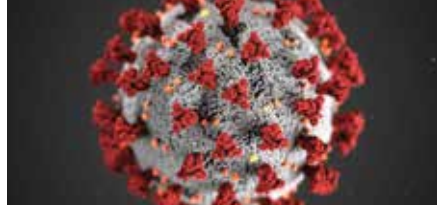




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- Tara Reed-Cooper, Cherokee Central Schools
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Cherokee Central Schools reopens March 15

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367 days. That will be the time between in-person classes for the children of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS). 'Return to learn' has seemed like a distant light in an endless tunnel. But that light is getting brighter.

Monday, March 15 will mark the first day back under 'Plan B,' a hybrid learning system. This plan will have students split into 'Maroon' and 'Gold' groups. Each will alternate being in-person at CCS two days a week and will be remote learning the other three.

A year and two days of the unknown, but the school finally has a few more answers.

This is not the first time the CCS administration has attempted to return to in-person learning. The Board of Education had voted on multiple occasions to bring students back, but the Board reversed those decisions before they could materialize.

"It was very frustrating, and it was disappointing," said Superintendent Michael Murray.

"Because our Board has been extremely supportive about when we were ready to bring our kids back. They wanted our kids back just as badly as our staff. All of us are not only excited about trying to do that. We've all tried every measure we could to get them back. It



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The halls at Cherokee Central Schools have sat vacant for 367 days. Monday, March 15 will mark the first day back under 'Plan B,' a hybrid learning system. This plan will have students split into 'Maroon' and 'Gold' groups. Each will alternate being in-person at CCS two days a week and will be remote learning the other three.

just seemed like every time we got close, that community number was never low enough," said Murray.

Murray says the focus has been on doing everything possible for their students. However, he says he feels just as much for the teachers that have been combating pandemic learning.

"Every educator I know is hurting. Because they got into this

business because they want to do everything they can for our children," he said.

Lydia Raines, a first-grade teacher at CCS, only started working at the school in February 2020. Raines had taught in the past but had spent the previous 12 years raising her three children and being the owner of local cafe Qualla Java.

Raines only had a few weeks with her students before the pandemic hit, with the last day of school being on March 13, 2020. She has done everything she could to keep her community safe since then. Raines was the first in line at the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' mass vaccination event this February, going as far as to teach in that line before getting her shot.

To offer some personal serenity during times of isolation, Raines turned to gardening and baking. However, she says that she will be happy to leave her pounds of bread flour and budding hydrangeas to get even nine weeks with her students.

“Some of the kids I have never met...there are a couple that maybe parents or grandparents came in to pick stuff up, and I don’t even know what the little guys look like,” said Raines.

“I think that parents are looking at me like I’m the bill collector. Because I feel like I’m harassing parents to make sure, ‘this is the day you’ve got to pick up. Do you have this? Do you have that? How is your student doing?’ But I’m doing it over the phone talking to the parents.”

Despite efforts to make internet available to all students at CCS, there is no mandate for online learning. That has meant a constant struggle to maintain communication with her kids.

“Out of 18 students, I have maybe six that are active online. The rest are stay-at-home packets, and that’s been a real struggle getting that work done. I know it’s a lot on the kids. But there is a lot that they need to learn in first grade,” said Raines.

She says that many people don’t understand the challenges presented to young students when it comes to virtual learning. She is trying to teach them to read and do basic mathematics, but there are stretches where that is nearly impossible.

“These kids are 6- or 7-years-old. Yeah, they may play video games, and people say, ‘oh, they know technology’. But really, they don’t. This laptop is completely foreign to them.”

Raines has taken the pan-

demically very seriously, but she says that she’s desperate to get back in the classroom. Her motivation to teach is at an all-time high, and she knows just how important this last stretch of the school year could be.

“Those first few days, what I think are so important are relationships. For the ones that I haven’t seen, getting to know each other. In order for them to trust me, in order for me to get a valid test from them, I think that’s most important.”

Tara Reed-Cooper, secretary of the CCS Board of Education, has done her best to communicate with teachers and parents. She echoed the concerns brought forth by Raines, and Reed-Cooper says that has been her driving motivation to open the schools as soon as possible.

“They’ve been planning,” said Reed-Cooper. “We’ve asked our teachers to jump through all kinds of hoops to get our kids back into classrooms, and they’ve done it without pushback. They’ve done it without complaining.”

Reed-Cooper says that everyone has been struggling, whether it be teachers, students, parents, or the administration. She says she can’t wait for the kids to be back in school, even if it is just two days a week.

“It’s getting back into the groove of life after being literally shut down for a year. I think it’s the aspect of the parent’s mental health as well as the children’s mental health. Plus, you have to look at the kids that may not be getting what they need at home that they would be getting at school. The staff members have been doing everything that they possibly can to get the kids back into school,” said Reed-Cooper.

According to Yona Wade, CCS

director of community affairs, by the time school starts, 50 percent of the staff will have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

“With the majority of our staff members having chosen to vaccinate we will be migrating to symptomatic testing for staff only. We will continue to follow all screening protocols for staff and students. The student protocols are outlined in our return to face-to-face plan under the remote learning tab. Regarding students, we will not be requiring COVID unless they are requested to do so by a physician. Our ‘maroon and gold’ days will remain the same. It’s our hopes to have the bus schedule out by the end of the day or tomorrow.”

Vickie Bradley, secretary of EBCI Public Health and Human Services, confirmed that they worked with Swain County to facilitate a CCS vaccine event on Feb. 26.

Superintendent Murray says that while he is ecstatic to have students returning, he is not taking the situation for granted. He says they always wanted to bring them back but protecting the community and Tribal elders have been at the forefront of his mind.

“Why in the world would we work this hard to keep everybody safe, and then the last few months jeopardize that by going straight through any type of precautions that we’ve been taking to this point? So, we will open up, but we’re going to open up with Plan B. We’re going to keep the measures we know are effective until we get through this pandemic,” said Murray.

He said that adapting is part of education, but this has pushed that concept to unprecedented limits.

“I really felt that I was pre-

pared for almost anything that could come, and every year it surprises you how many things that you’re facing that you didn’t really expect to come. But you learn to make decisions that are best for kids, and you work through it. Nothing could ever prepare an educator for dealing with what we’ve had to deal with since last March.”

Monday, Mar. 15, will be the first day of ‘return to learn.’ The ‘Maroon’ group will be the first to attend on Monday and Tuesday. That group consists of the following communities:

- Birdtown
- 3200 Acre Tract
- Big Cove
- Towstring
- Yellowhill

‘Gold’ will be in-person on Wednesday and Thursday and is made of these communities:

- Big Y
- Painttown
- Wolfstown
- All off-Boundary students

Friday will act as a fully remote day for both groups. Superintendent Murray said that any parents who wish to keep their students in Plan C have that option. He mentioned that losing students was one of the concerns when CCS initially decided to stay in Plan C. However, he said that enrollment has not dropped during this time.

Students and staff will be required to abide by the ‘Three Ws’ at all times while on campus. School transportation will be based on a student’s assigned group, with buses holding the same safety guidelines and are limited to one student per seat.

For more information, follow updates on the Cherokee Central Schools Facebook page or go to <https://www.ccs-nc.org/>.

EBCI holds second-dose vaccine clinic

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Hundreds of people in Cherokee received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine thanks to another mass clinic held at Tribal Bingo on Wednesday, March 3.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) continues to stride forward with vaccine distribution through the work of Cherokee Indian Hospital and the EBCI Public Health and Human Services department. As of March 1, 27 percent of people on the Qualla Boundary had received at least one shot, and 1,488 people had been fully vaccinated. The first vaccine clinic event inoculated 1,237 people.

Wednesday's event was only for those community members to receive their second shot.

Charlene Owle, an EBCI tribal member, was one of the many people to get their shots Wednesday morning. "It's great. I'm glad it's being offered to us so that we can fight this thing together," said Owle.

She said that she didn't hesitate to get the first or second shot of the Pfizer vaccine. Owle pointed to the fear of the unknown when it has come to the pandemic and how the virus can affect different people in different ways. She noted how much impact the deaths from COVID-19 have had on Cherokee. She asked those concerned about the shot to think about the opportunity they have in front of them.

"They just need to protect themselves first; protect their families and those that they love and are close to," said Owle.

James Bradley, the EBCI Sec-



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Charlene Owle, an EBCI tribal member, was one of the first to get their second shot on Wednesday morning.

retary of Education, got vaccinated shortly after Owle. He said one of the most challenging aspects of the pandemic has been that Cherokee is such a close-knit community. Whether it be a ball game, the Fair, or church, not being around people you care about so much has been odd and stressful, he noted. "It was really cool, the first vaccination we came for - the line was all the way around the building - and everyone was talking and laughing. Maintaining social distance, but it was really nice," said Bradley. "Even in a serious situation, still finding humor and ways

to connect, that's not changed, regardless of what's happened in the last year."

Bradley continued by pleading with his community to get the vaccine when it was available to them. "Do your research. Think about other vaccines that you take that you don't know what the contents are. Talk to people that have had it. Out of all my family that have had the shot, none of us have had any reaction at all. And then, when you feel comfortable, come and do it. Because the sooner we can all do it, the sooner we can stop wearing masks and go back to work and

school and all that."

The goal is herd immunity, and a community can't reach that until it has around 75 percent of its people vaccinated. Vickie Bradley, Secretary of PHHS, says she's still unsure when Cherokee can get to that number.

"We're over 80 percent with our 70-year-olds. So, it just depends on the community and the amount of vaccine we get. So, the more people that choose to take the vaccine, the quicker we can do it. But it is all contingent upon vaccine supply," said Vickie Bradley.

The Johnson & Johnson vac-

cine was recently approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), making it the third shot available to Americans. President Joe Biden said Tuesday, March 2 that with this addition there would be enough vaccines available for every adult in the United States by the end of May.

Vickie Bradley says that Cherokee will continue offering any vaccine provided by Indian Health Service (IHS), whether it be Pfizer, Moderna, or the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Last week, the Hospital and PHHS began vaccine clinics for enrolled members 18 and older. Vickie Bradley says the rollout is going well, and they are trying to serve each group as soon as possible.

“We constantly are monitoring where we’re at with vaccine and

what our saturation point is in the community. Obviously, our next lofty goals would be to get our workforce vaccinated. That would include our non-beneficiaries. Spouses and children of enrolled members and other non-beneficiaries,” said Vickie Bradley.

Vickie Bradley admits that she is unsure when that might be, however. The EBCI has categorized non-beneficiaries as ‘phase three’ in the rollout plan, which was estimated to start around April.

Those that received their shot on Feb. 10 but were unable to make Wednesday’s clinic must call the hospital and sign up for a second dose as soon as possible.

For more information on getting your vaccine or COVID-19 testing, the Cherokee Indian Hospital COVID hotline is 497-3743.



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Anniversary approaching of Cherokee's first COVID-19 case

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Later this month, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will mark a year since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in the Cherokee community. Tribal officials announced the case during a press conference on March 27, 2020 stating that the individual was a part-time resident of the Qualla Boundary.

Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) chief executive officer, reported during that same press conference that, as of that morning, they had completed 30 tests with the one positive case and the rest pending.

As of March 1, 2021, the EBCI Joint Information Center is reporting a total of 1,369 cases within the Cherokee system. A total of 22,414 tests have been completed by that date as well.

