect illegal substances, or to perform search and rescue. They are large, energetic dogs, and though they're well-trained, they can be aggressive.

When a neighbor and their dog approach on the sidewalk, the polite way to interact is to ask permission to pet the dog. When K-9s and service animals are working, the best way to help them is to leave them be. Petting a service dog can confuse it or cause it to lose focus on the task it's supposed to be doing. Petting a K-9 trained in apprehension can get your fingers nipped, or worse.

If, and only if, a service dog's owner or a K-9's handler invites you to approach, should you do so.

Police departments sometimes put on demonstrations or other events with their K-9s to meet the public. If you want to meet the dogs and ask questions of the police officers about what their workday is like, these are good opportunities to do so. When fairs and other public events start up again, find out if and where any such demonstrations are taking place.

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

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1. Baseball Hall of Famer Ron Santo played third base for the Chicago Cubs from 1960-73, but finished his Major League playing career in 1974 with what team?

2. Former NFL quarterback Jay Cutler regularly appeared on what E! reality TV show from 2018-20?

3. Jim Shoulders, Don Gay, Warren G. Brown, George Paul and Larry Mahan were among the inaugural inductees into what Hall of Fame?

4. What Major League Baseball great had his No. 29 retired by the California Angels in 1986 and by the Minnesota Twins in 1987?

5. Nicknamed "The Iceman," what NBA great won four league scoring titles from 1978-82 while a member of the San Antonio Spurs?

6. What cable TV sports network had its first broadcast on Oct. 1, 1993?

7. What Japanese pitcher was named Most Valuable Player of the 2006 and 2009 World Baseball Classics?

Answers

- 1. The Chicago White Sox.
- 2. "Very Cavallari."
- 3. The Bull Riding Hall of Fame.
- 4. Rod Carew.
- 5. George Gervin.
- 6. ESPN2.
- 7. Daisuke Matsuzaka.

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AUCTION OF USED ITEMS Harrah's Cherokee Casino is auctioning several used items including commercial grade exercise equipment, commercial grade wallpaper, various sized road



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A perplexing situation needs to be dealt with in order to avoid problems later on. Rely on both your own sense of what's right and the advice of someone you trust to help work it out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Let your sharp Taurean business insight guide you when considering a "dream deal." Without all the facts, it could turn into a nightmare. Remember: Investigate before investing.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Sharing so much of your time and your gifts with others is what you do so well, and this week, don't be surprised if others want to share with you. Enjoy the experience. You've earned it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A difficult personal situation seems to defy efforts to resolve it. Perhaps you're too close to it. Take some time to reassess what went wrong, and then see where things can be set right.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leonine pride could be piqued a bit when someone else appears to be standing in your light. Be patient and resist the urge to growl at the interloper. You'll soon be the "mane" attraction again.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A professional situation benefits from your clear assessment of the circumstances involved. On the personal side, that new relationship looks as if it will continue to grow.

cases, ceramic and vinyl tiles, and wooden stools. Purchases may be made by cash and check only. Some minimum bids may apply. Bids will be accepted through Monday, July 13, 2020. Email Charlie Myers at cmyers1@ harrahs.com or call 497-8315 for more information. 7/8

Queen size mattress set. Still in the bags. The frame, the wheels, mattress protector, two sets of sheets. \$140.507-1061.7/8

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) More good news about a loved one helps reassure others who could not share your more-optimistic view before. Continue to help everyone in need of your comforting presence.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating new friendships could turn out to be the unexpected but welcome result of reconnecting with old friends. The weekend is a good time for fun and games. Enjoy!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The more you learn about what you plan to do, the more likely you are to consider making some changes in your plans. This is good; don't resist it. Instead, go with it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A career change is still in your aspect, but a potential workplace change could be what you've been looking for. See what develops before making any drastic moves.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your energy levels are high this week, which should help you get all your workaday tasks done and still leave you with enough breath to handle some domestic challenges.

