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“We need everybody to remain calm and to exemplify those values that are in keeping with the highest traditions of Cherokee people.”

- Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed in talking about reactions to the coronavirus (COVID-19)



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EBCI forms Coronavirus Joint Information Center

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Thursday morning, March 12 marked the first meeting of a Joint Information Center (JIC) that was called for by EBCI Public Health and Human Services.

The group has been formed to ensure consistency and quality in all information that is distributed regarding the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19.

These meetings are not to make operating decisions, but to increase communications between all necessary departments on the boundary. It is an assortment of all Public Information Officers (PIOs) and other representatives among those departments.

The current plan is for the JIC to meet daily at one central location until it is determined that COVID-19 is no longer a threat to the community. The meetings will consist of creating action items, sharing information among the different departments, and ensuring that consistent messages are being distributed from the correct sources.

All parties have been added to a group text and other forms of communication to maintain contact. They will also be added to a shared folder to allow resources to be shared throughout the different departments.

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had a patient under investigation for COVID-19, though testing results have not yet been released.

“We want to assure you that while we’re waiting on test results from the state lab, this patient is considered very low risk. This patient poses no threat to the community. As a precaution, the hospital is setting up tents outside the entrances (of the hospital) to ask patients and visitors certain questions to prevent the possible spread of germs.” said Executive Medical Director Dr. Richard Bunio in the video statement.

Dr. Bunio, as well as Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority’s Public Information Coordinator Sheyahshe Littledave, said that it is best to first contact your primary care physician before coming to the hospital.

There are plenty of precau-

tions being taken across the Qualla Boundary, and the Cherokee One Feather will be covering any closures or postponements.

Ashleigh Stephens, the PIO for the Executive Office, said at the meeting that they would be putting a halt to Tribally funded travel.

The following memo was also sent to all tribal employees on March 12:

“Effective immediately, travel by EBCI employees will not be approved for business travel for the next several weeks. Any scheduled travel taking place before May 1st must be cancelled. We will work with federal and state partners to ensure any training/events missed will not negatively affect grant/educational requirements. Travel scheduled on or after May 4 will be evaluated in the coming weeks with a determination made no

later than April 20.

Due to an overabundance of caution and in the interest of keeping our community members safe it is being recommended that any EBCI sponsored events and trainings happening in the months of March and April be postponed. A determination will be made for future gatherings by April 20. If you have questions about a gathering that your program sponsors please communicate with your Director and Secretary to determine how to proceed.”

The UNC school system has also taken significant precautions across the state. The following statement is from an official UNC system press release. “All UNC System institutions will transition from in-person instruction to a system of alternative course delivery, where possible and practical, no later than March 20. Alternative course delivery will begin on March 23 and last indefinitely.”

Many schools in North Carolina, including Western Carolina University, are extending their Spring break by one week and moving to online only courses. Cherokee Central Schools is currently operating as usual while ensuring that health precautions

are taken. However, CCS Director of Community Affairs Yona Wade said that the school is preparing for anything.

“The protocol is that we stay open and wait for recommendations from local health organizations as to whether or not we should be closing our facility ... we have a crisis management plan in place like everyone else does, a continuity of operations plan, and are finalizing our pandemic preparedness piece,” said Wade.

“There is not any one trigger that necessarily says school is closed. We are preparing in the event that school may need to close. We do have materials ready to go. Our students at the high school are already doing online classes. So, it’s just making sure we have that prep time, which is kind of in line with what you’re seeing with Western. They just extended there (Spring Break) one week to allow for their staff to have time to pull together information. We’ve been doing that.”

The JIC will be meeting each morning at the EOC until notified otherwise, and the Cherokee One Feather will continue to be involved moving forward.

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Tribe to maintain operations; casino, schools closing due to coronavirus

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With nationwide closures and cancellations mounting due to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the EBCI tribal government will maintain operations while the Tribe's two casinos, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee and Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel in Murphy, will close for two weeks along with area schools including Cherokee Central Schools.

The decision to close the two casinos was announced on the afternoon of Monday, March 16 by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed who said in a taped message, "Health officials are recommending that social distancing is the most

effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus. This is why you have seen us announce closures for schools, day cares, and any events that lead to a gathering of more than 50 people.

This immediately heightened our concern for our casino employees and their families who might be exposed to COVID-19 by one of our guests. Following the direction of health officials, the leadership team at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise (TCGE), and I met this morning (March 16) to discuss the plan for our two properties. After much deliberation and careful planning, we have ultimately decided to close Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort and Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotels operations for a period of two weeks. A plan has been developed

and will be communicated to employees at both properties."

Tribal leaders and officials met at the Shawn Blanton Emergency Operations Center on the afternoon of Sunday, March 15 to discuss various issues surrounding coronavirus.

"First and foremost, I am really grateful for the amazing team that we have both with the Incident Command Team, the Joint Information Committee," Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said following Sunday's meeting. "When I look at all of the resources that we are blessed to have here at the Tribe to deal with an incident like this, everybody is putting in a lot of hours, and it's great to see the esprit de corps, the camaraderie, and the teamwork."

He added, "For the general public, I would ask everyone to, first of all, remain calm. We,



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along with the State of North Carolina and the country as a whole, recognize that hygiene measures and preventative measures are in the best interest not only of the individual communities but the country as a whole. We're trying to really nip this thing in the bud. Some people have said, 'oh, you're overreacting', but it's not overreacting. We're trying to prevent the spread of a virus that is airborne, that remains alive on surfaces for days at a time, and the only way to do that is to have people not congregate and to practice good hygiene. My ask of the community would be not to repeat rumors, but to look to the Joint Information Committee and get their information from there - get their information from the Principal Chief's Facebook page."

Chief Sneed said it truly is a team effort. "We are working diligently with the hospital, the Boys Club, Public Health and Human Services, the school system, and the Executive Branch - everybody is working together, and we just need the cooperation of the public. We need everybody to remain calm and to exemplify those values that are in keeping with the highest traditions of Cherokee people."

Schools statewide, including those in Cherokee, will be closed for two weeks.

Chief Sneed issued an executive order on Sunday afternoon dealing with tribal employees who might be affected by those closures. "Any tribal employee that is being impacted by any school, daycare, or Youth Center closure will be granted up to 24 hours of emergency sick leave Monday, March 16 - Wednesday, March 18. This emergency sick leave will not affect your sick leave balance."

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper issued Executive Order No.

117 on the afternoon of Saturday, March 14 that all North Carolina public schools will close to students on Monday, March 16 for a period of at least two weeks. He also issued another executive order banning "mass gatherings of more than 100 people across the state."

In his order, he stated, "A mass gathering is defined as any event or convening that brings together more than one hundred (100) persons in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theater, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. This includes parades, fairs, and festivals."

It continued, "A mass gathering does not include normal operations at airports, bus, and train stations, medical facilities, libraries, shopping malls and centers, or other spaces where more than one hundred (100) persons are gathered. It also does not include office environments, restaurants, factories, grocery stores, or other retail establishments."

Soon after Gov. Cooper's order on Saturday, Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) announced that it would be closing as well. In a statement, Yona Wade, CCS director of community affairs, noted, "Due to the public health emergency facing our community and nations, Cherokee Central Schools will be closed Monday, March 16-30. Monday, March 16 will be a teacher workday."

During Sunday's meeting, Wade told the attendees, "We are working through the process of what to do with staff that may have children at other facilities and what that will look like for our staff. So, we are continually working through that process. We identified ways to provide food service to students at home. That is one of our biggest

worries with the two weeks, being out to be able to provide that food service."

Mark Jewell, president of the North Carolina Association of Educators, praised the closure decision. "We appreciate Governor Cooper's careful consideration of all the impacts a state-wide closure of our public school system would have on educators, students, parents, and the wider community. Ultimately, we think this is the correct decision, and we thank him for acting decisively in the best interest of everyone involved."

The Cherokee Boys Club announced on the evening of March 14 that Agelink Childcare and Snowbird Childcare would both be closing for two weeks as well. "Although there are no cases of coronavirus in our facilities, we are taking the proper precautions and making it our utmost priority to protect the well-being of our clients at Agelink Childcare as well as Snowbird Childcare. In saying that, both facilities will be closed March 16-30. The staff will remain on duty for cleaning and sanitizing purposes."

Greg Owle, Cherokee Boys Club general manager, said during Sunday's meeting, "Currently, we are working on our new and improved policies for pandemic and emergency incident management. The major thing that we're doing at this point is we're going to be closing to the students the day care facilities - the Agelink facility and the Snowbird facility. We are going to proceed and be at a current work level for the next two weeks unless we are forced to close."

He said the Boys Club will be fully staffed during the two-week span. "We're going to go through a deep clean process, cleaning our buses, cleaning the day care facilities, cleaning our offices, and,

at the same time, we're going to be working on policies and procedures. It is not our intention to cut anybody out of work. Basically, we're going to continue to work and pay everybody."

In addition to the above-named entities, the New Kituwah Academy Elementary School and New Kituwah Daycare, Dora Reed Childcare Center, and the Big Cove Daycare Center will be closed during the two-week span. The Cherokee Life Center and all community gyms will also be closed during that period. Tsali Manor is closed to the public, but meals will continue in several ways including drive-through meals and meals being delivered to those who cannot make it there. Due to the size of the base of students who attend, the Cherokee Youth Center will be closed, but the Snowbird Youth Center will remain open.

Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital chief executive officer, commented that in addition to the changes at intake, "We have restricted visitors at in-patient, and we have restricted almost all visitors at Tsali Care."

Brooks Robinson, Harrah's Cherokee Casinos regional senior vice president and general manager, said in a statement, "Given the rapidly evolving situation, and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to cancel the April WSOP (World Series of Poker) Circuit Event. We look forward to hosting our next WSOP event in August and hope that customers who had planned to be here in April will visit us then."

Vickie Bradley, Secretary of EBCI Public Health & Human Services, ran Sunday's meeting and summed up precautions, "Wash your hands. The best prevention is simple hygiene."

Coronavirus sparking many cancellations and closures locally, nationally

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The coronavirus, COVID-19, has sparked a wave of event cancellations and postponements in Cherokee, statewide, and nationwide. North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency on Tuesday, March 10 stating, "The health and safety of North Carolinians is our top priority. We are taking the necessary steps to ensure that North Carolina is prepared and responding to this virus...time is a valuable resource and we must work together to slow the spread while we can."

A memo from the Office of Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, on March 12, put a halt to all trib-

ally-funded travel for the immediate future and further stated, "Due to an overabundance of caution and in the interest of keeping our community members safe, it is being recommended that any EB-CI-sponsored events and trainings happening in the months of March and April be postponed. A determination will be made for future gatherings by April 20."

Following is a listing of events planned in Cherokee that have either been postponed or cancelled as of press time:

- * Chief's Bingo event, March 18 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, POSTPONED
- * TERO Vendor Trade Show, March 19-20 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, POSTPONED
- * Hope for Cherokee Evangelic

- Meeting, March 25-28 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, POSTPONED
- * Rainbows & Ramps Festival, March 28 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, CANCELLED
- * Opening Day Cherokee Trout Tournament, March 28, CANCELLED
- * 2020 Census Kickoff & Community Garden Kit Giveaway, April 2 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, POSTPONED until May 6
- * Spring Garden Fair, April 3-4 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, POSTPONED
- * Spring Fling Market, April 9 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, CANCELLED
- * Easter Eggstravaganza, April 11 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, CANCELLED • MMA Fights, April 18 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, POSTPONED
- * Cherokee Rodders Spring Rod Run, April 24-25 in Cherokee, POSTPONED
- * Kanesegi Basket & Art Festival, April 25 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, POSTPONED

Tribal officials related that, as of press time, all events planned for the month of May are still on. EBCI Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) officials will re-evaluate the spread of the virus in mid-April to make a determination about May events.

The USET SPF (United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund) Impact Week meeting set for March 16-19 in Washington, D.C. has been cancelled. "Due to rapidly increasing concerns related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, as of this communication, over 50 percent of our tribal nation members have notified us that they have issued travel bans, restrictions, and/or are liberally approving staff

requests to not travel at this time," USET officials said in a statement. "As previously communicated, the health and wellness of our members and meeting participants is of top priority concern. With over half of our membership notifying us that they will not be in attendance, we will not be able to conduct our business, and therefore it makes no sense to have others travel in and jeopardize their wellness unnecessarily."

Many educational institutions are cancelling or postponing events and altering classes with many colleges and universities opting for online-only classes instead of face-to-face classes. Western Carolina University (WCU) announced on March 11 that it is extending its spring break by a week. In a statement, WCU officials noted, "This additional week will help enable faculty members to take the steps necessary to make the transition from in-person classes to delivery of their course materials online or via other distance methods that do not require face-to-face classes."

WCU officials said their decision came from guidelines received from the University of North Carolina system. WCU's statement said, "...all UNC institutions are restricted from hosting gatherings of 100 or more people. As a result, the chancellor's installation ceremony scheduled for Friday, March 27, and other installation week activities are postponed until further notice."

Southwestern Community College (SCC) cancelled their Job Fair set for March 17.

Numerous pow wows, round dances, and other Native Amer-

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Museum of the Cherokee Indian to remain open; events cancelled

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As the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread across the United States, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian has indicated it will remain open. Museum officials have noted that all special events for the remainder of March have been cancelled.