"There have been many successes, but the most successful would have to be testing, isolation, and quarantine," said Vickie Bradley, EBCI Secretary of Public Health and Human Services. "That is a standard public health practice in disease containment; identifying those that are infected, isolating them and quarantining their contacts, testing them and containing the virus. Transparent communication with our community through our COVID-19 Dashboard and public service announcements was a tremendous tool also in helping to slow the virus. This got our whole community involved in the response."

Secretary Bradley added, "Of

course, all of our success has been predicated on the amazing commitment and hard work of our employees. Their dedication and work ethic has been phenomenal. I don't know of any measure or action that we took that could be considered unsuccessful. All of the actions and decisions were very strategic and evidence-based."

Dr. Richard Bunio, CIHA executive clinical director, noted, "The most successful mitigation area over the past year has been the public education around the three Ws (washing hands, wait six feet apart, and wearing a mask)."

But it hasn't been all roses. The challenges faced over the past year of the global pandemic have been immense.

"What I have found to be most challenging is the time and effort addressing all of the inaccurate information that is spread through social media," said Dr. Bunio.

Secretary Bradley added, "In the beginning, the largest challenge was helping people to understand the three Ws and why they are so important, particularly wearing masks. The other challenge and one that we still battle is helping the community to understand the risk of large gatherings and how they can contribute to the spread of the disease."

She praises the efforts of the policies put forth by the EBCI. "I wouldn't change any policies," Secretary Bradley said when asked if there were any policies she would have changed from this previous year. "The Chief's (Richard G. Sneed) executive orders were swift, targeted, and embedded

with best-practice measures. His actions in our community helped to mitigate the virus quickly and keep the community safe. Not only did he take bold actions that impacted our community's safety, but he implemented amazing operational policies and protocols that protected the tribal workforce and citizens."

Both health officials see COVID-19 as remaining a threat for the remainder of 2021. "I think the science will support and encourage practicing the three Ws for at least another year," said Secretary Bradley. "Until we have herd immunity, we will continue to need to practice the three Ws. This is why it is important for everyone to get vaccinated. I think as more people take the vaccine, and as the COVID-19 numbers trend down, we will begin to see services and businesses begin to open more to the public."

According to the EBCI Joint Information Center, as of March 1, a total of 5,013 COVID-19 vaccinations had been administered. It was reported that 1,488 people in the Cherokee medical system are "fully vaccinated" meaning they have received both COVID-19 vaccinations and 3,525 have received "at least one shot".

Dr. Bunio added, "I see the Cherokee community operating with continued adherence to the three Ws until such time as the case rates tell us it is safe to relax. Right now, the case rates and potential impact of the variants are still too much of a risk to relax these simple, effective measures."

The team effort of all

health employees and officials within the EBCI tribal structure was praised by both Dr. Bunio and Secretary Bradley.

"This crisis has brought out the best in everyone and strengthened the collaboration between all health agencies of the Tribe," said Dr. Bunio. "By working so closely together, we have accomplished much more than we ever could have individually."

Secretary Bradley commented, "The combined efforts of (EBCI) Public Health and Human Services and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority has been the key to success in the pandemic response. Research shows that the best approach to improving population health in any community is when there is true collaboration and integration of the primary medical system and the public health agency. We are so fortunate here to have that scenario."

She concluded, "Even though PHHS and CIHA are separate agencies, our teams work closely to improve the health of the community and ensure the safety of public health. This partnership has proven to be an amazing team during the COVID-19 response. In the beginning, when there was no state system for isolation, quarantine, and testing, CIHA stood up a system that worked. Once North Carolina implemented the contact tracing system, PHHS transitioned the contact tracing to the tribal side and partnered with North Carolina. This is a great example of how successful our combined efforts have been."

Longtime former Museum director passes away

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A man who became synonymous with the preservation of Cherokee history and culture through his work at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian has passed away. Ken Blankenship, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Big Cove Community who served as executive director at the Museum for 28 years, passed away on Tuesday, March 2.

The Museum released the following statement on the day after his passing, "The Museum of the Cherokee Indian would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Ken Blankenship. Mr. Blankenship served proudly as the Museum's executive director for 28 years and was an integral part of making our Museum what it is today. He was present at the groundbreaking of our current location, oversaw our last exhibit renovation and the building of the Ken Blankenship Education Wing."

The statement continued, "His tireless and dedicated work to preserve and perpetuate the history, culture, and stories of the Cherokee people has had an invaluable impact on our staff, community, and the thousands of visitors that visit our Museum each year. He will have a lasting legacy through our Museum, and we hope to uphold the commitment and devotion he showed through his years of exemplary leadership."

In June 2010, the Museum opened the Ken Blankenship Education and Research Wing, an 8,500 square foot addition which has since been the hosting spot



Ken Blankenship, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Big Cove Community who served as executive director at the Museum for 28 years, passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. He is shown speaking at the opening of the Ken Blankenship Education and Research Wing at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian on June 14, 2010.

for numerous cultural classes as well as a spot for genealogical and historical research.

He began his tenure with the Museum in 1985 and retired officially on Dec. 27, 2013. Blankenship served in the U.S. Army as an aviation mechanic during the Vietnam War. Over the years, he served on numerous boards including 15 years on the Institute for American Indian Arts, the National Advisory Board for the Trail of Tears Association, Swain County School Board, and more.

"I have known Ken pretty much my whole life," said Dawn Arneach, Museum interim director, "but, once I came to work at the Museum he had already retired as director. But, whenever a system in the Museum was acting up, we could call on him. He would show up and show us where the problem was and how to fix it. He knew this place inside and out and was always stopping by to

say 'hi' to staff and see how things were going."

She added, "When we held Bob Blankenship's retirement party a few years ago, we hung the most recognizable photo of Bob and Ken from Vietnam in front of a helicopter in the Ken Blankenship Education Wing lobby. The Museum knew before we did about his passing. The picture fell and broke yesterday (day of Ken's passing)."

Dylan Girty, Museum employee, also has fond memories of Ken Blankenship. "He always talked to you. He hired me when I was 17 and still in school. He would take me around and let me help him work on the Museum. After he retired, he would come by and check on us and see how things were going."

Helen Snow, Museum gift shop manager, noted, "He was very nice, very personable and would always joke with you. He would always talk to me about

Uncle Fred. You could always talk to him. He'd tell you stories."

Ken Blankenship made an impact in every aspect of the Tribe's cultural and tourism efforts. John Tissue, Cherokee Historical Association (CHA) executive director, stated, "Ken was an amazing non-profit director and friend and partner to the Cherokee Historical Association. He loved his work at the Museum and it showed. He built the Museum into the world class institution that it is, and it was not unusual to see him picking up the trash left by tourists after hours, or changing the lightbulbs in the exhibit rooms. The Museum was an extension of Ken and his love for it was second only to his wife, his children and grandchildren. CHA and its staff are deeply saddened by Ken's passing but are thankful that he was such a great friend and mentor."

<p>CIPD Arrest Report for Feb. 21-28</p> <p><i>The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.</i></p> <p>Locust, Kaley – age 20 Arrested: Feb. 23 Released: Feb. 23 Charges: Obstructing Justice</p> <p>Shuttle, Laura Beth – age 61 Arrested: Feb. 23 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Driving While Impaired</p> <p>Smith, Vincent Dexter – age 30 Arrested: Feb. 23 Released: Feb. 23 Charges: Probation Violation</p> <p>Flippo, Anita Nicole – age 27 Arrested: Feb. 24 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Grand Larceny</p> <p>Ramirez, Hugo Gardo – age 36 Arrested: Feb. 24 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: First Degree Trespass</p> <p>Saine, Angelica Chenise – age 25 Arrested: Feb. 24 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: First Degree Trespass</p> <p>Wolfe, Kaleetah Lynn – age 39 Arrested: Feb. 24 Released: Not released as of report</p>	<p>date</p> <p>Charges: Driving While Impaired</p> <p>Bryant, Dana Brent – age 39 Arrested: Feb. 25 Released: Feb. 25 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor</p> <p>Tramper, Kenneth Lee – age 42 Arrested: Feb. 25 Released: Feb. 25 Charges: Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Heroin; Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance</p> <p>Lossiah, Joshua Boyd – age 42 Arrested: Feb. 26 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Driving While Impaired</p> <p>Panther, Jordan Phillip – age 31 Arrested: Feb. 26 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Obstructing Governmental Functions</p> <p>Salazar, Sandra Diane – age 39 Arrested: Feb. 26 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Non-Compliant with Drug Court</p> <p>Buchanan, Brandon Tyler – age 23 Arrested: Feb. 27 Released: Feb. 27 Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon</p> <p>Wildcat, Edison – age 55 Arrested: Feb. 27 Released: Not released as of report date Charges: Violation Domestic Violence Protection Order, Assault on a Female</p>	<p>Tribal Court Report Judgment Summary for March 3</p> <p>Armachain, Keith Littlewolf 14-15.1 Public Intoxication – Dismissed with Leave to Refile</p> <p>Bird, Regina Dawn 14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea 14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea 14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea 14-70.19 Providing or Possessing Contraband – Guilty, 120 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days active jail time, credit for time served (66 days); \$1,000 fine 14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Guilty, 120 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days active jail time, credit for time served (66 days); \$1,000 fine 14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea 14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Dismissed on Plea</p> <p>Bryant, Elias Chance 20-7(a) No Operator’s License – Dismissed on Proof</p> <p>Cline, Melissa Renee 20-28 Revoked License – Report Infraction</p>	<p>Crowe, Christopher 20-111(2) Fictitious Registration Plate – Report Infraction 20-28 Revoked License – Report Infraction</p> <p>Davis, Verron Doyce 14-10.41 Breaking and Entering – Guilty, 180 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, 51 days active jail time, credit for time served (51 days), \$500 fine, stay away from victims and their premises 14-10.40 Burglary – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass - Guilty, 180 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, 51 days active jail time, credit for time served (51 days), \$500 fine, stay away from victims and their premises</p> <p>Garcia, Alexander Martinez 20-111(2) Expired Registration Plate – Dismissed on Proof</p> <p>Hondurena, Flores Crus 20-141(a) Exceeding a Safe Speed – Dismissed in Interest of Justice</p> <p>Littlejohn, Callie Laverne 20-111(2) Expired Registration Plate – Report Infraction</p> <p>Lossie, Kirk Wilson 20-7(a) No Operator’s License – Dismissed on Proof</p> <p>Martin, Brandon Keith 20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed in Interest of Justice 14-10.9 Criminal Mischief to Property – Dismissed at Request of Prosecuting Witness</p> <p>Radford, Hunter Alan 14-40.59 Assault by Pointing a Gun – Admit PV, 1 year jail time suspended, 3 years probation, 353 days active jail time, credit</p>
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for time served (353 days), not to possess firearm
 14-34.11 Aggravated Weapons Offense – Dismissed on Plea
 14-10.61 (No charge description listed) - Admit PV, 1 year jail time suspended, 3 years probation, 353 days active jail time, credit for time served (353 days), not to possess firearm
 14-10.41 Breaking and Entering - Admit PV, 1 year jail time suspended, 3 years probation, 353 days active jail time, credit for time served (353 days), not to possess firearm, \$713.22 restitution ordered

Radford, Jake Michael
 20-7 No Operator's License – Report Infraction

Reed, Kelsey Lynn
 20-111(2) Fictitious Registration

Plate – Dismissed with Leave

Reed-Smathers, Erin Leigh
 20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed on Proof

Rickman, Patrick Lynn
 20-7(a) No Operator's License – Report Infraction

Sequoyah, Frances Elaine
 20-111(2) Expired Registration Plate – Dismissed on Proof

Standingdeer, Michelle
 20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed

Swimmer, Ashley Davada
 20-7(a) No Operator's License – Report Infraction

Teesatuskie-Taylor, Shanali Ann
 20-7(a) No Operator's License –

Report Infraction
 20-111(2) Expired Registration Plate – Report Infraction

Thompson, Homer Lee
 14-10.41 Breaking and Entering – Guilty, 18 months jail time suspended, 3 years probation, 365 days active jail time, credit for time served (384 days), no contact with victim
 14-20.2 Aggravated Sexual Abuse - Guilty, 18 months jail time suspended, 3 years probation, 365 days active jail time, credit for time served (384 days), no contact with victim

Watty Jr., Quincy
 20-28 Revoked License – Report Infraction

Watty, Todd Marcus
 20-111(2) Expired Registration Plate – Dismissed on Proof

William, Savetta
 14-10.14 Injuring Communication Equipment – Dismissed with Leave to Refile, no contact with victim
 14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed with Leave to Refile, no contact with victim

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Cherokee gets big win at Rosman on windy evening



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Cherokee's Don Bradley (#2), Braves junior quarterback, sets to throw to Tso Smith, Braves sophomore wide receiver, during a game at Rosman High School on the evening of Friday, March 5. The Braves improved to 1-1 on the season with a 49-28 victory over the Tigers. Game statistics were not available to the One Feather by press time.