PISCES (February 19 to March An unexpected fluke could cause problems with your plans. If so, use the time to troll for other available options, and you might be pleasantly surprised at what turns up.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy the company of lots of people, but you also can treasure the moments shared with just one special person.

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Daruk, a 5-month-old Rottweiler, lives in the Birdtown Community with Samantha and Michael Lambert.

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

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- Evidence Technician Cherokee Indian Police Department Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 \$41,574)

 Sergeant Detective (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)

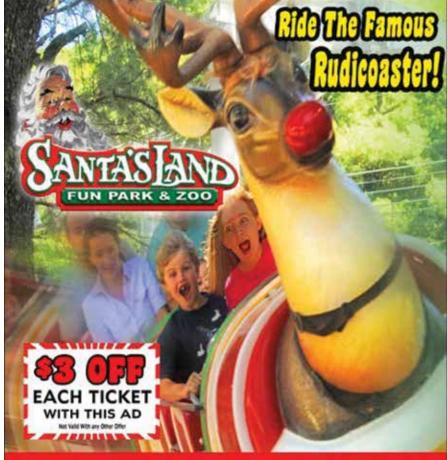
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 Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 -\$45,625)

Detention Officer (Multiple) - Corrections - Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)

Notice: At this time, due to the tribal State of Emergency causes by the coronavirus, only job openings for existing positions that are classified as esential 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.

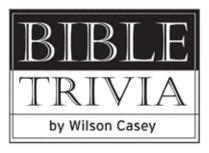
Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at: WWW.ebci.com/iobs



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Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 5 (needed only 1); 3) Isaiah 9:6; 4) Eve, 5) Balaam; 6) Tarsus.



 — King Crossword — Answers

Trivia Test Answerst

Route 66; 2. Moscow Mule; 3. Cumulonimbus; 4. Four; 5. Antarctica;
 6. Swinger; 7. Cuneiform; 8. Ernie; 9. Four; 10. 1.5 ounces

Rodriguez

- 1. Route 66
- Moscow Mule
- Cumulonimbus
- 4. Four
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 8. Ernie
- 9. Four
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- 10. 1.5 ounces



WEEKIY SUDUKU

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 20-030 In the Matter of the Estate of Ida Lee Arneach

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

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

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

Carolyn Rae Queen, 13 Camp Creek Road, Whittier, NC, 28789. 7/**15pd** Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 20-037

In the Matter of the Estate of Geraldine Stamper

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

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

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

Carmen V. Junaluska, P. O. Box 1112, Cherokee, NC, 28719. **8/5pd** **The Natural Resource Management Office is seeking Request for Proposals (RFP)** to complete EPA Brownfield Grant work. The work will include a Phase 1 ESA and Hazardous Materials Assessments and GPR on several structures in the Painttown community. There will be an

opportunity to make a site visit for any contractors who are interested in submitting a bid. The projects packets will be available on 7/10/2020 and bids will be due on 7/24/2020 at the close of business. Please contact the Natural Resource office for a bid packet or with any questions.

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

johntahq@nc-cherokee.com 7/1**5pd**

BIDS, RFPs., etc.

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing, Thursday July 9, 2020 CMA/LPN – Primary Care Grant Writer – Contracting Grants Compliance Officer – Contracting

Closing, Thursday July 16, 2020

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

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Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center (multiple) CMA/LPN CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient Cook – Tsali Care Center

Cultural Coordinator - Kanvwotivi **Dental Assistant II** Dietary Services Supervisor – Patient Side License Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center License Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center Masters Level Therapist – Child/Juvenile Justice Mastres Level Therapist - Kanvwotiyi Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi Physician – Primary Care Provider network Manager – MCO PTI Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center PTI CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient PTI Licensed Practical Nurse - Tsali Care Center PTI Physician - Emergency Room PTI Registered Nurse- Tsali Care Center PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient (2 Positions)

VETERANS * POST *

by Freddy Groves

The American Legion Needs Your Help

I came across an unusual confab outside the coffee shop today. What was different this time was the presence of younger veterans.

