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Sports betting arrives in Cherokee

By JONAH LOSSIAH
One Feather Staff

Twenty months after passing through North Carolina legislatures, Harrah's Cherokee Casino's The Book is now open for sports betting.

Both the Harrah's Cherokee Casino and the River Valley Casino host a sportsbook, making them the first legal sports betting venue in North Carolina. The location at Cherokee offers expansive seating areas, 90 feet of television screens, VIP seating, and more. The Book opened to the public at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 18.

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SPORTS BETTING: The Book opens at Harrah's Cherokee casinos, from front page

evening.

The process to get to last Thursday's ribbon-cutting dates back nearly three years and has left many people asking the question, "What took so long?"

"If we go all the way back to late May of 2018, PASPA (Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act) was overturned by the Supreme Court of the United States. That opened the door for Tribes and other states to pass legislation to enter into sports betting," explained Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed.

"So, that's what we did. We passed a resolution in Council to run legislation through North Carolina. We got the legislation run through North Carolina and did a compact amendment. The negotiation for the compact amendment took an entire year. It shouldn't have, but it did."

In July 2019, the N.C. State House and Senate passed N.C. Senate Bill 154. Governor Cooper signed it this month as well, but there were still hang-ups.

"I suppose you really would have

to ask the Governor's legal team as to what the hold-up was," said Chief Sneed. "We've been involved in Class 3 gaming for over a decade. We have a very extensive and comprehensive Class 3 gaming compact with the State already. In the opinion of our legal team, we were simply adding one more Class 3 gaming amenity. So, all of the frameworks were already in place. All guidelines and regulations were already in place. We were simply adding one more game. To me, it was political. But that's just my opinion."

He continued by saying that this is still a fantastic achievement and that regardless of all the delays, The Book is open. Chief Sneed said that the sportsbook offers a lot of potential but estimates for revenue are difficult to decipher at this time.

"Keeping in mind, sports betting is really one of those things - it's an amenity that you want to offer for your guests. As far as the amount of revenue that we'll see, we know that percentage-wise it's about a 10% hold win for the house. So, we'll just have to see what the volume of betting is. It's not something like slots where it's a large win all the time. But



Tribal leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians cut the ribbon to officially open The Book at Harrah's Cherokee on the morning of Friday, March 18.

again, it is an amenity that many of our guests want.”

Brooks Robinson, regional senior vice president & general manager of Harrah's Cherokee Casinos, echoed Chief Sneed's sentiments on Thursday.

“It just brings a different customer,” said Robinson. “It typically skews a little younger. It's typically a customer that will tie in really good to our World Series of Poker offering that we have.”

Robinson touted the technology and options available at The Book. Currently, Harrah's Cherokee can take bets on collegiate and professional sports, as well as off-track racing events. He said that they would be adding a few more as time allowed, including different horse racing bets.

“We're really on the Caesar's Entertainment sportsbook network. There are a few limitations that may change from jurisdiction

to jurisdiction, but I would say about 90-95 percent of any bet you could make in Vegas or another sportsbook you can make here,” said Robinson.

This project came as a partnership through the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Caesar's Entertainment, and William Hill, one of America's premier sports betting companies. Robinson also mentioned that Caesar's Entertainment is purchasing William Hill soon.

A significant facet that is missing from The Book is the option of online or mobile gaming. The timing of Cherokee's sportsbook was perfect for betting on March Madness. In a study conducted by Morning Consult, approximately 47.4 million Americans will wager on the NCAA Tournament this year, a number that is about the same as the last tournament in 2019.

However, online betting for this event is expected to surge up to 17.8 million, about a 206 percent increase from 2019. While you could attribute this to life in the COVID-19 pandemic, online betting has been steadily growing in the betting world year-by-year.

“We would love to have the opportunity to do online or mobile gaming, that's something that's going to have to be worked out at the state level as well. Under IGRA (Indian Gaming Regulatory Act), all gaming must take place on Tribal trust lands. We could geofence the Boundary and offer mobile sports betting. We would love to be able to participate statewide, and we're looking into that. But that's going to be something that we have to do through the State legislature and obviously something that would have to be approved by the Governor as well,” said Chief Sneed.

Robinson concurred, saying that it will be a complex process to undertake, but one that could offer a lot of value. “It's a very expensive situation if you're trying to geofence an area. A lot of us are working to determine does it truly make sense to try to geofence a smaller region or possibly wait and see what happens with the statewide mobile. If that happens, we would definitely want to jump into that world.”

2021 looks to be a busy year for Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Resort. Along with the sportsbook, the casino is also looking to finish construction on its new hotel, convention center, and parking garage.

For more information on The Book, including house rules, visit <https://www.caesars.com/harrahs-cherokee/casino/the-book>.

Rep. Haaland confirmed as Interior Secretary

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Congresswoman Deb Haaland (D-N.M.), a member of the Laguna Pueblo, was confirmed as Secretary of the Dept. of the Interior on Monday, March 15. She was confirmed by a Senate vote of 51-40 and becomes the first Native American to serve in a cabinet-level position in U.S. history.

“A voice like mine has never been a cabinet secretary or at the head of the Department of the Interior,” Secretary Haaland tweeted. “Growing up in my mother’s Pueblo household made me fierce. I’ll be fierce for all of us, our planet, and all of our protected land. I am honored and ready to serve.”