Lloyd Teesateskie (#66), Braves junior defensive tackle, squares up against Rosman's Nicolas Mariani.



Smith (#15) runs the ball as Rosman's Dylan McCall sets up for an attempted tackle.

Braves topped by Swain Co. in road game



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

Cherokee's Josh Phillips (#11), JV Braves running back runs outside during a game at Swain Co. High School on the evening of Thursday, March 4. The JV Swain Co. Marroon Devils defeated Cherokee 54-6. Neither a roster for Swain Co. nor game statistics were available to the One Feather by press time.



Cherokee's Marty Roach (#5) catches a touchdown pass in the end zone. It was the Braves' lone score on the night.



The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is currently accepting applications for the **2021-2022** program year. This program is for EBCI college or university undergraduate students enrolled in at least 6 credit hours.

If selected, fellows receive up to \$4000 to use for their leadership and cultural endeavors and for travel/virtual opportunities. Fellows will also raise awareness and work on community issues, receive personal and professional support from mentors in our community, and have networking opportunities.

To apply, please visit:

www.rkli.org/jones-bowman/

OR

Email chris@rkli.org for an electronic application.

Applications are due to Christopher Reed by April 5th, 2021 at 4:30pm.

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.



Park announces group permit process for Whiteoak Sink

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced the implementation of a trial reservation system for group access to the Whiteoak Sink area during the 2021 wildflower season beginning Monday, April 12 through Friday, April 30. This trial project will allow managers to determine if better coordinating group access can reduce trampling and soil compaction around sensitive plant populations.

Beginning Thursday, March 11 at 10 a.m., group leaders may make reservations at www.recreation.gov for a special park use permit to access the area for groups of eight to twelve people. Leaders may reserve either a morning permit, allowing access from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., or an afternoon permit, allowing access from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Two permits will be issued each weekday during the reservation period. A standard special park use fee of \$50 is required for each permit, along with a \$6 reservation fee. Payments must be made online through www.recreation.gov at the time of reservation. Group leaders may reserve two permits per season.

During the trial period, groups of more than twelve people are not allowed in the area at any time. In addition, no permits will be issued on weekends. The intent of the trial reservation system is to better protect sensitive wildflower species that can be damaged when large groups crowd around plants off-trail to take photos or closely view blooms. Individuals and small groups, less than eight people, may access the Whiteoak Sink area without a permit throughout



National Park Service release

A wildflower photographer is shown in the Whiteoak Sink area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Park officials announced the implementation of a trial reservation system for group access to the Whiteoak Sink area during the 2021 wildflower season beginning Monday, April 12 through Friday, April 30.

the wildflower season. Volunteers will be available on site to provide safe-viewing information and to collect monitoring data.

The Whiteoak Sink area is primarily accessed from the Schoolhouse Gap Trail between Townsend and Cades Cove. In addition to stewardship of sensitive wildflower populations, resource managers continue to be concerned about critical habitat for bats found at the same location. In 2015, park officials closed the area during the winter months to limit human disturbance to important bat hibernacula and to help hikers avoid interactions with White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) infected bats, which had been documented flying erratically during the day and diving towards people. Unfortunately, recent monitoring has documented a dramatic decline in bat populations throughout

the Whiteoak Sink area. For that reason, park officials have determined that the full winter closure is no longer necessary due to the extremely low number of bats in the area. However, access within 25 yards of the Blowhole Cave opening is prohibited from October through May to reduce disturbance to remaining bats.

Park managers have been monitoring sensitive wildflower species in the Whiteoak Sink area since 2016. During the first year of monitoring, managers documented 62 plants that were damaged by trampling and the creation of 370 feet of new social trails by visitors trying to view or photograph individual plants. Based on this monitoring, park managers implemented several strategies to protect wildflowers during the peak season that draws over 5,000 visitors to the site. A volunteer

cadre provides daily information to visitors about how to safely view wildflowers and signage is installed to help remind photographers about the importance of remaining on the trail to reduce soil compaction and trampling. With these efforts, plant trampling has been reduced by 80 percent, although, social trail creation and soil compaction is still a concern. By managing group size and frequency through this trial permit system, park managers hope to further reduce impacts.

For more information about permits for group access to Whiteoak Sink, please email Special Park Use Permit Coordinator Jamie Sanders at jamie_sanders@nps.gov or visit www.recreation.gov on March 11. At that time, more information will be available about permit details.

- National Park Service release

NCDHHS, EBCI opens Medicaid and Food and Nutrition Services Eligibility Office in Cherokee

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Division of Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) have established an EBCI/NCDHHS Medicaid and Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Eligibility Office in Cherokee. The office open officially on Monday, March 1.

The new office will provide culturally-appropriate services to those living on the Qualla Boundary and is co-located with the EBCI TANF and Child Support Services offices at: 1526 Acquoni Road (P. O. Box 427) Cherokee, NC 28719.

“We need to break down barriers to health care if we are going to eliminate health disparities,” said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. “This new partnership will help provide access to culturally competent, whole-person care that drives overall wellbeing.”

Through this new NCDHHS office, tribal members and North Carolinians living in the Qualla Boundary will be able to get assistance close to home with the following services:

- EBCI/NCDHHS FNS and Medicaid eligibility workers will provide

intake services (applications, recertifications and changes) for the Medicaid and FNS programs.

- If an applicant does not reside in Jackson County, the office will be able to forward and assign to the appropriate contact for other counties.

- Applications taken for Jackson County will be processed by the EBCI/NCDHHS FNS and Medicaid eligibility worker for their specific program.

This eligibility office is state-run, through the Jackson County Department of Social Services, to increase access to Medicaid and FNS services.

- EBCI Public Health and Human Services release

Park experiences more than 12 million visits in 2020

Great Smoky Mountains National Park experienced the second busiest year on record in 2020. In spite of a 46-day, full Park closure this spring and partial closures through August due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the park had 12,095,720 visits. This marks the second time in park history that visitation exceeded 12 million visits.

“I’m proud of our staff and partners who worked diligently to develop COVID-safe protocols that enabled us to safely provide

access to the park during a time when people were desperate to spend time in this special place for healing and refuge,” said Superintendent Cassius Cash. “But, this increase in use didn’t come without a cost. Visitors experienced even more congestion, the busiest places in the park became even busier, and visitors often left behind litter and damaged roadsides from out-of-bounds parking.”

Between June and December, when most Park roads were open, the park had one million more visits than experienced during this same time period in 2019 and 2.3 million more visits than the ten-year average for this time period. The park set individual monthly visitation records for each month August through December. Roads, trails, front-country campgrounds, and backcountry campsites were all busier than normal. Following the reopening of all front-country campgrounds in September, use increased more than 33% for the remainder of the year over the same time period in 2019. In the backcountry, camping increased 47% for the same time period between June and December in 2019.

This surge in use follows a 20-year trend of increasing visitation in the Smokies. Over the last year, park managers have been working with local communities and visitors to discuss challenges with extremely high visitation. Visitors are more consistently reporting extreme traffic congestion, busy restrooms, litter, and over-full parking areas throughout the year. Park managers remind the public

about the added importance of practicing Leave No Trace principles during periods of high visitation. Litter and food scraps are not only unsightly, but also draw wildlife close to park roadways, resulting in hazardous situations for motorists and iconic animals like black bears. To learn more about how to #recreate responsibly, please visit the National Park Service’s website at <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/recreate-responsibly.htm>.

The park hosted eight virtual workshops in 2020 with 200 participants to discuss ideas for providing better access, experiences, and stewardship of the park. Through the workshops and an online comment opportunity, the park collected more than 2,000 ideas about ideal park experiences and potential management actions to address challenges at some of the park’s busiest locations. Park managers are currently assessing the information collected and plan to implement a pilot project based on the ideas gathered to address use and congestion for at least one park destination in 2021. For more information about the park’s planning process to address visitor experiences and congestion, please visit <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/management/ves.htm>.

- National Park Service release

Turkey Shoot. March 13 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for Brothers in the Wind. Good fun, good prizes, good benefit.

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Fun Fact from the Editor

The color red does not make bulls go crazy. Bulls are color blind.

Cherokee Fitness Complex Re-Opening Phase 3 - (Modified Hours of Operation)

The Cherokee Fitness Complex modified its Hours of Operation on Monday, March 8 under the following guidelines:

- Hours of operation: Monday - Thursday 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Members may sign up for a time slot by calling 359-6494/6495.
- Walk-ins will be allowed up to capacity during scheduled time frames.
- Time frames will be limited to 30 members at a time, as members exit the facility, members may re-enter the facility. (\$5 day pass fee and membership sales are available)
- All members are required to be pre-screened by a staff member before entering the facility.
- Membership applications will be required to be updated and check-in cards will be required for check-in. A new card will be issued if needed.
- The following areas will be closed until further notice: locker rooms/showers (restrooms available), gymnasium (only open

for classes), family room, water fountains.

- EBCI enrolled members, Tribal/Entity Employees and non-enrolled members 16 years and older can use the complex in Phase 3. (Entities include Harrah's Cherokee Casino, Cherokee Boys Club, Cherokee Central Schools, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, and National Park Service Employees)
- Masks will be required.
- No congregation policy is in effect; members are not allowed to congregate and gather in large groups. Individuals must implement social distancing by maintaining a minimum distance of 6-feet from other individuals while working out.
- Sanitizing all equipment after each use will be mandatory.
- Please bring your own towel and water bottle (water will be available for purchase only)
- Smoothie Bar will be selling pre-packaged items and drinks, but no smoothies will be sold at this time.
- Updated Class Schedules and Guidelines have been issued; they are also available at the check-in front desk.
- The following are time slots for

workouts: Monday - Thursday 6 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Show respect to everyone in the Complex by adhering to all guidelines. Failure to follow guidelines will result in loss of complex use privileges.

