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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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*- Raylen Bark, Cherokee High School Class
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COVID-19 timeline of events relating to EBCI

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Following are important dates and events relating to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' (EBCI) response to the coronavirus (COVID-19):

March 3

- First person in the State of North Carolina tests positive for COVID-19.

March 12

- Tribe forms EBCI Joint Information Center (JIC) for the purpose of disseminating information about COVID-19 to the public.

March 13

- Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed issues a Declaration of a State of Emergency for the EBCI.

March 15

- Cherokee Central Schools announces it was closing public school buildings and temporarily halting classes until March 30.

March 17

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 1 postponing the opening day of fishing season on Tribal Enterprise Waters to April 11. The Waters remained open to EBCI tribal members, their spouses, and EBCI first descendants.
- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 3 ordering all restaurants on tribal lands of the EBCI to close their dining rooms. Take-out, delivery, and curb-side services were still allowed.
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park announces it is closing the Oconaluftee, Cades Cove, and Sugarlands Visitor Centers until further notice.

March 18

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 4



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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, left, and U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt look over a package containing a cotton cloth face mask. During his visit on May 5, Secretary Bernhardt brought several boxes to be distributed locally.

mandating the Cherokee Food Lion “to limit beef, pork, and chicken, sanitizing products and paper products”. The Order also established a senior citizen hour in the morning for safer shopping for that population.
- The EBCI tribal government moves to a four-day work week and all lobbies to tribal buildings would be closed until further notice.

March 21

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 6 closed all EBCI tribal offices and suspended tribal operations. It also closed all “non-essential” businesses on EBCI tribal lands. A stay-at-home order was included. It also suspended all church services, and ordered road blocks to be installed to all entrances to the Qualla Boundary. At this time, the Boundary was closed to everyone except EBCI tribal members and residents of the lands, and essential EBCI tribal employees.

March 23

- Cherokee Central Schools announces it was closing all public school buildings until May 15.

March 24

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park announces it was closing all Park areas, except the Foothills Parkway and the Spur near

Gatlinburg, Tenn.

March 25

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 8 which established a curfew for the Qualla Boundary from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. It also limited the hours of operation for Cherokee Food Lion to 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

March 26

- Chief Sneed issues a memorandum deferring all payments to Cherokee Water & Sewer until further notice.

March 27

- The EBCI Joint Information Center (JIC) reports the first case of COVID-19 on the Qualla Boundary. The person was a part-time resident who returned to their home state.

April 1

- Harrah's Cherokee Casinos announces temporary closure of facilities would extend through the end of April.

April 9

- Tribal Council approves legislation (Res. No. 171 - 2020), submitted by Chief Sneed, which provided a stimulus package to local businesses as a result of the COVID-19 closures.

April 13

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 10 requiring retail stores on EBCI tribal lands to adopt social distancing (six-foot distance areas at all check-out lines) and capacity limits (five people per 1,000 square feet) imposed by North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper.

April 21

- Chief Sneed issues a memorandum closing the checkpoints in the Birdtown and Wolfstown communities between the hours of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. in an effort to give relief to those personnel working those.

April 23

- Tribal Council approves a \$100,000 donation, from the EBCI General Fund, to go to the Navajo Nation which has been hit hard by COVID-19. The donation, according to the legislation passed, was “for the purpose of immediate medical and community needs”.

April 24

- Cherokee Central Schools closes all public school buildings for the remainder of the academic year.

April 28

- Chief Sneed issues a memorandum waiving rental fees to Qualla Housing and EBCI Housing & Community Development for the month of May, halting all evictions and foreclosures for 60 days, and deferring mortgage payments for the month of May to the end of each mortgage.

May 5

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 11 which called for the removal of all checkpoints on May 8. It also made the wearing of cloth face coverings in public mandatory. Churches were allowed with this Order to resume services at 20 percent capacity. Checkpoints were installed with this Order at the Cherokee Food Lion plaza limiting entrance to residents of the Qualla Boundary only. The Order also lifted the tribal curfew; opened the Cherokee Enterprise Waters to non-tribal members; and called for the opening of the Fire Mountain Trails, Cherokee Skate Park, and Oconaluftee Island

Park to the general public on May 15.

- U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt visits Cherokee and toured tribal testing sites as well as met with officials at Cherokee Central Schools. He delivered 1,000 cloth masks for the Tribe. “What we’ve learned as we’ve gone is that there are a lot of asymptomatic folks,” he said. “So, one of the things a person can do, not to prevent getting infected but to prevent exacerbating the spread, is to wear a face covering.”

May 7

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 12 which allowed for the resumption of retail establishments, campgrounds, and hotels on EBCI tribal lands at 50 percent capacity starting May 15. It also opened many outdoor areas on the Qualla Boundary to the general public on May 15. The Order also announced the re-opening of the EBCI tribal government and operations at full capacity on June 8.

May 9

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park begins a phased re-opening which opened many of the major roads and areas, including Newfound Gap Road through the Park from Cherokee to Gatlinburg, Tenn. Campgrounds and Visitor Centers remained closed.

May 18

- Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort and Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel open to patrons by invitation-only.

May 21

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 13, part of a Phase II re-opening, ordering the following: restaurants allowed to open at 50 percent capacity; salons and barber shops allowed to open at 50 percent capacity; personal care, grooming, and tattoo businesses allowed to open at 50 percent capacity; child care services to open at 100 percent capacity; day and overnight camps for children allowed to open at 100 percent capacity; and checkpoints to the Cherokee Food Lion Plaza were to be removed the following day with said checkpoints moving to the entrances of Food Lion only with limited access remaining only for residents of the Qualla Boundary.

May 27

- Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos opens to the general public at 30 percent capacity.

May 28

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 14 which extended the checkpoints at the entrances to Food Lion to May 31. It also lifted the cloth face covering requirement in public with the exception of patrons at Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos.
- Cherokee High School holds modified graduation for its seniors including a parade through downtown Cherokee and a diploma ceremony in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center.

June 1

- Community spread of COVID-19 is confirmed by Chief Sneed and Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority chief executive officer. A total of nine new cases were reported by the EBCI JIC from May 31 - June 1 bringing the total as of June 1 to 28 cases.

June 2

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 15 requiring EBCI tribal employees to wear cloth face coverings when returning to work.

June 4

- Following the reporting of three positive COVID-19 cases in the Dora Reed Child Care Center, Chief Sneed issued a memorandum extended the closure of all tribal child care centers until further notice. He also extended the closure of the EBCI tribal government until Monday, June 22.

June 15

- Chief Sneed issues Executive Order No. 16 stating that hotels and campgrounds could increase capacity to 75 percent on June 19 and those entities can increase to 100 percent on July 1.

June 22

- EBCI tribal employee return to work with a four-day work schedule following safety precautions such as mandatory wearing of masks; lobbies to tribal buildings remain closed.

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of the community. This is part of an effort, facilitated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) which plans to distribute 1 million nationwide.

He praised the Tribe's mobile testing site and noted, "It is really phenomenal and such an important component of public health."

In speaking on the face masks, Secretary Bernhardt said, "A big part of the President's effort to slow the spread is to try to maintain that hospital capacity as we go forward. What we've learned as we've gone is that there are a lot of asymptomatic folks. So, one of the things a person can do, not to prevent getting infected but to prevent exacerbating the spread is to wear a face covering."

Information from the HHS states, "To support the implementation of this essential guidance, the federal government has taken a whole of America approach - partnering with members of the National Council of Textile Organizations and the U.S. Post Office - to manufacture and distribute machine-washable and reusable 100 percent cotton face coverings as a practical measure to help combat the spread of COVID-19."

Secretary Bernhardt said they are made from a high-quality cotton. "We all should do our part the best we can, and that's just one thing people can consider doing. We're trying to make it easy for them."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed met with Secretary Bernhardt on the Qualla Boundary and they met with Great Smoky Mountains Superintendent Cassius Cash following their visits in Cherokee.

Chief Sneed complimented Secretary Bernhardt for visiting Cherokee. "He's a very personable guy and seems very genuinely concerned about issues facing tribes and how he can assist in speeding up processes. The bureaucracy is what the bureaucracy is, but he seems to be focused on trying to help speed those things up."

Yona Wade, CCS community affairs director, commented, "I think we're super blessed, here at Cherokee Central Schools, to be able to offer a feeding program. Communities around the nation, with COVID-19, are struggling in some instances to feed their families. Food insecurity is a big issue. Being able to do this and being able to have the Secretary here to high-



Forrest Stamper, left, and Secretary Bernhardt prepare meals to be distributed to families through the Cherokee Central Schools food distribution program.

light the good things that we're doing as a Tribe through the food program, our testing, how we're continuing the continuity of education for our students, I think is really a big deal."

He added, "The masks that they've brought to donate are really going to help our families. Even though, at some point, the Tribe is going to open and we'll be back to semi-normal, masks are going to become normal for us and being able to have this brought to us when we know that there are masks shortages anyways is really good for our community."

HHS information states the importance of the use of the cloth masks, "Since many persons may not know they are sick, the federal government determined there is a need for a product that can serve as an added 'source control measure'. The cotton-based face covering is intended to reduce the potential spread of virus from the wearer 'the source' to others 'the recipient'. Encouraging everyone to wear a reusable cloth covering may help reduce spread from asymptomatic persons."

Chief Sneed said he was glad they were able to meet with Park officials, "We do have a unique relationship with the Park with our gathering rule (sochan). We were the first tribe

to be able to do that, and that really set a new precedent."

The National Park Service (NPS) is also under the purview of Secretary Bernhardt, and he addressed the NPS' overall viewpoint on the re-opening of parks nationwide.

Secretary Bernhardt said, "From the very beginning, we've said that public health was our priority for the general public and our visitors and employees. To ensure that, we worked with a series of public health officers... we worked with them and developed a protocol that the parks can use to look at each service they provided before the pandemic - each facility that they used during the pandemic."

Secretary Bernhardt said the plans will vary from park unit to park unit, but most will have basic services such as roads and trails. "As the governors have slightly different views, different locations will have different things."

He went on to say, "We want to be very closely aligned with the local communities. One of the things we'll be tracking is what are their local public health officials saying, feeling, and thinking about that local community? Because we are going to be in alignment with them."

“Don’t talk, just act”

Cherokee High School holds modified graduation

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With the motto of “Don’t talk, just act. Don’t say, just show. Don’t promise, just prove”; the Cherokee High School (CHS) Class of 2020 walked across the stage and received their diplomas in a modified graduation on the afternoon of Thursday, May 28.

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), modifications had to be made to the school’s usual graduation and included starting the proceedings with a parade through downtown Cherokee. This was followed by each graduate, individually, walking across the stage at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center to receive their diplomas.

“Although the year didn’t go as planned, it provided us with the opportunity to show how resilient our community is,” Raylen Bark, CHS Class of 2020 valedictorian, said in a video-taped speech. “The community came together to help deliver meals, abide by rules to protect our families and elders, and check on students at home during the quarantine. Just as our ancestors had to, we have demonstrated our strength coming together as a community.”

She said that although students have had to overcome obstacles dealing with the pandemic, it has provided clarity on more important issues. “Although we stayed home, we were able to reflect on so many things. Some of us went and picked traditional foods for the first time, read a new book, started a new project, picked up a new hobby, tried our hand at cooking, felt more in touch with our culture, or even started working out. We were able to take a step back from our busy lives and appreciate some of the things we took for granted. We took everything that life threw at us and made it here today. We persevered and achieved an incredible goal.”



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Malia Davis, Cherokee High School Class of 2020, rides in a graduation parade through downtown Cherokee on the afternoon of Thursday, May 28. The parade preceded the graduation which was held, in a modified format, at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center.

Tierney Bradley, CHS Class of 2020 salutatorian, said in her address, “I know this isn’t the graduation that we all felt we’d be attending. Like ‘a drive-thru for high school diplomas? Woohoo.’ But, nonetheless, we are here today to celebrate the graduation of Cherokee High School’s Class of 2020 - the best class ever to grace the halls of CHS, I might add.”

She said their senior year has been a “roller coaster ride” and noted, “This past year, especially these past few months, has opened my eyes and taught me to appreciate life and appreciate who I have in my life. I didn’t realize how much the people around you fill up your life until I wasn’t allowed to be around them.”

Bradley added, “The main thing is you can’t be afraid to live your life - take chances and live. Whatever you decide to do with your life, do it as long as you’re happy and as long as it’s legal...I would like to applaud this group of young people for surviving all four years, especially this crazy year.”

Although not presented in the usual format, several awardees were recognized during

the graduation proceedings including:

- * CHS JROTC Battalion Commander Sabre Awards: Logan Lequire, Toby Johns
- * WCU Cherokee Center Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Awards: Tierney Bradley, Brandon Wolfe
- * NAIWA Awards: Raylen Bark, Tierney Bradley

Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, said in a message to the students, “We know these are unprecedented times; we have faced difficult decisions and we have overcome unique obstacles. Members of the Class of 2020, please know how aware we all are of all that you have missed out on because of this pandemic.”

She went on to say, “Culturally speaking, action is revered over talking. The Cherokee and other tribes across the country have faced many individuals and governmental agencies who say things and make promises, but their words don’t match their ways, and their promises are not kept. So, we value showing and proving.”

Dr. Foerst encouraged the students, “You have acted, shown, and proven yourselves

worthy of a Cherokee High School diploma. You have persevered through the most unusual time you have ever experienced, and you've come out on top. I ask that you not forget your class motto. As you close this chapter and turn the page, please remember to act, show, and prove. It will serve you well no matter what your future will hold."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed addressed the students in a message and applauded their tenacity and perseverance during these trying times. "As this chapter of your life comes to a close, I want to remind you that a new chapter is beginning - one that you will write every day with the choices that you will make. If there is any lesson that can be learned from this global pandemic, it is that life is both precious and brief. With this in mind, I strongly encourage you to seize the opportunities presented to you each and every day - to choose to live with purpose, to understand that purpose and meaning for our individual lives is only realized when we live to serve and care for others. It is the very core of who we are as Cherokee people."