“We are open daily, but to keep crowds down, we have currently cancelled our March events hosted here at the Museum including the Cherokee Heritage Day, the 3rd Annual Storytelling event, and the opening night reception for our upcoming new mask exhibit,” said Dawn Arneach, Museum interim executive director. “With the Museum Board and staff, we will look at each month coming up

and make decisions at that time concerning whether to have that month’s events or to postpone to a later date.”

Arneach said that the Museum is taking precautions to reduce the risk to patrons and staff. “The Museum staff has made sure we have hand sanitizer stations throughout the Museum visit, at the Box Office counter when you come in, at the Museum Store counter when you check-out purchases, and even in the guest bathrooms. Each department at the Museum also has Clorox wipes to wipe down our audio tours when turned back in and pens for signing receipts.”

She added, “They are also wiping down surfaces like door handles, turnstiles, and other surfaces that are touched throughout the day.”

They have also planned for what to do if a person seems symptomatic for COVID-19. “So far, our staff has not shown signs of sickness,” said Arneach. “Our plans are that if they are starting to get sick that they stay home and follow precautions for themselves and their family members. If we have a customer that comes in coughing, we politely ask them not to visit us today but to come back when they are well and can enjoy their time with us.”

The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum will also remain open, and currently all planned events are still on as scheduled. Regular hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In other Museum news, the Smithsonian announced that all its museums in Washington, D.C. and New York City will be closed to the public temporarily starting on Saturday, March 14. “The health and safety of Smithsonian visitors, staff, and volunteers is a top priority,” Smithsonian officials said in a statement on March 12. “We are closely monitoring the coronavirus situation and maintain ongoing communication with local health officials and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Due to the rapidly changing nature of the situation, we are not announcing a reopening date at this time and will provide updates on a week-to-week basis on our websites.”

EVENTS: Cancellations,
from page 6

Indian gatherings have been cancelled or postponed all throughout Indian Country. Two of the largest and most well-known pow wows, Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in New Mexico and the Denver March Pow Wow in Colorado, have both opted to postpone their events. The Denver March Pow Wow Committee released a statement on March 11 stating in part, “This is not an easy decision, but with the announcement from the World Health Organization (WHO) deeming Covid19 a pandemic and our concern from the health and safety of all of our participants, vendors, and attendees, including a large number of our elders, we feel it is best to postpone and look for other dates later in the year.”

Nationwide, sporting events have been affected greatly.

The NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association) announced on March 12 that the Board of Directors moved to suspend all interscholastic athletics in the state from March 13 through at least April 6. This move affected the high school state basketball championship games originally scheduled for March 14. Those games are postponed indefinitely per NCHSAA officials.

Que Tucker, NCHSAA commissioner, commented, “As much as we would like this opportunity for our student-athletes, coaches, and their communities, we know that ultimately any decision we make must err on the side of caution.”

The NBA on March 11 decided to suspend play indefinitely. Many conference basketball tourna-

ments were cancelled outright including: AAC, ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12, SEC, Atlantic 10, and others.

NCAA officials released the following statement on the afternoon of March 12, “Today, NCAA President Mark Emmert and the Board of Governors cancelled the Division I men’s and women’s 2020 basketball tournaments, as well as all remaining winter and spring NCAA championships. This decision is based on the evolving COVID-19 public health threat, our ability to ensure the events do not contribute to the spread of the pandemic, and the impracticality of hosting such events at any time during this academic year given ongoing decisions by other entities.”

ACC league officials said in a statement on March 12, “We are disappointed for our student-ath-

letes, schools, and fans to have to make this decision; however, the overall health and safety of all involved is the priority.”

The National Lacrosse League (NLL), which includes the Georgia Swarm, announced a temporary suspension of play on March 12. “We will continue to evaluate this situation and remain in constant communication with health, team, business, and league officials across North America. Security and safety are our top priorities and focus in these challenging and unprecedented times, and we will continue to provide updates on resumption and rescheduling of play as they are determined.”

Follow the Cherokee One Feather on Facebook for daily updates on new cancellations/postponements as well as the latest COVID-19 information as it relates to the EBCCI.

Cherokee Indian Hospital increases screening; continues preparation

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If you drive up to the Cherokee Indian Hospital and see tents outside of the entrances, don't be alarmed.

In an effort to increase screening for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), they have added these stations to ensure safety of the hospital. As you approach the door, there will be an employee at a table with cones around the tent. The cones are to maintain a recommended six-foot distance, and there you will answer a few quick questions.

Gwynneth Wildcatt, patient registration manager at the hospital, says that it is an easy yet very important procedure for staff and patients.

"They're going to ask you if you've had a fever or a cough. They're going to collect your name and your birthday. And then they're going to ask you if you've traveled outside of the Continental United States or been in contact with anyone known to have the coronavirus. And then we go from there. If you need to put on a mask and go into a secondary screening with a medical provider, that happens rather quickly."

She says these measures are being practiced at most hospitals now under recommendations offered by the CDC and other health services.

On Wednesday, March 11, the Cherokee Indian Hospital released a video saying that there was a patient who was under investigation for COVID-19. On Friday, March



JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo

This is one of the screening tents set up outside the hospital entrances. The cones establish proper distance, and the questioning usually takes less than a minute.

13 they received results saying that individual had tested negative for the coronavirus.

Dr. Richard Bunio, the executive medical director at the hospital, said that they have been lucky not to have a positive case yet in this region, and that has helped them prepare.

"I think it's a big advantage for this area that we can educate people well in advance. We can help them understand how they can keep themselves and their families healthy," said Dr. Bunio.

He believes Cherokee has done a good job during this time as the coronavirus has spread throughout the country.

"I think everybody has handled it very well. Especially the staff here at the hospital and Public Health and Human Services. We've been meeting and planning for this for several weeks. Everybody has been cooperative. Everybody is doing their best, and actually going above and beyond."

He also says that it is important for the community to remain thoughtful and calm moving forward, no matter the situation. That is why they are doing their best to educate the public and keep people involved moving forward.

"I think, for the most part, panic comes from uncertainty and a lack of information...we've been

spending so much time just getting ready, just in case, that I think now we can move into more of a public information phase where we can let people know on a regular basis what's going on."

Dr. Bunio said that they will continue to prepare, and that proper communication will be vital as this situation evolves. "One of the most important messages that we want to get out is that if you are sick and concerned, please call us. We can take care of a lot over the phone so that you are not exposed to other illnesses by coming up to the hospital unnecessarily."

N.C. Courts move court cases due to Coronavirus

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Late Friday morning, Friday, March 13, North Carolina Chief Justice Cheri Beasley ordered that most district and superior court cases be continued for at least 30 days starting on Monday, March 16.

The decision comes in response to the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. On Thursday, March 12, Governor Roy Cooper recommended that there be no congregation of more than 100 people in a space due to the risk of spreading the virus, and this shift is directly related to the governor's wishes.

"We must weigh the benefit of our court services against the need to protect North Carolinians from exposure to the coronavirus," said Chief Justice Beasley.

There are many exceptions to this order, including all ongoing trials. Those cases will continue to be heard. This action is being used to drastically reduce traffic in the courts.

"Preliminary criminal proceedings, such as bond and probable cause hearings, will continue to be held. All victims of domestic violence will continue to have access to the courts, and protective orders will continue to be processed. Magistrates will continue to issue warrants and will perform marriages. Proceedings that go before the clerk, such as estate administrations, guardianships, commitments and other special proceedings will in fact continue. Finally, it is important to the extent that certain hearings can be held remotely by telephone or video conference. The Chief Justice's order leaves room for judges to exercise their discretion in setting and conducting those hearings remotely," said McKinley Wooten, Jr., Director of NC Administrative Office of the Courts.

The courts are not closing, but Beasley said that this will affect thousands of cases statewide. She understands that people will have questions regarding their cases, and she said providing notices to those effected will be of a high priority.

"Our paramount concerns have been striking the balance between due process rights and constitutional rights as well as we're protecting the rights of the victim and defendants in civil

and criminal cases, and also thinking about the health concerns of the public as well as those who work in our judicial system," said Beasley. With so many people coming into the courts daily, Beasley says the last thing they want to do is to increase risk of spreading COVID-19. However, they must do what they can to ensure protection of rights.

"We also want people who are sick or believe that they have been exposed to the coronavirus to avoid coming to court. And encourage judicial officials to be liberal in using their discretion to grant relief to people who are unable to come to court."

Currently, the EBCI Tribal Court is assessing their options. They are not under the jurisdiction of the N.C. Judicial system, and therefore will need to make any decisions separately.

EBCI Chief Justice Kirk Saunooke released an order Friday afternoon and it is taking near identical precautions. It states the following:

"All court proceeding scheduled between

March 16 and April 23 shall be continued to the May 2020 term of Court or as soon thereafter as may be practicable."

The following proceedings are exempt from the Tribal Court's order and will continue if possible:

- Proceedings that may be conducted remotely.
- Proceedings necessary to preserve the right to due process of law (e.g., a first appearance or bond hearing, the appointment of counsel for an indigent defendant, a probation hearing, a probable cause hearing, etc.).
- Proceedings for the purpose of obtaining emergency relief (e.g., a domestic violence protection order, temporary restraining order, juvenile custody order, judicial consent to juvenile medical treatment order, civil commitment order, etc.).

For those that have questions regarding NC courts, you may visit: <https://www.nccourts.gov/> to receive updates and additional information moving forward.



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Catawba Indian Nation gets green light for casino in North Carolina; EBCI to sue

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A recent Department of the Interior (DOI) decision to take land into trust effectively gives the Catawba Indian Nation the green light to open a gaming operation in North Carolina. The official decision, granted on Thursday, March 12, puts 16.57 acres into trust for the Catawba in an area known as the Kings Mountain site in Cleveland County. The seat of government for the Catawba Indian Nation is Rock Hill, S.C.

The DOI decision came down at the same time as another land into trust claim for the Cahto Tribe

of the Laytonville Rancheria. Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, said of both decisions in a statement on Friday, March 13, "These decisions empower the Cahto Tribe and the Catawba Nation to pursue economic development opportunities for the benefit of their tribal members and communities. I am proud to support their efforts."

According to the DOI decision, "The (Catawba) Nation proposes to construct a casino and mixed-use entertainment complex totaling approximately 195,000 square feet. The gaming area will consist of 75,128 square feet with approximately 1,796 electronic gaming

machines and 54 table games. The facility will also include a 940-seat restaurant, a small retail space for the sale of Native artwork and crafts, and 2,130 parking spaces to accommodate both patrons and employees."

The leadership of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians promised to file a lawsuit against the federal government in a press release on March 13 stating, "The decision threatens Cherokee cultural lands, the environment, and the rule of the law."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed stated, "The federal government has no right or authority to create a new reservation for the Catawba Nation across state lines, into Cherokee historical territory, just to build a casino. This decision creates a dangerous precedent for all federally recognized tribes that empowers corrupt developers and their lobbyists to use politicians to determine what laws and precedents are followed and which ones are ignored. This decision cannot and will not stand."

In a press release on March 12, the Catawba Indian Nation projected their casino project will "bring as many as 5,000 badly-needed construction jobs and 4,000 valuable permanent jobs to the area".

"The Nation is very thankful for the Department's decision to take this land into trust, enabling us to achieve the promise of self-determination through economic development," Catawba Nation Chief William Harris said in a statement on March 12. "The Department has a very rigorous process for reviewing proposed

trust land acquisitions. We are very thankful for the hard work of the Department's solicitors and staff on our application, who carefully reviewed our history, including our historic land settlement, ensuring that it is consistent with the Supreme Court's Carcieri decision. The land is located in close proximity to our current landholdings and is our ancestral land, in an area that the Catawba people have used and occupied since time immemorial."

Chief Harris further noted in his statement, "We want to thank Senators Graham, Tillis, and Burr for their continual support to correct this injustice to the Catawba Indian Nation. We look forward to sharing details on the project as we move forward."

According to information from the DOI ruling, "The site is located approximately 33 miles west of Charlotte, North Carolina, and 34 miles northwest of Rock Hill, South Carolina, the location of the Nation's headquarters. The site is also located approximately 33 miles from the Nation's existing reservation and 19 miles from its historic reservation. The site is within the Nation's congressionally-established service area. The Nation entered into a Purchase Agreement for the site on Sept. 14, 2018."

It went on to state, "An economic impact study prepared by London & Associates concluded that the proposed facility would represent a \$273 million investment in Cleveland County, and once operational, the facility

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Seven new charges brought forth in Cyberattack Case

JONAH LOSSIAH
ONE FEATHER STAFF

A second arraignment hearing was held in the case of Benjamin Cody Long on Wednesday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

Tribal prosecutors brought seven new charges to the case, all of which are the same offense at different dates. The charges state that Long allegedly misused tribal property by appropriating the Microsoft Azure account of the Tribal Network.

Brent Smith, who Long has retained as his attorney going forward, said that his client would plead not guilty to each of these seven charges.

Specifics of each of these charges will be offered once more information is provided from the Cherokee Tribal Court.