- Cherokee Fitness Complex
release

Cherokee Fitness Complex pool guidelines (modified hours of operations)

Effective Monday, March 1, the following schedule will be implemented for the Cherokee Fitness Complex pool:

Monday

Open Swim 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Water Therapy 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Open Swim 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Open Swim 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Open Swim 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Youth Open Swim 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Open Swim 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Water Aerobics 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Open Swim 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Open Swim 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Open Swim 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday

Open Swim 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Water Therapy 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Open Swim 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Open Swim 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Open Swim 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday

Open Swim 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Water Aerobics 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Open Swim 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Open Swim 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Open Swim 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Youth Open Swim 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday


Open Swim 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Water Therapy 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
(Classes will be March 12 and 26, schedule subject to change)
Open Swim 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Pool Use Guidelines

- Please call 359-6494/6495 to reserve a timeslot, walk-ins welcome as well.
- Max capacity is 12 per PHHS guidelines.
- Must shower before entering the pool
- Must bring your own towel, swim wear, etc.
- Parents must remain in pool area during youth open swim.

"Cherokee Fitness Complex officials relate, "Show respect to everyone in the Complex by adhering to all guidelines. Failure to follow guidelines will result in loss of complex use privileges. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your cooperation."

- Cherokee Fitness Complex
release



The Garden Bug

The plant called **ox-eye daisy** thrives in a wide range of conditions, but prefers a sunny or part-sun location in soil that is slightly damp. It is commonly found growing along roadways or spread across fields. It is also widely cultivated commercially, popular for home gardens and in flower arranging. It can be invasive and difficult to eradicate. There are some types that begin blooming in early spring, such as the "May Queen" cultivar. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: wikipedia.org, www.missouribotanicalgarden.org, www.sandysplants.com



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2021 Nutrition Month

“Personalizing Your Plate”

KASSIE MASSIE, RDN, LDN

The Qualla Boundary is celebrating Nutrition Month! This March, the Cherokee Indian Hospital, in conjunction with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is emphasizing “Personalizing Your Plate”. This approach to eating recognizes that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to health.

Cherokee tribal ancestors had a history of living well. Eating organically was not one of many options. It was the only option. Cherokee people ate what they planted and hunted. The concept of food processing and chemical preservatives did not come along until much later. And hunting and farming was labor intensive, meaning that they didn't go to the gym for exercise, their workout came from daily chores. A healthy diet, in conjunction with exercise, kept our great grandfathers and grandmothers strong and fit.

Healthy, nutritional eating on the Boundary is much more challenging today. With the invention of commercial canned and packaged foods, chemical additives, processed sugars, and fast foods, the Cherokee people find it more challenging to eat “healthy”. For many, poor choices in eating, along with sedentary lifestyles have resulted in unhealthy bodies and higher incidents of disease.

Eating with good nutrition in mind will help us return to a healthier way of living; one our ancestors would be proud of.

Here are some ways that tribal and community members may

“personalize your plate” ...

Mix it up. Eating a variety of nutritious foods daily will ensure our diet is balanced and full of the nutrients our bodies need. Choose foods from all the food groups at our meals and mix and match to suit our individual tastes! Let the food groups of MyPlate serve as a guide for meals but let the foods within the groups reflect our personal eating style. Water should also be considered an important part of our daily intake. If you're someone who struggles to meet that water goal, being intentional can make all the difference. Try keeping a reusable water bottle on hand throughout the day or getting an accountability partner at work to check in with. 64oz each day is a good goal to start with!

Have you noticed the new nutrition facts label? Many food manufacturers were required to update the nutrition label last year. If you aren't too savvy when it comes to reading labels, now might be a good time to brush up (and there is always Google)! Another key component to nutritious eating is eating mindfully. Eating without distraction gives us more satisfaction with food and allows us to enjoy the food and people with us. Taking time to slow down and enjoy our food can improve our digestion and can also help us make healthier choices as we pay attention to how our bodies feel!

Meal Planning. Being intentional about what we plan to eat is another way we can “personalize our plate”. Start with a grocery list when shopping- this will not only help focus your attention on healthy food picks but may also save money! Choosing healthful recipes to make throughout the week can be a great motivator to eating foods that we enjoy, as well as ones that help our bodies feel

their best. When dining out, be menu-savvy. When eating away from home, like at work or school or when traveling, plan ahead. This will help you to make better choices and will prevent you from scrambling to make last minute decisions.

Cooking and Preparation. Learn skills to create tasty meals for yourself, friends, and family! Keeping healthy ingredients on hand can keep you prepared and motivated to cook. Use proper home food safety to ensure that your cooking is safe and sanitary. Whenever able, share a meal with friends and family. This can make trying new foods and flavors an exciting experience for all. Reducing food waste is another consideration in preparing your own food. Cook meals in bulk for leftovers or in smaller portions to avoid throwing it away.

Consult an RDN. When in doubt, ask a local Registered Dietitian Nutritionist about ideas and tricks to “personalize your plate”. Individualizing eating habits can take preparation and thought, so if you need help be sure to reach out!

If you would like to set up a meeting with a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, contact your primary care team for a referral within the primary care clinic (828-497-9163). You can expect to have an RDN meet with you to discuss your health goals and assess your current dietary intake. After this, the RDN will guide you through goal setting and follow up to help you make the changes best for your health. Nutrition here is personalized and achievable for all!

Kassie Massey is a pediatric dietitian at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.



Taking Your Dog for a Winter Hike

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I love hiking with my Border Collie mix, “Jess.” Even in the dead of winter, we are out in the snow. Jess carries her own supplies in saddlebags sized just for her. The problem is, my girlfriend keeps saying it's dangerous for Jess to be out with me in the wintertime. That she could get hypothermia, or injure her paws on jagged ice and have to be carried out. I really have never had a problem. What's your take? — *Tim Y., Manchester, New Hampshire*

DEAR TIM: Each dog is different, and a dog that is outdoors frequently can acclimate as the seasons change. It sounds like Jess is pretty well acclimated to the cold, and you probably keep a close eye on her while on the trail to make sure she's not shivering or in distress. Hiking is an activity that keeps you both warm, even on snowy days.

I do understand your girlfriend's worries. Much bigger dogs than Jess have suffered hypothermia from spending just a few hours in the backyard, unsupervised. And that term, supervision, does make a difference.

Assure your girlfriend that because Jess is with you on the trail, she is under your supervision at all times. If she does get chilly or injures a paw, you'll know about it right away, and will make sure that Jess is safe and that she's warm enough. Her saddlebags should carry food, a drinking bowl, a doggy sweater or emergency blanket, and a small first-aid kit to deal with scraped paws and splinters.

My advice: Keep hiking and enjoy the time spent with Jess!

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

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Stimulus paper trail

Dear Dr. Per Cap:

The business that does my taxes told me I needed to show confirmation letters for the economic stimulus payments I received. I threw those out because my payments already went through. What should I do?

Signed,
Missing Letters

Dear Missing Letters

Many tax preparers this year are asking to see IRS confirmation letters listing the amounts of federal economic impact payments. IRS notices 1444 and 1444-B were supposed to go out within 15 days after payments were issued. To date most eligible people received two income adjusted economic impact payments either by check, direct deposit, or debit card— one in the spring/summer of 2020 and a second payment in early 2021.

I think a lot of people threw those notices out after they received payments and who can blame them. IRS has records, right? Of course they do. However, the notices state that they should be saved and referred to when completing your 2020 tax return. You can also use the

information in both notices to determine if you should claim a recovery rebate credit in case you didn't receive a stimulus payment or received less than you were eligible for.

Turns out a lot of payments went missing due to IRS errors, accidental garnishments, and non-filers who didn't request payments. So make sure you receive all of the stimulus benefits you're entitled too and get familiar with how they work.

I'm a big advocate for people keeping organized financial records and these COVID stimulus benefits fall squarely in this category. In addition to the two previous federal economic impact payments and very likely a third one in the near future, many Native people have also received direct payments from tribal and state

governments and some non-profits. These benefits are usually non-taxable but you should always check to make sure, especially with regard to state issued payments.

Moreover, certain payments are handled differently with regard to garnishments and back taxes. For example the second round of federal economic impact payments were not supposed to be reduced for past child support or any other federal or state debts; however, the first round of payments could be. Ugh . . . confusing I know.

Now back to your question. If you lost your notices you can access that information by creating a federal tax account at <https://www.irs.gov/payments/view-your-tax-account>. It's a pretty straightforward process although you will need to provide some personal information you might not have at the top of your head - all the more reason to get those records in order.

Then make sure to file your taxes on or before April 15.

Ask Dr. Per Cap is a program funded by First Nations Development Institute with assistance from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. For more information, visit www.firstnations.org. To send a question to Dr. Per Cap, email askdrpercap@firstnations.org.

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MARCH 8-14, 2021

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	Delayed Harvest stocking April 6. (Only delayed harvest section is open)	All Day.	Rainbow, Brook, Brown. All Day.	Caddis, BWO and Stoneflies.	BWO's, Caddis, Griffith's Gnat, Rubber Leg Prince Nymph, Perdigon, Frenchie, Squirmy Wormy, Red Bomb, Midges.
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Hatchery Supported Waters are closed until April 3.	Based on water temperatures.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Caddis, BWO, Quill Gordons.	Prince Nymph, Girdle Bugs, Frenchie, Copper John.
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery Supported Waters are closed until April 3.	Warmest part of the day based on water temps. Watch Tippet size.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Wild Brook Trout	Caddis, BWO's, Quill Gordon, Midges.	Caddis, BWO's, Quill Gordon, Griffith's Gnat, Rubber Leg Prince Nymph, Hares Ear, Rubber Leg Pheasant Tail, Copper John.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 9
AVERAGE

8:52 AM-10:52 AM
9:19 PM-11:19 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
GOOD

9:45 AM-11:45 AM
10:10 PM-12:10 AM

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
BETTER

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FRIDAY, MARCH 12
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N/A
11:20 AM-1:20 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
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WCU to have in-person commencement ceremonies this spring

CULLOWHEE – After a series of virtual commencement ceremonies due to COVID-19 in 2020, Western Carolina University will resume modified, in-person commencement activities this spring for the class of 2021.

The ceremonies will take place the weekend of May 14-16. To comply with the governor's current executive order regarding mass gatherings:

- Graduates will be required to confirm their participation in spring commencement exercises. Information will be sent via WCU e-mail to graduates from graduation@wcu.edu by March

12. Graduates will be required to RSVP in the Marching Order system no later than March 31;

- Graduates will be allowed two guests and all guests must be ticketed (tickets will be distributed in late April);
- Face coverings will be required of all graduates and guests; and
- Commencement will be livestreamed.

Specific details on times and locations will be forthcoming.

"Commencement ceremonies are a highlight of the year and the ultimate celebration of our academic mission and the incredible

journey of our students. I'm beyond thrilled to resume celebration of our graduating students' accomplishments in-person this spring," said Kelli R. Brown, WCU chancellor. "In the weeks to come, we will continue to coordinate our plans for in-person ceremonies, while adhering to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and North Carolina."

The decision to hold in-person commencement ceremonies comes after Chancellor Brown announced that the university is planning to resume, conditions permitting, an academic and on-campus schedule in August that is as normal as possible.

- Western Carolina University release



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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



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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Ronald Blankenship

Kenneth Ronald Blankenship, 78 of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord on March 2, 2021 at his home with family. He was the son of the late Roy and Georgia Blankenship and loving husband of Barbara Blankenship for the past 52 years.

Ken grew up in Cherokee and was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. After graduating Cherokee High School, he joined the workforce for a few years before joining the Army. He served in Vietnam as a Helicopter Crew chief with the 155th AHC Troop. After his tour of duty, he was stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala. where he met the love of his life Barbara and they married in 1968.