The CHS Class of 2020 includes the following:

Raylen Jay Ulvsydi Bark (Valedictorian, Highest Honors, National Honor Society)
 Tierney Edaynia Bradley (Salutatorian, Highest Honors, National Honor Society)
 Xavier Allen Armachain
 Gracie Moon Bell
 Melvina Blue Berry
 Taylin Kelsie Bowman
 Jeffrey Elliot Bradley
 Reef Gareth Cochran
 Bobby Allen Boyd Crowe
 Ethan Nathaniel Crowe
 Maiya Jameson Davis (Honors, National Honor Society)
 Malia Marie Davis
 Matthew Silas Driver
 Hawk Moon Whisper Ensley
 Deliah Grace Esquivel
 Awee Jadelynn French
 Christopher Somersey N'Hoj Gammon (Honors, National Honor Society)
 Jacob Troy Griffin
 Kimberly Marie Hendrix (High Honors, National Honor Society)
 Mikhail Josiah Hernandez
 William Elyas Hornbuckle



Raylen Bark, CHS Class of 2020 valedictorian

Aiden Merrick Hubble
 Toby Libra Johns Jr.
 Aia Rain Johnson (Honors, National Honor Society)
 Christopher Warren Johnson
 Dalericka Lorual King
 Acecia Jayla Makai Lambert (High Honors, National Honor Society)
 Treannie Awan Larch (High Honors, National Honor Society)
 Alexa Jade Ledford
 Austin Taylor Ledford
 Tyler David Clarke Ledford
 Christina Marie Lee
 Logan Dwight Lequire (National Honor Society)
 Emilio Javier Librado
 Brian Gavin Littlejohn-Bigmeat
 Mykel Tai Saloli Lossiah (National Honor Society)
 Zackary Ryan Wilson Lossiah
 Lauren Alexis Luther (Honors, National Honor Society)
 Breanna Nicole Mangold (Honors, National Honor Society)
 Ella Nora Montelongo
 Cameron Ben Nelson (National Honor Society)
 Jacob Dalton Norton
 Taylor Selu Rene O'Kelley (National Honor



Tierney Bradley, CHS Class of 2020 salutatorian

Society)
 Clarissa Lauren Owle
 Marcus Santoyo Owle
 Hallah Mellesse Panther
 Tino Ochoa Pete
 Khylan Chaos Pheasant
 Shiah Destany Pheasant
 William Hewitt Pheasant
 Lauren Vonceil Parrish Queen
 Shaylon Dawn Rattler
 Cameron Hayes Reed
 Dorian Keely Reed (Honors, National Honor Society)
 Samantha Munoz Salazar
 Sterling Xavier Santa Maria (High Honors, National Honor Society)
 Staci Olivia Spicer
 Bessie Coleen Swayney (National Honor Society)
 Macy Aleigha Swayney (High Honors, National Honor Society)
 Julian Ned Taylor
 Amaya Mykal George Toineeta
 Cecil Eli Walkingstick Jr.
 Jaden Sam Welch
 Sebrena Dallas Whiting (National Honor Society)
 Brandon Van Wolfe (High Honors, National Honor Society)

Vice Chief submits legislation to harshen penalties for tribal drug offenses

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In an effort to combat the illicit drug issue on the tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley has submitted legislation that would harshen the penalties of those convicted of tribal drug offenses. During a specially-called session of Tribal Council on Tuesday, May 12, Ordinance No. 180 (2020) and Ordinance No. 181 (2020) were both deemed read and tabled.

Vice Chief Ensley told the One Feather, "I've talked to many of our tribal members. They say we need action to fight the war on drugs that we are facing here on our Boundary, and I say we need action now. Our Boundary has been dealing with the drug epidemic for some time. In the past month, the number of overdoses has increased."

He added, "We have laws on the books now, but it seems those laws aren't strong enough. I have introduced amendments to strengthen the laws in an effort to protect our community and our tribal residents. Mandatory minimum sentences for dealers and those convicted of possession are proposed in the amendments. We, the leaders of the Tribe, have to make every effort to fight the drug epidemic and if that means tougher laws that is a step we need to take."

Michael McConnell, EBCI interim attorney general, said during Tuesday's session, "These are attempts to take a tougher stance on some aspects of the drug prob-

lem that has very much increased lately."

He said there should be "substantial discussion" on the ordinances prior to passage including receiving input from the Cherokee Tribal Court as to how these changes would roll out.

Tabled Ord. No. 180 states in part, "...the number of people abusing and trafficking in controlled substances on tribal trust land has increased dramatically, and nearly every Cherokee family and every tribal community has been adversely affected by the increase in drug abuse and trafficking whether it's been through the overdose or death of a loved one, the incarceration of a relative or community member, or the increase in thefts from area homes and businesses..."

The ordinance establishes a new chapter (Chapter 2A) in the Cherokee Code entitled Real Property Forfeitures. Sec. 2A-1(a) states, "Real property is subject to civil forfeiture to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians when the real property is used to facilitate an offense stated in subsection (b). Facilitation shall mean that the property was used to commit, or subsequently conceal, illicit activity."

Sec. 2A-1(b) outlines the offenses that would warrant a forfeiture. "All civil forfeitures and interests in real property shall proceed as Tribal Council proceedings upon a Cherokee Code 14-95.6 conviction or any state or federal conviction where such offenses would constitute a 14-95.6 offense under the Cherokee Code. For purposes of this Chapter, real

property shall mean the possessory holding and all improvements attached to the possessory interest."

According to the Cherokee Code, a 14-95.6 offense is "Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, of a Controlled Substance".

Tabled Ord. No. 181 starts with amending punishment levels in Sec. 14-95.21. Imprisonment times would change for the various classes of penalties including: Class A would raise from one year to 18 months, Class B would raise from six months to one year, Class C would raise from 30 days to six months, and Class D remains the same.

This ordinance also proposes changes to Cherokee Code Sec. 14-10 as follows:


* Sec. 14-10.9 Criminal mischief to property: increases maximum term of imprisonment from six months to one year

* Sec. 14-10.15 First degree trespass: increases maximum fine from \$5,000 to \$15,000 and increases maximum term of imprisonment from one year to three years

* Sec. 14-10.16 Second degree trespass: increases maximum fine from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and increases maximum term of imprisonment from 30 days to one year

* Sec. 14-10.41 changed to Breaking or Entering: increases the range of fine from \$250 - \$5,000 to \$500 - \$15,000 and increases maximum term of imprisonment from one year to three years

* Sec. 14-10.60 Larceny: increases maximum term of imprisonment from six months to one year



The Garden Bug

Parsley

This familiar herb is easy to grow and makes a nice garnish for soups and other dishes. It loves full sunlight and rich, well-drained soil. Plant seeds directly into the ground after all danger of frost has passed in spring, covering the seeds with about 1/8-inch of soil or fine sand. Keep the soil slightly moist until the seeds germinate; after that, water the plants well about once a week. Parsley is especially beneficial for attracting black swallowtails, anise swallowtails and other butterflies.

-Brenda Weaver

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CCS School Board goes online for first June meeting

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The latest decisions made by the Cherokee Central Schools' Board of Education were made via email in lieu of an in-person meeting at the school. The Board has held several meetings in this manner in order to maintain social distancing.

Due to the format, much less is discussed in depth and it is primarily used to vote on proposed resolutions and clarify any specific questions about those resolutions.

The agenda for this past meeting was much smaller than many in the past. There were no guests, new business, nor old business to dis-

cuss. It consisted solely of voting on the consent agenda and establishing the date and time for the next meeting of the School Board.

The only questions raised were by Board Member Tara Reed-Cooper, who requested clarification regarding the hiring process on one of the resolutions. First, she cleared up the minimum requirements. Reed-Cooper also asked why there weren't more individuals brought into the interview process.

"It also states that six candidates were qualified but only one candidate interviewed," she said. "Do we not interview everyone that applies and is qualified? If not, how was she selected to be the only one to interview?"

Heather Driver clarified that the individu-

al "is an in-house applicant. She was selected based on the in-house preference policy."

Following clarification, the consent agenda was unanimously passed by the six members of the Board. It put forth the following resolutions:

- Cory Lambert is approved as an elementary teacher for Cherokee Elementary School.
- Brittany Boaz is approved as an elementary teacher for Cherokee Elementary School.
- Janet Arch is approved as the custodian supervisor for Cherokee Central School.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education is planned to be held in-person at the school on Monday, June 15 at 4:45 p.m.



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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.



Remember the Removal ride cancelled for 2020

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The Remember the Removal Ride (RTR), which retraces the northern route of the Trail of Tears, will not be held this year due to concerns over the coronavirus (COVID-19). Officials from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the Cherokee Nation announced on the afternoon of Thursday, May 14 that the ride has been cancelled.

“While I regret that the Remember the Removal ride will be delayed until next year, I appreciate the steps being taken to keep our tribal citizens safe,” said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, himself a RTR alumni. “The EBCI and Cherokee Nation staff, and volunteers, do a remarkable job preparing and supporting the RTR riders each year. Their hard work to educate the RTR participants and create opportunities for real life learning and reflection leave lasting memories with the riders.”

He added, “I see the impact this ride has on our tribal citizens and the appreciation and respect they get from completing this ride. I look forward to sending off and celebrating the completion of the ride with the RTR riders even if we have to wait a bit longer to do so.”

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. said, “The Remember the Removal bike ride is a tremendously important program for our Cherokee youth to learn the history and honor the legacy of their ancestors who endured some of the worst tragedy in the history of the great Cherokee Nation. There is not another life-changing opportunity like this ride. However, this year, with the threat of COVID-19, we sim-



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These are the ten EBCI tribal members who were selected for the 2020 ride which will now take place in 2021: left to right, back row – Just Lambert, Drew Johnson, Bear Allison, Barak Myers, and Ethan Ledford; front row – Shayla Jackson, Nike West, Laura Blythe, Raylen Bark, and Emra Arkansas.

ply cannot jeopardize the rider’s health and safety nor that of our coordinators and all the volunteers who meet us along the Trail of Tears route.”

The ride itself, around 950 miles, covers seven states - starting at New Echota, Ga. and ending in Tahlequah, Okla. with Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas in between.

Corlee Thomas-Hill, Remember the Removal ride coordinator for the EBCI, commented, “EBCI riders selected for the 2020 ride will be automatically selected for the June 2021 ride. At this time, no application process for the 2021 ride is planned for the EBCI. We appreciate the time and dedication that the riders have put into the past months as well as their understanding and patience

during this time. We would also like to thank Chief Sneed for his continued support during this challenging time.”

The 2020 RTR riders representing the EBCI include: Nike West, Ethan Ledford, Justin Lambert, Laura Blythe, Raylen Bark, Emra Arkansas, Shayla Jackson, Drew Johnson, Bear Allison, and Barak Myers.

Blythe noted, “Currently, I still plan to participate in the 2021 ride. The hardest part is being able to say yes 100 percent. The program is a huge commitment and over the course of a year many things can happen.”

She has been training diligently throughout the spring and said she’s developed bonds with her teammates. “We’ve all come together in these uncertain times.

I have developed a love for cycling. It is one of the best things I’ve ever done to help with stress, anxiety, and overall health improvement. I’ve been able to inspire my family to get out and ride with me which is something I never imagined we would do together. Cycling has opened up a great new network, and I’ve met some great people I otherwise may have never gotten to know.”

When thinking about next year’s ride, she noted, “It looks like we have 18 months to train instead of five. If we can all go, we’ll be ready! I hope that we can all find a way to stay together as a team and get rolling next June. We will have more time to do our history, genealogy, and language class which I am thankful for.”

Remember the Remained riders touring Cherokee sites

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The 2020 Remember the Removal riders were disappointed when the event, which retraces the northern route of the Trail of Tears from Georgia to Oklahoma, was cancelled last month due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Now, members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' (EBCI) contingent are changing gears and taking their bicycles and touring Cherokee historical and cultural sites in western North Carolina as part of what they are calling the Remember the Remained ride.

"Right now, it is about trying to provide a similar experience to the Remember the Removal bike ride whereas the Eastern Band can do these rides to historic and sacred sites," said Bear Allison, one of the co-organizers of the ride. "We want to honor those ancestors who remained, resisted, or returned from the Removal."

The Remember the Remained event is not yet a sanctioned EBCI tribal event; just one that some of the EBCI tribal members who were chosen for the 2020 Remember the Removal ride are doing on their own. They do hope that the Remember the Remained event can possibly turn into an annual event to bring more awareness to important Cherokee sites in the east.

"Bear (Allison) came up with the idea, and we have a lot of local historical sites that not a lot of us know about here," said Laura Blythe, ride co-organizer with Allison.

Blythe said there are five different routes in the Remember the Remained ride including: Robbinsville Route, Cullowhee Route,



Photo courtesy of Laura Blythe

Emra Arkansas, left, and Laura Blythe, both members of the EBCI's Remember the Removal riders team, carry the EBCI flag on a recent ride with the Remember the Remained team.

Murphy/Andrews/Hayesville Route, Kituwah Route, and the Franklin Route. Those routes will take the riders to various Cherokee sites such as the Kituwah Mound, Nikwasi Mound, Tallulah Mound, Water Beetle Place, Fort Montgomery, and others.

The routes vary from 45 to 60 miles each and will be completed in one day apiece and started with the Robbinsville Route on Saturday, June 13. Allison and Blythe thanked Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha who served the riders lunch during their Saturday event.

"I think this is a great idea that the Tribe can benefit from after it is done," she said.

Allison said, "Most of our ancestors remained here. So, this is something that we can do that carries more significance and remembrance to our ancestors."

He has lined up presenters to meet the riders on each route

to discuss various historical and cultural aspects of Cherokee culture. The presenters include: TJ Holland, EBCI cultural resources supervisor; Dr. Brett Riggs, Western Carolina University's (WCU) Sequoyah Distinguished Professor of Cherokee Studies; Tom Belt, WCU Cherokee Language Program coordinator and fluent Cherokee speaker; Kathi Littlejohn, noted EBCI storyteller; and Ben Steere, WCU associate professor and director of Cherokee Studies.

In speaking about the ride's significance, Allison noted, "The main reason for me signing up to the Removal ride was to learn if there were any ancestors I may have had that may have gone on the Removal. Since COVID and weather resulted in a lot of the genealogy classes being cancelled, we didn't get to finish that and find out if I had any. I wanted to honor those that did go even if I didn't have or don't have any one

that had gone, but my purpose for doing the ride kind of fizzles out. But, I also wanted to know why is the Eastern Band participating in this ride if the majority of us didn't have ancestors that were removed."

He said the Remember the Remained ride hits closer to home, "This helps to bring more purpose for me and is something I can do to honor those ones that did stay. I feel if our teammates can share in that then it can bring us closer together."

Blythe said the majority of the 2020 Remember the Removal EBCI team is participating in the Remember the Remained ride. "I feel like a lot of people are detached from who they are as Cherokee people...what were the sacrifices? Where did we come from? How much did we lose as a Tribe - before the removal, during the removal, and even after the removal we were still having to make sacrifices."

She went on to say, "This ride will help open up all of our eyes. As Cherokee people, and as Native Americans, it's always good to know where you come from and what is your background especially since we have such a long and rich history. And, there are a lot of people who don't even know that some of these sites exist."