Secretary Haaland, along with Congresswoman Sharice Davids (D-Kansas), was one of the first two Native American women elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2018. She was recently re-elected to her seat. Secretary Haaland earned a bachelor of arts degree in english from the University of New Mexico (UNM) in 1994 and a Juris Doctor degree from the UNM School of Law in 2006.

During her tenure in the House of Representatives, she served in numerous capacities including: Committee on Natural Resources (vice chair); Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples of the United States; Committee on Armed Services; Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands (chair); Committee on Oversight and Reform; Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; Congressional Native American Caucus (co-chair); and Congressional Progressive Caucus.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented on the historic confirmation. “The confirmation of Deb Haaland to serve as Secretary of the Interior is a truly historic moment, and I have no doubt our ancestors are looking down upon us with a smile at how far we’ve come since the days of their sacrifices. Not only will Secretary Haaland be the first Native American cabinet secretary, but we have no doubt that she will be an effective and successful administrator of the Department of the Interior. We look forward to working with Secretary Haaland on matters that affect not only the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians but all Native Americans as well.”

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. said in a statement, “Secretary Haaland is a trailblazer, and it is only fitting that she has now become the first Native American to oversee the federal policies that have such monumental impacts on the more than 570 federally recognized tribal nations across the United States, including the Cherokee Nation. Secretary Haaland has always been a champion of tribal sovereignty, and I expect her contributions to tribal nations will leave an impact that will be felt by Native peoples for the next seven generations.”

The confirmation voting went along party lines for the most part. Of the 51 votes in favor of her confirmation, 45 votes were from Democrats, four from Republicans, and two from Independents. All 40 of the votes against Secretary Haaland were from Republican Senators. A total of four Republican Senators did vote to confirm including: Sen. Susan



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Collins (R-Maine), Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) who serves as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska).

Sen. Sullivan called the vote the “most difficult” he has had while serving in the Senate and said in a statement, “As a Congresswoman, Haaland took positions publicly – cosponsoring the Green New Deal, prohibiting all gas and oil leasing on federal lands, and displaying hostility toward Alaska Native people and systems just because they are different from the lower 48 model she is familiar with – that I believe would clearly negatively impact Alaska and America. In normal times, this would be an easy ‘no’ vote.”

He continued, “But, these are

not normal times. Our state’s economy and our working families are under pressure, stress, and assault due to the pandemic and the Biden administration’s initial hostile actions against Alaska and our resources development sector. I believe that my vote to confirm Congresswoman Haaland as Secretary of the Interior may enhance my ability to successfully advocate for a ceasefire in the Biden administration’s war on the Alaskan economy and working families. We need all the help we can get, particularly from the head of an agency, the Department of the Interior, that wields enormous power over our state and our economy.”

Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) serves as chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and said in a statement, “Her leadership on public lands and waters, natural resources management, and climate action as well as her deep connections to Native communities will benefit all Americans. It’s clear Secretary Haaland shares my commitment to consultation with Native leaders to address the real challenges facing Native communities across the country.”

Congressman Raul M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) serves as chair of the House Natural Resources Committee and said in a statement, “The confirmation of Secretary Deb Haaland is a historic step toward redeeming our nation’s relationship with first Americans. Secretary Haaland will bring to the Interior Department and the Biden administration a profound responsibility and commitment to climate change, equity, and public actions that all Americans will

benefit from. Secretary Haaland has made history for her people, and now she will help guide our shared history.”

The news traveled fast throughout Indian Country.

Fawn Sharp, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) president, said in a statement, “The impact of Native American representation at the top of a federal agency that so directly affects our daily lives cannot be overstated, and we congratulate Secretary Haaland on this historic achievement. The relationship between tribal nations and the federal government has been fractured for far too long. Having an ally like Secretary Haaland who is not only deeply qualified but is from our communities has the potential to transform the government-to-government relationship and will be

vital in advancing Native American issues for generations.”

Several conservation groups lauded the confirmation.

“Secretary Haaland is a fierce advocate for the protection of our parks, sacred landscapes, and the environment,” Theresa Pierson, National Parks Conservation Association president and chief executive officer, said in a statement. “As a descendant of the original guardians of our lands, she brings a unique perspective, unlike any Interior Secretary before her. She has vowed to elevate and engage underrepresented communities with an eye towards rebuilding the agency and the public lands it protects.”

Secretary Haaland’s confirmation was contested by many in the Republican Party.

Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.)

tweeted, “I voted against Rep. Haaland’s confirmation to the Interior because I cannot support her hostile record toward made in America energy, natural resource development, and wildlife and land management. Rep. Haaland has pledged to learn from states like Montana that are able to balance these priorities. I will hold her to this commitment and look for opportunities where we can pragmatically work together on behalf of Montana.”

Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) tweeted, “Rep. Haaland’s extreme policy views, lack of substantive answers during the confirmation process, and full support for (@POTUS) war on American energy disqualify her for the job of Interior Secretary. Her views on American energy fly in the face of the mission of the Interior. I

oppose her nomination and will continue to fight to protect America’s energy workers and energy dominance.”

The Department of the Interior, created on March 3, 1849, manages most of the public lands and resources of the United States and includes such agencies as the National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and others.

Secretary Haaland resigned her congressional seat on Tuesday, March 16. According to New Mexico law, a general election to fill that seat must be held between 77 and 91 days of the vacancy. There will be no primary election, and the state’s party committees will select candidates for the general election.