Ken and Barbara moved back

to Cherokee where he began his life as a leader in his community. He raised his family in Cherokee serving the community he grew up in through multiple positions and efforts. Some of these positions include serving on the Board of Directors for the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, Swain County School Board member, National Advisory Board for the Trail of Tears Association, founding director of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and many more. He felt the most pride serving as the director of the Cherokee Museum which he made his lifelong project of enhancing public understanding and appreciation of the Cherokee Heritage. In 2010, he was able to open the Educational and Research wing at the Museum to help these efforts continue.

Ken was a proud father and "Pop Pop". He was an avid Maroon Devils fan and could be found at school events during his spare time supporting his children, grandchildren, and anyone else that could use words of wisdom or encouragement. We will all remember his stories, jokes, advice, knowledge, laugh and that grin.

Ken is survived by his wife, Barbara Blankenship; two children, Neil Blankenship and wife Sonya, Nicki Blankenship Wingate and husband Jason; six grandchildren, Darren Blankenship, Hayley Wingate, Cameron Blankenship, Arizona Blankenship, Hannah Wingate and Blake Wingate; sister, Shirley Taylor; brothers, Bob Blankenship and Ray Blankenship; many nieces and nephews and extended family. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Dennis.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, March 6 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. John Ferree officiated with burial at Sherrill Cemetery in Whittier. Military Graveside rights were conducted by the Steve Younger American Legion Post 143 Cherokee.

Pallbearers were Darren Blankenship, Greg Taylor, Mark Muller, Hoppy Ferguson, David Ferguson, and Sherman Colvard. Honorary Pallbearers were Cameron Blankenship, Blake Wingate, Eddie Almond, and Candler Cooper.

In lieu of flowers, we are asking for donations to be made to any of the following: Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Ken Blankenship Education and Research Center at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, American Legion Post 143 or the local VFW chapter.

Ancil Crutchfield

Ancil Crutchfield, 84, of the Towstring Community, went home to be with the Lord Monday, March 1, 2021 peacefully at his residence.

He was a member and Sunday School teacher at Towstring Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Sam Crutchfield, and 12 brothers and sisters.

Ancil is survived by his wife of 33 years, Janice Crutchfield; children, Michelle Bridges (Kelly), Chris Crutchfield; daughter-in-law, Kim Crutchfield; grandchildren, Alyssa and Jenna Crutchfield, Josh and Lexi Bridges; many brothers and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 2 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home.

Raymond Mathews will officiate.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, March 3 at Towstring Cemetery.

Nephews were pallbearers.

Happy 94th Birthday in Heaven to my Grandpa, Adam Conseen.

I love you so much and miss you every single day.

You will never be forgotten and will always be in my heart.

Love,

Your granddaughter, Jenni



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PHYSICAL ABUSE

- Damaging property when angry (thrown objects, punched walls, kicked doors, etc.)
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- Driving recklessly to scare partner
- Using of a weapon to threaten or hurt partner
- Trapping partner at home
- Preventing partner from calling police or seeking medical attention

RESOURCES:

The National Domestic Violence Hotline | www.thehotline.org

The National Sexual Assault Hotline | www.rainn.org

The National Dating Abuse Helpline | www.loveisrespect.org

Fish Cherokee 2021 schedule

The Catch & Keep Enterprise Waters will be closed to everyone from March 13-26. The Catch & Release Enterprise Waters are open all year for trophy water fly fishing only.

Following is a list of tournaments sponsored by Fish Cherokee, a program of the EBCI Natural Resource Program (a two-day Tribal Fish Permit {\$17} and tournament registration {\$15} is required for all) :

March 27-28: Opening Day Tournament

- \$20,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadline is Friday, March 26
- May 29-30: Memorial Day Tournament
- \$10,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadline is Friday, May 28

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament: July 24-25

- \$10,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadline is Friday, July 23

Qualla Country Tournament: Sept. 4-5

- \$20,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadlines is Friday, Sept. 3

Tag turn-in for all tournaments is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail.

Participants may purchase a Tribal Fish Permit online at www.fishcherokee.com or from a local permit vendor. Children ages 11 and under may participate in tournaments under a supervising adult's registration and fish permit. Legal fishing methods apply to everyone. Report fishing violations to 497-4131 (10-fish limit per day per permit holder which includes catch of children, catch must be kept separate, fly-fishing in ponds is allowed, re-releasing

caught fish into ponds prohibited). Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Discarding fish remains anywhere other than trash bins is prohibited.

Info: www.fishcherokee.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/fishcherokee

- *EBCI Natural Resources*

Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund announces emergency COVID-19 funding

The Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund has announced emergency COVID-19 funding made available to qualified educational institutions in the seven surrounding counties bordering the Qualla Boundary (Jackson, Swain, Haywood, Macon, Graham, Cherokee and Clay).

Organizations may apply for emergency funds related to personal protective equipment, screening supplies, sanitization chemicals/equipment, safe food transportation, and other qualified needs resulting from COVID-19. Funding will not be provided for staffing, payroll, gift cards, or any items not specifically related to safety.

For an application and full qualification criteria, please contact: Yona Wade at yonawade@ccs-nc.org or 554-5032; or Sherri Booth at sbooth@harrahs.com or 497-8753.

- *Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund*

Life Recovery Bible-Based 12-step Zoom meeting. Started Nov. 10 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley kellideb@gmail.com

Life Recovery Zoom meeting. Started Nov. 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley

kellideb@gmail.com

HELP Program Lawn Maintenance and Garden Plowing applications available

Applications for the HELP (Handicapped and Elderly Living Program) Lawn Maintenance and Garden Plowing are now available during Tsali Manor lunch drive-thru and/or over the phone. The deadline for applications is June 30.

Eligibility requirements:

- * Must be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- * Individuals applying for assistance must be living in the home.
- * Applicants must be 59 1/2 years old or older.
- * Applicants under 59 1/2 years old must not be physically capable of mowing. Proof of disability (Social Security Disability Statement) is required.
- * For 2021, a doctor's note stating applicant is not physically capable will be required from each applicant (disabled and 59 1/2 or older). Attach statement to the application or request that it be faxed to (828) 497-3519.

Mowing information:

- * Client/family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash and/or debris.
- * The residence must be within the three-county service area of Jackson, Swain, and Haywood.
- * Mowing will occur between April 1 and Sept. 28.
- * Mowing and weed eating include a 50-foot perimeter around the home including carports.
- * Lawns mowed outside the 50-foot perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility.

Plowing information:

- * Available up to a 100 foot by 100 foot area.
- * One garden per household
- * Plowing will occur between

March 1 and May 31.

Info: 359-6638

- *HELP release*

VITA Tax assistance program starting

The 2021 offering of Tax Assistance has begun. If your annual income is less than \$57,000 or you are a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd. The offices are located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Due to the current public health situation, VITA Tax Assistance will not be held face-to-face. Instead, a drop-off and pick-up service will be performed. Returns could take up to ten days to review and process.

Program officials note, "This process will be a bit lengthy compared to previous years. We will be limited in the weekly number of available appointments for the drop off service. As always, our program relies on volunteers to perform this service. Many volunteers are operating under the same, difficult circumstances as many of you may be and as our nation grapples with the challenges associated with COVID-19. We are fortunate to continue providing this service given the current state of our community and country."

Bring the following items to your appointment/drop-off:

- * All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.
- * Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture
- * Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household

- * Enrollment Card of Federally Recognized Tribe for NC Tax Exemption
- * Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
- * Last year's tax return (if possible)

* The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

To schedule an appointment, call the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office 359-6939 or 359-6930. If you reach the voicemail, please leave your full name, your primary phone number, and one of the team members will promptly return your call.

Officials stated, "We will be scheduling your appointment on a first come first serve basis. We ask that you call the numbers listed


to make an appointment as our building lobby is not open to the public currently."

*- EBCI Cooperative Extension
Program release*

Attention: EBCI livestock producers

The EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources currently has resources available to support livestock health needs through the procurement of medical supplies for EBCI producers. They are currently trying to identify individuals and complete a needs assessment for this one-time financial assistance program. Contact Mike LaVoie, EBCI Natural Resources, prior to Friday, March 12 at 788-3427 to discuss this opportunity.

*- EBCI Division of Agriculture
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The One Feather will be printing a calendar for 2022. It will feature dates of cultural significance, Native holidays and great photos. We would also like to feature community member birthdays and anniversaries. We will include EBCI Tribal members (living and deceased), tribal employees, tribal entity employees, spouses and children of EBCI tribal members (just month and day).

Please send your names, birthdays, and anniversaries to
Jonah Lossiah, via email.

jonaloss@nc-choerokee.com



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COMMENTARY

Downtown revitalization - It's a smart thing.

ROBERT JUMPER
 ONE FEATHER EDITOR

I applaud the members of the One Feather Editorial Board for taking a pro-economic growth and pro-safety stance on the issue of parking downtown. While I admit to not having some key information to make informed decisions (not entirely my fault, because much of the information is discussed behind closed sessions), and I may not be the sharpest pencil in the pack (although I consider myself smarter than a 5th grader - no offense to 5th graders), I have common sense enough to see the obvious, just like you.

It could very well be that something may be in the pipeline that hasn't been made public. We know that something must change downtown. It is illogical to have two or three useable parking spaces in front of a store that might have a capacity of 20 or 30 or more people. When you string several stores of that size in two rows, the inevitable result is parking congestion. We know that the speed limit is more likely to not be observed downtown and that crosswalks are poorly marked, and many times ignored. And when you consider that the parking spaces were designed when there were no monster trucks and Goliath SUV's, which cannot possibly get out of the roadway when parked, it is a recipe for more traffic congestion and accidents.

The difference between municipal and commercial. This has always been a fascinating disconnect in our community. A municipal project typically is a service or structure that services community members in a direct way, like a homeless shelter, a nursing home, a community pool, etc. The

purpose of these projects is not revenue generation primarily, although they may have some membership fee or other source of revenue provision. They make a minimal amount of economic impact, but do not sustain themselves, typically, nor are they intended to. A commercial project, on the other hand, is designed for revenue and profit generation. It is specifically designed to either contribute retail income from sales of products or services. While community members may use and enjoy the services of a commercial project, the goal of the project is not directly municipal or communal in nature. Examples of commercial projects include the Cherokee Phoenix Theatre, Sequoyah National Golf Course, and Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.

The connection between municipal and commercial. Yes, we need help and housing for the homeless and many other support services for our people. Yes, we should get the best that our dollars will allow us to provide for our elders, our children, our people. It is right and proper for municipal leaders to contemplate and create municipal programs for their communities. However, it does no good to promise or contemplate services that are unsustainable. For example, promising to fully fund post graduate education, provide unlimited health care, great elder amenities like the HELP program, without any way to pay for it would be irresponsible, and cruel. And when municipal programs and buildings are created, they are not a one-time cost. Each one requires manpower and maintenance, those are on-going, month after month, year after year, bills that must continually be paid.

And the way we pay for most of our municipal programs is with dollars

earned through the commercial projects. The most glaring example is the impact revenue that adult gaming has had on the ability to provide municipal services to the community. Since the casino began operations, the Tribe has brought community program after program, community building after community building, free service after free service, creating the need for millions of dollars of infrastructure to support all the municipal spread.

We have also seen, in both Tribal Council and Executive, calls to either slow down on the development of additional community projects or increase the Tribe's ability to generate revenue. The former is not popular with voters, so politicians are reluctant to pursue it. So, we must focus on finding more ways to pay for our municipal spending. The question is not "Why don't we build a homeless shelter instead of a parking deck?" The question is "Do we build a parking deck to facilitate revenue generation that we may use to build a homeless shelter?", because when we come up with a municipal idea, we need to also come up with a plan to pay for it. Municipal programs are apples. Commercial projects are oranges. You cannot compare them because they are separate yet symbiotic concepts. Unless we want to go back to living pre-gaming or implement a tribal income tax structure, we are dependent on revenue from our commercial operations, by and large.