Separately, these charges would hold a maximum sentence of three years and a \$15,000 fine. However, the maximum sentencing for Long for all these charges would be nine years with the same fine.

Smith continued by presenting four motions to the court, all of which were denied.

The defendant's attorney did not agree with the language used in the new charges, saying that they simply allege a logon to the account and that 'appropriating' the account was extreme. The judge said that he would deny this motion at this time.

Smith's second motion was to receive a preliminary hearing or a probable-cause hearing before the trial date in April. He said that if this case was being heard in a state court case – he specifically used

Court District 30 as an example – then his client would have this request granted. The tribal prosecutors answered by saying that Tribal Court does not have a mechanism or procedure for hearings of this sort, and therefore wished for the motion to be denied. The judge then overruled the motion.

Next, Smith moved to have a preemptory trial date of April 27. A preemptory date means that the trial would continue to that date without any more chance to postpone the trial. The attorney cited his client's right to a speedy trial, and with no apparent need for a preliminary trial he wished to have a solidified date. The judge said that he would have to deny the motion at this point and maintain the pretrial date for April 7.

Finally, the defendant's at-

torney requested a secured bond for his client. He once again used District 30 has an example, stating that the maximum Long would receive is a \$20,000 secured bond. Smith said that given Long has a clean criminal history, he was hoping for a \$10,000 secured bond. Tribal prosecutors stated the it is procedure to detain someone with new charges for at least 10 days. The judge said that he could not grant bond at this time, maintaining Long's detained status.

The final decision made was to add the seven charges to a hearing on March 25, at which time the two initial charges in the case will also be heard. As the judge stated, the pretrial date for April 7 has also been maintained.

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would generate \$208 million of direct economic activity."

Information in a DOI press release on March 13 states, "These historic decisions, and the records supporting them, benefited from recently released guidance supporting a clear four-step process for analyzing trust acquisitions under the U.S. Supreme Court's 2009 decision in *Carcieri v. United States*."

Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs Kyle Scherer said in a statement on March 13, "The Solicitor's Guidance reflects the Department's experience and expertise gained through processing fee-to-trust applications. In addition to making the process more transparent, we anticipate the Solicitor's Guidance will decrease

costs and review times for each application."

EBCI leaders outlined more of their objections in the March 13 press release stating, "The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has acknowledged that there is a possibility that archaeological artifacts and resources could be discovered during construction on the site, which is located squarely within Cherokee historical territory. Still, to date, the BIA has not consulted with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on cultural protection measures. Development of a casino on historic Cherokee land without consulting with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the proposal violates federal law, specifically, the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Protection Act."

The EBCI release continued,

"Furthermore, the Department ignores federal laws related to the Catawba that prohibit the 'Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina' from tribal government gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and that requires application of South Carolina laws to Catawba on and off reservation lands."

Senators Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Richard Burr (R-N.C.), and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) introduced a bill last March attempting to clarify "the authority of the Department of the Interior to act on the Catawba Indian Nation's land in trust application..." The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a hearing on the bill, but no further action occurred.

At the time of introduction, Sen. Graham said in a statement, "The Catawba Nation has been

treated unfairly by the federal government, and our legislation rights that wrong."

John L. Rustin, president of the North Carolina Family Policy Council, a group who has openly opposed all gaming in the state, said in a statement on March 13, "We are absolutely astounded by this announcement. First of all, we know the devastating impact a gambling casino of this sort would have on the families and communities of central North Carolina and the surrounding area. Secondly, our research clearly indicates that the Catawba Indian Nation lacks the grounds to even ask the Department of Interior to take land outside of the State of South Carolina into trust on the tribe's behalf for gambling purposes. We will continue to fight this casino scheme with everything we have."

Athletic grace in action

Galaxy Cheer bringing the sport of cheerleading to the forefront

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

BRYSON CITY - The Swain County Rec. Dept. was filled with the sounds of cheers and the sights of choreographed dances and stunts on the evening of Tuesday, March 10. The newly-formed Galaxy Cheer competition cheerleading squad was hard at work.

The squad, who was only in their third practice as a unit, have several competitions upcoming including: Spirit Solutions competition in Asheville on March 28 and the Maximum Cheer and Dance competition in Myrtle Beach in May.

“We’re hitting hard and heavy,” said Galaxy Coach Madilyn Wike.

She said physical fitness is an important part of the sport. “You obviously have to be in good shape and able to lift other people. I think a lot of people look at cheerleading and think it is cute, fun and games, but the girls come out here and are lifting a human and catching people.”

Cheerleading is most definitely a sport - a fact that Coach Wike and the team members feel passionately about.

“I don’t think people think about the intensity of all of our practices and games,” said Wike. “Even though we’re on the sideline, we’re throwing girls in the air, sacrificing our bodies on the



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

Members of the Galaxy Cheer squad are shown, left to right, at a practice at the Swain County Rec. Dept. in Bryson City on the evening of Tuesday, March 10 including: front row - Tsini McCoy, Emma Wolfe, Mackenzie Cochran, Karly Donaldson, Mattie Maney, Cheyanne Palafox, Kayla Evans, Aubrey McKeever; middle row - Tynighia Lillard, Bri Ridanpaa, Aiyanna Toineeta, Bailey Cochran, Sophia Medford, Reese Cochran, Alyla Green; back row - Julie Donaldson, Santana Palafox, Ceanna Shephard, Abby Space, Faith Murray, Kiki Ashe, and Alden Thomas.

ground for these girls. Without these girls lifting and practicing, it wouldn’t happen. When people hear ‘competition’, they consider it a sport. But, even high school sideline and high school basketball cheer, I consider that a sport. We practice just as hard as every other sport, if not more.”

The team is a mixture of girls from various ethnic and cultural backgrounds and different schools, but there are several things they all have in common including great work ethics, positive attitudes, and a camaraderie and desire to work with each other on their team



Mattie Maney, Mackenzie Cochran, and Tsini McCoy share a laugh between stunts.



Mattie Maney, standing left, and Tsini McCoy, standing right, hold Mackenzie Cochran while practicing a stunt.

goals.

“I like stunting and being with my friends because I like making friendships,” said Karly Donaldson, a senior at Swain County High School. “Definitely competitive cheerleading is a sport because we put in a lot of work, a lot of practice time and hours.”

Tsini McCoy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

(EBCI) and a freshman at Swain County High School, commented, “I love stunts so much.”

She said teamwork is very important for a team like theirs. “I think what’s important is being there - making sure if she falls that we catch her and she doesn’t hit the ground. To me, I don’t care if we hit it or not as long as she doesn’t hit the floor and she



Emma Wolfe practices a dance routine during Tuesday’s practice.

doesn’t hurt herself. Then, it’s fine; we can try it again and get right back up.”

McCoy said there are differences between a competition cheer squad and her regular school squad. “It’s faster. There’s more movement and more stunts.”

Mattie Maney, an EBCI first descendant and a junior at Cherokee High School, is a base for the stunts paired with McCoy. “You kind of have to be in one mind and you have to be accountable. You basically have a life in your hands so you have to be very accountable.”

She added that stunts are very physical and take a lot of work and effort. “I would definitely consider competition cheer to be a sport. We put in the same work as the other sports. It’s a lot of work and conditioning.”

Aiyanna Toineeta, an EBCI tribal member and a freshman at

Swain County High School, has been involved in cheerleading since she was 5-years-old and said her favorite part is the stunting as well. “I feel like it is a sport. We work out like other sports do.”

Emma Wolfe, an EBCI tribal member and a junior at Cherokee High School, has been cheering since she was 7-years-old and noted, “I like meeting new people. It’s fun cheering with people who aren’t from my school.”

When asked what advice she would give to the youth cheerleaders, Wolfe commented, “I would tell them it’s really hard, but you just have to keep going. Some days, you have off days and just don’t always hit it.”

Galaxy Cheer will have their next round of try-outs in May at Pirouette’s Dance Academy in Bryson City. For more information on the team or upcoming try-outs, call Pirouette’s at 557-2948.

OBITUARIES

Samson Bigmeat

Samson Bigmeat, 66, of Cherokee, passed away on March 9, 2020 after an extended illness at Tsali Care. He was preceded in death by his father, Mark Welch Bigmeat; his sister, Minda Marie Bigmeat; and his nephews, Micky (Chuck) Rattler and James (Moose) Bigmeat.

Samson is survived by his mother, Lucy Bigmeat. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his brothers, James Bigmeat and Wesley Bigmeat; his sisters, Louzette Standley and Rechanda (Leroy) Waldroop; his uncle, Mitch Taylor; special friends Gary Lambert, Tim Bond, Maragrita (Meese) Wolfe, Cierra Wolfe; and his significant other, Sarah Lambert.

Funeral services were held at Long House Funeral Home on Monday, March 16. Internment will be at Taylor Cemetery on Standingdeer Rd.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Lucille Sequoyah Owens

Lucille Sequoyah Owens, 90, of Robbinsville, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 13, 2020 at Graham Healthcare and Rehabilitation.

She was the daughter of the late Ammons and Kina Ledford Sequoyah. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, James Sequoyah, Sr., and Ammons Sequoyah, Jr.; her sisters, Harriett James, Sara Biello, and Jesse Sequoyah; and her husbands, Jesse Crowe, Jewell Postell and Earl Owens.

Lucille is survived by her daughter, Patricia Crowe of Cherokee; her sons and daughters-

in-law, David and Sharon Crowe, and Darron and Sharon Postell, and her former daughter in law, Vicki Postell, all of Robbinsville; and her sister, Emaline Bird of Cherokee. Her grandchildren are Mitch, Noah, Kris, Kevin, Susan, Ben, Kylie, Shane, Deborah, Tori, Dominique, Dustin, Cameron, Jade, Brooklyn, Tracy, and Shaman. Her great grandchildren are Jewelia, Elliott, Alex, Rachel, Lydia, Isaac, Ty, Abby, Brett, Cyrus, Hanna, Riley, Elijah, Aynsley, Kyle, Ivy, Logan, Ethan, Erica, Eleea, Kennedy, Lindsey, Trace, Taylor, Jeb, Zoie, Xavier, Tori, Chloe, Blaken, Gage, Jake, Christian, Jase, Myah, Brayson, Keanu, and Jesse. She has two great great grandchildren, Rowan and Pierce.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 15 at the Townson-Smith Chapel. Her grandson, Reverend Noah Crowe officiated. Committal services were held Monday, March 16, 2020 at the Wiggins Cemetery.

Townson-Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Owens family. An online register is available at www.townson-smithfuneralhome.com.

John Andrew Ryan

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. - 2 Corinthians 5:8

John Andrew Ryan, 58, moved into his Heavenly mansion, Sunday, March 8, 2020. He was born in Augusta, Ga. on Dec. 23, 1961. First and foremost, John had known and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior many years ago. He knew without a shadow of a doubt that God's word was the way, the truth and the life he needed in this old sinful world. And,

with that he knew that Satan could attack his body but he could not have nor touch his soul. He knew without a shadow of a doubt and openly confessed he was ready to meet his Savior Jesus Christ.

John enjoyed many years working as a chef. He also was a proud honorable U.S. Air Force veteran having diligently served his country for five years. He was a loving, kind, and caring man and had an exceptionally big heart of love for all children. He had a compassionate manor that led him to consider the needs of others before his own and above all, he loved unconditionally. He loved being a jokester and making people laugh. If you were sad, he could make you laugh and smile while lifting your burdened spirit. In addition, John never met a stranger.

He is survived by his partner, Barbara Saunooke; three children, Becky Saunooke (Allen), Shawn Saunooke (Stacey), and Kim Saunooke (Mike); nine grandchildren, Josh Saunooke, Christina Saunooke, Brittney Saunooke, Dalton Maney, Tonya Maney, Cordale Wooten, Hawk Wooten, Kevin McCoy (Undine) and Sabrina Wooten (Roberto Rodriguez); and five great grandchildren, Kylan Taylor, Riley Taylor, Nevaeh Saunooke, Hynasha Ledford, and Isabella Rodriguez.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 14 at Acquoni Baptist Church. Reverends Bo Parris and Forman Bradley officiated with Josh Saunooke, Hawk Wooten, Cordale Wooten, Roberto Rodriguez, Dalton Maney, Willie Locust, Kevin McCoy, and Danny Owle serving as pallbearers. Burial followed in the Yellowhill Veterans Cemetery.

Good Housekeeping

Striped Bass With Lemons and Capers

Elegant enough for a dinner party, this light fish dish is fast and flavorful. Tart lemon and tangy capers create balance when paired with the tarragon-infused striped bass.

- 1 large lemon
- 1 whole (about 3 pounds) striped bass or sea bass, cleaned
- 3 cloves garlic, sliced
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons capers, drained
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon dried or 1 teaspoon chopped fresh tarragon leaves plus additional for garnish
- Ground black pepper

1. Heat oven to 425 F. Cut lemon in half; cut 1 half into 4 slices. Set aside remaining half. Rinse fish inside and out with cold running water; pat dry with paper towels. Make 3 diagonal slashes on each side of fish, cutting almost to bone.

2. Cut 2 sheets of foil, each 8 inches longer than length of fish. Place 1 sheet of foil in 15 1/2-by-10 1/2-inch jellyroll pan, allowing ends to extend over sides of pan. Place fish lengthwise in center of foil in pan. Place lemon and garlic slices in fish cavity. Squeeze remaining lemon over fish.