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

Please send your names, birthdays, and anniversaries to
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School Board returns to in-person meetings

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

After months of email polls, the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education returned to their social-distanced set up on Monday, March 15.

This also marked the first day under 'Plan B' for CCS, the hybrid system that has brought students back to classrooms on a limited basis.

Much of the conversation centered on a financial update offered by the Cherokee Boys Club. Howard Wahneta, Ashford Smith, and William Lowe delivered this report. Due to the pandemic, spending is much lower than it should be at the school. Expectations would have 67 percent of the budget spent at this point in the year, but the school has only spent 51 percent.

Lowe said that this would typically be a concern, but since CCS has been in Plan C until now, it's understandable. A large piece of the schools' budget is the field trip and event budget, which hasn't been touched.

The Board has only used around 23 percent of the operational budget, with the goal being at 66 percent. This comes from the fact that CCS students have not been on campus. They discussed ways to disseminate their discretionary budget at the meeting, but nothing was decided.

There was a push to ensure that the new CCS budget includes a raise for staff at the school. This had been accounted for at previous budget meetings, but the pandemic disrupted that process. Those discussions planned for a 5 percent raise for teachers and 2.5



After months of email polls, the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education returned to their social-distanced set up on Monday, March 15. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

percent for teachers' assistants. This conversation centered around a cost of living raise for all employees at CCS. The CBC said that they would bring those estimates at the next meeting they attended.

Polly Kelley, EBCI Investment Committee, also offered an update to the Board. Following a volatile period in the market, the CCS Reserve fund has made significant gains of \$1.5 Million in the last six months. The total of the reserve account now rests at \$14.9 million.

The consent agenda was unanimously passed after discussing the qualifications and needs for volunteers for CCS's sports teams. School Board Rep. French-Browning was curious as to why there were so many volunteers for the softball team than for other sports. There were five for the high school and two for the middle school to confirm. This discussion lasted ap-

proximately 15 minutes and ended with no alterations.

Superintendent Murray turned his attention to the importance of summer school. He first wanted to assure the Board that summer school would be necessary for many individuals but that it was not being used as a punishment by any means. He says that there will be options for filling in gaps in a student's education and that summer school will be personalized this year.

Currently, there will be multiple options for summer school so that students won't have to miss out on services provided by CCS. 'Cultural summer school' will occur first. The more academic and catch-up focused program will be about four weeks after that. The high school is not involved in 'Cultural summer school,' so their program will most likely begin

earlier.

Assistant Superintendent Beverly Payne said that her top concern for the summer programs is staffing. They are planning for face-to-face learning but are also ready if that isn't possible. She said that she is just concerned about teachers' fatigue and is worried about how many teachers will be available for the summer.

The Board also approved a plan placed by Payne regarding the third line of COVID relief offered from the Federal government. This is the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) funding. The Board needed to approve Payne to move forward with the process, and they needed to sign off on the assurances for this fund.

The amount could total \$4.8 million, and the school has 18 months to spend it on school

projects. Payne says that the school needs to report the school action plan to the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). This would go to any equipment, materials, or long-term projects to assist with the COVID relief and reestablishing schools post-pandemic.

Before finishing the meeting, School Board Rep. Reed-Cooper pushed the Board about when they would be comfortable to open with "Plan A." She said that she is still concerned with the students' and teachers' mental health and that CCS should fully open as soon as possible.

Superintendent Murray agreed with Rep. Reed-Cooper's sentiment but said that seeing it was just the first day back under Plan B that it was too soon to tell. The Board agreed that it would be worth revisiting around Spring

Break, which starts April 12 at CCS. There is a chance that the Board will try to move to Plan A for the final five weeks of school.

One of the final pieces of business discussed at the meeting was the 2021-22 school calendar. The proposed calendar was approved, without amendment, though there was a lengthy discussion on what could occur in 2021. The Board agreed that they could alter the calendar as needed. Still, the climate of uncertainty made it difficult to make major changes or plan so far in advance.

One of the items to watch is the Cherokee Indian Fair. Rep. Karen French-Browning advocated for the students to have a whole week off for the Fair. Without certainty that the Fair was even going to be held, the Board promised to address it at the appropriate time.

The Board finished the meeting in a closed session to discuss personnel issues. No decisions were made in this closed session.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education will be held Monday, April 5. Before then, they will also take part in the Joint School Board meeting on Tuesday, March 23, with Swain County Schools. That meeting will take place at CCS.

The Monday, March 15 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Isaac Long; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; Board members Gloria Griffin, Karen French-Browning, and Regina Ledford Rosario; Superintendent Michael Murray; Vice Superintendent Beverly Payne; HR Director Heather Driver; and School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle all in attendance. Wolfstown Tribal Council Representative Chelsea Saunooke was absent from the meeting.

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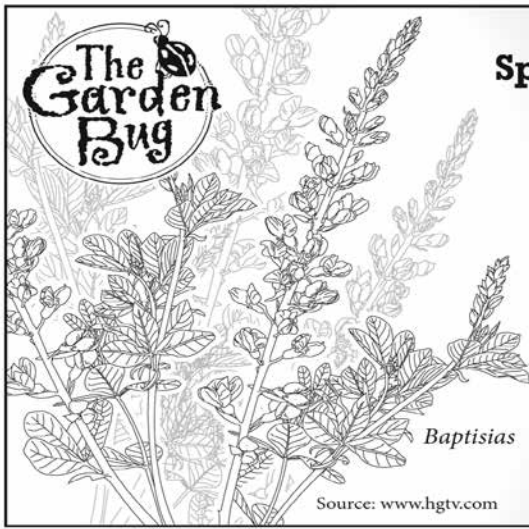
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House passes VAWA Reauthorization Bill

“More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women, or 84.3 percent, have experienced violence in their lifetime,” reads information included in a bill currently going through Congress.