How we should be like Gatlinburg. I don't think the Editorial Board was saying that we should be like Gatlinburg in the amount of commercialization that they have. They were referring more so to the "walkability" of their downtown. I believe we

can all agree that the Gatlinburg downtown is longer than our downtown strip. The Board was simply saying that there is no reason that our downtown couldn't be made as attractive to pedestrians as that strip. We want increased and safe traffic downtown for both locals and tourists, and, in that respect, we have the same goal as Gatlinburg and, indeed, in the makeup of most existing businesses downtown.

The cost of idleness. Some argue that prime property should not be used for a parking deck. Based on its current usage, I think some think that the property shouldn't be used at all. For over a decade since the elementary school moved to a new facility, the property has sat dormant, unless you count the recent, once per year rodeos that have been held on a section of the property, and those are not what you would call big draw, high return-on-investment events. Ironically, the one thing that the property has been used for from time-to-time is parking. Parking decks can be costly operations, no doubt, but they are also potential business catalysts. And, as one reader commented, while the cost per parking space may be higher than we are used to, we are able to potentially recoup the cost through increased use of our retail spaces (levy) and even parking fees.

The ability to pivot. A parking deck is an attractive amenity for existing business and those thinking of locating in Cherokee. With a functioning parking deck, you reduce the arguments from downtown owners and merchants about taking away their storefront parking in favor of pedestrian friendly walkways and potentially make room for bike lanes, further enhancing the use and

attractiveness of the downtown. A parking deck could be designed to take only a portion of the existing property. Any revenue generating business that you might think to put on the property would likely increase the need for parking space downtown and even on the property itself. Having a parking deck on the property would increase its value, not be a liability.

The challenges of parking downtown. Many of the parking spaces downtown were created before community members and tourists fell in love with mammoth sport utility vehicles and king cab, extended bed pick-up trucks. It is not uncommon to see the tail end of vehicles sticking out in the roadway in front of downtown shops. Drivers on the outside lanes, many of whom are traveling well above the speed "suggestion" of 20 miles per hour, are either halted until traffic clears in the inside lane or swooping around the end of those vehicles which is another driving distraction. Add to that the lack of clear labeling at the crosswalks and their haphazard use, and it makes you wonder why we have let this go on for so long.

Consumers don't want unwalkable retail. One reader speculated that people just wouldn't walk the length of downtown. And yet most municipalities in the country are advocating for walkable shopping areas. Sure, there is much to be done downtown to make it more "walker-friendly", but to say that it is too long or too uninteresting doesn't make sense. Better, wider, well-landscaped sidewalks and common areas would need to be a part of the plan for downtown, but it can be and should be done. Walking has become a popular pastime of young and old. Give people a good, safe, and

well-maintained place to park and you have taken a huge step in the right direction (pun wasn't intended, but surely fits).

Parking decks do not have to be "eyesores". We used to talk about "curb appeal" when it came to our public areas. Now, it seems to be a forgotten concept. We have even talked about parking decks for downtown before, but some of the younger folks have forgotten. There are many municipalities who have parking decks who have designed them to fit the cultural look and appeal of their communities. They integrate them into their overall plans for the look of their downtowns. I don't imagine if they were that unattractive that we would have three of them on our casino property.

How sitting on our hands will be deadly for the Cherokee economy. Our Tribal Council and our Executive Office have told us that we need to stop thinking that the Tribe has an endless source of money. We have been told that gaming is facing significant threats and that, if the threats become realities, it will mean life-changing reductions in services and potentially in workforce. We just experienced economically-crippling effects of a pandemic for both independent retail and tribal operations. And activities are still stifled due to the virus.

One thing is certain if you read and watch the news, the potential competitors of our gaming operation have not sat idle during the pandemic. They continue to work and prepare. Even in the area of tourism marketing and advertising, municipalities around us, targeting our same feeder markets, are pumping out advertising for their destinations, and creating

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COMMENTARY “Green Eggs” and racial stereotypes...

WILLIAM LEDFORD

It appears that Dr. Seuss was a racist. Or, he was simply a product of his times. The debate is raging, well, it's raging at Fox News anyway.

It seems that Dr. Seuss Enterprises, the outfit that handles the good doctor's legacy, has pulled six of his books for children because, "These books portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong." Their words. The titles of these six books are, "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street," "If I Ran the Zoo," "McElligot's Pool," "On Beyond Zebra!," "Scrambled Eggs Super!" and "The Cat's Quizzer."

Some are currently spiking at nearly \$650 bucks on eBay and will climb because of the authors popularity, and new notoriety. Eventually, the bottom will drop out of this run because these books are simply not for everyone - only hardcore collectors. Amazon

reports that Dr. Seuss' other books like, "Cat in the Hat", "Green Eggs and Ham", etc. are enjoying an up-shot in sales because, well, mostly because people are reactionary. Herd mentality.

Dr. Seuss, or Theodore Geisel, in my opinion, may be a racist, but as I stated previously, it's because he's a product of his time. Does that make it alright? Not in the slightest. Back in America's dim past, it was OK to portray Asian people in the usual stereotypical fashion, pigtail, cone hat, slits for eyes while holding onto chopsticks. It was OK to name sports teams after Native people because we were "savage" and "relentless killers" and we were dying out. It was OK to depict black people as lazy and shiftless and it was OK to depict Hispanic people as thieves with sombreros. Ah yes, them good old days, eh?

But Dr. Seuss wasn't alone. Are any of you folks out there familiar with the work of Laura Ingalls Wilder? For those that shook their heads no, "Little House on the Prairie" might jog your memory. She wrote the series of novels that inspired and resulted in the TV show with the same name. It ran for an interminably long time.

I've never read any of her books and for sure never watched that show but her racist portrayals of Native people resulted in the removal of her name from a prestigious literary award.

How about L. Frank Baum? Familiar with that name? No? Let's try this, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz". There you go, now you know. What you may not be familiar with is his editorial work for the Aberdeen, S.D. local newspaper. He wrote that Native populations be wiped out for "their" own good - a final solution to the "Indian problem" as it were. You know "Wizard of Oz", you don't know this guy.

Those are just a few, I could keep going but you kinda get the picture. Before I go, I wanna toss my two or three cents in regarding a hot button topic called "cancel culture". It seems that supporters of the right side of the political spectrum like to throw that phrase around when stuff like this Dr. Seuss business rears up. To these folks, Freedom of Speech means that they should be allowed to say anything about anyone they choose. Doesn't matter whether its ignorantly racist, they want to be allowed to say it. Or read it. They

get offended when Native people want to have statues of Columbus or Spanish conquerors taken down and when Black people want statues of slave owners removed. To them it's "history". And they're OK with that history. Why they're afraid of the truth is beyond me.

In the words of Vinnie Barbarino, "I'm so confused."

I've read that folks in the Home World are getting their second dose of the COVID vaccine, that's great, rock on! Or, vax on! Whichever you prefer. Native people, especially Eastern Cherokee, need to be protected from another disease from the Outer Worlds. Meanwhile, I'm still waiting on my first dose. Oh well, life in the city I suppose. At least I've got my green chile available every day. As good or better than a vaccine. And tastier. Maybe someone will vaccinate my breakfast burrito, darn good way to get the shot. OK, I'm out! See ya next time!

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

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low contact and no contact ways to carry out events. Trying to entice businesses to our community and then thinking about the amenities to attract them is the definition of backwards thinking. Businesses shop towns and municipalities like we shop for a home. We look for the best deal, with the best amenities, with the best rebates and price. And if a seller tells us to buy first and then we'll discuss amenities,

we say no deal and walk out, just like those businesses looking at Cherokee.

One of the things we need to get away from is calling people stupid for their ideas and suggestions. I caught that comment from someone who I felt was more intelligent and had more integrity than to say something like that. It was one of the things that prompted me to write on this subject this week. Just because someone thinks differently than you, doesn't necessarily mean that they are wrong or, worse yet, worthy of some disparagement. If I must resort to name calling or calling

an idea stupid, I am showing my own ignorance.

That being said, I am so pleased that you chose to participate in the poll questions, and I am grateful to those of you who engage in serious discussion and share personal experiences to help us better understand why you believe what you believe. I challenge you to, when it is appropriate, disagree, but don't be disagreeable. Our people and our readership have much to contribute to the conversation and to paraphrase an old philosopher, more heads are better than one.

"Municipal programs are apples. Commercial projects are oranges."

One Feather Question of the Week:
Write three questions that you would like to be answered by Tribal Council candidates.

Dennis Burgess: Do you approve of measures taken to combat the pandemic? And, in what ways do you think we could have improved? I realize there are no easy answers, but how can we better battle the tribes drug issues?

Shoshoni Medina:
I reside in Big Cove and would like these questions to be answered:
1. What do you feel would be a better revenue to add to the Tribe alongside the gaming industry?
2. The Qualla Boundary only has so much land, our membership is growing and building structures are going up everywhere, how do you think the land should be used - residential housing for members? Tourist attractions? Business endeavors? Once we build on all the land we have here, then what will we do?
3. We always see jokes about Tribal Council riding in nice vehicles and members in whooptys but let's be honest there is some sort of truth to it, how transparent do you believe the Tribe needs to be about budgets and spending? Payroll and investments?

Taylor Nelson:
I'm a member of the Wofltown community and proud EBCI member:
1) So many times the younger generation are told "we're the future" but yet our ideas and suggestions are mocked and/or overlooked, what would be the first step in implementing more youth voices?
2) I think our money can be spent much more wisely and should be overlooked by someone who qualifies in budgeting, not just anybody who is an elected official or has a

higher position in Tribal offices. How would you tackle this issue?
3) Would you still be willing to run as a Tribal official if there was a significant decrease in salary?

Ayla Bryant:
How are we going to encourage EBCI members to buy property and land with their dispersed money? We need to make the process more accessible for the upcoming generation of EBCI members that wish to buy property/homes with their dispersed money. I personally feel that there has been no outreach or programs that help make the process understandable for first time home buyers. If we want the generations to make smart decisions with their money, then we need opportunities to buy land/housing. I don't understand why we need to take a loan out on money that could have been otherwise spent outright on property/housing. This is a huge issue for my generation as we are some of the first people to go through the dispersed money program.

Driver Blythe: What are your thoughts on Council member term limits?

Travis Climbingbear: Should managers and higher paid positions be required a degree? What ideas do you have for diversity other than gaming? What makes you the better candidate?

Redbird Sequoyah: What about a program for teenagers who are about to age out of the system? Help them get jobs a place to live so they aren't just pushed out into the world with nothing. What are their thoughts on helping the children? "Helping" those girls who keep having babies after babies and letting them fall into the system. Do something about that. It's time to start

helping the children!

David G. Jumper: 1. We are now under 200 fluent/first language Cherokee speakers. What do you plan to do or initiate if elected to help preserve the language? 2. Why is more Cherokee not used in the Council chambers when you have one of the best resources and teachers there with you?
3. Many candidates in the past have promised to do more for the language and culture yet not much seems to have been done. How will you be different?

Claudette Long-Conner:
EBCI Member in Wofltown:
1. What's your stance on cannabis and/or you willing to support any votes to move forward with medical use?
2. Do you intend to help your entire Tribe as a whole or only your friends/family?
3. When is last time you reached out to anyone in your community you haven't met or know already personally about their opinions and/or concerns?