3. In small bowl, whisk wine, olive oil, capers, Dijon, tarragon and 1/4 teaspoon pepper until blended. Drizzle half of wine mixture into fish cavity; drizzle remaining wine mixture over fish, rubbing mixture into skin and slashes.

4. Place second sheet of foil on top of fish. Crimp edges all around to seal completely. Bake fish 25 to 30 minutes.

5. Before serving, with kitchen shears, cut opening in packet to let steam escape, then carefully pull back foil. With 2 wide spatulas, transfer fish to platter. Pour juices in foil over fish. Garnish with fresh tarragon. Serves 4.

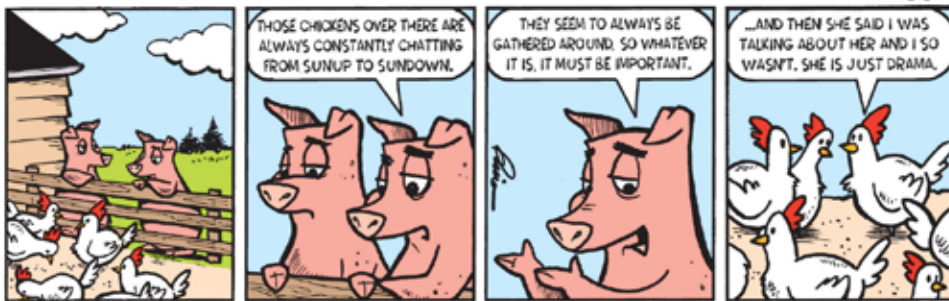
• Each serving: About 215 calories, 11g total fat (2g saturated), 117mg cholesterol, 250mg sodium, 2g total carbohydrate, 27g protein.

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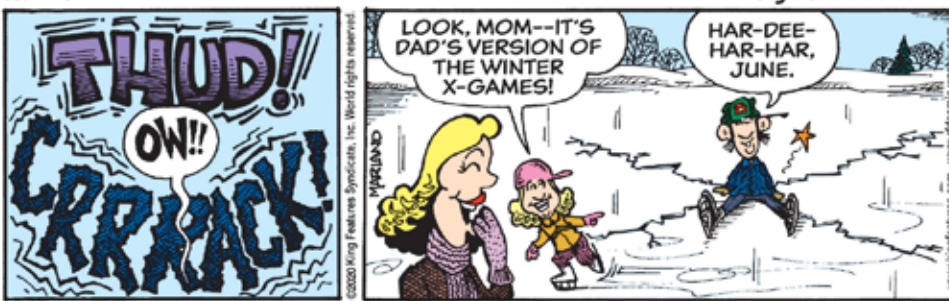
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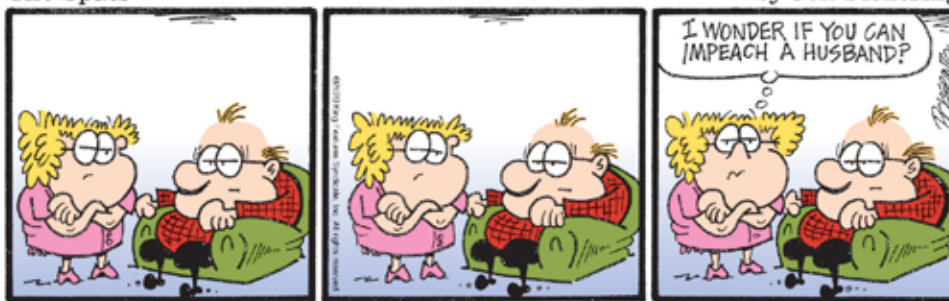
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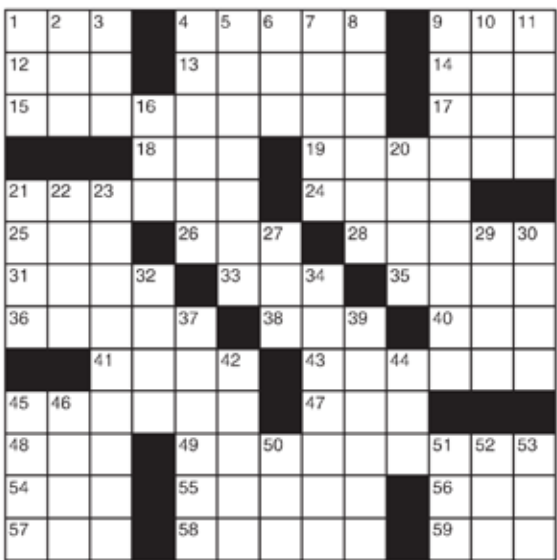
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King Crossword

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- 12 Take to court
- 13 Treasure cache
- 14 Work with
- 15 Newlyweds' trip
- 17 Siesta
- 18 Chicken-king link
- 19 Waldorf salad ingredient
- 21 Floated on air
- 24 Remain
- 25 Ostrich's cousin
- 26 Blue
- 28 Ruhr Valley city
- 31 Tear
- 33 Cry loudly
- 35 Apiary structure
- 36 Boredom
- 38 Solidify
- 40 Morning moisture
- 41 Village People hit
- 43 Express sorrow for
- 45 Like a duck's feet
- 47 — Jima
- 48 Past
- 49 Wealthy one
- 54 Beer container



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- 56 Life story, for short
- 57 Praise in verse
- 58 "When pigs fly!"
- 59 Conclusion
- 60 Whip
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- 62 "So be it"
- 63 Sense of humor
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- 65 Tied
- 66 Mr. Gingrich
- 8 Washington group
- 9 Optimist's part of the street?
- 10 Jacob's brother
- 11 Cried
- 16 Dine
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- 21 "The Way We —"
- 22 "So be it"
- 23 Sense of humor
- 27 Pooch
- 29 Tied
- 30 Mr. Gingrich
- 32 Foolish
- 34 Accept as true
- 37 "The — Cometh"
- 39 Attorney
- 42 Pueblo brick
- 44 Unruly bunch
- 45 Texas city
- 46 "Zounds!"
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Girl's color is missing. 2. Horn is bigger. 3. Wheel spokes are added. 4. Car's handle is turned. 5. Hat is turned. 6. Headlights are different.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. COMICS: In which comic-book series was the character of Wendy the Good Little Witch introduced?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the flattest U.S. state?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president installed the first telephone in the White House?
4. LITERATURE: Which attorney was introduced in the novel "The Case of the Velvet Claws"?
5. HISTORY: Who opened the first birth control clinic in the United States in 1916?
6. SCIENCE: Which element is graphite made entirely of?
7. MOVIES: Which movie featured the famous line, "I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse"?
8. MUSIC: Which two country stars released a 1978 song called "You're the Reason Our Kids Are Ugly"?
9. TELEVISION: What was the name of the inn on the "Newhart" comedy series?
10. MEASUREMENTS: Ten inches of snow generally equal how many inches of rain?

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Veterans sought for Honor Flight opportunity

If you are a veteran of the Korean War or the War in Vietnam, and you would like to go on a one day trip to our Nation's Capital, Washington D.C., and visit the military memorials and monuments that are dedicated to you for military service with fellow veterans of that time period, then please speak up. This is a one-day flight from Asheville, hosted by the Blue Ridge Honor Flight, and is at no cost to you. Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657

- *Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143*

H.E.L.P. Program is taking applications for lawn maintenance and garden plowing

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 at least 59 1/2 years old

* Applicants under 59 1/2 must not be physically capable of mowing: proof of disability (Social Security Disability Statement or a doctor's note stating applicant is not physically capable

Mowing:

* Client/family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash and/or debris

* Residence must be within the three-county service area (Jackson, Swain, and Haywood)

* Seasonal: April 1 to Sept. 28

* Mowing and weed eating will include a 50-foot perimeter around the home including carports.

* Lawns mowed outside the 50-foot perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility.

Plowing:

* Available up to a 100-foot by 100-foot area

* One (1) garden per household
Info: 359-6638

- *EBCI H.E.L.P. Program*

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointment available

VITA prepares simple tax returns for free for individuals who make less than \$54,000 gross income, Elders (59.5+), and others who need general tax help. Appointment times are available and can be made through April 8. Please bring the following documents: tax forms (W2s, 1099s, etc.); one form of tribal, federal, or state photo ID for all family members; banking information (account and routing number) if needed for refund; and previous year's tax returns if available.

The site location for this service will be the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office.

Info: Julie Wilnoty, site coordinator, 359-6938, juliwiln@nc-chokeee.com

- *EBCI Cooperative Ext. Office*

Census response options amid COVID-19 concerns

The U.S. Census Bureau began sending out invitations recently to participate in the 2020 Census. A total of 95 percent of households will receive an initial invitation to respond to the census in the mail. Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

The 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee noted, "With the evolving spread and response plans to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), we understand there are questions around how this may impact Census Bureau operations, and how we

conduct outreach across our tribal nations throughout the overall 2020 Census."

It is helpful to note there are multiple ways to respond to the Census without person to person interaction. Please note the following:

- There are three ways to respond to the 2020 Census from the comfort of your own home: Online, by phone, or by returning the paper questionnaire.
- The website accepting census responses is live at my2020census.gov. Households have begun receiving invitations to participate in the 2020 Census.
- The Census Bureau has plans in place for if/when a pandemic occurs during census operations - this includes the coronavirus. They will continue to stay up-to-date on the status of the virus and adjust their plans accordingly.

If you have any questions concerning the 2020 Census please contact the following 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee members:

- Tammy Jackson (EBCI Extension Center), 359-6934, tammjack@nc-chokeee.com
- Kim Smith (U.S. Census Regional Rep.), (865) 936-1592, kimberly.smith@2020census.gov
- Zena Rattler (Snowbird Library), 346-6970, zenaratt@nc-chokeee.com
- Adam Lambert (Qualla Boundary Library), 359-6728, adamlamb@nc-chokeee.com
- Hope Huskey (Sequoyah Fund), 359-5005, hopehuskey@sequoyahfund.org
- Judith Welch (Southwestern Council on Aging), 736-3583
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- Melanie Lambert (Tribal Enrollment), 359-6464, melalamb@nc-chokeee.com

• Nakeysa Welch (Tribal Enrollment), 359-6467, nakewelc@nc-chokeee.com

• Tamara Jackson (EBCI Housing & Community Development), 359-6916, tamajack@nc-chokeee.com

• William Maney (Dora Reed Tribal Childcare), 359-2218, willmane@nc-chokeee.com

• Heather Owle (EBCI Communications), 736-8273, heatowle@nc-chokeee.com

• Kelsey Jackson (EOC), 359-6431, kelsjack@nc-chokeee.com

* Jessica Winchester (Cherokee Central Schools), 554-5124, jessica.winchester@ccs-nc.org

Visit the 2020census.gov website for more information.

- *2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee*

Kindergarten registration for Swain County Schools

Registration for children that will be entering kindergarten in Swain County Schools will be held in April. Wednesday, April 15 registration will be held at West Elementary and at East Elementary on Thursday, April 17.

Children that will be 5-years-old on or before Aug. 31 are eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year.

Notes will be sent home through local daycares, Headstart and Bright Adventures to set appointment times. If your child does not attend one of those providers, please call the school and speak with Lisa Sutton for an appointment East Elementary 488-0939 or West Elementary 488-2119.

Bring the following items with you to the appointment:

- Your child. Teachers will be giving an assessment so it is necessary for your child to be present.
- Your child's Social Security Card
- Your child's Birth Certificate

- Your child's most recent shot records
 - Proof of Residency (power bill, etc)
 - Any other necessary information (custody papers, Tribal Enrollment Card, etc)
 - Kindergarten physical (if already completed – must be completed by the 1st day of Kindergarten)
- Swain County Schools

Cherokee fishing tournaments

• Memorial Day Tournament.

May 23-24. Registration deadline is May 22. \$15 registration fee and \$10,000 cash prizes. Two-day tribal fishing permit required

• Tim Hill Memorial Tournament.

July 11-12. Registration deadline is July 10. \$15 registration fee and \$10,000 cash prizes. Two-day tribal fishing permit required

• Qualla Country Tournament.

Sept. 5-6. Registration deadline is Sept. 4. \$15 registration fee and \$20,000 cash prizes. Two-day tribal fishing permit required

• Rumble in the Rhododendron.

Nov. 7-8. Two-day team fly fishing. Registration is Oct. 5. \$300 entry fee and \$10,000 cash prizes. Call 497-9300 to register for this tournament only.

You can register for the first four tournaments and buy a permit at www.fishcherokee.com or from a local permit vendor in Cherokee. All legal fishing methods apply. Fishing hours for the tournament are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Tagged fish are stocked in all rivers, streams, and ponds within the Catch & Keep Enterprise Waters for each respective tournament. Tagged fish are not stocked in the Catch & Release trophy fly fishing waters. Opening day of fishing is Saturday, March 28 and the Catch

& Keep Enterprise waters will be closed to everyone from March 14-27.

Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) can use their tribal enrollment card as a fishing permit. Registration is still required for tournaments. Spouses of EBCI tribal members as well as EBCI first descendants can obtain a free, special-use permit to fish enterprise waters by submitting required documentation to the EBCI Fisheries & Wildlife Management Office located at the Tribal Utilities (Brad) Building on Hwy. 19. Registration is still required for tournaments, and the permits are valid for one year. Info: 359-6094

- EBCI Natural Resources

Anthony Lossiah Justice Center lobbies to be closed

Effective Sunday, March 15, the Anthony Lossiah Justice Center lobbies will be closed to the public. Only essential Cherokee Police Department and Detention staff will be allowed to enter the Detention Facility. Any attorney needing access to an inmate may call the Detention Center. This temporary restriction has been made in order to help keep the vulnerable inmate population, and staff safe, amid the concerns of COVID-19.

If you need to put money on an inmates books, you may do so by:

1. Mailing in a money order: Inmates Name-Cherokee Tribal Detention PO BOX 1330, Cherokee, NC 28719
2. You can call 1-866-345-1884, and follow the prompts to send money
3. You may also access the website by going to : accesscorrections.com; click on the orange box that says Send Money, Click on the

drop down box: State; NC, Click on the drop down box: Choose Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Enter Inmate ID#/Last Name, Create an account with your information, and it will then let you send money

The public will have access to see a magistrate by pressing the button by the grey metal door, on the wall to the right as you walk up to the front entrance of the Justice Center. Let the control officer know that you are there to see a magistrate, and wait for instructions from the control officer.

The public can call Tribal Dispatch 497-4131 if they need to make a report, Tribal Dispatch will contact an on duty officer.

The public can access the clerk of court/court by following the sidewalk around the side of the building and enter near the clerk's office.

- Anthony Lossiah Justice Center

Cherokee Cinemas to limit capacity

Cherokee Cinemas and More will be limiting admissions to 50 seats to provide social distancing options. They will re-evaluate in two weeks but related the capacity limits may need to stay in place for some time.

- Cherokee Cinemas and More

THANK YOU LETTER

Thank you to the Big Cove Stickball Group

On behalf of the Cherokee Speaker Council, we can't thank you all enough for the awesome Benefit Bingo on Saturday evening, Feb. 22.

Also, thank you to the players for their support and to the generous donors. Great prizes were donated, and we appreciate each and every one who participated in one way or another.

Watching the young people working the floor was heart-warming. They took care of the players and the elders. The men did all the cooking, and the women did all the cleaning. The Cherokee speakers didn't have to do anything but enjoy themselves.

The proceeds will go towards emergency assistance to the Cherokee speakers and their immediate family members who are hospitalized or have other medical emergencies.

Thank again to the Big Cove Stickball Teams and their families for their love and kindness.

MEMORY POEM

In Memory of

Specialist Larry W. Synder
KIA March 1969 somewhere near the DMZ

I Must Go On

We fought together six months today,

As I rolled over there, he lay
His eyes were open, his hands
clenched tight,

The look of death, a look of fright
I knew right then that he was
dead,
And wondered why, not me instead.

His life was short, not many years
Full of hope, yet full of fears.
We'd talked and laughed of times
gone by.

And never thought we might die.
But here he lay, no breath of life.
No thought of home, or his young
wife.

I turned my head and looked away
I fought the words, could not say
He's DEAD, he's dead and gone,
But I am here and must go on.
You were my friend, I'll not forget,
But I'll be back, if just for one
moment.

To say Hello, I must go on.

Respectfully,

Specialist Samuel Thompson



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COMMENTARY

Belly up to the breakfast bar

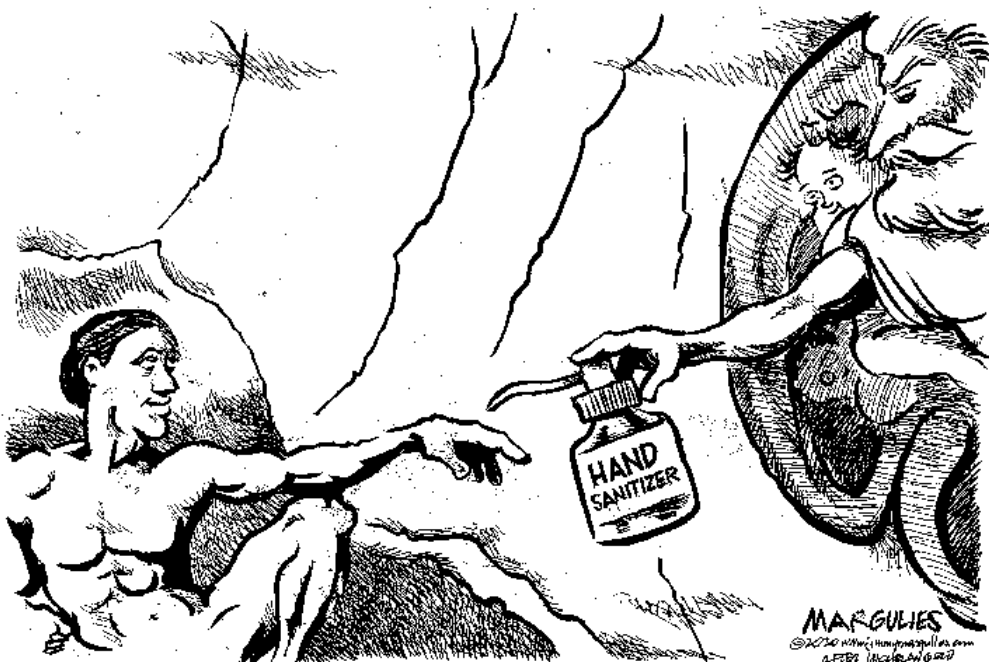
ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

With a bit of trepidation, the Tribal Council has passed legislation that allows alcohol sales on Sunday mornings in areas of the Boundary that currently may sell alcohol.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in various forums, has discussed the social acceptance of alcohol for many years now. In the closed environment of a reservation or, in our case, a territorial holding, there have been decades of what many identify as cultural trauma. Native peoples were stripped of homelands, livelihoods, self-sustenance, way-of-life, and, in many cases, were deprived of health and life. Some say that these are the reasons that Native Americans appear to be more susceptible to alcoholism.

From what I read; Indians did not have the distilled, highly concentrated liquors that Europeans had at the time of first contact. Some historians indicate that tribes did have beer-like and wine-like drinks, fermented fruits, if you will. In those cases, the highest percentage alcohol contents were in the low teens. And, also according to some studies, genetics and race have little to do with the perception of "Native Americans are predisposed to alcoholism" and the fact that tribal geographies have higher per capita incidents of alcoholism. I don't claim to be a health care professional. I just know what I read.

I understand that a person's body can adapt to a particular substance or drug once they get into a routine of using it; chemical bonding with a body and such. I know that it is a more complex problem than simply refraining from bending elbow from mug to mouth. In my young and tender late teens and early twenties, I had my own journey with alcohol. In the early 1980's, it was the cool thing to do in a group



setting. PJ and keg parties were crazy common. And it was part of the campus culture at the time to join in those parties. If you didn't, you were left to feel not part of the family. Who wants a sober friend at a keg party? At a drinking party, a non-drinker's only worth is being the guy who can taxi everyone away from the fun. To be a part of the culture, it was a necessity to socially drink. The more you drank, the more accepted you were.

Again, only talking from personal experience, and I realize that everyone has their own unique personal experiences in life, I made a decision after a particularly heavy drinking session. I decided that there had to be more to life than hanging with people who drank (to excess) and not being able to stand firmly on two feet. I made a conscious decision to not let alcohol control my life. Over the past forty years, I have had drinks with friends and social situations, but never like back in those college years. I have heard folks talk about the cravings, the delirium tremens (known as the "DTs") that often accompany withdrawal from alcohol, but I never had any of that. Maybe I didn't drink heavily or frequently enough to have a dependency like that. All I know is, the worst effect of turning away from alcohol for me is the infrequent, distant longing for a beer with my pizza or hot dog.

I have heard many stories, both on Boundary and off, of families who have been destroyed by family members who get hooked

on alcohol. Court cases where alcohol has been the weapon of choice to catalyze domestic violence, illicit behavior, and even murder; man and woman alike telling a judge who is about to decide their fate, "I don't know why I did it. I was drunk at the time". Alcohol dependency destroys a person physically and emotionally. Some say they drink to kill the pain of a traumatic experience, yet in the process of killing the pain, they create more trauma for themselves and for their families.

Like many other things in life, alcohol does not have a mind. It cannot make a decision for you until you pick it up and use it. In fact, you make the choices throughout your "relationship" with alcohol. My uncle almost lost his life several times in drunken stupors. He was a drifter for most of his life and he would come to our house to "dry out". Many times, he would share stories of muggings (he would come to us penniless and battered), waking up in ditches that he had stagger off into and passed out, and falling off rock walls into the middle of streets. My uncle died clean and sober, but the years of drinking had taken its toll on his body and his family relationships. He died alone of a heart attack in a little house in Sylva. My mom hadn't heard from him in a few days and she went to do a wellness check on him and found him in his kitchen floor.

So, I get the reluctance to see alcohol enter the Cherokee community. I know that many families

have experienced the pain of a loved one who has taken up the habit of drinking. I am a member of one of those families. It is hard to think about economy when you have a member of your family or maybe your whole family is suffering from the effects of alcoholism. And having an open wound like a loved one lost to alcohol, or if you are in the middle of trying to bring someone out of alcoholism, will make you super sensitive to anyone suggesting expanding access to alcohol, whether making it available in more locations or expanding the number of hours that it may be served by the drink.

I am not now a drinker, but I have many friends who do and drink responsibly. They drink a beer or a glass of wine with a meal as they would coffee at a coffee shop - one cup, maybe two, and they are on their way. I am a member of a church who does not condone the drinking of alcohol. On the other hand, we do not condemn those who do. We realize that it is what a person does with alcohol that will make the difference as to whether good or bad outcomes occur.

So, if the Tribe has made the decision to expand drinking hours into the morning on Sunday, I don't plan for it to alter my day at all. And you do not have to let it alter yours. Hold on to your beliefs and continue to lead by your example. If you have persons in your family who you are helping struggle with the effects of alcohol, carry on. Your efforts will have much more value and impact

on your friend or loved one than any Brunch Bill could do. Alcohol dependency doesn't win because of any legislation or even through alcohol availability. It wins when we let our guard down personally and we allow it to control our lives.

Just a note on the COVID 19 situation - many of us are frightened. It is understandable based on the many sources of statements, both truth and conjecture that are circulating in the nation, the state, and our community. The situation is changing in some cases so quickly that officials and news organizations sometimes don't keep up with the rumor mill. I encourage everyone to listen to your health experts and officials, particularly our Cherokee Indian Hospital and the EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division. They are dedicated to ensuring you have all the information that you need to protect yourself. Check Channel 28 for instruction from these entities on how to properly take care of you and your family. Check with us at the One Feather as we will be following CIHA and PHHS meetings and pushing relevant information out to you.

The unknown causes more fear and anguish. Community members do not need to sift through rumor and speculation to get to the critical information they need. Blame and anger only slow down the process of effective prevention and treatment. Let's all try to keep the conjecture to a minimum and get our information from reputable sources. And lifting a prayer or two never hurts.



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Childcare for health care workers now, not later

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

I know with all the incident command centers that have been established that this must be a topic of discussion, but just in case...

Municipalities need to be making childcare for health care workers a top priority in the overall COVID-19 response. And, there needs to be some thought given to giving care that is consistent with the protocols for preventing infectious diseases that are at the forefront of all our minds today.

With many municipalities closing their school systems, the wisdom of which will be discussed in the many days to come after this contagion is dealt with, we will soon be straining further the already stretched capacity of our hospitals, urgent cares, and nursing home facilities.

Many of the country's sick, convalescent, and elder care facilities are begging for qualified workers. It takes much training, experience, and, most of all, a special sense of compassion to work in the medical field at the nursing care level.

Bathing, cleaning up after, and caring for the infirm, especially a stranger with infirmities, is not for the faint of heart. Helping someone to use the bathroom when they can barely move and cleaning up the mess after a failed attempt are challenges that few people willingly accept. This, in addition to the special skills - blood drawing, catheters, wound care, medication administering-needed to give proper medical care to a patient.

Primary and elder care facilities were not fully staffed before coronavirus reared its ugly head. Health care facilities are working with colleges to lure more people to the field of nursing, but supply is not keeping up with demand.

"Without decisive action, nurses will practice under increased stress. As the health care system is strained by an aging population and broadened access to public health care, it will be nurses that feel the weight of patient responsibility on their shoulders.

"By 2022, there will be far more registered

nurse jobs available than any other profession, at more than 100,000 per year. With more than 500,000 seasoned RNs anticipated to retire by 2022, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the need for 1.1 million new RNs for expansion and replacement of retirees, and to avoid a nursing shortage.

"Over the past decade, the average age of employed RNs has increased by nearly two years, from 42.7 years in 2000 to 44.6 years in 2010. These factors, combined with an anticipated strengthening of the economy, will create a renewed critical shortage for nurses." (www.nursingworld.org)

All that said, we must provide support for those who will be on the frontlines of this crisis for the foreseeable future. It doesn't matter if the workers are from the private sector, non-profit, or are governmental. We need to provide these workers who are also parents the tools they need to remain on the front line of the COVID-19 outbreak.