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

H.R. 1620 (Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Bill) was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday, March 17 by a vote of 244-172. The Act, if passed, would add numerous protections for Native American women including expansion of scenarios where a federally recognized tribe would have jurisdiction over a non-Indian perpetrator. Past versions of the Act covered crimes of domestic violence and dating violence, and this version adds obstruction of justice, sexual violence, sex trafficking, stalking, and assault of a law enforcement or corrections officer.

Voting, by party, went as follows: Democrats 244 for, four absent; Republicans 29 for, 172 against.

One voting against was Rep. Madison Cawthorne (R-N.C.) who represents the 11th Congressional District that includes the tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. On his official Facebook page, Rep. Cawthorne wrote, “Yesterday I voted against the partisan, VAWA Reauthorization bill. This bill promotes unproven methods of victim treatment,

restricts tools used to prosecute domestic violence cases, infringes upon Second Amendment rights, and fails to provide exemptions for religious orgs.”

President Joe Biden praised the bill’s passage in the House and urges the Senate to pass. In a statement, he said, “Writing and passing VAWA is one of the legislative accomplishments of which I’m most proud. VAWA has transformed the way our country responds to violence against women. And, with each reauthorization, the Congress has expanded VAWA’s provisions on a bi-partisan basis to improve protections, including for Native American women and survivors from under-served communities, and improved efforts to prevent intimate partner violence.”

The legislation was introduced by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas), chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security; Rep. Gerald Nadler (D-N.Y.), House Judiciary Committee chair; and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.).

Rep. Lee said in a statement, “Given the rise in domestic violence and sexual assault cases during this COVID-19 crisis, where perpetrators are spending significant amounts of time at home

with their victims, this landmark, transformative legislation is needed now more than ever and as chair of the House Judiciary Crime Subcommittee, I am determined to work with my colleagues and others to complete the mission of shepherding H.R. 1620, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021, all the way through passage in the Senate to presentment for signature to President Biden, a strong supporter of the bill and the original creator of VAWA.”

According to information from Rep. Nadler,

“The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021 improves current law in several important respects:

- Enhances and expands victim services;
- Reauthorizes grant programs to improve the criminal justice response to gender-based violence and expands allowable uses;
- Invests in prevention;
- Improves access to housing for victims and survivors;
- Helps survivors gain and maintain economic independence;
- Ends impunity for non-Native perpetrators of sexual assault, child abuse co-occurring with domestic violence, stalking, sex trafficking, and assaults on tribal law enforcement officers on tribal lands;
- Supports Communities of Color;
- Protects victims of dating violence from firearm homicide;
- Maintains existing protections for all survivors; and
- Improves the healthcare system’s response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating

violence, and stalking.”

“VAWA has always been a bipartisan bill, and has always included provisions aimed at empowering tribal governments to protect our communities,” Juana Majel Dixon, Co-Chair of the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) Task Force on Violence Against Women, said in a statement. “With passage of H.R. 1620, the House has recognized that Native victims of sexual violence, child abuse, stalking, and trafficking deserve the same protections that Congress afforded to domestic violence victims in VAWA 2013. This is about our right, as governments, to protect our citizens from violence. It is about the countless victims who have experienced life-changing trauma simply because federal law has tied our hands from protecting them. We cannot allow this to continue. We appreciate the House prioritizing passage of VAWA in the 117th Congress, and we call on the Senate to move swiftly to take up H.R. 1620.”

Title IX of H.R. 1620 paints a dire picture stating, “On some reservations, Indian women are murdered at more than 10 times the national average. According to a 2010 Government Accountability Office report, United States Attorneys declined to prosecute nearly 52 percent of violence crimes that occur in Indian Country. Investigation into cases of missing and murdered Indian women is made difficult for tribal law enforcement agencies due a lack of resources...”

Per Capita Loan applications now available online

Receipts from tribal gaming operations are sufficient to restart the Per Capita Loan Assistance Program for the month of April 2021. The two per capita loan assistance cycles are:

April 2021 – September 2021 (deducted from December check)
October 2021 – March 2022 (deducted from June check)

To apply, visit: www.ebci.com/government/per-capita-loans

Only online applications are being accepted at this time. If you know someone who would like to apply that does not have internet access, please assist those members. You may also call 359-7000 for assistance. You will notice the new application asks for informa-

tion about employment, housing, and other monthly expenses. These questions are being asked to collect additional information about our members who use the

loan assistance program so the EBCI can improve our programs and services available to tribal members. You can apply for both cycles with a single application.

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	Friday, June 18, 2021	Friday, July 9, 2021
	Friday, July 16, 2021	Friday, August 13, 2021
	Friday, August 20, 2021	Friday, September 10, 2021
From JUN PerCap	Friday, September 17, 2021	Friday, October 8, 2021
	Friday, October 15, 2021	Friday, November 12, 2021
	NO DECEMBER CHECKS	NO DECEMBER CHECKS
	Friday, December 17, 2021	Friday, January 14, 2022
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AJ Allison, Braves running back, runs around end.