Nathan Bush:
1 - Do you support bringing back the \$500 loan per-cap?
2 - Does your version of transparency mean closed Council meetings about multi-million dollar deals with no input from the Cherokee public or ask the peoples input, and letting the people know all the information on what's really going on before a major decision is made?
3 - Will you ask questions about every issue that Council has to vote on, or will you sit quiet and just vote without asking questions?
4 - If voted out of Council, will you take a high paying position that are usually given to former Council members after they are voted out even with no education or experi-

ence for that job, or will you apply just like everyone else has to, so people that has an education, or experience for that job has a fighting chance at getting it?

Dakota Parker:
1. What is your position on a Tribal bank?
2. How would you attack the issue of homelessness on the Boundary?
3. How would you move forward with the take-over of our own Tribal Child Support program and TANF instead of allowing others to come in and make their millions off of our children?

Marion Gray-Lion:
Hi/Osiyo. My concern is with the potential legislation aimed at increasing criminal jurisdictional authority, especially pertaining to addressing the MMIWG epidemic. 1. Are plans being developed to identify to what extent EBCI members are impacted by this?, 2. Have there been discussions to increase criminal jurisdiction, starting with tribal law enforcement increasing their training / involvement with forensic evidence collection and preservation?, and 3. Has the recent McGirt v. Oklahoma ruling been explored on how it may affect future legislation for the EBCI?

Chloe Blythe:
1. How do you plan to diversify the tribal economy and investments?
2. Do you have any ideas on how to encourage tourism and revitalize the downtown area?
3. What are your thoughts on fostering financial independence and literacy and reducing dependence on per capita and other funds? Many people think this only applies to teenagers and young adults but how could financial literacy be approved among all generations?

SPEAKING OF FAITH

God's a giving God...

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR
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Read 1 Peter 4:1-11; Jeremiah 32:19

In one of the latest polls seen concerning the Church, only 20% of members have actually led any others to Jesus.

God is so real and powerful, more than anyone else. Let us help move you into your purpose. God's a giving God, not a taking God, for the Lord has given each one of us who are His, at least one gift.

We have also been bought with a price. This is our season to be useful, for now, to actually do something with what God has given us. Why aren't we using our faith that He has placed in operation in our life? Faithfulness works. Part-timers don't get all the talents. We need to ask ourselves, "Did we get one or two talents? Five talents?"

Are we living up to our potential? Are we living to serve others? Are we serving because we understand what's needed? Or are we serving because we think if we are not getting what we think we deserve or want, we won't ever have to use our spiritual gifting. Do we think that we have ever deserved a spiritual talent we've been given? Is that God's desire?

We are to "walk in the Spirit" even while doing the mundane things in life so we, at least, can create an atmosphere, an atmosphere that attracts the Anointing of God. Are we even asking Him, where's my divine appointment today? Will my keeping it, release a revival like the preceding ones that have come to pass? Is this to be my greatest day ever? Our job is really to win our own neighbor to Christ, and it truly begins as we tell them about Jesus.

Jesus always told His disciples, "freely have you received, now go and give it away to those around us, for the fields are already white unto harvest." And, my goodness, they got hungry! We have also been told, since Adam was told from the Beginning, 'to be fruitful and multiply.' We need to be helping them find their

purpose.

We need to understand God is looking, for the 'god-like' in each one of us, for God to be found there within each of us. He spoke to the Earth—the Source—to bring forth the life found there. Life dies if it's removed from its Source too soon. We need to understand, with God as our Source, we must remain connected to our Source each day. It's like the branch has to remain attached to the vine to produce any fruit for harvesting.

We need to be good stewards of the manifold Graces of God. That is the way we each should grow into our grace. We need to go from being just 'hearers' to actual 'doers.' We also need to speak as God speaks, to speak as the 'oracles of God'. We should glorify God in all things, for God has brought our praise and dominion back into the Earth. As we pray for those around us, even the many who are addicted, God can use our natural ability/abilities, they are not only nominal, to combine with God's talent and creativity to give a person their gift. Life is much more than just you or your own children, serving the King. Our kids can follow Him for themselves.

Many have thought us somewhat foolish, so why do we always open our mouths and prove it? We all want purpose and meaning to be in our lives. There's something inside of me that's real. We've been given a weapon to defend ourselves with—we are armed with something that can shut them down. My Mama and Daddy called it being Chosen. We are armed with the Mind of Christ. Use it. He has enlarged my 'foot size', my stomping size. I'll pray through. Get in God's presence. He sets up a banquet table.

Married, I found a job at a paint store in town. The boss began to say, 'this is a paint store, not a church'. The calling on my life was very strong, and when someone needed a prayer, I prayed. The boss would talk with people like that lady, and she told him, 'I don't want paint, I need him to pray for me.' He soon realized that this was an asset, not a problem.

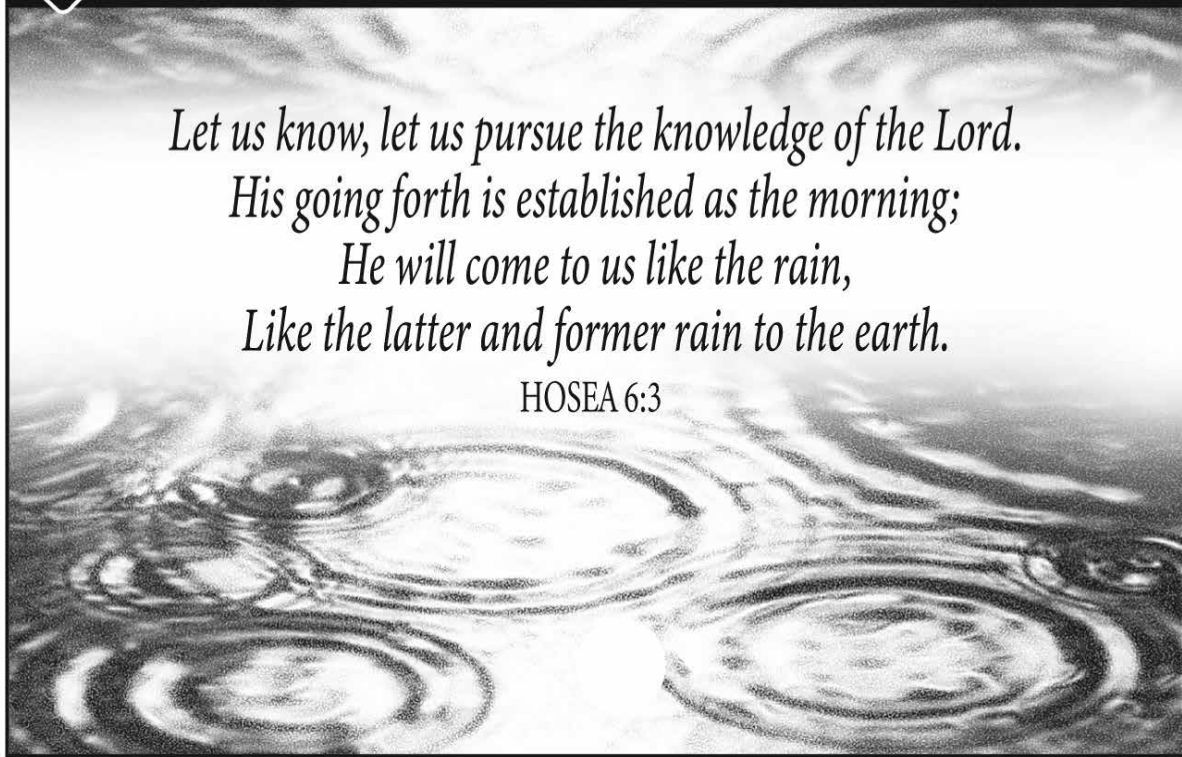
A four-year old actually, once told her parents, "I want the handkerchief ministry." As people would come to the altar, she wanted to give them a tissue. Everyone can do that.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord.
His going forth is established as the morning;
He will come to us like the rain,
Like the latter and former rain to the earth.*

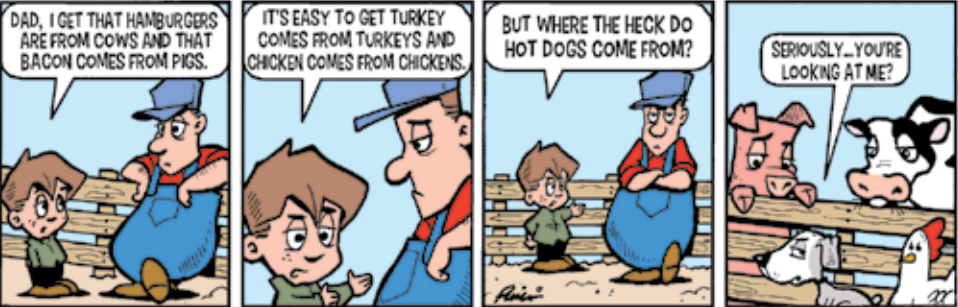
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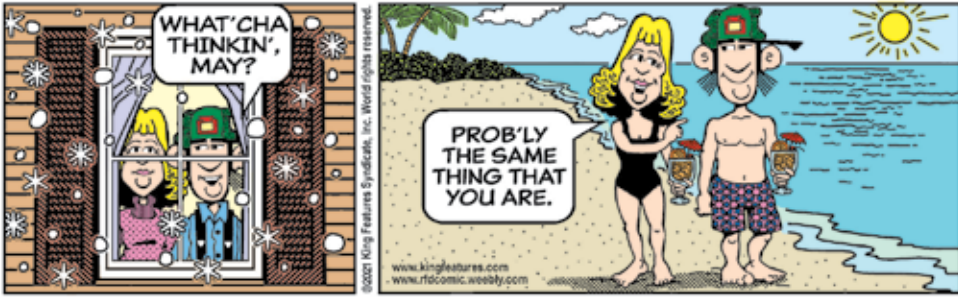
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.



The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Differences: 1. Boy is missing. 2. Golf club is missing. 3. Tree is added. 4. Golf shoes are different. 5. Hedge is missing. 6. Zipper is added.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Nightwear, for short
- 4 Rm. coolers
- 7 Fable writer
- 12 Decay
- 13 Prefix with athlete
- 14 Preamble
- 15 Mode lead-in
- 16 Soundly defeated
- 18 Zilch
- 19 Berth places
- 20 Retain
- 22 Away from NNW
- 23 Roundish 'do
- 27 Writer Harper
- 29 Sitting room
- 31 Prepared apples for baking
- 34 Street punks
- 35 Up roar
- 37 Rotating part
- 38 A Great Lake
- 39 Actor Stephen
- 41 Dumbstruck
- 45 Striped equine
- 47 Hockey's Bobby
- 48 Performed to the end
- 52 Gun-lobby org.
- 53 Broadcaster
- 54 Code-

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- 9 Pigs' digs
- 10 Metal source
- 11 Group of whales
- 17 Get ready, briefly
- 21 West Point freshman
- 23 Bakery lure
- 24 "Alice" waitress
- 25 Scepter
- 26 Hosp. areas
- 28 College URL
- 30 "Eureka!"
- 31 "Evita" narrator
- 32 Owned by us
- 33 MLB stat
- 36 Raised
- 37 Tenor Enrico
- 40 Deep, lustrous black
- 42 Candymaker
- 43 Goofed
- 44 Pulls
- 45 Goose egg
- 46 — impasse
- 48 Bit of butter
- 49 Fib
- 50 Branch
- 51 "Uh-huh"

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. Is the book of Samaria in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Nehemiah 10, what's the most common starting letter of the numerous names listing priests, Levites, chiefs, and fathers? C, B, T, H
- 3. Which prophet foretold the ministry of John the Baptist? Levi, Isaiah, Aaron, Mordecai
- 4. How did Jesus enter Jerusalem during the "Triumphal Entry"? On foot, Carried by slaves, On donkey, In golden chariot
- 5. From 1 Chronicles 20, Elhanan slew Goliath's ...? Father, Brother, Mule, Oxen
- 6. In which book is the parable of the Good Samaritan? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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- 1. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel begins with the sentence, "There was no possibility of taking a walk that day"?
- 2. CHEMISTRY: Which element's Latin name is hydrargyrum and goes by the symbol Hg?
- 3. HISTORY: Who was the first female detective in the United States, hired by the Pinkerton Detective Agency in 1856?
- 4. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product's 1970s advertising slogan was, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing"?
- 5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Only two Catholics have served as president of the United States. Who are they?
- 6. MOVIES: The "Star Wars" movie series was partly filmed in which African country?
- 7. LANGUAGE: What does the name Boca Raton (Florida) mean in Spanish?
- 8. U.S. STATES: The highest and lowest points in the contiguous United States can be found in which state?
- 9. ENTERTAINERS: Which American actor and comedian was born Eric Marlon Bishop?
- 10. TELEVISION: Which 1950s Western series featured the theme song "Happy Trails"?