Both Blythe and Allison are already looking to the future possibilities of the Remember the Remained event.

"This could be as expansive as going to Tennessee," said Blythe. "There's a lot of cultural sites over there. It's not just western North Carolina. There were towns in upper South Carolina, northern Georgia; so, we could make a 1,000-mile ride out of that."

“Communication is everything”: Communities finding the best way to support

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With the Black Lives Matter movement reaching global support, many organizers in small towns have begun to demonstrate their support on a local level.

There have been several demonstrations around the region over the past couple of weeks. Asheville has seen large protests and Bryson City had a march this week. Just down the road in Sylva there has also been gatherings, all of which have been entirely peaceful.

On June 2, a ‘solidarity march’ in Sylva brought together hundreds of people. They held speeches at the courthouse steps and marched downtown. The event was calm from beginning to end, with the organizers and many protestors consistently thanking the police officers that were helping to direct traffic and facilitate the demonstration.

“Communication is everything,” said Chris Hatton, Chief of Sylva Police.

“Meeting with and speaking with the organizers for events like this is the most crucial part of having a successful event. The sooner law enforcement leaders can get involved in that planning and that conversation, the sooner they can get to know those folks. And, those folks get to know the law enforcement leaders and that creates trust,” said Hatton.

Carrie McBane, who was one of the organizers of the march, said that she has been impressed with Sylva police during Hatton’s

time there. McBane works with the Jackson County chapter of Down Home North Carolina, a grassroots organization that ‘works to build multi-racial power for working families in North Carolina’s small towns and rural places.’ However, the demonstration was not organized directly by Down Home North Carolina.

“Hatton has been nothing but willing to work with us and to be transparent. And, I did not get that feeling from the last police department...I really feel like he came into this community wanting to see change, wanting to see effective change. That’s important to him, and I think that has come across ... I appreciate his willingness to stand up for the rights of everybody,” said McBane.

She also said that if she could give advice to anybody regarding marches or demonstrations such as the ones in Sylva, it would be to do their research. There are permits that need to be obtained, as well a need for a network of people. She said that communication between everyone involved is crucial.

This is true when it comes to the Qualla Boundary as well. When asked about any potential demonstrations, Alica Wildcatt, of the Cherokee Indian Police Department said that they would need to file for the proper permit or else the act would be unlawful. She cited Section 167-1 of the Cherokee Code.

Radonna Crowe, EBCI Public Health and Human Services public information officer, said she hopes that an event of this sort would take into account community



Sylva Herald photo

Marchers gather at a Black Lives Matter march in Sylva earlier in the month.

safety.

“If an individual plans to protest, due to the increase of COVID-19 cases in our community, we ask that they: wear a cloth face covering, use hand sanitizer, keep at least six feet apart from others stick to small groups that they have been quarantined with, stay hydrated and stay safe. When the event is over get tested/re-test for COVID-19,” said Crowe.

For more information regarding COVID-19 and testing, you can call the CIHA Hotline 497-3743.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed has been preparing for protests in the area. He recently discussed his views in a commentary with the Cherokee One Feather.

“Like all Americans, I was outraged when I saw the video of George Floyd pleading for his life, only to have his pleas fall upon deaf ears and his life snuffed out at the hands of an overzealous government official. As Native Americans, we understand prejudice, we understand struggle, and we understand the trauma inflicted upon a people when government offi-

cials, sworn to protect the rights of the people, become oppressive,” said Chief Sneed in a commentary on the subject.

“Those of us who have suffered the trauma of oppression will no longer tolerate the oppression of our friends, our neighbors, or our fellow citizens. We cannot allow this message of truth to be lost in noise, chaos, and violence. It is incumbent upon each of us to exercise our right to free speech to make this truth known. But to be successful- to actually get others to listen to us- we must remember that meaningful and respectful dialogue will be the mechanism for change,” Sneed continued.

When it came to the event in Sylva, Police Chief Hatton said he came into the event prepared for peace. He said they intentionally wore a more relaxed uniform and that he gave a talk to his team beforehand. He said that afterward all his officers were encouraged by the support at the event. That they lost count of the ‘thank yous’ they received, and that it was a great experience for everyone involved. Hatton continued by saying that he wishes to maintain the level of mutual respect moving forward.

“What I told [the organizers] was, ‘I’m giving you my word. My officers are not here to slow down anything you’re doing. In fact, they’re here to protect what you’re doing. Even though some people may see police presence as a form of control, what we’re actually here to do is to make sure you get to have your voice and you get to say what you want to say. And that nobody else stops you from doing that.’”

Man sentenced for Sylva thefts, assault on Cherokee officer

SYLVA - A man faces a lengthy prison sentence after pleading guilty Wednesday, June 10 in Jackson County to a string of break-ins and thefts in Sylva, as well as to assaulting and injuring an officer with the Cherokee Indian Police Department.

Sylva Police handled the investigation.

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said Edward Lee Smith, 36, pleaded guilty to nine felony charges in Superior Court. The District Attorney's Office stipulated Smith plead to at least one felony charge per each victim.

The charges are:

- Three counts larceny.
- Two counts breaking and entering of motor vehicle.
- Three counts breaking and entering.
- Assault on law enforcement officer/physical injury.

The officer suffered a cut on his finger and bruises on his arm



District Attorney's Office photo

Edward Lee Smith, left, faces a lengthy prison sentence after pleading guilty Wednesday, June 10 in Jackson County to a string of break-ins and thefts in Sylva, as well as to assaulting and injuring an officer with the Cherokee Indian Police Department. He is shown with David Brown, defense attorney, and Christina Matheson, Assistant District Attorney.

when Smith resisted arrest on Sept. 13, 2019, in Cherokee.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Bradley B. Letts

sentenced Smith to three consecutive prison sentences of 10 to 21 months, as well as a suspended sentence of 10 to 21 months. He

must pay court fees.

Smith received credit for 293 days of pre-trial confinement.

In addition to active prison time, Judge Letts ordered Smith pay hefty restitution fees, totaling \$12,100 to victims for damages.

Smith's lengthy crime spree started July 26, 2019, and ended Jan. 3, 2020.

He has a number of home addresses listed on public documents, within Jackson, Swain, and Haywood counties. Most recently, Smith appears to have lived in Bryson City.

Among his crimes, Smith stole a Chevrolet van containing tools from Print Shak, emblazoned with a Sasquatch logo and the store's name on its side. The engine in the van blew out in Polk County.

Assistant District Attorney Christina Matheson prosecuted the case.

- *District Attorney's Office (43rd Prosecutorial District) release*

Hiker fatality on Abrams Falls Trail in Great Smoky Mountains Nat. Park

Great Smoky Mountains National Park rangers responded to a report of a woman in cardiac distress along the Abrams Falls Trail on Monday, June 15 at 1:09 p.m. Diana Graves, 67, of Chesterfield, Va., was hiking with her family when she experienced a cardiac event approximately 0.5 mile from the trailhead.

Bystanders immediately performed CPR until Park Rangers arrived on scene. Park Rangers continued life-saving efforts, including the use of an AED, but the efforts were not successful and the patient was pronounced deceased

at 1:43 p.m.

In addition to Park Rangers, emergency responders with American Medical Response (AMR) responded to the scene and transported the deceased to Blount Memorial Hospital. No additional details are available at this time.

- *National Park Service release*

Robbinsville man sentenced to 12 years in prison for sexual abuse of a minor

ASHEVILLE - Joseph Dwayne Jumper, 39, of Robbinsville, was sentenced on Thursday, June 18 to 144 months in prison for the sexual abuse of a minor in Indian Country, announced Andrew Murray, U.S. Attorney

for the Western District of North Carolina. In addition to the prison term imposed, U.S. District Judge Martin Reidinger also ordered Jumper to serve a lifetime of supervised release, and to register as a sex offender after he is released from prison.

Chief Doug Pheasant, of the Cherokee Indian Police Department, joined U.S. Attorney Murray in making Thursday's announcement.

According to court documents and Thursday's sentencing hearing, between July and August 2018, Jumper sexually abused a minor female entrusted in his care. As Jumper previously admitted in court, the defendant sexually

abused the victim on multiple occasions. The sexual abuse took place in Graham County, within the boundaries of the Indian reservation.

On Jan. 3, 2020, Jumper pleaded guilty to two counts of abusive sexual contact of a child under 12.

In making Thursday's announcement, U.S. Attorney Murray thanked the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their investigation of this case. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Pritchard, of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville, prosecuted the case.

- *U.S. Department of Justice release*



Tribal member to model in New York Fashion Week

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Along with London, Milan, and Paris, Fashion Week in New York City sets the tone for the fashion world. New York Fashion Week will tentatively be held in September, and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will be one of the models participating.

Tsini McCoy, a freshman at Swain County High School from the Birdtown Community, will model in a show hosted by Marc Defang, one of the nation's leading prom, bridal, and pageant footwear and accessory designers.

She said she is very excited about the opportunity, "It means I can actually accomplish something that I've always dreamed of doing. I am excited to experience something like this. For me, it's a dream come true."

McCoy has been involved in the Miss North Carolina pageant system for years, on a local and state level, as a Carolina Princess which has involved a lot of charity work, photo shoots, and pageantry. "It's one of the reasons I have been exposed to the amazing opportunities I have experienced."

Runway modeling will be a new experience for her, but McCoy has done some modeling locally for Madison's on Main. "This will be my first time doing something on this level, so we will see where this leads."

McCoy admires Defang and his work immensely. "Marc does such a wide variety of fashion designing, but what I love the most are his shoes! I absolutely love shoes - heels, sneakers, sandals, boots, platforms - I love shoes! Marc's



Photos by Donald Latham Photography

Tsini McCoy, a freshman at Swain County High School from the Birdtown Community, will model in a show hosted by Marc Defang during New York Fashion Week in September.

shoes are incredible, and many are customized with different crystal/rhinestone color combinations. They sparkle and are just incredibly gorgeous. So, of course, anything like that I would be more than happy to model."

Even though it is a new endeavor, she is enjoying modeling. "The opportunity to tell a story in the photos is definitely a fun challenge. The photographer, or the designer, tells you what he or she envisions, and it's my job to translate that into the photo. For me, that's fun!"

Defang said McCoy will most likely walk in his show set for Sept. 12 at 2:30 p.m. "She'll only have that one moment to present herself on the stage. Yes, it's a very precious moment. We have photographers and videographers ready so after the show is over, we will have photos and short video clips for Tsini."

He added, "I have worked with many models in my life. This would be the first time I am working with a Native American! I am very proud and excited about that. Initially, I had no idea she is Na-

tive American, but the feature of her look caught my eye. She just looks very unique and has very distinctive features which led me to contact her mom Rosie to invite Tsini to the show. And, of course, diversity is always great."

Rosie McCoy, Tsini's mother, said she is very happy to see her daughter get an opportunity of this magnitude. "Anytime Tsini can experience a different positive journey or adventure, Dan (Tsini's father) and I fully support that. It's important that Tsini is exposed to challenges that help her grow into a successful adult, and we feel this will be one of those experiences."

Tsini McCoy said the opportunity means so much to her. "I fully intend to take advantage of this and share as much information on my home and culture as I can during my trip. I know I will be extremely busy, but the support I've already received from my community has been a blessing."



Bark, Bradley honored as CHS's top students

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Cherokee High School (CHS) has named its top two students for the 2019-20 academic year. Raylen Bark and Tierney Bradley, both members of the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity basketball team and members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, have been selected as valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

"It was a little shocking to be named valedictorian," said Bark. "My family and I were ecstatic when we heard the news. It's an amazing honor. We've dedicated countless hours to schoolwork. It's a great feeling to know that it's all paid off."

She will attend Dartmouth College this fall to study cultural anthropology with a minor in Native American Studies. In addition to playing varsity basketball for four years, she also participated in the following: volleyball, track and field, cross country, soccer, member and officer in the National Honor Society, part of the TAG (Talented and Gifted) program,



Raylen Bark, CHS Class of 2020 valedictorian

and was selected as a scholar for the Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America in 2019.

Bark has this to say to her fellow students, "It's terrible that our high school careers had to end up like this. All we can do is keep our heads up and look forward. We've accomplished many things together, and everyone has a bright future ahead of them. It was a pleasure to spend four years with this group of people. I can't wait to see all of the things we're going to do in the future."

On being selected as salutatorian, Bradley commented, "I am thankful that I am able to be salu-



Tierney Bradley, CHS Class of 2020 salutatorian

torian, and I'm so grateful that all of my hard work paid off."

She will attend Carson-Newman University this fall to be a part of the Bonner Scholars Program and will major in human services. While at CHS, she was a member of Student Council all four years; served as class president in her sophomore, junior, and senior years; participated in the Cherokee Performing Arts program; participated in the Project Discovery Program; and played junior varsity basketball her freshman year and varsity basketball her senior year.

To her fellow students, she

said, "I would like to congratulate my classmates and let them know that I am so proud of them. I hope that they continue to grow and learn. I know that they can do anything they put their minds to. Remember that you are strong and you may make mistakes, but learn from them and keep going. Never be afraid of tomorrow."

Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, said of the two students, "Raylen Bark and Tierney Bradley are stellar students and more than deserving of the titles of valedictorian and salutatorian. Both have represented Cherokee High School and our Braves Nation extremely well in a variety of venues and will continue to do so in their post-secondary endeavors."

She added, "Raylen's drive and determination will serve her well at Dartmouth this fall, and as Tierney heads to Carson-Newman, she will reap the benefits from her strong work ethic and tenacity."

(Photos courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools)

Bradley named a Bonner Scholar for Carson-Newman

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Tierney Bradley, a senior at Cherokee High School (CHS), has been named a Bonner Scholar for the 2020-21 academic year at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tenn.

"I am so excited to be attending Carson-Newman, and I am ready

to be a part of the Bonner Scholars program," Bradley, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, said in a statement from the program.

Information from Carson-Newman states, "Students admitted to the Bonner Scholars Program, at Carson-Newman, receive a package of scholarship support in return for participating in an intensive program of community service, professional skill development, and working for positive change in the world."

It continues, "The Bonner Program offers a great opportunity for leadership training and experience. Our motto is 'Become the Change' meaning we seek to embody the changes we want to see in the world, which we express in our 'common commitments'"

Those "common commitments" include: social justice, civic engagement, community building, spiritual exploration, international perspective, and diversity.

Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, noted, "I am extremely proud of

Tierney Bradley's accomplishment, including her most recent Bonner Scholarship award to attend Carson-Newman University. Tierney has made her mark here as a Lady Brave, as an exceptional student, a remarkable leader, and an amazing person. While her room-brightening smile will be missed, I wish her all the very best in her future."