Don Bradley (#2), Cherokee Braves quarterback, throws a ball as Robbinsville's #55 (name not listed on roster) jumps to attempt a block during a game at Big Oaks Stadium on the evening of Saturday, March 20. The Black Knights defeated the Braves 35-14. Game statistics were not available to the One Feather by press time.



Cherokee's Jonathan Frady (#9) runs down the sideline following a catch.

Rosman tops Braves

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather



Michel Gayosso (#8), JV Braves running back, takes off on a run during a game against the Rosman JV Tigers at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, March 18. Rosman took the win 18-0 over Cherokee. Game statistics were not available to the One Feather by press time.



Luke Smith (#27) tries to break a tackle from Rosman's Mason Mezger (#22).



Cherokee's Mato Grant (#36) goes for a tackle on a Rosman running back.



Cherokee Middle School holds Homecoming

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

The Cherokee Middle School held their Homecoming festivities during halftime of the Cherokee JV Braves game at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Thursday, March 18. Cherokee Middle School Homecoming Queen, Dvdaya Swimmer (second from left) is escorted by her father, Micah Swimmer. Livia Crowe, (far right), Cherokee Middle School Homecoming Princess, is escorted by her father, Dick Crowe.



Livia Crowe, 6th grade, escorted by Dick Crowe.



Chloe Cooper, 6th grade, escorted by Cole Cooper.



Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, 6th grade, escorted by James Raby.



Dvdaya Swimmer, right, looks to her father, Micah Swimmer, as her name is announced as the 2021 CMS Homecoming Queen.



Audrina Cooper, 7th grade, escorted by Tres Cooper.



Ayla Ross, 7th grade, escorted by Tracy Albert.



Yvonne Saunooke, 7th grade, escorted by Jason Saunooke.



Paytyn Barker, 8th grade, escorted by Craig Barker.



Julia Layno, 8th grade, escorted by Josel Layno.



Whitney Rogers, 8th grade, escorted by Tyler Taylor.

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Cherokee High School 2021 Homecoming Court

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The Cherokee High School 2021 Homecoming Court is shown, left to right, Ariyonna Hill-Maney, Leilaya McMillan, Deante Toineeta, Shaylyn Barker, Vivian Ross, Mattie Maney, Danasia Toineeta, Ellise Stamper, Destiny Mills, and Maribel Armachain.



Maribel Armachain, 9th grade;
below - with escort Jaden
Tooni



Ariyonna Hill-Maney, 10th
grade; below - with escort
Jacob Hill



Ellise Stamper, 10th grade;
below - with escort Dacian
Tafoya



Leilaya McMillan, 11th grade;
below - with escort Woodie
Lossie



Vivian Ross, 11th grade;
below - with escort Mato Grant





The Homecoming Court and their escorts is shown, left to right, Jacob Hill, Ariyonna Hill-Maney, Woodie Lossie, Leilaya McMillan, Dawson Bradley, Deante Toineeta, Dakota Siweumtewa, Shaylyn Barker, Mato Grant, Vivian Ross, Mattie Maney, Hayden McCoy, Danasia Toineeta, Creighton Bradley, Ellise Stamper, Dacian Tafoya, Destiny Mills, Tyler Wolfe, Maribel Armachain, and Jaden Tooni.



Danasia Toineeta, 11th grade;
below - with escort Creighton Bradley



Shaylyn Barker, 12th grade;
below - with escort Dakota Siweumtewa



Mattie Maney, 12th grade;
below - with escort Hayden McCoy



Destiny Mills, 12th grade;
below - with escort Tyler Wolfe



Deante Toineeta, 12th grade;
below - with escort Dawson Bradley



Newly formed Cherokee National Historical Society conducts inaugural meeting

Advisory body to guide future of Cherokee Heritage Center

Cherokee Nation release

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Seven Cherokee Nation citizens conducted the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Cherokee National Historical Society on Thursday, March 11.

The creation of a new Cherokee National Historical Society is a component of the Cherokee Heritage Center Act of 2020, which was unanimously approved by the Council of the Cherokee Nation and signed into law by Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. on Sept. 24, 2020. As part of the act, the former historical society established in 1963 is dissolving and transferred all assets, including the iconic Cherokee Heritage Center and the site's 44 acres, buildings, equipment, collections and historical documents to the Cherokee Nation.

The Act also received the unanimous endorsement of the original Cherokee National Historical Society, which will wind down operations and dissolve in the coming months. Since September, CNHS has been working with the administration and Cherokee Nation Businesses, which will manage the Heritage Center, on transition plans.

"The new Cherokee National Historical Society will play a significant role in helping the Cher-



The Cherokee Heritage Center in Park Hill, Okla. (Cherokee Nation photo)

okee Nation begin this exciting new chapter of stewardship," Chief Hoskin said. "Each of these seven board members understand the legacy of the Cherokee Heritage Center. Moving forward, they will advise the Cherokee Nation on how best to invest in modern archival preservation and how to build a destination that reflects the resilience and spirit of the Cherokee people. Working together, the Cherokee National Historical Society and the Cherokee Nation will create a world-class Cherokee museum and research center, and I look forward to working alongside CNHS board members to accomplish these goals."