If we don't, we leave these critical health-care professionals with a gut-wrenching choice; whether to take care of their children or go to work. In my opinion, if we don't give these workers a safe place to leave their kids, they will either choose to take extended leave or

they will bunker in like the rest of the nation, leaving their jobs instead of their kids.

Municipalities may alleviate some of the strain and head off some of the additional staff shortages by offering health and human services hosted or sponsored child care facilities or incentivizing privately owned child care facilities to step up and provide child care that is free to the workers.

Doctors are warning against using grandparents, for example, as "babysitters", during this outbreak because grandparents are among the highest casualty rates for COVID-19. So, that eliminates one class of caretaker for the children of health care workers. Most friends and family of working age are on the job. So, during the time that their children would normally be in school, they are left to make that choice of job versus childcare.

As our leaders - mayors, commissioners, chiefs, governors, congressmen - gather to coordinate response to the outbreak, the health care workers do not need to fall through the cracks. Make getting free or affordable childcare for health care providers, in the various venues in which they serve, a top tactical priority in fighting COVID-19.



The Garden Bug Germination

Place potting soil in a small container. Moisten the soil well, but do not soak. Place seeds just below the surface of the soil, and cover the container with clear plastic, or insert it into a plastic bag, without letting plastic rest directly on the soil. This helps the soil retain moisture and heat. Place under a lamp for warmth, and keep the soil moist by "misting." As your sprouts appear and grow, remove plastic. Mist daily and keep sprouts warm until you are ready to transplant into your garden. - B. Weaver



Source: extension.umd.edu

SPEAKING OF FAITH

Holiness blesses beyond measure

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

“Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.”

James 4:8 (NLT)

“Holiness is your part,” stated Rev. Timothy Melton. “When God is there, Peace is there. Your knowing that the Holy Spirit is there, means that Help has arrived. Take a deep breath.

Pastor Melton reminded us, “Only the holy will see God. This is what was spoken to the Church, ‘Cleanse your hands. Purify your hearts.’ He will then show up. ‘To the double-minded,’ God also says, ‘Cleanse your hands.’ Pastor prayed, ‘Father, send the words to touch every heart here.’”

“As was given In Genesis 21, Abraham paid a price for being blessed,” explained Pastor Melton, “Jesus paid the ultimate price. Step out and look at the sky. How many stars do you see? God then blessed Abraham with children, when he was 100 years old and his wife was 90 years old!”

“How good God is!” In Genesis 22:1, it is stated that some time later, God tested Abraham’s faith, and Pastor added, ‘Abraham knew God’s Voice.’”

God told Abraham, “Take your, son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will show you.”

“With God, he knew he was to give Him Isaac or He might take him back. There can be no delay because God considers delay to be disobedience,” explained Pastor Melton, “so he rose up the next morning and went on that three-day journey. He saw the place afar off and walked step by step up that mountain. Holiness birthed the promise.”

“It was a struggle, but he knew and trusted

and lived up to the standard because he knew ‘God is able.’ “Quit being worried, have faith in God. With prayer and thanksgiving for supplying all our needs, we can believe Him for them,” Pastor encouraged, “Live up to the faith level you have.”

“As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father?”...

“But God’s discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.”

Hebrews 12:7, 10b-11 (NLT)

“Who loves his child more—the father who allows the child to do what will harm him, or the one who corrects, trains, and even punishes the child to help him learn what is right?... God’s discipline is a sign of His deep love for us. We should see it as a proof of His love for them, and so, we should also ask Him about what He wants us to learn to follow instructions the first time and the best way.”

“God did not want for Isaac to die, but He wanted Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his son,

in his heart so it would be clear that Abraham loved God more than he loved his promised and long-awaited son. God was testing Abraham. The purpose of testing is to strengthen character and deepen commitment to God and His perfect timing.)

“After building an altar and laying the wood, Abraham placed Isaac on the altar and as he raised the knife, the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham and stopped him, ‘Do not hurt the boy in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from Me even your son, your only son.’” {All within parentheses are from NLT notes.}

“Abraham then looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. It had come up on the opposite side of the mountain, step by step. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a sin burnt offering in place of his son. He also named that place Jehovah-Jireh, ‘The Lord will provide.’ Because of all this, the Angel of the Lord called from heaven and swore by ‘My own Name that I will certainly bless you...’” Pastor Melton explained. (Read Gen. 22:15-18.)

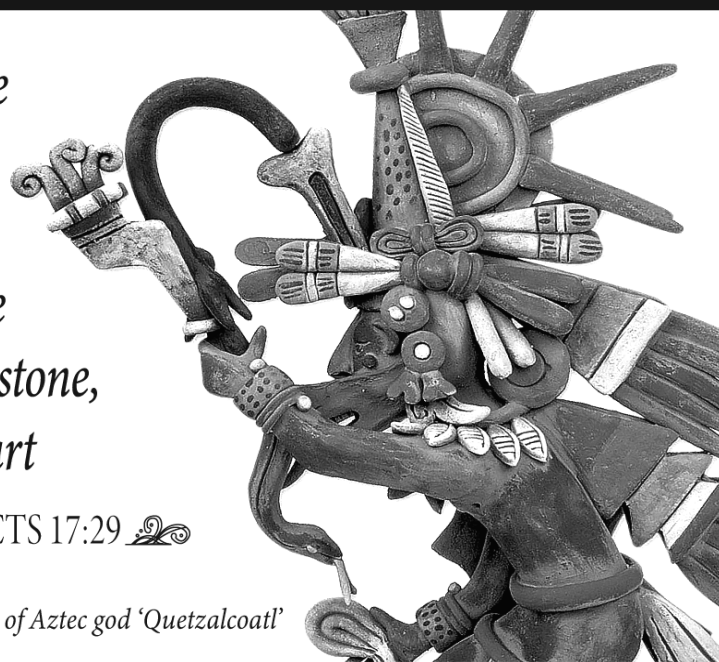
Pastor offered in closing, “Know God, and know Peace beyond understanding. This I know, the God of Heaven wants us each to live holy lives and to live in peace. Magnify God—not the problem. Praise and worship Him!



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. ACTS 17:29

Detail of sculpture of Aztec god ‘Quetzalcoatl’



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HAPPENINGS

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com.

Benefits/Fundraisers

Indian Taco Fundraiser.

March 21 at 11 a.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. This is a fundraiser to assist with upcoming events for Cub Scout Pack 905 of Cherokee.

Cultural Events

Cherokee Language Class.

Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Macedonia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The instructor will be Wiggins Blackfox.

Free Winter Lecture Series at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, in Vonore, Tenn. is hosting a free lecture series that delves into a variety of Cherokee topics.

* Evolution of Cherokee Women's Roles by Tyra Maney. **March 22**

from 2 p.m. to 3p.m.

These lectures are free and open to the public and are sponsored in part by TN Arts Commission and Sequoyah Birthplace Museum. For more information or in case of inclement weather in both Tennessee or North Carolina, check their Facebook page, website at www.sequoyahmuseum.org, or contact the useum at (423) 884-6246

New Kituwah Academy Annual Honor Our Speakers Walk & Cultural Fair. April 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the New Kituwah Academy. Info: 359-6401

General Events

Indivisible Swain County meeting. March 23 at 6 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145

Slope Street in Bryson City. Agenda items will include setting 2020 priorities, calendar of events, candidate forums and Climate Crisis Forum follow-up. All are welcome to join.

Maverick's Tsalagi Sunshine (MTS) Memorial Rock Painting. March 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Island Park Pavilion #4 (closest to the Open Air Market). In honor of Maverick Sampson, MTS invites everyone to join them in remembering and honoring lost loved ones with painting rocks "to express our love or grief". Rocks, brushes, and paint will be provided to guests upon arrival.

Swain County Democratic Party 2020 County Convention and Potluck Lunch. March

28 at 1 p.m. at the Historic Calhoun Hotel at 135 Everett Street in Bryson City. Agenda will include election of delegates and opportunities to talk with Democratic candidates for local, district, and state offices. All are welcome.

Scandinavian Star weaving class. April 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$25 per person and materials are included. Space is limited to 15 people. Linda Bosket will teach the class which is sponsored, in part, by the Tennessee Arts Commission ABC Grant and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum. Info or to register: (423) 884-6246 or visit: www.sequoyahmuseum.org

Week of the Young Child Fair. April 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Amanda Bradley 507-4657

Swain County High School Earth Day event. April 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The event is open to the public and free of charge with activities for all ages including a one-hour wildlife presentation featuring live animals from Balsam Mountain Trust. Info: Swain County High School 488-2152

Tribal Foods Distribution. April 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Frank Dunn 359-9750

2020 Census Kick-off and Community Garden Kit Give-away. May 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Tammy Jackson 359-6934

Dandelion Market. May 7 from

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

MARCH 16-22, 2020

| WATERSHED | STOCKING | PRODUCTIVITY | ACTIVE SPECIES | HATCHES | FLY/BAIT |
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| Tuckaseegee River | Stocking March 4. Hatchery Supported Waters closed from March 1 until April 4. Hatchery Supported waters are only a small percentage of waters that are open! | Mid-morning to afternoon | Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout | Dark Winter Stone, Black Caddis, Blue Wing Olives, Midges | Messer's IDK, Messer's Micro Jigs, TBH Prince Nymph, TBH Frenchie, Woolly Buggers, Sculpzilla, Deep Six Caddis, Estes's Original Mop Fly |
| Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers | Hatchery Supported Waters closed from March 1 until April 4. Hatchery Supported waters are only a small percentage of waters that are open! | Mid-morning to afternoon | Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout | Dark Winter Stone, Black Caddis, Blue Wing Olives, Midges | Pat's Rubber Legs, Pheasant Tail, Streamers size 2-10, Prince Nymph, Eggs and worms, Zebra Midge, and Sucker Spawn |
| Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams | Hatchery Supported Waters closed from March 1 until April 4. Hatchery Supported waters are only a small percentage of waters that are open! | Mid-morning to afternoon | Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout | Dark Winter Stone, Black Caddis, Blue Wing Olives, Midges, Blue Quill | Messer's IDK, TDH Frenchie, TBH Rubber Leg Prince, TBH Perdigon, Soft Hackles, Messer's Charlie Whopper, BWO |

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| MONDAY, MARCH 16 | TUESDAY, MARCH 17 | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 | THURSDAY, MARCH 19 | FRIDAY, MARCH 20 | SATURDAY, MARCH 21 | SUNDAY, MARCH 22 |
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11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

Elder's Walk and Lunch. May 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk starts at the Art Market located adjacent to the Oconaluftee Island Park and ends at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Deb West 359-6291 or Sherry Welch 359-6290

Cherokee Day of Caring. May 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info: Deb Owle 497-5550

Sampson and Lizzie Arneach Welch Family Reunion. May 16 at 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. The children of Sampson and Lizzie are: Corneeta Welch, Epps Welch, Edward Welch, Annie Welch Oocumma, Sallie Welch Partridge, Jeanette Welch Walkingstick, and Nannie Welch Taylor. The following individuals are the descendants of the list that has been compiled so far: Juna Welch (Lula Nicey Ledford), Martha Welch Wachacha (John Wayne Wachacha), Margarind Welch Wallace (Tahquette Wallace), Isaac Welch Sr. (Judith Owle), Nannie Welch Taylor (George Taylor), James Blue Welch (Bessie Byrd), David Welch, Lucinda Welch Martin (Charley Martin), Fannie

Oocumma Powell (Homer Powell), John Oocumma (Alice Littlejohn), Joseph Oocumma (Kina Queen), Andy Oocumma (Susie Reed), Savannah Partridge George (Manley George), Bessie Partridge, Jonah Welch (Olive McCoy), Ancy Walkingstick Wachacha (Raleigh Wachacha), Emmaline Walkingstick McCoy (Russell McCoy), Ramsey Walkingstick (Mable Teesateskie), Sim Taylor (Beulah Teesateskie). All descendants from the above are welcome. Info: Charles E. Taylor (828)768-6828, Agnes Welch 736-9718, Rosie McCoy 736-1622, Ulela Harris 734-0178, or Kathie McCoy 226-4580 via Facebook or Phone. Fundraising for this Reunion has begun so please reach out as to how you can help. Meat, drinks, plates and utensils will be provided.