In May 2019, Bradley was named a "Top Academic Student" in the 11th grade at CHS, and she received a CHS Academic Award at the annual banquet.

Carving into the past, present, and future

“Many Faces” mask exhibit opens at Museum of the Cherokee Indian

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A new exhibit at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, called “Many Faces”, features the ancient art of Cherokee mask making in a modern realm and will inform visitors of this art form still practiced by some artists of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

Incorporated in the exhibit is a work station space where mask makers will be able to demonstrate their art for the public and speak with the visitors.

“There are over 150 masks in the exhibit; a few from the Museum’s collection, but most of them were submitted by community members,” said Dakota Brown, Museum of the Cherokee Indian education director, who co-curated the exhibit with Tyra Maney.

“Those community members that submitted their own work, or pieces of their collections, made this exhibit possible,” said Brown. “We have almost 50 different artists represented. Some of the makers have passed on, and their masks are probably around 100 years old.”

Statements from some of the living artists are emblazoned on the walls of the exhibit.

“I aspire to be the carvers of old,” said Michael H. Crowe. “Where they don’t need to sand it. To have all of those individual chisel marks or cuts with your knife.”

Cameron Nelson, a recent graduate of Cherokee High School



A head covering Bird Prayer Mask by the late John Julius Wilnoty, an EBCI mask maker, is shown in a new exhibit at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian called “Many Faces”.

and the youngest of all of the mask makers in the exhibit, was quoted, “It’s about our culture and keeping it alive, why its important, and it’s something that’s been carried on from generation to generation and it’s dying out. I’d like to continue carrying it on.”

Maney, Museum cultural specialist, noted, “Masks are a very intriguing and unique aspect of our culture. They have been used for hundreds of years, and the tradition was almost lost in the mid-1900s. I’m glad the tradition has continued and that visitors will be able to see the evolution of

our mask culture.”

Dawn Arneach, Museum interim executive director, said, “Everything just fell into place for us and this mask exhibit. Within the last six months, masks have been donated, loaned, and repatriated back to the Museum. It just made sense that our new exhibit would feature Cherokee masks.”

An exhibit committee was formed including: Arneach; Samantha Ferguson, Museum Board chairperson; Lambert Wilson, Museum Board member; Robin Swayney, Museum genealogist; and Brown.



Long Hair Clan mask

by Paul Hornbuckle

“I truly believe people will come out of the mask exhibit with a new understanding of Cherokee masks, the mask makers, and the generations that continue this art form.”

Brown commented, “Traditionally, each mask was created for a specific ceremony. They are art, yes, but they were meant to be used and each mask is a ceremonial object. I would love to see Cherokee people using them again, dancing with them again, and not for tourists, but used the way they were intended.”

The exhibit is partially funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

The Museum is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 497-3481 or www.cherokeemuseum.org

Weaving history into art

Late Cherokee artist
to be featured at
Gilcrease Museum

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The innovative artistry and work of the late Shan Goshorn will be featured in an upcoming exhibit at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Okla. Goshorn, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians known for her unique and thought-provoking basketry designs, will be featured in an exhibit entitled “Weaving history into art: The enduring legacy of Shan Goshorn”.

Information from the Gilcrease states, “Through Goshorn’s hand-woven basketry, ‘Weaving history into art’ will encourage engaging, empathetic interactions with difficult subjects, including the loss of Native homelands, cultural genocide, violence directed at Native women, and inappropriate cultural appropriation in a non-threatening experience that promotes informed dialogue among Native and non-Native audiences alike.”

The exhibit will run Oct. 9, 2020 to March 28, 2021 and will also include works from several artists inspired by Goshorn’s work including: Carol Emarthle-Douglas (Northern Arapaho/Seminole), Anita Fields (Osage/Muskogee Creek), Lisa Rutherford (Cherokee Nation), and Holly Wilson (Delaware/Cherokee Nation).

Although a gifted artist in various mediums, she was most renowned for her basketry where she developed a style of using printed archival paper as splints to



Photo courtesy of Shan Goshorn

The innovative artistry and work of the late Shan Goshorn will be featured in an upcoming exhibit at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Okla. The baskets shown in the photo were created by Goshorn in 2013 and are entitled “They Were Called Kings”.



Photo courtesy of Gilcrease Museum

The ‘Weaving history into art’ exhibit will debut a work by Goshorn, her last before her death in 2018, entitled “Squaw” – a commentary piece based on the ancient Venus de Milo work by Alexandros of Antioch.

weave photos and images into her works. In a 2014 interview, she

told the One Feather, “It continues to be my goal to represent Native people - and especially the Eastern Band - in a good way; to educate international audiences about the issues that are unique to Native people. My current basketry work best illustrates the importance of informing people about the continued impact historic decisions have on Indian people today.”

According to the Gilcrease, the ‘Weaving history into art’ exhibit will debut a work by Goshorn, her last before her death in 2018, entitled “Squaw” - a commentary piece based on the ancient Venus de Milo work by Alexandros of Antioch. Of the work, Gilcrease officials noted, “Juxtaposing this model with the title ‘Squaw’ creates a tension and contrast to the Western ideal of beauty against a pejorative used to reduce Native women to disposable sexual com-

modities. ‘Squaw’ will serve as a catalyst for much-needed conversations on why Indigenous women suffer disproportionately higher rates of violence than non-Native women and the judicial system’s reluctance to prosecute these crimes.”

A self-taught basket weaver, Goshorn won awards at many art competitions and shows including winning the AT&T Grand Prize at the 25th Annual Red Earth Festival, receiving an Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Artist Fellowship in 2013, receiving a Native Arts & Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowship in 2014, and being named a United States Artists Fellow in 2015.

The Gilcrease Museum is located at 1400 North Gilcrease Museum Road in Tulsa, Okla. and can be reached at (918) 596-2700 or www.gilcrease.org.

For Cherokee family in Alaska, isolation is nothing new

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McGrath, Alaska, population 342, is home to the Welch family, three of whom are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and are completely accustomed to the social distancing and isolation that people in the mainland are experiencing now due to COVID-19. McGrath, located in the wilderness area of the state, is 220 miles from Anchorage as the crow flies - which is the only way to get there.

The Welchs include Kevin, an EBCI tribal member originally from the Big Cove Community who now serves on the McGrath City Council as well as School Board; Sarah, who serves as the administrator for the City of McGrath; and their two children Winston and Eva who are both EBCI tribal members.

"We're kind of self-isolated by the fact that we are out in the middle of nowhere," said Kevin. "There's no roads here. There's roads around town, but none to here. You can fly in. A couple of weeks ago, the Iditarod (sled dog race) came through and we were mile 314 on the Iditarod trail. So, we are way out here. Coming by dog sled, it is 314 miles."

McGrath, located on the Kuskokwim River, is also home to the McGrath



Photos courtesy of Welch family

Winston, an EBCI tribal member, and the family dog, Woogie, overlook a snowscape in McGrath, Alaska.

Native Village Council, a federally recognized Alaska Native Village.

"The good part about it is out here everybody, because it is a rural area and a subsistence-style life, has basically a four- to six-month supply of stuff," Kevin noted. "We're not preppers by choice. We're preppers by necessity. We keep freezers full of moose and fish and berries that we gather because they're available. Then, the other things like bread and flour and the most essential thing, coffee, we order in."

Sarah said, "The one interesting thing about

Alaska that I don't know that other states are doing is we're not really calling it a 'hunker-down' or any of that. The Governor here and our public health officials really are encouraging people to get outside. Family is good within the six-foot distance; non-family or non-immediate family, keep a six-foot distance. But, get outside and walk, hike, take your dogs for a walk, go dog-mushing, go skiing, go practice your subsistence."

Kevin said that living in McGrath is very similar to living on the Qualla Boundary. "It's a real so-

cial community." He said it reminds him of growing up in Cherokee. "When I was a kid, we did things together; we gathered."

He said school has been altered for their children due to COVID-19 precautions. "Winston has one more final, and then he'll be graduating high school. Unfortunately, with the virus thing, they went on spring vacation the first of the month and they've never been back to school. So, they closed the school. Pretty much, for the rest of the year, the kids are homeschooling. They give the kids a tablet every Monday that has all of their homework on it. A lot of kids live in dry cabins which don't have water, electricity, or internet. So, their homework is loaded on the tablet which doesn't need internet to work. They do their homework through the week, and the school provides them a lunch and a breakfast."

Being so isolated, the Welchs practice subsistence living by hunting, gathering, and preserving food that they grow, but they do rely on internet sites for other necessities.

"Amazon is really a lifeline of supplies for us," said Sarah who said they are following CDC recommendations for dealing with shipped packages. "So, Kevin and Winston get the packages at the edge of the driveway, bring the packages into our little covered



Eva, an EBCI tribal member, enjoys a sunny day in McGrath.

porch, and then they go wash their hands. Then, I put on disposable gloves, get sanitizing wipes, and then I open the packages outside and dispose of the cardboard boxes. I wipe down the contents of the box with a sanitary wipe, and then I bring all that inside. When that is done, I take my gloves off in a sanitary manner and then wash my hands."

Sarah noted, "The theme of our life and our work is self-sufficiency; being self-sufficient as much as possible. But the truth is, we are all connected with everybody in the world. We need supplies, we need medicine, we need technology. So, while we try to live as self-sufficiently as possible, we have to be connected and we need those things from the outside to have this great quality of life that we do."

Kevin said they keep in contact with family in Cherokee weekly and added, "I worry more about them than they need to worry about us. We are probably the exception. Just stay safe and don't expose anyone else."

Little-Wolfe invited to Cosmo's Top Model Competition

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Aubrey Little-Wolfe is just getting started in the modeling business, but she's already making a splash. She has been invited to the 2020 Cosmopolitan Top Model Competition in New York City this December, and she currently models for five online clothes and jewelry brands.

"I have wanted to be a runway model for so long, and I always have had a love for fashion," said Little-Wolfe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. "When I am getting my pictures taken, I feel my most confident self. It has always made me relaxed and feel like I could do anything."

The Cosmopolitan Top Model Competition is set for Dec. 4-6, and she will get two designs to keep as well as two photoshoots with two of the top designers in the competition which include some of the following: Wanda Beauchamp, Marc Defang, Elena Pulido, Adrianna Ostrowska, KK Swimwear, and others.

"I like commercial modeling because there



Aubrey Little-Wolfe

Photos contributed

are no restrictions based on age, height, and size making it inclusive to all," said Little-Wolfe.

She encourages everyone to follow their dreams. "When I had my son at a young age, I always heard that it meant my life was

over. But, it doesn't have to be. I know he will be proud of me for not giving up and proving anything is possible. My advice would be when you have something that makes you empowered and you've worked for it for so long,



you can't lose sight of it. Do it for yourself, and never let negativity hold you back."

Little-Wolfe has started an Instagram page (@shesin2020) featuring her modeling. Right now, she is a product spokeswoman for several online shops including Stylicase.com, Zerefia.com, Baltimore-Gems.com, Ewelyni.com, and SerengelBoutique.com. "I never could have imagined it would take off the way it did. Now, I have

offers to be featured on pages and websites. I am grateful for these opportunities. I would also like to thank my family for all of their support."

Little-Wolfe is excited to make her way to New York City this fall for the Cosmopolitan event. "I barely made it because it goes up until 23-years-old, and I just hit 22 in January. I'm excited and nervous but ready to make my Tribe and family proud."



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Bradley selected for membership to N.C. Institute of Medicine

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The North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM) helps guide health policies statewide, and now a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will sit as a member of the organization. Vickie Bradley, Secretary of the EBCI Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Division and an EBCI tribal member, has been selected for membership.

"I am honored and excited to be selected as a member of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine," said Bradley. "The NCIOM is a non-political source of analysis and advice on important health issues facing the state. The organization convenes stakeholders

from across the state to study complex issues and develop solutions to improve health care in North Carolina. I've had the opportunity to serve on various task forces with NCIOM, and I am so happy that I can now represent the EBCI as an official member."

Bradley has been appointed to a five-year membership, and NCIOM members can serve up to three memberships. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Western Carolina University and a master's degree in public health from Lenoir-Rhyne University. Bradley has worked in health care for 30 years with the last 11 of those as secretary of EBCI PHHS.

The NCIOM states its mission as follows:

- To seek constructive solutions to

statewide problems that impede the improvement of health and efficient and effective delivery of health care for all North Carolina citizens.

- To serve an advisory function at the request of the Governor, the General Assembly, and/or agencies of state government and to assist in the formation of public policy on complex and interrelated issues concerning health and health care for the people of North Carolina.

Dr. Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH, NCIOM president and chief executive officer, said in a statement, "We are pleased to welcome these new members to the NCIOM. We look forward to working with them to continue the mission of the Institute."



Photo courtesy of EBCI PHHS

Vickie Bradley, EBCI Secretary of Public Health and Human Services (PHHS), has been selected for membership in the N.C. Institute of Medicine.

"EBCI Strong" shirts making a statement and helping local food pantries

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

One Cherokee business is making t-shirts that are making a positive statement and helping local food pantries during the quarantine time of COVID-19. A&A Designs, located in the Yellowhill Community, has begun making t-shirts with the slogan "EBCI Strong".

The shirts were the brainchild of Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley with the idea of promoting tribal solidarity among members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) as well as helping local food pantries.



Photo contributed

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, second from left, and his family model EBCI Strong t-shirts produced by A&A Designs. They are shown, left to right, including - Timiyah Brown, Vice Chief Ensley, Libby Ensley, and Kellen Ensley.

"During the social distancing and stay-at-home orders, it is a good time to focus on family and

reconnect since everybody is normally so busy," said Vice Chief Ensley. "We wanted the slogan on the

shirt to remind everyone that, as a people, we have been through many trials and hardships, and we have always stood strong and continue to stand strong during these uncertain times."

Alicia Maney, owner of A&A Designs, commented, "We wanted to not only make a stand all together but to help make a difference."

The t-shirts are for sale for \$14/each with \$5 of each purchase going to the food pantry locations in Cherokee and the Snowbird Community.

"Times are uncertain for many," said Maney. "Food is something that is

a need now, not later. We trust that this is the best way to help that need now. The EBCI Food Pantry is run by Barbara Jones and Snowbird is run by Zena Rattler, both amazing women that will put every penny to good use."

While the storefront for A&A Designs is not open currently due to the COVID-19 business closure orders, shirts can be purchased through their Facebook page or by calling (828) 226-7046.

"We are all in this together," said Maney. "We will stand proud."