Each branch of the Cherokee Nation government selected one of three initial CNHS organizing board members, all of whom are

citizens of the Cherokee Nation:

- The Executive Branch selected Bill Davis, of Coffeyville, Kansas. Davis is a founding board member of Native American Fellowship Inc., a non-profit organization based in South Coffeyville, where he has served as a board member for more than 25 years. He currently serves as President of the NAFI board. Davis was also a delegate to the 1999 Cherokee Nation Constitutional Convention. He spent 42 years working for Union Pacific Railroad and was an officer in his local United Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Davis is serving an initial seven-year term.

- The Judicial Branch selected Christine Neuhoﬀ, senior vice president and chief legal officer for St. Luke's Health System based

in Boise, Idaho. Neuhoﬀ has a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College where she majored in government, and a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, and a Master of Business Administration from MIT. She has served on a number of boards, including the American Indian Child Resource Center in Oakland, California, and the American Heart Association Western States Affiliate in Boise. Neuhoﬀ is serving an initial five-year term, and was elected as President of the Cherokee National Historical Society.

- The Council of the Cherokee Nation selected Matt Anderson, of Tahlequah. Anderson is a cultural specialist with the Cherokee Nation and works with artists on business and marketing strategies. He is also a traditional Cherokee artist working in leather, wood, metal, beads and other mediums. Anderson is serving an initial six-year term, and was elected as Secretary of the Cherokee National Historical Society.

"I'm very excited and honored to be part of this next chapter for the Cherokee National Historical Society," Neuhoﬀ said. "This new structure allows the Cherokee Nation to ensure preservation of our history and will allow us to ensure people are able to better learn about Cherokee culture."

Four other Cherokee Nation citizens also serving on the Cherokee National Historical Society include:

- Calvin Rock, of Muskogee, is a graduate of Porum High School and attended Northeastern State

University. He spent his career with Georgia Pacific paper company, serving as a mill operations consultant during the final five years of his career with the company. He later consulted in the paper products industry until he retired in 2016. Rock will serve a four-year term.

- Jack Baker, of Oklahoma City, grew up in Adair County and graduated from Oklahoma State University. He served on the Council of the Cherokee Nation from 2003 to 2017 and was a delegate to the 1999 Cherokee Nation Constitutional Convention. He has contributed to numerous history books and publications on Cherokee history. Baker is president of the Oklahoma Historical Society board of directors and president of the National Trail of Tears Association. Baker will serve a three-year

term and was elected as Treasurer of the Cherokee National Historical Society

- Susan Plumb is chairperson and CEO of the Bank of Cherokee County. She has a journalism degree from the University of Oklahoma and a law degree from the University of Tulsa. She has practiced law but primarily worked in the banking industry for the past 20 years. She has served as a board member of the Oklahoma City branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City since 2017. She has also served in a variety of capacities for the Cherokee Nation, including on the Election Commission and as a delegate to the 1999 Constitutional Convention. Plumb also served as a board member of the original CNHS. Plumb will serve a two-year term.


- Brenda Partain, of Tulsa,

grew up in Stilwell and attended Oklahoma State University as an accounting major. She married and raised three children in Stilwell while serving as a volunteer in her community and church. She organized the Stilwell Community Anti-Drug Network, and later the Adair County Environmental Healthy Initiative to help fight drug addiction in the community. She currently serves on several boards including Oaks Indian Mission. She also served as a board member of the original CNHS prior to its reorganization, and previously served as the Interim Executive Director of the Cherokee Heritage Center. Partain will serve a one-year term.

Following the initial staggered terms of the reorganized CNHS board, board seats will each be filled for five-year terms.

The Cherokee Heritage Center was established in 1963 by the former Cherokee National Historical Society to preserve and promote the Cherokee culture. It is also home to the Cherokee National Archives, the Nation's foremost collection of historic, tribal-related documents and cultural treasures from the 1700s through present day.

As part of the transition, the Cherokee National Research Center is scheduled to open later this summer at the Cherokee Springs Plaza in Tahlequah. The facility will be the temporary home of the records held by the Heritage Center as well as genealogical services. The new Cherokee National Historical Society will help develop a strategic plan for the future of those holdings at the Cherokee Heritage Center.



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Mooney recorded Cherokee sources who referred to the mound and ancient town site on what is now WCU's central campus as Tsiskitsi, meaning 'a place typified by sparrows'. Mooney's Tsisk(waya)sitsi (where the sparrows are, in a typical fashion) and Hicks' Tali Tsisgwayahi (Two Sparrows Place) appear to be the same and designate the place that Western Carolina University is now located."

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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed thanked those responsible for bringing the resolution forward and said, "I think it is imperative that everyone in the community is aware of the relationship that we have with Western Carolina University. It is very unique in that the university, probably unlike any other organization in the region, is very mindful of the fact that the property on which they reside was a Cherokee town and that there was a mound there."

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He added, "I'm just very grateful to the Board of Trustees, to the

Chancellor, to Dr. Riggs and his staff for honoring and recognizing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the history of the land on which they reside."

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Following the vote, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell commented, "I think it's very important that we name locations and sites in traditional names, Cherokee names. I would like to see more of that on tribal lands because there are several locations that are called something other than what the Cherokee name for it is."

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Three Cherokee fluent speakers and members of the Cherokee Speakers group signed the legislation approving the Cherokee language within including: Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver, Charlie Bigwitch, and Roger Smoker.