Tribal Foods Distribution. May 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Frank Dunn 359-9750

EBCI Tribal Council Awards. May 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Kelly Sampson 359-7023 or Kelly Dills 359-7024

Strawberry Festival. May 23 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Carmaleta Monteith 497-2717

Customer Appreciation Day. May 23 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Welcome Center. Info: Welcome Center 359-6490 or 359-6491

Unveiling of Beloved Man Dr. Jeremiah "Jerry" Wolfe Memorial Display Case. May 25 at 1 p.m. in the main lobby of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Info: Museum 497-3481

Gourd Gathering. May 28-30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Suzi Noone (410) 392-0003

Sports Events
Native Heritage Night with the Georgia Swarm. April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Infinite Energy Center in Atlanta, Ga. The Swarm will host the Toronto Rock. Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians can receive free tickets to the game by visiting: <http://www.survey-monkey.com/r/EBCIO41120>

Fire Mountain Inferno Bicycle Races. May 2 and 3 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: www.gloryhoudevents.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for March 2020

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

Texas Gulf Coast Tia Piah Benefit Dance. March 21 at St. Pius Catholic Church in Pasadena, Texas. Info: Jan Hackett at Hackett.jan@gmail.com

55th Anniversary FIHA Pow

Wow. March 27-29 at St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in Fort Pierce, Fla. Host Northern Drum: Medicine Horse. Host Southern Drum: Ottertrail. Info: info@fiha.us, www.fiha.us, (772) 519-7888

Inaugural Spring Pow Wow presented by The Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians. March 27-29 at Spotlight 29 Casino in Coachella, Calif. MC: Juaquin Hamilton. Host Drum: The Boyz. Info: Earl Thomas (760) 775-5566, ethomas@spotlight29.com

On Wisconsin Annual Spring Pow Wow. March 28 at Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis. Info: Michael Williams at wunksheekuw@gmail.com

University of Redlands Pow Wow. March 28 in Redlands, Calif. Host Northern Drum: Bear Springs. Info: Christina Lara at christina_lara@redlands.edu

Support Groups
AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH dining room. Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH dining room.

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule
Mondays
Be Assertive, Not Aggressive: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Parents Supporting Parents: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Acceptance (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesdays
Abstract Recovery: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Strong Hearts: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30

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p.m.
 Life Recovery (open to community): 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 Wednesdays
 W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
 Creative Writing: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Adulting 101: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
 Communication 101: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 We Belong – Two Spirit (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Peacemaking Support Circle (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Thursdays
 Life Recovery (open to community): 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 Putting off Procrastination: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Radical Acceptance: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Healthy Boundaries: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Fridays
 W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
 Creative Recovery: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Depression and Anxiety: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
 All classes are open to clients of Analenisgi. Classes open to the community are noted. Info: 497-6892

CIHA Bariatric Support Group meets every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm in the Soco Gap Training Room. Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. – Nilofer Couture 497-9163 ext. 6459, Linda Johnson ext. 6317, Chrystal Frank ext. 6806, or Jean Walborn ext. 7569

Cherokee Cancer Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road. A pot luck is held at 5:30pm, and the meet-

ing is open to all. Betty's Place is also open M – F 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Cherokee Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month 1 p.m. at In-Home Care Services in the Beloved Women's & Children's Center second floor). This group is presented by The Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860

Life Recovery Tsa La Gi Family Support Group meets on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Macedonia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Life Recovery Tsa La Gi Bible-based 12-Step meets on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Analenisgi.

Recovery Bible Study, One Step to Jesus will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Christian Acts Church at 257 East Alaska Road in Bryson City. All are welcome to participate in a safe, encouraging environment. It is for any addiction or spiritual or emotional healing need. Info: Pastor Melanie 488-2432

Community Clubs
Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call Brianna Lambert 788-3308. The rental fee is \$75 and \$25 will be returned after cleaning.

Big Cove Community Club



Paw's corner
 by Sam Mazzotta

Brushing Cat's Teeth Is a Real Chore

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My mom says I need to brush my kitten's teeth every day. "Terry," who is about four months old, doesn't like this very much. Do I have to brush his teeth so often? — *Caitlin, via email*

DEAR CAITLIN: Brushing your pet's teeth can be kind of tough at first, when they're not used to it. The best way to do it is to make the experience a good one for Terry as much as possible.


- Use toothpaste made specifically for pets, with a meat, poultry or dairy flavor.
- If you don't have one, get a finger brush designed for brushing small pets' teeth. You also can use a soft cloth or cotton ball.
- Hold Terry in your lap for a few minutes before starting the brushing routine, petting him until he is more relaxed.
- Gently use your index finger to lift Terry's lip on one side — not very far, just enough to expose his fang and a couple of teeth.
- Quickly but gently swipe the finger brush downward over Terry's exposed teeth, and let go of his lip.
- Repeat on the other side.

In between each swipe, Terry will lick away the flavored toothpaste. Give him lots of praise and pats, and maybe let him lick a little toothpaste off of the brush.

At first, Terry may only let you swipe each side once. That's OK, since he's getting used to the brushing process. If you are consistent and do the above routine every night, and focus on keeping him relaxed, he will gradually let you brush more of his teeth.

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

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Sports QUIZ
 by Ryan A. Berenz

1. This winner of five career Grand Slam titles recently announced her retirement from tennis at the age of 32. Who is she?
2. Actor/wrestler Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson played on the defensive line for what college football team?
3. What player hit two home runs in his debut with the New York Yankees on Opening Day 2018?
4. Who is the only NCAA Division I basketball player — male or female — to record 2,000 points, 1,000 assists and 1,000 rebounds in a career?
5. What sport of ancient Gaelic origin uses a ball called a sliotar?
6. What Division I men's basketball team has the most appearances in the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16?
7. What NBA team broke the league record (previously held by the 2016-17 Golden State Warriors) for earliest playoff clinch?

Answers

1. Maria Sharapova.
2. The University of Miami Hurricanes.
3. Giancarlo Stanton.
4. Sabrina Ionescu of the University of Oregon Ducks.
5. Hurling.
6. The University of Kentucky Wildcats, with 44 as of 2019.
7. The 2019-20 Milwaukee Bucks, who recently clinched a playoff berth after 56 games.

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meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Info: Chairman Butch Hill 497-7309, Vice Chairperson Cindy West, Secretary Lavita Hill 736-3126, or Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Joi Owle, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is available for rent.

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Paint-town Gym. Info: Lula Jackson 736-1511, Lois Dunston 736-3230, Abe Queen (Free Labor) 269-8110, Jennifer Jackson (building rental) 269-7702

Snowbird Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Info: Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 361-3278, roger-smoker@yahoo.com

Wolftown Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088; Jesse Sneed, vice chairman

Yellowhill Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Yellowhill Activity Center unless it's a holiday. Officers: Keredith Owens, chairperson; Reuben Teesatuskie, vice chairperson; Virginia Johnson, secretary; Dawn Arneach, treasurer. Info: Virginia Johnson 788-8659



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This Canadian Goose, spotted by the Cherokee welcome sign adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, was greeting visitors to the Qualla Boundary on the morning of Saturday, March 14.



Tribal Employment Rights Office March Jobs Listing

The TERO Office is please to provide the following jobs listing for the Cherokee area. We ask that when applying for any of these jobs, to please reach out to us to enroll in our Job Bank. We are located in the GLW – TERO Suite (810 Aquoni Rd – Suite 190) Cherokee, NC.
Thank you and Good Luck on your job search!

Local Job Openings for March 2020:

- C.I.C. Technologies, Inc.:** electricians, electrician helpers, and voltage technicians. The phone number is (828) 497-3315.
- Chestnut Tree Inn:** housekeeping and breakfast cook. The phone number is (828) 497-9181.
- Hampton Inn:** 4 housekeepers. The phone number is (828) 497-3115.
- McDonald's:** 3rd Shift from 8pm-4am. The phone number is (828) 497-3535.
- Taco Bell:** Customer Service, Cook. The phone number is (828) 497-1440.
- Pizza Hut:** Drivers. The phone number is (828) 497-5600.
- Subway:** night shift. The phone number is (828) 497-1268.
- Waffle House:** accepting applications now. The phone number is (828) 497-6226.
- Wendy's:** 10 crew members, 1 restaurant manager, and 1 shift leader. The phone number is (828) 497-1277.
- FedEx Warehouse in Bryson City:** package handler. The phone number is (800) 463-3339.
- Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort:** front desk clerk. The phone number is (828) 497-7777.
- Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort:** front desk concierge. The phone number is (828) 497-8550.
- KFC:** shift supervisor, cashier, cleaner, cook, packer. The phone number is (828) 497-9444.
- Burger King:** 5 crew members. The phone number is (828) 497-6120.
- Cherokee Central Schools:** media coordinator and high school English teacher.
- Harrah's Cherokee Casino:** now hiring. For the list of job openings, please visit the following website: <https://aa081.referrals.selectminds.com/HCCR/jobs/search/197556>
- Food Lion:** 1 for market, Deli, and 2 for front (cashiers). The phone number is (828) 497-4743.
- Shoe Show:** PT Sales Associate. The phone number is (828) 497-8918.
- Family Dollar:** 3 workers PT Cashiers, PT Assistant store manager. The phone number is (828) 497-9099.
- Domino's Pizza:** Assistant manager, Drivers. The phone number is (828) 497-5500.
- Temporary Census Taker:** for the United States Census 2020. Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs
- VOC:** Reception, Contracts Manager, and Financial Coordinator. Microtel: Housekeeping, Laundry. (828) 352-2302

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A pesky health problem should clear up soon. Meanwhile, travel — both for personal as well as for business reasons — is strong in the **Aries** aspect this week, and well into the next.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Look for Bovines to be on the move this week, whether it's traveling for fun or for business. Other "moves" include workplace adjustments and, for some, relationship changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Geminis who have just gone through a hectic period involving job and/or family matters might want to take some well-earned time out to relax and restore those drained energy levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A romantic situation seems to have stalled, just when the Moon Child was expecting it to go forward. Could that be a bad case of miscommunication going on. Talk it over openly and honestly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Showing a genuine interest in something that's important to a friend, family member or colleague could open a communication line that had been pretty much shut down for a while.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making a potentially life-changing decision takes as much knowledge as you can gather, plus determination and patience. Take your time working it out. Don't let anyone rush you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You should be back on schedule and heading in the right direction after clearing up a misunderstanding. But there could still be some setbacks. If so, correct them immediately.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A business matter keeps you pretty busy, but try to squeeze in time to be with family as well as close friends. You need the good vibrations you get from people who care for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Investing in an attractive prospect (business or personal) with little or no information can be risky. Avoid future problems by getting all the facts before you act.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have an unexpected reaction to a decision you feel you're prepared to make. Listen to his or her point of view. It could prove to be surprisingly helpful.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't give up yet. That once warm, personal relationship that seems to be cooling off fast could recover with some tender, loving care, and who better than you to provide it?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Career matters are strong this week. You might want to enter a training program to enhance your skills. Also, consider getting professional help in preparing a brilliant resume.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of respecting the feelings of others, which is one reason people feel comfortable having you in their lives.

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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
Bus & Truck Department
PT School Bus Drivers

Agelink Childcare
2 - Teacher's Aide Positions
FT Maintenance Worker

Service Department
FT Service Writer

Opens March 12, 2020
Closes March 24, 2020
Mowing Department
PT/Seasonal (6 positions)



Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

(Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

- **Varsity Volleyball Coach** - Must have 2 -3 years volleyball head coaching experience at the varsity level. Has proven ability to organize and supervise a total sports program at the high school level.
- **School Psychologist** - Master's Degree in psychology and have at least 3 year's experience working in a school setting. Must hold state license to practice school psychology.
- **High School Nurse** - An RN is preferred, but will consider an LPN, who would be supervised by an RN on staff.
- **High School JROTC (AD) Instructor** - Must have Associate's degree. All applicants must have an excellent record of military performance, be within one year of retirement or have retired within the last three years. Please visit the website for full job description and requirements.
- **Full Time Custodian (Evening Shift)** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- **Substitute Custodian (Evening Shift)** - Must have a high school diploma or completed GED.
- **Substitute Nurse** - Registered professional nurse, designated as R.N. as defined and determined by state law, and currently licensed in the state. Current certification in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
- **Special Education Teacher Assistant** - Must have an Associate's degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education. Must be willing to obtain CPI certification. Substitute Nurse - Registered professional nurse, designated as R.N. as defined and determined by state law, and currently licensed in the state. Current certification in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021.

****Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from EBCI or affiliated entity must wait 3 years before applying for employment.****

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Cherokee One Feather **TSALAGI MINUTE**



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Kara Martin, shown modeling a woven skirt and a feather cape, is the only woman in the history of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to hold all four titles of the Tribe including: Little Miss Cherokee (1996), Junior Miss Cherokee (1999), Teen Miss Cherokee (2004), and Miss Cherokee (2007).

- Source: EBCI Pageant Board



The Oconaluftee Indian Village is seeking workers for the 2020 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: All areas

Details:

- Village season runs Mid-April to November
- Report time is 9:00 am
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays
- Provide great customer service to our guests
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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate

File No. 20-015

In the Matter of the Estate of Samuel Watty

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

Charles Watty, P.O. Box 1354, Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/1pd**

State of North Carolina,
County of Swain
In the General Court of Justice,
Superior Court Division
File No. 2019 E 000072

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of Cathie Ann Lossiah

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

Jill Cherie Lossiah, P.O. Box 2098, Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/8pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate
File No. 19-100

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Joseph Welch Oocumma 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

Daphne Rochelle Hoyle, P.O. Box 1498, Whittier, NC 28789 and Brandi Leigh Oocumma, P.O. Box 1506, Robbinsville, NC 28771. **4/8pd**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 001-2020-HH

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing & Community Development

The EBCI Housing & Community Development (HCD) seeks to prequalify a pool of licensed General Contractors and professionals, from which to solicit bids, in connection with its administration of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Healthy Homes Grant funds. HUD and EBCI HCD believes our communities should make homes available to families that are affordable and healthy.