Museum cancels Cherokee Voices Festival; will feature artists through August

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The Museum of the Cherokee Indian has cancelled its annual Cherokee Voices Festival due to concerns over the coronavirus (COVID-19). It plans to feature artists of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at the Museum through August.

"With a lot of thought and consideration, and to not have an over-crowded event, the Museum will not be hosting the 23rd Annual Cherokee Voices Festival in 2020," said Dawn Arneach, Museum interim executive director. "We will offer the chance for visitors to meet and see the Cherokee artists that would have been set up during the Festival."

Artists will be set up at the Museum on Mondays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Monday, June 29 and



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Karen George, a noted weaver of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, demonstrates her crafts at last year's Cherokee Voices Festival at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian on June 8, 2019.

running through mid-August.

"If the weather is nice, the demonstrators will be set up

outside under the Cherokee Hut in front of the Museum," said Arneach. "If the weather is bad, they

will be set up in the main lobby of the Museum. Artists will have items they have made for sale as well."

Following is the schedule of demonstrators through the end of July:

- * Monday, June 29 - Cleto and Becky Montelongo, gourd crafts
- * Saturday, July 4 - Jenn Wilson, beadwork; Matt Tooni, flute
- * Monday, July 6 - Nathan Bush, copperwork
- * Saturday, July 11 - Armando Baulto and Spencer Bolejack, trader encampment; Atsila Anotasgi Warrior encampment
- * Monday, July 13 - Butch Goings, woodcarving; Louise Goings, basketry
- * Monday, July 20 - Tara McCoy, pottery
- * Saturday, July 25 - Waylon Long, Cherokee Indian ballsticks; Michelle Long, beadwork

Mountain Heritage Day will not take place this year

CULLOWHEE - Mountain Heritage Day, the annual community and campus celebration of Southern Appalachian culture presented by Western Carolina University since 1974, will not happen this year.

Organizers said the decision to not hold the 2020 festival was a reluctant one, made with a forecast by public health experts that a second wave of coronavirus cases will likely occur this fall. Always held on the last Saturday in September, Mountain Heritage Day regularly draws crowds of 15,000 or more.

"We have to put the community's well-being first. And we felt it was best to make an an-

nouncement as soon as possible, out of consideration to the many musicians, vendors, artisans and craftsmen, as well as our guests, who make Mountain Heritage Day a success, year after year," said Stacy MacGregor, event chair and the university's director of marketing and brand.

The festival is known for bluegrass, old-time and traditional music performances throughout the day, a morning 5K race organized and hosted by students in WCU's sport management program, chainsaw and timber sports competitions, an antique and classic car and truck show, Cherokee stickball games and plenty of festival food, along with tractor rides, storytelling and sing-alongs.

The festival started as Found-

ers' Day on Oct. 26, 1974, at the inauguration ceremony of WCU Chancellor H.F. "Cotton" Robinson, and became known as Mountain Heritage Day the following year. The festival is renowned for family activities and has been named as one of the top 20 festivals in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society.

"Mountain Heritage Day will be back," MacGregor said. "We'll bring people together again in a safe, fun environment where the only worry is what to see or do next. Perhaps the best way to look at it is we now have a head start on the best festival yet in 2021."

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Tribal member graduates from Marine Corps Boot Camp



U.S. Marine Corps photo

PFC William J.E. Paul, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, graduated from Marine Corps Boot Camp at Parris Island on May 8.

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. — PFC William J.E. Paul, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, graduated from Marine Corps Boot Camp at Parris Island on May 8. During his Recruit Training, he took on the collateral duty as a squad leader and then soon after, was promoted to platoon guide which earned him a Meritorious Promotion to Private First Class.

Due to precautions surrounding COVID-19, PFC Paul and other new Marines did not celebrate by spending time with family. Instead, they were transported directly to Camp Geiger in Jacksonville, N.C. where they will attend the School of Infantry and Marine Combat Training.

PFC Paul raised his right hand and repeated the Oath of Enlistment to join the United States Marine Corps on Feb. 10 reciting:

“I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitu-

tion of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.”

PFC Paul is the son of William and Florence Paul.

His family said in a statement, “A big thank you goes out to those who supported Will in his preparation for this journey: friends, family, parents, coaches, and teachers from the communities of Cherokee and Swain County. A special thank you goes to the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, the Ladies Auxiliary, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8013. Veterans of these organizations have always been positive role models for William.”

— *Special to the One Feather*

Two Cherokee juniors selected to Governor’s School

Cherokee High School juniors Shalyn Barker and Maya Cruz were selected to attend the prestigious North Carolina Governor’s School during summer 2020. Governor’s School is a five and one-half week summer residential program for intellectually gifted high school students. It is the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically or intellectually gifted high school students in the nation.

Unfortunately for the selected students, precautions surrounding the threat of Coronavirus caused the cancellation of NC Governor’s School 2020.

The summer curriculum for these students would have focused

on students freely exploring and discussing recent ideas and concepts in each discipline and would not have involved course credit, tests or grades.

In addition to being identified as academically or intellectually gifted, Governor’s School candidates must have scored in the 92nd percentile or higher on approved achievement tests or state end-of-course (EOC) exams in core content areas, such as Math, English II or Biology.

The Governor’s School summer program is open annually to rising seniors and integrates academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses on one of two campuses. Barker and Cruz would each have attended the program on the Governor’s School West campus at High Point University.

“Not all school districts have students selected to attend Governor’s School and having two juniors selected to attend from a small school is a great honor,” said CCS Talented and Gifted (TaG) Specialist Dr. Beverly VanHook-Schrey. “Shay and Maya are both very deserving young women who, I’m sure, would have enjoyed their time at Governor’s School.” Both students became eligible for Governor’s School application based upon their NC EOC (end-of-course) Math I scores.

“We are honored to have had both of our students selected. This accomplishment is both a testament to the level of dedication of these young women, as well as the level of instruction provided by our teachers here at Cherokee High School,” said Dr. Elizabeth S. Younce, director of Exceptional Student Services.

Eligible students who complete applications to Governor’s School must submit their applica-

tions to the local school district. Each district is allotted a specific number of nominations based upon student enrollment. The student applicants undergo a competitive process to be nominated by their school districts and again after being nominated. Forty-two percent of this year’s applicants were selected to attend Governor’s School.

Barker and Cruz submitted their Governor’s School applications to the state in November 2019, and received their Selection notifications in March 2020. They were scheduled to attend Governor’s School West in June and July.

Regardless of whether they are able to attend Governor’s School, “It is an honor for both of these students to be selected and an accomplishment of which they and their parents should be very proud,” said TaG Specialist Dr. VanHook. “I hope that Shay and Maya will be able to take advantage of later opportunities offered to selected Governor’s School students during the upcoming school year.

“Having two students selected to represent a small school like Cherokee is rare. It is an honor simply to meet Governor’s School eligibility requirements and to be nominated by their home school. I have advised both Shay and Maya to be sure to include their Governor’s School selection on all their future college applications and on their personal resumes as one of their many achievements.

“The CCS Talented and Gifted program is pleased with these two students’ selection for the prestigious Governor’s School and happy to have them as our school representatives.”

— *N.C. Governor’s School release*

Tribal member joins staff at Jackson Medical Associates



Marisa "Sis" Cabe, FNP-BC, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has joined the staff of Jackson Medical Associates, PLLC. She graduated from Western Carolina University (WCU) with a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1989, and she received her master's degree from WCU and became a family nurse practitioner in 2007. Cabe has experience in the management of chronic disease and women's health issues. She retired from the Cherokee Women's Wellness Center after 21 years with the Tribe. Cabe resides in Cherokee with her husband, Tony, and is a mother and grandmother. To schedule appointments for your healthcare needs, call 339-2273. Jackson Medical Associates is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and walk-ins and urgent care appointments are always welcome. (Photo courtesy of Jackson Medical Associates)

Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program announces 2020-2021 Fellows

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is a year-long fellowship for EBCI undergraduate students. It was established in 2007 to honor the memories and

leadership skills of Principal Chief Leon Jones and Tribal Council Representative James Bowman, both founding members of the Board of Directors of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

Every year, the program is granted funding for its Fellows by way of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Funding is used by the Fellows for expanding their professional skills, attending leadership/professional conferences and events, and expanding their knowledge of Cherokee culture with the seven Cherokee core values. Fellows are also paired with a mentor from within our community to assist them with skills, cultural learning, and networking goals.

The Fellows are of various ages and walks of life. Each one of them has shown an interest in community service, academics, and cultural experiences. The selected

Fellows for 2020-2021 are:

- Nolan Arkansas (Wolftown), sophomore, American Studies, Yale University
 - Raylen Bark (Wolftown), First-Year, Cultural Anthropology, Dartmouth College
 - Jessica Lambert (Birdtown), First-Year, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University
 - Hope Long (Toe String), First-Year, Pre-Med, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
 - Nola Pina Teesatuskie (Big Cove), First-Year, Cultural Anthropology, Washington State University
 - Sarah Thompson (Big Cove), First-Year Transfer, Anthropology + Minor in Cherokee Studies, Western Carolina University
 - Kevonna Tushka (Painttown), First-Year, Physical Therapy Assistant, South College, Asheville
- Returning Fellows include:

- Kristen Washington (Birdtown), junior, Healthcare Communications, Western Carolina University

- Joshua Levi West (Wolftown), junior, Social Work, Arizona State University

Program officials noted, "The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program and the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute are excited to welcome them to our program."

The Fellows will enjoy a Summer Retreat scheduled for July and a mid-Year Retreat in December. If you or someone you know would like additional information on the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program, contact Christopher Reed 359-5544 or chris@rkli.org.

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is a program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute; a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

- Submitted by Christopher Reed,
Jones-Bowman Leadership
Specialist

Deadline for Yogi Crowe Scholarships approaching

The Board of Directors of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund reminds graduate and post-graduate students that July 1 is the deadline for requesting financial assistance from the Fund for fall semester. Applications and eligibility guidelines are available from any of the board members, from Tribal Education or from the Website www.yogicrowescholarship.org. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date and mailed on or before the deadline. Applications not postmarked or received electronically by the deadline will not be considered.

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has been ad-

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

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

- Yogi Crowe Memorial
Scholarship Fund release

Whittier UMC puts outreach dinners on hold

Whittier United Methodist Church will not have any monthly community outreach dinners for the foreseeable future. If you would like to make a contribution to help others, please send it to Whittier United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 668, Whittier, NC 28789 or call Pastor Jo Schonewolf 226-5981

- Whittier United
Methodist Church

One Feather deadline Friday at 12 p.m.



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The Smoky Mountain Youth Football League decided on the evening of Tuesday, June 16 not to play the 2020 season. A document signed by league officials states, "Due to the uncertainties at this time, the Smoky Mountain Youth Football League has voted to postpone the season until 2021." In the photo, Jordan Panther (#22), a member of the Cherokee Braves termites team, fights off a Murphy tackler during the 2019 Cracker Bowl at Franklin.

2020 EBCI Cooperative Extension Garden Contest

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

The tentative judging dates are as follows: Wolfetown, Big Y, Birdtown, 3200 Acre Tract - July 7; Big Cove, Tow String, Yellowhill, Painttown - July 8; and Cherokee County, Snowbird - July 9. A team from the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office will bring judges to visit the garden and score in the fol-

lowing areas: general appearance, planning for season-long food production, evidence of exceptional gardening practices such as soil preparation, plant selection and variety, pest control and season-extending techniques, creatives (design, unique plants, etc.), including of any livestock, onsite composting, and using a variety of pollinating plants.

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

- EBCI Cooperative Extension Office

Updates to Cherokee's fishing tournaments

EBCI Natural Resources offi-

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

"However, due to the continued COVID-19 threat, a few changes are necessary," said Natural Resources officials. "We have updated the procedures and the location of the tag turn-in/prize distributions for the continued safety of anglers and Natural Resources staff."

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

Participants will:

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

Cash prizes will be distributed at window.

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

- EBCI Natural Resources

Large events, gatherings curtailed for fall 2020 semester at WCU

CULLOWHEE – Several events typically on the fall semester calendar at Western Carolina University are canceled for 2020 as part of significant changes to campus activities necessitated by state and health care professional guidance in response to COVID-19.

"Because of the unprecedented challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic and the high priority of both sustaining the well-being of our campus community and implementing the academic mission of WCU, we plan to restrict or cancel most large-venue and mass-gathering programs and events for the fall semester," said

Sam Miller, vice chancellor for student affairs. "We will continue to monitor Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state guidance as the semester unfolds and will make additional changes as warranted by the circumstances."

New Student Convocation, which provides an introduction to academic life for WCU's newest students, and Valley Ballyhoo, the university's annual welcome back festival, will not be held this fall. New Student Convocation may be held via video live stream or some other virtual method later in the fall. New students will receive information online about recognized student organizations and other community resources, a process used in the past when Valley Ballyhoo was canceled because of weather.

The annual Freshman Run, which sees first-year students dash across Bob Waters Field in E.J. Whitmire Stadium prior to kickoff at the Catamounts' first home football game, also is canceled for this fall. Other events on tap for Family Weekend, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 18-20, are being reviewed by university officials.

Also under review is a week of events leading up to Homecoming weekend, set for Oct. 2-4. The annual Homecoming Parade, held in downtown Sylva on the Friday prior to the Homecoming football game, is canceled for this year.

The Department of Campus Activities is not making plans for any concerts in A.K Hinds University Center, the Ramsey Regional Activity Center or outdoors at the Central Plaza. Mountain Heritage Day, WCU's annual celebration of Southern Appalachian culture, also is canceled for September 2020.

For more information about

the opening of the fall semester, visit info.wcu.edu/fall2020.

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Fund

Dear Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund,

I am grateful for your funding going into the summer 2020 term during this difficult time. I understand everyone is struggling financially due to COVID-19 and its impact on the economy. Thank you for the gracious support regardless of the circumstances. I hope everyone stays safe and well.

This marks the beginning of my fourth and final year of podiatric medical school. I am finished with didactic coursework, so this year will consist entirely of clinical education. The goal this year is to practice working patients up, presenting to attendings, writing notes, and navigating operating rooms in preparation for residency. It's crazy to think that one year from now I will be an official doctor specializing in foot and ankle surgery.

Again, thank you for the continued support personally and financially throughout my training. I hope I will be able to work for the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority after residency.

Sincerely,

Carmen Johnson

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

I would like to thank the Yogi Crowe Scholarship committee for their continued support. I just finished my last semester of my Ph.D. program at the University of North Dakota and I will be completing my internship over the next year in NC. The Yogi Crowe Scholar-

ship board members have funded me for the summer semester and I could not be more grateful. With moving home and finding a new place to live, having the support of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship will alleviate some of the financial burden of this process.