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WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

MARCH 22-28, 2021

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

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, MARCH 22	TUESDAY, MARCH 23	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24	THURSDAY, MARCH 25	FRIDAY, MARCH 26	SATURDAY, MARCH 27	SUNDAY, MARCH 28
AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	BEST
7:27 AM-9:27 AM 7:54 PM-9:54 PM	8:20 AM-10:20 AM 8:47 PM-10:47 PM	9:14 AM-11:14 AM 9:41 PM-11:41 PM	10:08 AM-12:08 PM 10:34 PM-12:34 PM	N/A 11:00 AM-1:00 PM	N/A 11:52 AM-1:52 PM	12:17 AM-2:17 AM 12:43 PM-2:43 PM

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OBITUARIES

Ethel Smith Cunningham

Ethel Smith Cunningham, 89, of Sylva, formerly of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord, Monday March 15, 2021.

A native and lifelong resident of western North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late James “Budge” and Cecilia Smith.

Ethel was a member of Laurel Branch Baptist Church and she enjoyed gardening and working with her flowers. She loved helping people as well as making arts and crafts.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Cunningham; her sons, Mikey and David Smith; brothers, Charlie and Buck Smith; sisters, Edna Lossiah, Stella Ball, and Mary Ann Pierce, as well as Bertha Saunooke and John Ross Smith.

She is survived by her son, Bobby (Kathy) Smith of South Carolina; her daughter, Debbie (Corey Meeks) Queen of Sylva; two sisters; Lucille Winchester of Cherokee and Ruby Dobbings of Whittier; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, March 18 in the Chapel of Appalachian Funeral Services with the Rev. Eddie Stillwell and Joe Wolfe officiating. Burial followed in Parris Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimers Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave F1 17, Chicago, IL, 60601.

Joyce Evelyn Hannah Smith

Joyce Evelyn Hannah Smith died on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, in Prince William County, Va., at the age of 83, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was the widow of Samuel Everett Smith (dec. 1984), mother of Terry (Patty Smith dec.) and Vicki, Nana to Shannon Dalby, Keisha Lambert (Steven), Cody Smith, and Brandy Evelyn Smith, and great-Nana to Harleigh Smith and Sti-Wi Lambert III.

Born in Cataloochee in 1938 to Mark and Verda Hannah, she grew up in the Smoky Mountains and spent as much time as she could there throughout her life, usually in the company of her sisters and brothers: Helen Trantham (dec.), Lillian Stokes (dec.), Harold, Lowell (dec.), Lois Hardison and Don. She also spent a lot of time with her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law in Cherokee. On the Cherokee side, Katherine Smith and Kenny “Feet” Smith are still living along with her many nieces and nephews.

Joyce traveled the country in her younger days with her husband Sam, Terry and Vicki, as Sam worked in the tunnels, building tunnel infrastructures in California and Chicago, until they settled in Fairfax, Va., where she lived and worked for 51 years. Joyce went to work for the Fairfax County Tax Assessors Office and quickly rose in the ranks, as her gift for finding out complex facts and figures became evident. Throughout her large extended family, Joyce was always known as the “go-to” gal to get the details about any thorny situation.

She loved country and mountain music and listening to her brothers and sisters play and sing was a great joy to her. Joyce kept in close touch with her friends throughout her life from Maggie Valley to California to Virginia.

Joyce had great love for her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her family. Everyone knew that they could

count on Nana to be there for them, in good times and in challenging ones. She was their rock, and she will be greatly missed by all.

Joyce was taken way too soon, but we are all so grateful for our time on this earth with her.

A celebration of her life will be held in Maggie Valley in August at Homecoming time.

Richard Lee Lambert

Richard Lee Lambert, 31, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

A native of Cherokee, he was the son of Willie E. Lambert and Mary Lambert of Cherokee. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Amos and Lalah Lambert, and Frank Hampton. In addition to his parents, he is also survived by two brothers, Willie F. Lambert and wife Amber, and Johnny Lambert and wife Paiten both of Cherokee; grandmother, Ann Hampton of Lakeland, Fla.; nieces, Chloe, Isabel, Brylee, and Millie Lambert; and nephews, Abel and Clay Lambert.

A memorial service was held

Saturday, March 27 at Cherokee Bible Church. Rev. Randy Miller officiated.

Suzanne Agnes Adams

Suzanne Agnes Adams, 72, of the Snowbird Community in Robbinsville, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, March 18, 2021.

She was the daughter of the late Owen and Ida Teesateskie Smoker.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, sisters, nephew, and grandson.

She is survived by her husband, Randy Adams; children, Danielle Adams, Sheila Cox (D.J.), Charlie Martin; six grandchildren, Zaeley, Kailynne, Makiyah, Brantley, Aleayah, Gaige; two great grandchildren, Arya and Malakai; and her sister, Bonnie Teesateskie.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 20 at Buffalo Baptist Church. Rev. Teddy Silvers officiated with burial in the church cemetery.

Crisp Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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These elk were just lazing in the early afternoon sun on the first day of Spring (Saturday, March 20) in the field adjacent to the Oconaluftee River Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos) BELOW: Forsythia were flowering on the Trail as well.



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

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

To apply, please visit:

www.rkli.org/jones-bowman/

OR

Email chris@rkli.org for an electronic application.