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FOR SALE

2008 Honda Ridgeline RT Model w/custom cap. \$9,000. 371-6611

Furniture, rugs, picture frames, tables, etc. 736-2911

Two oak armoires, \$125/each. Work boots. Old handmade quilts. 456-9763

58" 4K Samsung TV. \$300. Lots of kitchen supplies, tools, etc. 788-6220



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Consider moving beyond the usual methods to find a more creative means of handling a difficult on-the-job situation. Avoid confrontation and, instead, aim for cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Seasonal change creates a new look for the outdoors. It also inspires Taureans to redo their own environments, and this is a good week to start redoing both your home and workplace. Enjoy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs to be straightened out so the wrong impression isn't allowed to stand. If necessary, offer to support the use of a third party to act as an impartial arbitrator.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A career change offering what you want in money and responsibilities could involve moving to a new location. Discuss this with family members before making a decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Feeling miffed over how you believe you were treated is understandable. But before you decide to "set things straight," make sure the whole thing wasn't just a misinterpretation of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Showing you care makes it easier to build trust and gain an advantage in handling a delicate situation. What you learn from this experience also will help you understand yourself better.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Planning for the future is fine, especially if you include the roles that family members may be asked to play. Don't be surprised if some hidden emotions are revealed in the process.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Making choices highlights much of the week, and you have a head start here, thanks to your ability to grasp the facts of a situation and interpret them in a clear-cut manner.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Carrying a torch can be a two-way situation: It can either keep you tied to the past or help light your way to the future. The choice, as always, has to be yours.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your watchwords this week are: "Focus." "Focus." "Focus." Don't let yourself be distracted from what you set out to do. There'll be time later to look over other possibilities.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A workplace opportunity might require changes you're not keen on making. Discuss the plusses and minuses with someone familiar with the situation before you make a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Love and romance are strong in your aspect this week. If you've already met the right person, expect your relationship to grow. And if you're still looking, odds are you'll soon be finding it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You approach life in a wise and measured manner, which gives you an edge in many areas.

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101). The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

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

Open Until Filled:

Children's Home
PT Residential Counselor - two positions

Agelink Childcare Center
Full Time - Lead Teacher
Full Time - Teacher Assistant
Full Time - Kitchen Aide
Full Time - School Age Group Leader
Full Time - Custodian
Part Time Contract Position - Tutor/School Age Virtual Program

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) H; 3) Isaiah; 4) On donkey; 5) Brother; 6) Luke



1. "Jane Eyre"
2. Mercury
3. Kate Warne
4. Alka-Seltzer
5. John Kennedy and Joe Biden
6. Tunisia
7. Rat's mouth (named for sharp rocks where ships docked)
8. California: Mount Whitney and Death Valley
9. Jamie Foxx
10. "The Roy Rogers Show"

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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ALA	OUT	PLAYED
NIL	PIERS	
KEEP	SSE	AFRO
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CORED		HOODS
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— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at <https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or visit: www.ccs-nc.org for more information.

Cherokee Central School is currently taking applications for employment for the following job opportunities :

- **4 Hour Food Service Worker** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- **Part Time Custodian** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- **Part Time Security** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.



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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, March 11, 2021
Physical Therapist II

Closing Thursday, March 18, 2021
PTI Phlebotomist
Dental Assistant I

Director of Business Analytics and Revenue Cycle
Pharmacy Technician II

Open Until Filled

Behavioral Health RN (Grant Funded) - Analenisgi
Billing Technician II
Certified Nursing Assistant – Primary Care (Grant Funded)
CNA/Medical Clerk Night – Inpatient
Dental Assistant II (Multiple)
Dentist
Dentist – Satellite Clinics
Dietary Services Supervisor – Patient Side
Infection Control/Employee Health RN (COVID Grant)
Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center
Masters level Therapist (Grant Funded)-Adult/Analenisgi
Medical Laboratory Technician (Emergency Hire)
Pedodontist
PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)
PTI CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)
Registered Nurse - Primary Care (Grant Funded)
Senior Accountant
Targeted Case Manager – Integrated Classroom

Tsali Care Center
Closing March 11, 2021
Ward Clerk

Open Until Filled

Certified Nursing Assistant – (Full Time- Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)
Certified Nursing Assistant (Part Time Intermittent - Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.)
Cook Aide (Hiring Bonus)
License Practical Nurse (Full Time)
License Practical Nurse (Part Time Regular w/Benefits)
Registered Nurse (Part Time Intermittent)

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

EMPLOYMENT

The Oconaluftee Indian Village is seeking workers for the 2021 season. We are looking for people willing to educate the public about the Cherokee history and culture in fun, exciting ways. We need applicants who take pride in the Cherokee culture and possess good work ethic. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office, 564 Tsali Blvd. across from the Museum.

Positions available:
Program: Artisans, Ambassadors,
Delegates,
Operations: Box office, Retail,
Concession
Other: Gardener,
Maintenance/Janitor

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21 - 004

In the Matter of the Estate of Jesse James Welch

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

Jess Junior Welch
P.O. Box 159
Cherokee, NC 28719

3/17

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-021

In the Matter of the Estate of Verlyn Brown

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

Brandi Mathis
552 Jackson Branch Road
Robbinsville, NC 28771

3/24

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21 - 027

In the Matter of the Estate of Clarence Lee Murphy

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

Selena Murphy
161 Old#4 Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719

3/24

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT BEFORE THE CLERK CHEROKEE, NC

FILE NO.: SP 19-53, 54, & 55

In Re: D.D., J.D., & V.D.

TO: The father of a male juvenile

born on September 19, 2010, a female juvenile born August 10, 2015, and a female juvenile born July 24, 2016 in Jackson County, North Carolina, respondent. TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is Kinship Guardianship of the aforementioned-minor children. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than January 12, 2021, said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for kinship guardianship over the minor child.

This is the 2nd day of December 2020.

Stephanie-Lyn S. Lepre
Attorney for Petitioner
EBCI Legal Assistance Office
PO Box 2280
Cherokee, NC 28719
828.359.7400
N.C.G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(j1).

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-049

In the Matter of the Estate of William Smith Jr.

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

Angela D Smith Edwards
219 S Poet Bass Dr.
Fair Play, SC 29643

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Qualifications

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6530

Tribal Transportation Safety Plan

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed Qualification Proposals from Qualified Firms to develop a Strategic Tribal Transportation Plan. The deadline for submitting Qualification Proposals will be March 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM EST.

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

You may request the full Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Barak N. Myers, CDOT Program Manager at (828)-359-6532 or via email at HYPERLINKmailto:baramyer@ebci-nsn.gov baramyer@ebci-nsn.gov. **3/17**

Fun Fact from the Editor

In the 1700s, barbers not only gave haircuts and shaves but also pulled teeth, performed minor surgery, and did bloodletting.



Job Advertisements for the week of March 8, 2021:

- **Conservation Outreach Worker: Natural Resources/Agriculture & Natural Resources (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)**
- **Deputy Clerk: Tribal Court/-Judicial Branch (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)**

*All applications and job descriptions are available at
www.ebci.com/jobs*

Please attach any licenses, certificates, diplomas, resumes, etc. with application. If you are unable to attach the documents, you may drop them off at our offices located at 806 Acquoni Rd. Suite 100 or email them to the Employment Specialists listed on our website. Indian Preference does apply. NOTICE: Due to the Tribal State of Emergency, we will only advertise positions that are classified as Essential or Critical to Tribal Operations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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CHEROKEE ANIMAL CARE CLINIC

497-3401

(customary charges will apply)

Constitution vs. Charter: Article IV (continued)

Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution

Article IV – Legislative Branch (continued)

Clause 3. Vacancy in Office. In case of death, resignation, removal, or any cause that a Tribal Council Representative becomes unable or unfit to perform the duties to the end of his/her current term of office, he/she shall be replaced as follows within fifteen (15) days:

Replacement. If more than twelve (12) months remain in the vacant term of office from the date of vacancy, the replacement shall be on an interim basis until the Board of Elections can hold a special election. If twelve months or less remains in the vacant term of office from the date of the vacancy, the interim replacement shall finish out the vacant term. Whoever completes the vacated term shall be deemed to have served a full term of office.

Order of Succession. The order of succession for interim replacement shall be as follows, unless the individual is unable to meet eligibility requirements for Tribal Council Representative as prescribed by this Constitution and the Board of Elections, or is unwilling to serve: Tribal Council candidate from the most recent election receiving the next highest number of votes of the Township where the vacancy exists; shall remain vacant with voting privileges assigned to the second Township representative in Council until the seat is filled.

Current Charter

Section 15. In case of death, resignation or disability of any member of Council a new member shall be elected by the Township under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by Council or election rules.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AN EASTERN BAND OF
CHEROKEE INDIANS CONSTITUTION AND
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VISIT WWW.SGADUGI.ORG OR CONTACT
LLOYD ARNEACH AT
lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com**

**Article IV is being presented in parts. More on
Article IV next week!**

Why include a section about Tribal Council vacancy in the constitution?

The charter describes a vacancy as someone who either dies, resigns or is disabled. This does not speak to any other conditions that may cause a vacancy of office. Because not all conditions are covered by this section, it has been used in the past to keep special elections from taking place. As an example, if an official is impeached from office, the charter does not have a solution for that type of vacancy. The charter also does not give any timeline as to how quickly a vacancy is filled. Currently, the charter's only solution to a vacancy in office is to have an election at some point in the future where it can be run by Council or by election rules.

The language in the constitution covers most if not all vacancy conditions with the phrase "...unable or unfit to perform the duties...", which includes death, resignation, impeachment or any other issue. The constitution also has timelines and methods to fill a vacancy so the representation for a community is not handicapped by a vacancy. The runner-up from the last election is asked to fill the vacancy within 15 days if they are still qualified. If they cannot take the seat, the seat will remain vacant till the next election.

Depending on how much time was left for that seat's term will determine the process to fill it permanently. If it was less than 12 months then the next regular election will decide the replacement. If, on the other hand there is more than a year to go for that vacated seat, a special election will be held to vote for a permanent replacement.