Megan K. Smith, M.A

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

Shiyo!

My name is Teresa Santa Maria, and I am a recipient of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship the summer semester. I am a registered nurse and currently serve as registered nurse at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. I have been happily married for 20 years with two wonderful children. My daughter is a graduate of Portland State University with a BSN in political science and my son currently graduated from Cherokee High School. We also have a special dog named Enzo.

I am currently attending Western Carolina University in the Family Nurse Practitioner program. My future plans are to return to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as a mid-level provider so that I may serve my people and communities. Currently, there is less than 0.5 percent Native Americans in the field of family nurse practitioners and the numbers decrease as medical doctors even more. I feel that as Native Americans, we must care for each other to provide the best possible care in a more culturally competent, holistic way. So, I am going to give my best to do my part. I am incredibly grateful and appreciative of the assistance provided to myself through this scholarship.

Sgi!

Teresa Santa Maria, BSN, RN



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What racetrack on the NASCAR circuit is nicknamed the "Monster Mile"?

2. The Tour de France is one of three races that make up the Grand Tours of European road bicycling. Name the other two races.

3. Who scored the controversial winning touchdown reception for the Seattle Seahawks in the 2012 "Fail Mary" game vs. the Green Bay Packers?

4. What two sports disciplines do Winter Olympians compete in for the Nordic combined event?

5. What trophy, named in honor of a Soviet space-race hero, is awarded to the winning team of Russia's Kontinental Hockey League playoffs?

6. What actor starred as racecar driver Frank Capua in the 1969 film "Winning" before embarking on a second career as a racecar driver/owner?

7. Craig Heyward, who played full-back for five different NFL teams from 1988-98, was better known by what nickname?

Answers

1. Dover International Speedway.
2. The Giro d'Italia and the Vuelta a Espana.
3. Golden Tate.
4. Ski jumping and cross-country skiing.
5. The Gagarin Cup, named after cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin.
6. Paul Newman.
7. Ironhead.

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<p>Cherokee Middle School 8th Grade Promotion List</p> <p>Creedon Arch, Adrian Armachain, Maribel Armachain, Jamaya Balderas, Roxi Bark, Brody Barker, Liliana Bigmeat, Dillon Bigwitch, Emily Blankenship, Kayd-Lynn Bradley, Erika Brady, Jaylynn Brady, Victoria Cabrera-Davis, Chase Calhoun, Roseana Correa, Jayle Creson, Keegan Crow, Boie Crowe, Jenna Cruz, Ashton Cucumber, Preston Davis, Jimya Driver, Michael Driver, Taliyah Eaglestar, Breydan Ensley, Daulton Ensley, Leondes Garcia, Ofelia Garcia, Phillip Garcia-Calhoun, Janna Girty, Juddson Gloyne, Julia Gonzales, Mato Grant, Elias Griffin, Hunter Hendrix, Kalina Hicks, Danica Hill, Carys Holiday, DJ Hornbuckle, Layla Johnson, Brendan Lambert, Kaiden Lambert, Robert Lambert, Trevan Lambert, Abigail Ledford, Madison Ledford, J'ron Lineberry, Triniti Littlejohn, Aliah Locust, Alexzaya Lossie, Julianna Maney, Javian Martin, Ezequiel Martinez, Laura Martinez, Marianna Martinez, Carl McCoy, Jonathan McCoy, Kaesyn McCoy, Tristen McCoy, Ezra McGaha, DaLaina Mills, Niya-hi Mora, Evan Nations, Sara Beth O'Kelley, Taiya Parra-Rubio, Alitama Perkins, Dayvian Pheasant, Samuel Postoak, Seshadri Pratama, Treyton Queen, MaKenzie Rattler, Littlehawk Reed, Marty Roach, Jasmine Robertson, Jon Robison, Cassius Ross, Mason Salazar, Dyami Saunooke, George Saunooke, Kyleigh Sherman, Shelby Solis, Evonne Stamper, Beatriz Standingdeer-Mejia, Emily Swayney, James Swayney, Kyria Swayney, Olivia Swayney, Dante Taylor, Dreyvon Taylor, Davisia Teesateskie, Gabriel Terrell, Tahlaya Thompson, Ann Toineeta, Lupita Toineeta, Awee Walkingstick, Hermione Ward, Ashton Watty, Kevin Watty, Isaac Welch, Levi Winter, Ileyeni Wolfe, Bayley Wright, Ostani Youngdeer, Sateva Youngdeer</p>	<p>ny Mills, Shalyn Barker, Maya Cruz, Mattie Maney, Rosa Reyes</p> <p>Top Academic Students (12th Grade): Treannie Larch, Cameron Nelson, Sterling Santa Maria, Raylen Bark, Christopher Gammon</p> <p>CHS Best All-Around: Jarius Gloyne, Bessie Swayney, Nessa Smith</p> <p>Cherokee Boys Club Braves Achievement Awards (9th Grade): Rachel Maney, Aidien Wolfe</p> <p>Cherokee Boys Club Braves Achievement Awards (10th Grade): Jamice Mora, Gabriel Jarvis</p> <p>Cherokee Boys Club Braves Achievement Awards (11th Grade): Maya Cruz, Lorenzo Ramirez</p> <p>Cherokee Boys Club Braves Achievement Awards (12th Grade): Breanna Mangold, Cameron Nelson</p> <p>Film Production 1: Jeffrey Bradley</p> <p>Intro to Engineering Design: Ike Tsatoke</p> <p>Intro to Auto Service: Tanin Esquivel</p> <p>Auto Service 1: Daniel Thompson</p> <p>Auto Service 2: Tyler Ledford</p> <p>Health Science 1: Emilio Librado</p> <p>Health Science 2: Breanna Mangold</p> <p>Health Team Relations: Idalis Crowe</p> <p>Health Occupation Leadership Award: Shalyn Barker</p> <p>Agri-Science Applications: Fala Welch</p> <p>Environmental and Natural Resources: Hawk Ensley</p> <p>Horticulture: Tyler Ledford</p> <p>Animal Science 1: Anna Bigwitch</p> <p>Foods 1: Brianna Carter</p> <p>Foods 2: Avlin Welch</p> <p>Parenting: Brianna Carter</p> <p>Accounting: Braden Taylor</p> <p>Business Law: Praire Toineeta</p> <p>Sports and Entertainment Marketing: Zack Maney</p> <p>Entrepreneurship: Abigail Taylor</p> <p>A&T Production: Faith Cline</p> <p>Personal Finance: Idalis Crowe</p> <p>Intro to Woodshop: Cavan Reed</p> <p>Woodshop 1: Adam Panther</p> <p>Health and P.E. Girls: Anna Bigwitch</p> <p>Health and P.E. Boys: Kensen Davis</p> <p>Physical Fitness Girls: Alexis Smith</p> <p>Physical Fitness Boys: Jose Salinas</p> <p>Sports Performance: Deante Toineeta</p> <p>Olympic Weights Girls: Raylen Bark</p>	<p>Gardner's P.E. Award: Nessa Smith</p> <p>Visual Arts 1: Dreyton Long</p> <p>Visual Arts 2: Aia Johnson</p> <p>Graphic Design: Staci Spicer</p> <p>Yearbook: Howard Wallace</p> <p>Cherokee Arts & Crafts 1: Makayla McGaha</p> <p>Cherokee Arts & Crafts 2: Lauren Luther</p> <p>Cherokee Baskets: Dali Crowe</p> <p>Woodcarving 1: Tino Pete</p> <p>Woodcarving 2: Cameron Nelson</p> <p>Spanish 1: Aiyana Lambert</p> <p>Spanish 2: Christopher Gammon</p> <p>Cherokee 1: Raylen Bark</p> <p>Cherokee 2: Lauren Luther</p> <p>Cherokee Language Immersion: Ariyonna "AJ" Hill-Maney</p> <p>Earth and Environmental Science: Anna Bigwitch</p> <p>Biology: Idalis Crowe</p> <p>Physical Science: Emma Taylor</p> <p>Chemistry: Breanna Mangold</p> <p>Physics: Ayden Evans</p> <p>American History 1: Shay Barker</p> <p>American History 2: Shay Barker</p> <p>Civics: Raylen Bark</p> <p>World History: Makayla McGaha</p> <p>English 1: Destiny Siweumtewa</p> <p>English 2: Dali Crowe</p> <p>English 3: Mattie Maney</p> <p>English 4: Cameron Nelson</p> <p>Foundations of Reading: Adia Frady</p> <p>Academic Prep.: Anthony Lossiah</p> <p>Broadcast Journalism: Abbigail Space</p> <p>Native American Literature: Jae Lossiah</p> <p>Creative Writing: Deonta Bird</p> <p>WCU English 101: Macy Swayney</p> <p>Foundations of Math 1: Tyler Wolfe</p> <p>Math 1: Mahala Allison</p> <p>Math 2: Idalis Crowe</p> <p>Math 3: Kegan Curtice</p> <p>Discreet Math: Awee Sequoyah</p> <p>Advanced Functioning and Modeling: Brandon Wolfe</p> <p>Pre-Calculus: Maya Cruz</p> <p>Computer Lab (CHS World Changers): Vivian Ross, Caedance Smith, Eeyannah Catolster-Sexton, Destiny Mills, Christopher Gammon, Emma Taylor</p> <p>Appalachian State University Amanda Swimmer Spirit Award: Maya Cruz, Marcus Owle</p> <p>Attendance Awards (9th Grade): Ariyonna "AJ" Hill-Maney, Cristofer Rivera, Aidien Wolfe,</p>
<p>Cherokee High School 2019-20 Academic Awards</p> <p><i>Following are the academic awards given by Cherokee High School for the 2019-20 year:</i></p> <p>Top Academic Students (9th Grade): Ariyonna Hill-Maney, Alexis Smith, Dali Crowe, Lilah Reynolds, Emma Taylor</p> <p>Top Academic Students (10th Grade): Kegan Curtice, Abigail Taylor, Vivian Ross, Takota Sexton, Caedance Smith</p> <p>Top Academic Students (11th Grade): Desti-</p>		

Alessandra Martinez, Oztin Swayney, Cavan Reed, Adam Willett
Attendance Awards (10th Grade): Rayna Ricks

Cherokee High School 2019-20 Athletic Awards

Following are the athletic awards for the 2019-20 academic year as given by the Cherokee High School Athletic Dept.:

Middle School Soccer

Offensive Award: Mato Grant
Defensive Award: Whitney Rogers
Coach's Award: Jaylynn Esquivel

Middle School Girls Cross Country

MVP: Dvdaya Swimmer
Coach's Award: Selu Swayney
Coach's Award: Yvonne Saunooke

Middle School Boys Cross Country

MVP: Tyce Hogner
Coach's Award: Dawson Clapsaddle
Coach's Award: Matix Stamper

Middle School Volleyball

Offensive Award: Loshi Ward
Defensive Award: Dvdaya Swimmer
Coach's Award: Creedon Arch
Coach's Award: Awee Walkingstick

Middle School Wrestling

MVP: Chase Calhoun
Most Improved: Elijah Lineberry
Coach's Award: Kellen Ensley

Middle School Girls Basketball

Offensive Award: Creedon Arch
Defensive Award: Dvdaya Swimmer
Coach's Award: Loshi Ward
Hustle Award: Whitney Rogers

Middle School Boys Basketball

Offensive Award: Michael Driver
Defensive Award: Javian Martin
Coach's Award: Mato Grant

JV Football

Offensive Award: Chase Calhoun
Defensive Award: Zac Maney
Coach's Award: Tso Smith

JV Volleyball

Offensive Award: Phoebe Rattler
Defensive Award: Adia Frady, Destiny Siweumptewa
Coach's Award: Kayla Larch

JV Cheerleading

MVP: Jenna Cruz
Leadership Award: Dalaina Mills
Spirit Award: Jayle Creason

JV Girls Basketball

Offensive Award: AJ Hill
Defensive Award: Betty Lossiah
Coach's Award: Kayla Larch
Most Improved: Praire Toineeta

JV Boys Basketball

Offensive Award: Tso Smith
Defensive Award: Chunky Reed
Coach's Award: Cameron Sampson

Varsity Boys Soccer

Offensive Award: Rocky Peebles
Defensive Award: Jayden Tooni
Coach's Award: Sommersey Gammon

Varsity Girls Cross Country

MVP: Jaylynn Esquivel
Coach's Award: Dorian Reed
Coach's Award: Rosa Reyes

Varsity Boys Cross Country

MVP: Oztin Swayney
Coach's Award: Richard Mata
Coach's Award: Jaylen Bark

Varsity Volleyball

Offensive Award: Aria Foerst
Defensive Award: Zoey Walkingstick
Coach's Award: Donna Thompson
Coach's Award: Shaylyn Barker
Coach's Award: Aia Johnson

Varsity Football

Offensive Award: Don Bradley
Defensive Award: Jose Salinas
Coach's Award: Cameron Sampson

Varsity Cheerleading

MVP: Mattie Maney

Leadership Award: Abby Space
Spirit Award: Lucian Davis

Varsity Girls Golf

MVP: Naomi Smith
Coach's Award: Dali Crowe

Varsity Wrestling

MVP: Caden Pheasant
Most Improved: Masih Catolster
Coach's Award: Braden Taylor

Varsity Indoor Girls Track

MVP: Jaylynn Esquivel

Varsity Indoor Boys Track

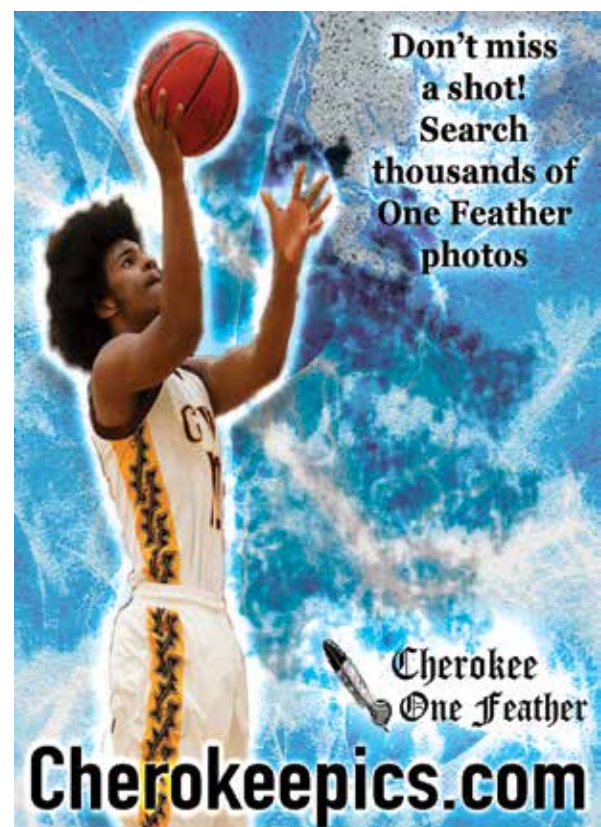
MVP: Jonathon Frady
Coach's Award: Rocky Peebles
Coach's Award: Xavier Armachain

Varsity Girls Basketball

Offensive Award: Deante Toineeta
Defensive Award: Raylen Bark
Coach's Award: Naomi Smith

Varsity Boys Basketball

Offensive Award: Sterling Santa Maria
Defensive Award: Don Bradley
Coach's Award: Bobby Crowe



OBITUARIES

Robert (Marty) Bishop

Robert Marvin (Marty) Bishop, of Lincolnton, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 15, 2020.