Contractor must have a DUNS number and registered with SAM.gov to perform work as a federal contractor. Qualified contractors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Several contractors and professionals will be selected for work. Selections will be based on qualifications. HCD reserves the right to reject any and all submissions. The EBCI supports Native American owned businesses and gives preference to the hiring of



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, March 19, 2020

Dental Assistant II

Dental Hygienist

FNP/PA – Emergency Room/Inpatient

Closing Thursday, March 26, 2020

Certified Medical Assistant – Primary Care (2 Positions)

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Open Until Filled

Masters Level Therapist/Family Safety

Masters Level Therapist – Child

Masters Level Therapist – grant position

Medical Technologist

Dental Assistant II

Cultural Coordinator – Kanvwotiyi

Grant Coordinator – Analenisgi

Helpdesk Support Specialist - MCO

Medical Social Worker –Primary Care

Provider network Manager – MCO

Director of Managed Care

RN – Tsali Care Center (multiple)

PTI RN – Tsali Care Center (multiple)

PTI LPN – Tsali Care Center

Licensed Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center

Certified Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center

PTI CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center (multiple)

Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center (multiple)

PTI Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center (multiple)

Analenisgi Inpatient – FNP/PA

Masters Level Therapist – Analenisgi Inpatient

Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi (Grant Funded)

Physician – Emergency Room

Physician – Primary Care

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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

Native American firms or businesses whenever possible.

Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the Housing & Community Development office at 687 Acquon-iRoad, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Deadline for Healthy Home proposals is Friday, March 20 at 4:00p.m.

Contact Paulette Cox at paul-cox@nc-chokeee.com with questions or comments or call 828-359-6748. **3/18pd**

The Public Health and Human Services Division (PHHS) seeks competitive proposals for a contracting agency to complete a Needs Assessment for Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) people with developmental

and intellectual disabilities. This firm will conduct a needs assessment, service evaluation, and gap analysis on current workforce, training, housing, and caretaking services available to EBCI individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

For more information on the scope of work and access to the complete RFP contact Aneva Haggberg Phone: 828-359-6191 Email: anevhagb@nc-chokeee.com.

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Public Notice No. 20NC00001

Date: 03/18/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Water Division Permitting and Grants Branch Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(404) 562-9847

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency intends to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719. The applicant has a request for issuance of NPDES No. NCO089907 for its Jacob Cornsilk Complex Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 314 Cornsilk Branch Road, Robbinsville, North Carolina 28871. The draft permit authorizes the discharge of treated sanitary wastewater (SIC Code 4952) through Outfall 001 to Snowbird Creek.

Persons wishing to comment

upon or object to any aspects of the permit issuance or wishing to request a public hearing, are invited to submit the same in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice to the NPDES Permitting Section, Water Division, Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, ATTENTION: Ms. Mary Kuo. Comments may also be sent via email to: kuo.mary@epa.gov. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 124.13, any person who believes that any proposed permit condition is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments in full, supporting his/her position, by the close of the comment period. The public notice number and NPDES number should be included on the first page of comments.

All comments received within



The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program

is currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 program year.

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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 visit the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at 171 Boys Club Loop, Cherokee. Applications are due to Christopher Reed by **April 6th, 2020 at 4:30pm.**

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the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of a final determination regarding the permit issuance. Also, within the 30-day period, any interested person may request a public hearing. Where there is a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit issuance, the EPA Regional Administrator will schedule and hold a public hearing which would be formally announced in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 124.10 and 124.12. After consideration of all written comments and the requirements and policies in the Clean Water Act and appropriate regulations, the EPA Regional Administrator will make a determination regarding the permit issuance. If the determination is substantially unchanged from that announced by this notice, the EPA Regional Administrator will so notify all persons submitting

written comments. If the determination is substantially changed, the EPA Regional Administrator will issue a public notice indicating the revised determination. Appeal of NPDES permits may be filed after the Regional Administrator makes the above-described determination. Additional information regarding appeal of NPDES permits is available in 40 CFR § 124.19, or by contacting Suzanne Armor of the Office of Regional Counsel at (404) 562-9701.

The administrative record, including the draft permit, fact sheet, a sketch showing the exact location of the permit area, comments received and additional information on hearing procedures is available at cost by writing to the EPA at the address above between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (copies will be pro-

vided at a minimal cost per page), or by downloading these documents from <https://www.epa.gov/about-epa/about-epa-region-4-southeast>. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested in this matter. If you would like to be added to our public notice mailing list, submit your name and mailing address to the EPA, at the address given above. **3/18pd**

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR: CONEX BOXES MARCH 13, 2020

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is to solicit proposals from qualified firms for the purchase and delivery of Conex boxes to be used for storage space. The amount of the contract is TBD. The proposal packets can be picked up at 756 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contact person for this RFP is Denny Ensley, Site Prep Manager, (828) 359-6841 or dennensl@nc-chokeee.com. Dated: March 13, 2020 Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing **3/25pd**

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR: MOVING SERVICES MARCH 13, 2020

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is to solicit proposals from qualified firms for the transport of a single wide trailer, for a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, who is receiving assistance through the Housing & Community Development (HCD) Site Prep Program. The contract will be for a period to be determined. The proposal packets can be picked up at 756 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC

28719. Contact person for this RFP is Denny Ensley, Site Prep Manager, (828) 359-6841 or dennensl@nc-chokeee.com. Dated: March 13, 2020 Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing **3/25pd**

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Department of Transportation 680 Acquoni Rd P.O. Box 2400 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

Phone: (828) 359-6531 Project: Paving: Dave Cucumber, Bradley Loop Drive and Old San-teetlah (Graham County)

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' CDOT Office is requesting sealed bids for the paving of three roads within Cherokee, NC and Robbinsville, NC. The deadline for submitting proposals will be March 27th, 2020 at 4 p.m.

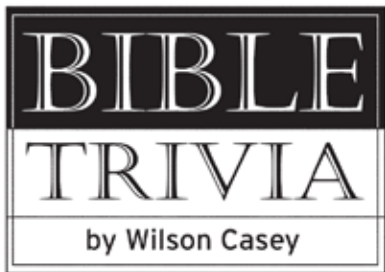
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You may request the full RFP and bid requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-359-6531. **3/18pd**

Requests for Proposal Kituwah, LLC

Kristin Smith Office Administrator Kituwah, LLC P.O. Box 366 Cherokee, NC 28719 Kituwah, LLC 1158 Seven Clans Lane

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Hosea; 3) Job; 4) Moses; 5) Dorcas; 6) Laodicea



1. "Casper the Friendly Ghost"
2. Florida
3. Rutherford B. Hayes
4. Perry Mason
5. Margaret Sanger
6. Carbon
7. "The Godfather", Vito Corleone
8. Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty
9. The Stratford Inn
10. 1 inch

King Crossword
Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Whittier, NC 28789
Phone: (828) 477 - 4553
Fax: (828) 477 - 4554
Email:

kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com
Public Notice Kituwah, LLC is seeking proposals from a qualified and licensed Tennessee Real Estate Broker, to provide Commercial Real Estate Brokerage Services, to market and lease properties at the proposed Dumpling Creek development site. Located at Interstate I-40 exit 407 in Sevier County, Tennessee. A full RFP may be picked up from Kristin Smith, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, North Carolina 28789 or call (828)-477-4553 with any questions or requests. Proposals must be received by April 10, 2020, 4:00 p.m. at the above address. Proposals will be opened on April 16, 2020. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted.

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Requests for Proposals

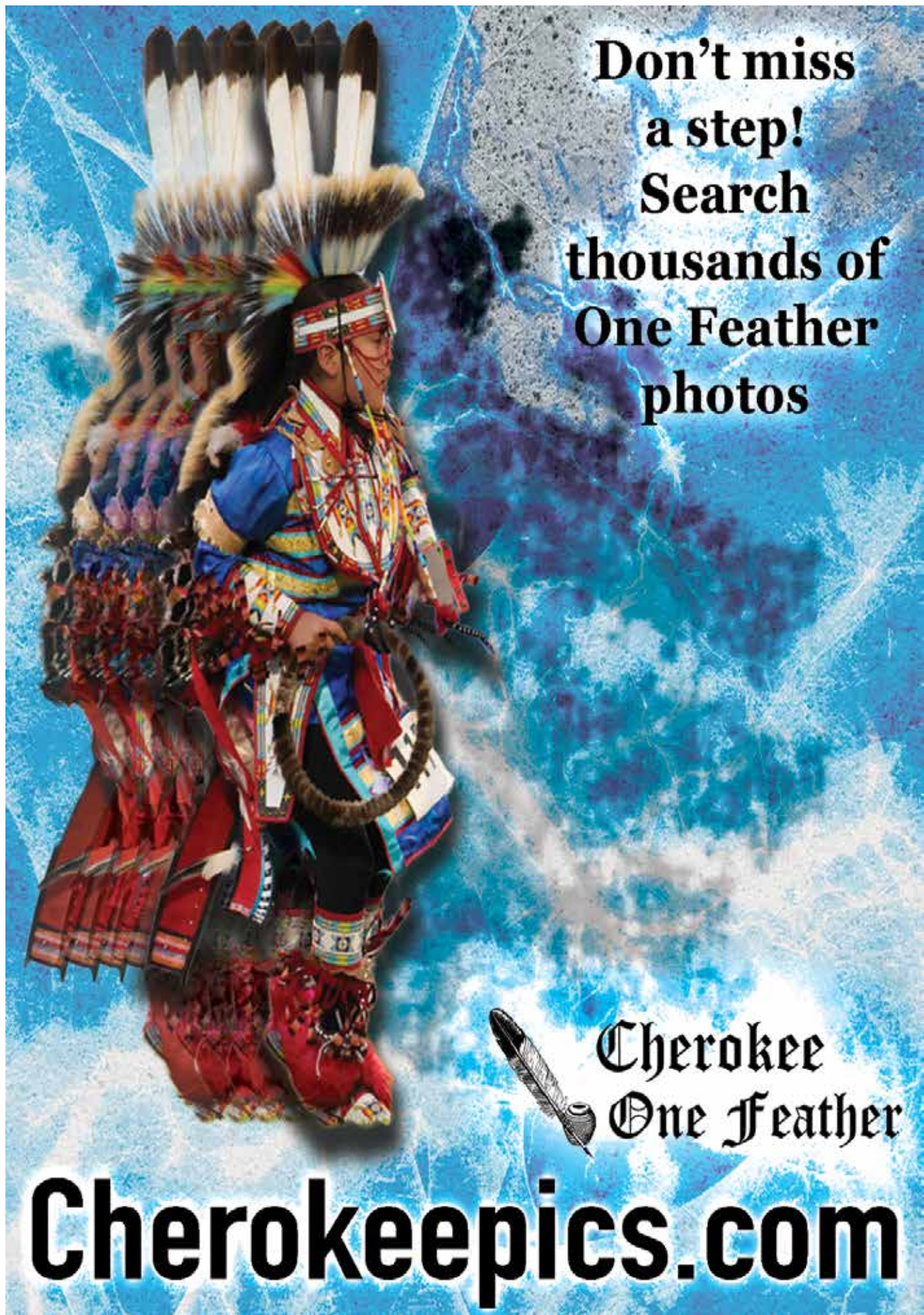
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Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Rd
P.O. Box 2400

Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone:(828) 359-6530
Project: Big Cove Road

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed bids for boots.

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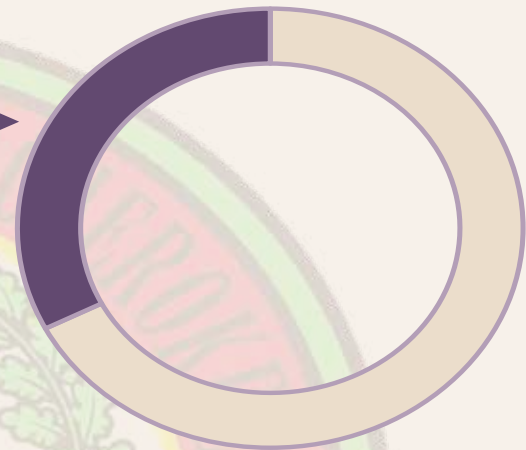
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- The fund is designed for protection in down markets and is working as designed
- Only the interest portion of minors fund accounts are subject to market performance

THE AVERAGE 23-YEAR-OLD ACCOUNT



Contributions Earnings

CONTRIBUTIONS (deposits of per capita) **67%**

INVESTMENT EARNINGS **33%**

-10.8%

MARKET PERFORMANCE
YTD AS OF MARCH 10, 2020

MINORS FUND
PERFORMANCE YTD
AS OF MARCH 10, 2020

-4.9%

MINORS FUND
PERFORMANCE FYTD
AS OF MARCH 10, 2020

-0.9%

MINORS FUND
PERFORMANCE FYTD IMPACT
PER PARTICIPANT

-\$1,090

- Participants preparing to exit the fund have the most exposure to market changes, in this case those who are 23 years of age and exiting the fund at 25.
- For the average 23-year-old, approximately 67% of the total account value is contributions and 33% of the account value is investment earnings over time.
- **The EBCI guarantees the Principal (contributions) of your fund** – you will receive the full amount placed into the fund on your behalf over your lifetime.
- **Only the Interest (earnings) portion of your fund is subject to market performance.**

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