"We'll help you," a young vet said to the group. "All you have to do is contact us and we'll be here. Or there. Or wherever you are."

I pieced together what was going on. The senior veterans were concerned about being able to form a funeral detail. One of their group was in the hospital and it wasn't looking good, either for the veteran or the local American Legion Post itself. The younger veterans, probably Sandbox era, had come down to offer assistance (and home phone numbers) should they be needed for a funeral.

I stepped up next to the one who seemed to be in charge and went into my spiel.

"Join the American Legion here in town," I suggested.

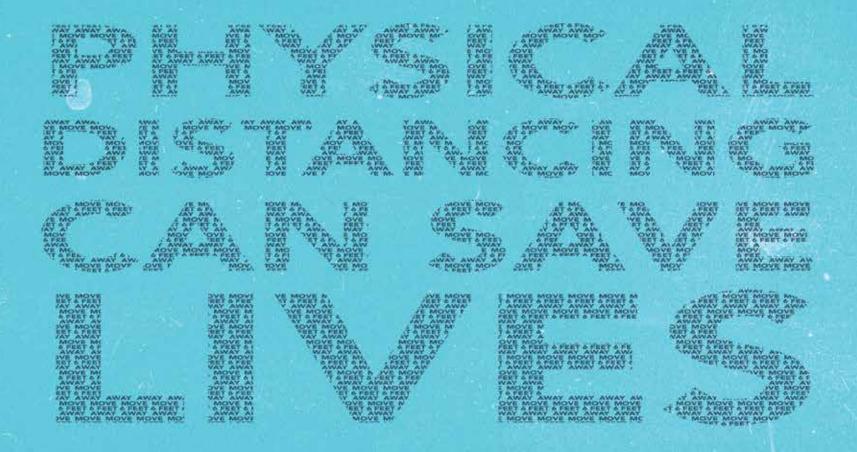
I explained that senior veterans make up the biggest percentage of membership in the American Legion nationwide. And they're not getting younger. Day by day we lose more of them. Maybe a Post will have 20 members ... on paper ... but only three are active. They're physically unable to pull off most of the fundraising events like they used to, and many Posts are likely to lose their meeting facility. Therefore, I finished, if young blood doesn't come in and beef up declining membership, the groups would disband, gone forever.

Is this the situation in your area, Legions closing and disbanding due to declining membership? Here's a thought: Go to a couple meetings. Find out what the Legion can do for you and your family, and what you can do for the it. It might be more than you ever imagined. Visit legion.org for details.

NOTE: If you tried to join before and weren't eligible, try again. If you served at any point since Dec. 7, 1941 and were honorably discharged, you're covered, courtesy of the LEGION Act signed in 2019 by President Donald Trump. © 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.

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TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP SLOW THE SPREAD. Learn more at coronavirus.gov

HAS THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID CRISIS AFFECTED YOU OR Someone you know? You could be compensated from The Purdue Pharma L.P. Bankruptcy.

FILE YOUR CLAIM BY JULY 30, 2020.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED. PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, VISITE EL SITIO WEB.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

If you think you've been hurt by Purdue Pharma L.P., a U.S. limited partnership, its general partner and its subsidiaries, including Imbrium Therapeutics L.P., Adlon Therapeutics L.P., Greenfield BioVentures L.P., Avrio Health L.P., Rhodes Technologies, and Rhodes Pharmaceuticals L.P. ("**Purdue**"), or Purdue prescription opioids, like OxyContin[®], or other prescription opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue, you can file a claim for compensation in the Purdue bankruptcy proceeding. The deadline to file a claim is **July 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

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

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

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

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

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

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

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

Purdue Pharma Claims Processing Center c/o Prime Clerk LLC 850 Third Avenue, Ste. 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232 Email: purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com - Phone: 1.844.217.0912

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION.

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



PurduePharmaClaims.com, or call 1.844.217.0912.