Robert leaves behind his parents, William (Bill) and Jane Bishop; one daughter, Ashley Flowers; and grandson, Sailor Abele. Also carrying on his memory are his brothers, Edward (Kent) and wife Sandra Bishop and William Anthony (Tony) Bishop; along with one sister, Angela Sabrina (Angel) Bishop. He is also survived by his nephews, Wesley and Thomas; his nieces, Kaytelyn and Sarah; along with one great niece and one great nephew.

Robert worked assembly at a manufacture plant. He will be remembered as an avid fishermen who loved the outdoors as well as singing with his friends and family. If you had the pleasure of knowing him, then you know he had a rare sense of humor and that his presence will be greatly missed. He left this world much too soon.

The family will receive friends and a memorial will be held Wednesday, June 24 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Flowers or memorials can be sent to Pastor Terry Rudisill. 706 S. Madison St. Lincolnton NC 28092. Earmark Bishop Family.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Joseph Gabor Watson

Joseph Gabor Watson, 58, of Cherokee, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2020 after an extended illness at Harris Regional Hospital. He is preceded in death by his parents, James Watson and Frances Owl.

Joseph's memory will be carried on by his loving wife he leaves behind, Jackie Watson along with his children, Tanner Watson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Zachary Watson of Schaumburg, Ill. along with his stepchildren, Scott Voyles of Cherokee and Kenneth Lynch of Louisville, Ky. In addition, he is survived by his brother, Stephen Watson of Indianola, Wash.; his sisters, Catherine Watson of Saudi Arabia and Olivia

Watson of Seattle, Wash.; along with his first wife and the mother of his children, Kimberly Czaplicki.

Joseph served in the United States Marines from 1982-88 at which time he received several medals and decorations. After having served his country, he found happiness in becoming a cook as well as a restaurant manager. He really enjoyed being in a kitchen and cooking for others. He loved fishing, car shows and the Seattle Seahawks. Joseph enjoyed music but was a big fan of classic Rock n Roll with his favorite musician being Tom Petty. Joseph is looking forward to seeing him again in concert in Heaven.

The family held a Memorial Service for Joseph Gabor Watson on Saturday, June 20 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastor John Ferree officiated. A representative of the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 presented the Veteran Flag to Mr. Watson's Beloved Widow.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Karen Wayhyahneetah Parks

Karen Wayhyahneetah Parks, 81, daughter of the late William Leroy Wahnetah and Emma Cornsilk, passed away on June 13, 2020 in Phoenix, Ariz.

She was an alumnus of Haskell Indian School in Lawrence, Kan. and Central Arizona College in Coolidge, Ariz. Parks was a long-time employee of the Department of Health and Human Service, Indian Health Service, Rockville, Md. (August 1958 to June 1994). An enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Karen is survived by her husband, Mitchell L. "Sandy" Parks, of the home. She is also survived by her daughter, Nanci L. Easter; son, Jonathan H. Easter; and grandson, Dylan Easter, all of Phoenix. In addition, Karen is survived by her stepson, Todd V. Parks, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Karen will be laid to rest at the family's cemetery, Hickory Gap, in the Snowbird Community at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 24. Crisp Funeral Home, Bryson City, is in charge of final arrangements.

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.

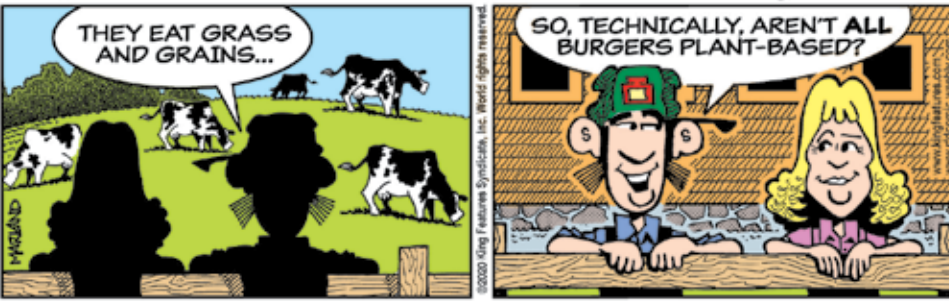
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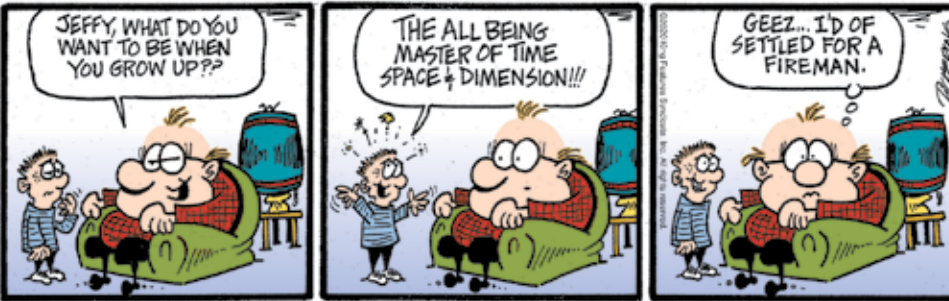
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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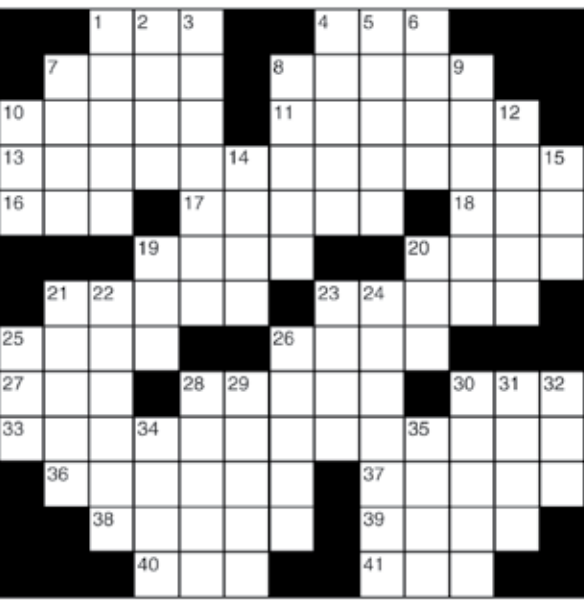
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32 Family
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COMMENTARY

A bitter pill to swallow

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Nobody likes being quarantined; particularly if you are not sick. It is one thing to have an infectious illness and be isolated to prevent a disease from infecting other people. It is a whole other thing to be isolated from work, school, friends and even family because of the possibility that you may or may not have a bug that could kill a population. But, here we are.

COVID-19 has been an unexpected, life-altering event. Not in my lifetime has there been a country-wide quarantine of the populous. Emergency orders bordering on Martial law have been imposed. The Army Corps of Engineers has been pressed into service to build hospitals. Over 28,000 National Guard troops have been pressed into action in almost half of the states in the United States to assist in response. Private companies have converted operations from domestic retail to medical products. Car manufactures are building ventilators, face shields, cloth masks. Governors are making deals with other countries to get rubber gloves and other essential protection equipment. In some cities, hospital and critical care staff are working around the clock to care for COVID patients in addition to the thousands of other medical needs of the citizenry.

Some of the most oppressive restrictions on travel have been imposed worldwide. From business and tourism travel, to travel to the grocery store, things have changed. There may be a "new normal" to deal with for months and years to come.

Economically, it is hard to imagine any other challenge that could have so dramatically devastated the ability of the country to operate. No travel means no income. "Social distancing" means

no congregating for eating, entertainment, and worship. Even the ability to work has been curtailed, causing tens of millions to file for unemployment. Emergency funds have been issued to a large portion of the populous just to help sustain them and to "stimulate" the economy. The problem with issuing a stimulus check for the economy is that you need an economy to stimulate.

Even on the Qualla Boundary, where we are more financially isolated than some places, we have not been immune to economic impact that has resulted in not only temporary closings, but permanent ones. When a business must close, even temporarily, bills continue to come in. If a business owner is on lease property or paying for property, the monthly payments do not stop coming because you are closed. The rent, the electric bill, the equipment payments, and any other maintenance cost either must be paid or delayed. Notice that companies are not offering payment forgiveness, just payment deferment.

New labels have evolved to identify our communities in the nation. We are either "essential" or "non-essential" and we are either celebrated or disparaged based on our designation. Anger, violence, and calls for prosecution erupt when someone refuses to participate in "flattening the curve". Exercise of basic civil rights are looked upon as evil by those who fear the spread of COVID-19. Common sense and common courtesy measures are ignored and abused in ignorance. The CDC and associated governmental advisors initially indicated that masks did nothing to protect the wearer from COVID and should not be worn because the supply was needed for healthcare providers. Then, when the strain on demand eased and mask supplies increased, the medical community advised that it was a good idea to

wear masks not to protect yourself necessarily, but to protect others.

So, I say to self, "Self, be a good citizen and wear a mask when you are out because it protects others." As I make my supply runs to Lowes, Walmart, and grocery stores over the three months of the COVID emergency, I notice that the large majority of people are not wearing masks, nor are they in any particular hurry to social distance, as I witnessed an entire family invade a gentleman's personal space at the Deli counter of my local Ingle's. As he would try to step back from them, they would press forward. Logically, if the medical community says that I am protecting others when I wear a mask, then what am I to think of those who come to an "essential" gathering place maskless?

Even if you don't believe the medical community, do you think about what it says to your neighbor when you do things that they think might jeopardize their health? I have worn mine because I want to send that message. I care about others so I will tolerate that mask. I even had my sister-in-law make me a comfortable one so I don't leave home without it.

In Phase Two of reopening in North Carolina and at the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, we are beginning to see the long-range impact of COVID-19. Ramping industry back up and rebuilding revenue streams may be a years' long process. Community faith in health safety will be a staggered process and will be based on individuals deciding when they are comfortable resuming "normal" contact with the outside world.

There is no vaccine for COVID-19. Until there is, there will likely be some form of governmental or societal restriction on human contact. Natural immunity

build-up will likely take longer than getting a vaccine, because it is hard for a community to build resistance to something that they are sheltering in place to keep from contracting. And, if restrictions remain in place, economic challenges will also remain.

National media has been promoting a unity message of "We are all in this together". I wish it were so. But, I see people, as stated above, showing little or no concern for others as they congregate using no social distancing and taking no preventative measures against COVID. I see rich celebrities in their highly-guarded mansions talking about caring for each other while I watch the homeless and poverty-stricken scramble for food and walk the streets maskless, and having no choice but to huddle together for food and clothing. I think our response to the COVID crisis says more about us as a

society and has more long-term impact than the virus itself. Federal and state politicians playing the blame game. People being told that they can slow down the spread and save the elderly and chronically ill from a slow and painful death, and those people ignoring the guidelines. People choosing momentary happiness over public safety. Arbitrary regulations stating that, at various stages and for example, institutions like churches are non-essential and legally banned from meeting but the ABC Store has remained open as an essential business throughout the crisis. Mom used to give me medicine when I was a youngster. Most of it tasted nasty. She would mash the pill into powder and try to put it in sugar water or some other sweet syrup, but it never got rid of the bitter taste of the medicine. The COVID-19 crisis is a bitter pill for

us to swallow. It does not matter how media and others try to sugarcoat it. This has been dramatically damaging to our health and our economy. Don't get me wrong, I realize there are many people out there doing incredible work and acts of selfless kindness. Many are trying to find ways to normalize a truly abnormal situation. Our leaders are not making regulations for the fun of it, because their jobs have been far from fun over the last three months. And, it will likely not be much happier in the next three. It brings no joy to the health professional's heart to tell the community that life can't go back to the way it was in 2019 for a while. Enforcement agencies and businesses aren't gleeful when telling you to wear a mask or restrict where you stand or sit. I just hope that more of us realize that it isn't the sugarcoating that cures us, it is the bitter pill.



An open letter from Chief Sneed regarding George Floyd's death

Like all Americans, I was outraged when I saw the video of George Floyd pleading for his life, only to have his pleas fall upon deaf ears and his life snuffed out at the hands of an overzealous government official. As Native Americans, we understand prejudice, we understand struggle, and we understand the trauma inflicted upon a people when government officials, sworn to protect the rights of the people, become oppressive.

The death of George Floyd demonstrates how far removed we have become from the ethos of respect and responsibility that made our Cherokee ancestors so strong, and that was embodied in the Declaration of Independence; "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." What is self-evident in 2020 is that for the African-American community, equality and human rights are subjective in the United States, much as they have been for Native Americans since Europeans first settled on this land.

We stand at a crossroads. The path we decide to take from this day forward will determine the future of our great nation. Will we continue with the status quo where we are not moved to action by the oppression of our fellow man? Will we continue to accept the violation of another person's human rights because their race, socio-economic status or sexual orientation is different from our own? Or will we

choose the path of respect and responsibility that is central to all successful human relationships? The path of respect and responsibility gives us understanding that with rights come responsibility, understanding that whenever we stand idly by and do nothing while another person's rights are violated, we too are guilty of oppression. Guilty by omission.

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." History will be our judge, and history is rarely kind.

George Floyd's death has triggered protests all over this country. It is easy to say the protests are about police misconduct, but they are about so much more. The protests are about Americans across the country reclaiming the "self-evident truth" that the writers of the Declaration of Independence expressed so bravely hundreds of years ago: that all of us are created equal. Those of us who have suffered the trauma of oppression will no longer tolerate the oppression of our friends, our neighbors, or our fellow citizens. We cannot allow this message of truth to be lost in noise, chaos, and violence. It is incumbent upon each of us to exercise our right to free speech to make this truth known. But, to be successful- to actually get others to listen to us- we must remember that meaningful and respectful dialogue will be the mechanism for change. I stand in solidarity with my fellow Americans who engage in peaceful, law-abiding protest. I condemn those who use George Floyd's death to promote law-

lessness and destruction.

I have great faith that our fellow Cherokee citizens will do what is right. Doing what is right means defending the defenseless and being a voice for the oppressed. Our people know better than most what it means to have our individual rights violated, or to be denied rights that everyone else takes for granted. As a result, in 1996 the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians adopted the Indian Civil Rights Act and, by including it in the Tribal Code, made it the Tribe's own law. A foundational right enumerated in the Indian Civil Rights Act, as in the U.S. Bill of Rights, is the right to peaceably assemble and the right to a redress of grievances. Personally, I support peaceful protest for any reason, it is a basic human right and one that I will not infringe upon. Like my father and his father before him, I served in the United States military to defend these rights for all Americans.

The role of government, I believe, is to protect the rights of ALL people. This includes maintaining law and order during a protest so that it remains peaceful and is conducted within the bounds of the law and ensures the protection of property both public and private. It is my sincere hope that my fellow Cherokees will choose to be a strong, but reasoned voice for those who have been silenced and no longer have a voice of their own. Let us never revert to violence and lawlessness, for violence only begets violence, and hate begets hate.

Only love conquers hate.

To-hi

Richard Sneed
Principal Chief, EBCI

Cherokee One Feather **TSALAGI MINUTE**



Original Museum of the Cherokee Indian
Photo courtesy of Museum of the Cherokee Indian

In 1948, The Museum of the Cherokee Indian was founded in a log cabin in downtown Cherokee.

(Source: Museum of the Cherokee Indian)

Keep up with news from Cherokee at the One Feather Facebook page - updated daily!

Confusion is not helpful...

WILLIAM LEDFORD

When I started this episode of the Mr. Bill Show report the major news was the ongoing pandemic and the confusion emanating from the White House. Since then there's been a new level of confusion with the nation-wide protest over the homicide by police officer in the case of George Floyd.

There seems to be some confusion when it comes to this pandemic. It reminds me of the old horror films brought to us by Universal Pictures and Hammer Films featuring Frankenstein's Monster, Dracula and the Wolfman. I would've included The Creature from the Black Lagoon but after watching it again the other day I realized that the Creature is not-at-all scary but instead is very creepily lusting after a human female throughout the film. Just another frat boy. But, I digress. The coronavirus is the monster rampaging through the countryside and we are the peasants herding together and waving torches about. Maybe there's strength in numbers. Lotta confusion. Lotta hysteria too. But, don't herd in numbers, social distancing, gotta social distance folks. Masks. No torches either.

George Floyd died at the hands, or knees, of a seemingly nonchalant Minneapolis police officer. The disturbing video was shown on TV and the country

exploded. President Trump and members of his staff retreated to a bunker in the WH.

There are changes sweeping the country as we speak. Colin Kaepernick and his peaceful protests have been justified. Now the NFL needs to get off of his neck and let him play again.

Dan Snyder bases his stubbornness and refusal on a poll with support from people who self-identify as Native. NASCAR finally woke up and banned the symbol of a failed treasonous revolt, when will the NFL finally wake up and force Snyder to get rid of the racist slur used as the name of his Washington team. Yes it is. And I don't care what the crackers and apples say.

Confusion. I get mighty confused when Tha Prez makes statements like, "Obama left a broken test for coronavirus". There was no coronavirus during the Obama Administration so there is no way there would be a test, let alone a broken one. Or, "Obama left a bare, empty National Emergency stockpile", maybe so, maybe not, Trump has had three and a half years to replenish so he owns it now.

The Prez continued with his string of bizarre statements that make sense only to himself and his supporters by issuing a very profound declaration. He stated that if we didn't test we'd have fewer cases. Well no duh boss, the reports would indicate definitely indicate fewer cases but the

cases would still be there. Testing is vital to containing this thing and re-opening the country while keeping fatalities down. Another funny statement was, "Anyone can get a test if they want one." It's been months since this thing broke and I can finally get a test even though I don't actually show symptoms. It's all good as I kinda really don't want a masked someone to swab my brain with a big ol' Q-Tip anyways.

The 8 billion dollars allocated to tribes more than two months ago is finally starting to show up. And apparently we have until December to allocate it. Not surprising it's a little late but better than never because the Trump Administration didn't want to give anything at all to Native tribes. Thank you Representative Haaland and Senator Udall, both from NM, for spearheading the push. Now we just need Mnuchin and his cohorts to release the funds. We need that money more than ever because with our casinos down we have no type of income for our programs. We aren't now and will never be on a level playing field with non-Natives. That is a fact.

President Obama said it best when responding to tweets from President Trump. Vote!

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



Are High Rehoming Fees Legitimate?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: In a private Facebook group I belong to, someone is offering a pet for adoption, saying it belonged to their recently deceased mother-in-law. They want a \$650 fee for "rehoming" the pet, because they say it has AKC registration. Is this a legitimate fee? It seems awfully steep. — *James in Burlington, Vermont*

DEAR JAMES: Rehoming fees are a fact of life for private pet placements, but \$650 to simply adopt a pet is unreasonably steep.

That isn't to say that rehoming fees are a bad thing. A reasonable rehoming fee can prevent a pet from being adopted by people with bad intentions, who can't financially care for a pet, or who are impulsively adopting a cute little dog that they might abandon at the first hiccup in behavior.

The flip side is someone abusing the rehoming fee for personal profit. That person may claim that the fee offsets their costs of caring for the pet, but when the rehoming fee far outstrips the cost of adopting from a shelter, it's time to proceed with caution.

Find out what the local shelter charges to adopt a pet and ask online what average rehoming fees are for your area. If you're interested in the dog, contact the offerer and find out as many details as possible about its breed, temperament, health and the environment it lives in. Do not send any money beforehand. You need to meet both them and the dog in person, and no money should change hands until both sides agree (in writing, ideally) to the rehoming.

Further, if they are truly concerned for the dog's welfare, they will have questions for you — maybe even an application — to make sure you are genuinely adopting the dog and will be a good owner.

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

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

God is our everything

REV. TIMOTHY L. MENTON, PASTOR
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Omnipotent, Means He is the All-Powerful God,
Omniscient, Means He is the All-Knowing God
of Absolute Intelligence,

Omni-Present, Means He is the God Who is
Everywhere.

To God Alone Belongs All Glory.

Read all of Psalm 115; Jeremiah 32:47; Isaiah
55:11; Romans 9:18; Acts 2:23;

Psalm 147:5; 1 John 3:20; John 21:17; 1 Samuel
10:2; 1 Kings 13 (all);

Psalm 46:1-7; Psalm 139: 5, 7-11, 13-14; Genesis
26:3

“The attributes of God, Omnipotence, Omniscience, and Omni-presence, means He is in total control of the Universe and of Himself,” explained and emphasized, Pastor Melton, “All our times are in God’s Hands. As He is Spirit, He is everywhere. He knows all things, absolutely everything, including the actual number of hairs on your head at any given moment. He is the Highest Power and is everywhere. We should reverence Him for He is absolutely limitless. He can do anything, and He holds our very next breath. He will accomplish everything His Word says He can do. He says it and it’s done! We cannot even imagine how much better things are when done by Him.

“God has no enemies. God defeated His enemy Lucifer (renamed ‘satan’ immediately) and the treasonous angels who had followed him, were all instantly cast out of heaven.”

(“Those same treasonous enemies need to be cast out of from here, too. The decision to remove them must await all destination choices being made by people still living on earth. The choice to follow Jesus to heaven or follow the treasonous ones to hell are the only offers being allowed to residents on earth. To not make a choice, automatically defaults one to follow the treasonous ones to hell. Making a decision soon is highly recommended.)

(However, Jesus willingly, and at great cost and unimaginable pain, accomplished all things necessary to ultimately defeat satan for

good. By enduring the required punishment of death for our sins, for us, He has become our once-for-all substitutionary sacrifice, and for each and every human being when they have made the requested exchange with Him. We are to exchange our lives and plans in order to live in Him, ‘made us to sit together in heavenly places, in Christ Jesus’ (Ephesians 2:60) and Him in us. He also took and bore all the whipping humiliation, shame and the tremendous destruction done to His Body in exchange for our physical bodies’ healing, and for our emotional, mental, and soul’s woundings, as well. ‘...And with His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53b.’ Having fully accomplished everything before He was nailed to that cross, He brokenly cried out to the Father when Father God had to turn His back on Him, for He was unable to look upon Jesus, so undeservedly covered in our sins. Having forgiven the thief on the other cross, and crying out ‘It is finished,’ Jesus, at the prophesied time, dismissed His Spirit and died. The Body was then permitted by Pilate to be taken and placed in a borrowed tomb nearby to prepare His Body for burial as was the custom.)

(News of Jesus’ death arrived, probably

that night, so hell could receive His body. We should understand that Jesus, in His dying and suffering, had paid humanity’s final Blood price for every total redemption of each one choosing to escape from satan’s dark and gruesome kingdom. In that brief time, Jesus was given a new body, made by God, in resurrection power, and Jesus would demand that satan turn over to Him the keys he was holding. Afterwards, in Paradise, located in the upper section of hell, Jesus preached to the captives held there so they could be set free. Our own exchange has happened as we’ve surrendered our lives to Him as dear children, and we get to choose to follow Jesus all the way home to be with Him forever. Reading over and thinking about what is written in those 66 ‘love’ letters found in the Bible, should help everyone make the best decision for them.—Myra Colgate)

“Just think...Jesus said, ‘I am with you always, even to the ends of the earth. He’s right here, right now! He is everywhere. He is so much greater in every way than we are, “ added Pastor Melton.

“The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.”
Psalm 111:2



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the Lord your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.

Deuteronomy 4:19

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Making things more complicated than they need to be can be a problem for the typically orderly Lamb. Try to look for a less intricate way to accomplish the same goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Avoiding personal involvement in a troubling situation might be advisable at this time, especially since you probably don't have all the facts. The weekend brings a surprise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A problem with a colleague you thought had been resolved could recur. However, this time you'll be able to rely on your record to get a quick resolution in your favor. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Giving your self-esteem a boost could be a good idea for the Moon Child, who might feel a bit daunted by the week's occurrences. Just focus on all your positive accomplishments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The "mane" attraction for the Lovable Lion this week is — what else? — love. New relationships move to new levels, while long-standing partnerships are strengthened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A recent workplace problem will prove to be one of miscommunication, and once the matter is settled, you should have a better chance of getting your proposals approved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good news! After dealing pretty much in the dark with a matter that seemed to be taking forever to resolve, you should soon be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A positive message should help lift that energy-draining sense of anxiety, and you should soon be able to deal with even the peskiest matter, whether at work or personal.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Try to control that heated Sagittarian temperament while dealing with what you believe to be an unfair matter. A cool approach is the best way to handle things.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings could keep you from learning what went wrong. Ask your partner, a family member or a trusted friend to help you reassess your actions in the matter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Nature is dominant this week. Try to spend time outdoors with someone special. An act of kindness in the past might be recalled by a person you believed was out of your life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An upcoming career decision could be based on how well you might be able to apply your artistic talents. Be sure to use the finest samples of your work to make a strong impression.

BORN THIS WEEK: Doing good things for others comes easily to you. You are considered a good friend, even by those you might hardly know.

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THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT



JUNE 22-28, 2020



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

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2:28 AM-4:28 AM 2:56 PM-4:56 PM	3:24 AM-5:24 AM 3:52 PM-5:52 PM	4:20 AM-6:20 AM 4:48 PM-6:48 PM	5:15 AM-7:15 AM 5:41 PM-7:41 PM	6:07 AM-8:07 AM 6:32 PM-8:32 PM	6:58 AM-8:58 AM 7:22 PM-9:22 PM	7:47 AM-9:47 AM 8:12 PM-10:12 PM

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Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Ahab; 3) Aaron; 4) Ephesus; 5) Ananias; 6) City gate



1. On average, every 27 days
2. Dover
3. 22nd
4. Patricians
5. Joan Crawford
6. Skipper and Bessie
7. Salvador Dali
8. .44 Magnum Smith & Wesson Model 29
9. Jim Morrison
10. Saffron

— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.



— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

7	8	6	3	5	1	2	9	4
9	4	5	8	6	2	7	3	1
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4	9	7	6	1	8	5	2	3
6	5	3	4	2	7	9	1	8
8	2	1	5	9	3	6	4	7
3	6	4	2	8	5	1	7	9
2	1	8	7	3	9	4	5	6
5	7	9	1	4	6	3	8	2

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate

File No. 20-031

In the Matter of the Estate of Jesse Lee Reed

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

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

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate

File No. 20-044

In the Matter of the Estate of Dorothy Lucille Driver West

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Adam West, 31 Jim West Road,
Cherokee, NC 28719. 7/1pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate

File No. 20-030

In the Matter of the Estate of Ida Lee Arneach

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

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

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
NOTICE INVITING SEALED
PROPOSALS FOR
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PTI CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient
PTI Licensed Practical Nurse –
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development (HCD) invites sealed proposals for removing and replacing of fencing at Ocona Valley. Interested and qualified contractors who have successfully demonstrated their ability to remove and install fencing are invited to submit proposals.

Proposals shall be delivered to the office of HCD at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 or mailed to PO Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719, not later than 12:00PM June 17th, 2020. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, and the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked, "FENCING REMOVAL AND REPLAC-

MENT". It is sole responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is received in proper time. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time shall be rejected.

Any bidder may withdraw his or her bid, either personally or by written request at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposal, but no bidder may withdraw his or her bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening thereof.

All proposals submitted shall include a completed "Proposal", identifying unit costs and qualifications to do the work. The work performed under this contract

must conform to requirements of the specifications, which are included in the bidder package. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose work, in the opinion of the Tribe will best meet the requirements of the Tribe. It is clearly understood by all bidders that the Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive informalities in said proposal.

A Bidder's Package, including bidder specifications, special requirements and sample contract and forms may be viewed and an electronic copy can be obtained at the HCD Office, located at 687

Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. The contact person for questions concerning the bid process and general project information should be directed to Paulette Cox, Tribal Housing Director, via e-mail at paulcox@nc-cherokee.com or by phone at (828) 359-6748. The contact person for technical questions concerning project specifications should be directed to Bunsey Crowe, Housing Production Manager via e-mail at buncrow@nc-cherokee.com or by phone at (828) 359-6903. Dated: June 3, 2020 Edwin Taylor
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WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

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

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

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

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

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

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

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

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

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