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

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EBCI Program/Entity Announcements

Fish Cherokee 2021 schedule

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

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

March 27-28: Opening Day Tournament

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

- \$10,000 cash prizes
- Registration deadline is Friday, May 28

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament: July 24-25

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

Qualla Country Tournament: Sept. 4-5

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

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

Participants may purchase a Tribal Fish Permit online at www.fishcherokee.com or from a local permit vendor. Children ages 11 and under may participate in tournaments under a supervis-

ing adult's registration and fish permit. Legal fishing methods apply to everyone. Report fishing violations to 497-4131 (10-fish limit per day per permit holder which includes catch of children, catch must be kept separate, fly-fishing in ponds is allowed, re-releasing caught fish into ponds prohibited). Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Discarding fish remains anywhere other than trash bins is prohibited.

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

- EBCI Natural Resources

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

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

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

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

- Harrah's Cherokee Tribal

Scholarship Fund

HELP Program Lawn Maintenance and Garden Plowing applications available

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

Eligibility requirements:

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

Mowing information:

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

Plowing information:

- * Available up to a 100 foot by 100

foot area.

- * One garden per household
- * Plowing will occur between March 1 and May 31.

Info: 359-6638

- HELP release

Community Events

Cherokee Heritage Festival.

Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit adjacent to the old Jail Museum in Hayesville. This free event is sponsored by the Clay County Communities Revitalization Association. Cherokee dancing, cultural arts demonstrations, storytelling, fry bread, singing, and flute music. Parking and shuttle bus will be available. Info: 369-6531 or www.cccra-nc.org

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

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

THANK YOU LETTER Thank you to Yogi Crowe Scholarship

I would like to thank the Yogi Crowe Scholarship committee for their continued support. I am currently completing my internship and will be finished with my PhD this fall. The Yogi Crowe Scholarship board members have funded me for the spring semester and I could not be more grateful for their care and support.

Megan K. Smith

Dates and times set for WCU spring in-person commencement ceremonies

CULLOWHEE – After a series of virtual commencement ceremonies due to COVID-19 in 2020, Western Carolina University is holding in-person commencement activities the weekend of May 14-16 at Ramsey Regional Activity Center as follows:

- Friday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. – The Graduate School
- Saturday, May 15, at 10:00 a.m. – College of Education and Allied Professions and David Orr Belcher College of Fine and Performing Arts
- Saturday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m. – College of Arts and Sciences
- Sunday, May 16, at 10:00 a.m. – College of Business and College of Engineering and Technology
- Sunday, May 16, at 4:00 p.m. – College of Health and Human Sciences

To comply with the governor's current executive order regarding mass gatherings:

- Graduates will be required to

confirm their participation in spring commencement exercises. Information was sent via WCU e-mail to graduates from graduation@wcu.edu on March 12. Graduates will be required to RSVP in the Marching Order system no later than March 31;

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

"Commencement ceremonies are a highlight of the year and the ultimate celebration of our academic mission and the incredible journey of our students. I'm beyond thrilled to resume celebration of our graduating students' accomplishments in-person this spring," said Kelli R. Brown, WCU chancellor. "We are coordinating our plans for in-person ceremonies while adhering to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and North Carolina."

Campus officials will continue to monitor capacity limits in the

Ramsey Regional Activity Center as new guidelines are issued by the governor and may adjust number of guests allowed accordingly. WCU is also moving forward with plans to resume as close to normal operations this fall, given the current COVID-19 trends and projections, and as WCU's vaccine clinic is helping to vaccinate the Western North Carolina region.

The resumption of 'normal operations' will include an increase of in-person classes, fall sports, campus events and activities, community engagement, and a return to full occupancy residential living. All buildings and facilities, including dining operations, the library and the recreation center will return to normal hours and increased capacity.

WCU will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases and adhere to the Catamounts Care Community Standards and guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the governor's executive orders for a successful return to 'normal operations'.

- Western Carolina Univ. release



A Runner's Plea to Dog Owners

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I witnessed an incident on my morning run that illustrated the reason why dogs need to be on a leash at all times in residential areas. A runner ahead of me on the side of the road approached a dog owner and his Collie ambling along the sidewalk. The owner had unfastened the dog's leash so that it could explore ahead.

The dog seemed calm, but as the runner drew near to them, it suddenly bristled, snarled and then leaped at the runner. Before the owner could grab the dog's collar, the runner was bitten on her cheek and hand. The injuries were serious enough to require stitches.

There is no excuse for an owner to allow their dog off the leash except where it's expressly permitted, such as dog parks. Even when an owner has trained their dog to respond to verbal commands, the command might not be given fast enough to stop the dog.

Runners are attractive targets to many dogs. As we run past, a dog may take our movements as a signal to chase.

I have two dogs myself. They're both too old to run with me now, but in their younger days, I frequently took them with me — both on a leash. They've always responded quickly to verbal commands, but I do not rely on those alone to keep them from darting into traffic or annoying other runners.

Please tell your readers to keep the leashes on their dogs. It keeps others safe, it keeps the dogs safe, and it protects owners from legal issues. It's also the law. — Rick in Dracut, Massachusetts

DEAR RICK: You told them, and I thank you. Readers, take heed and keep your dogs on a leash and under your control when outdoors.

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

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Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 is seeking contact information for active duty EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) troops currently deployed overseas.

All information will be held in the strictest confidence. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary wants to send care packages and notes of encouragement to the troops.

**Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657
or David McQueen 736-9572**





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By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

There are very few pats on the back for our Cherokee Police Officers. There are a few mentions during Tribal Council sessions while providing reports, but for the most part the officers go about their business with little thanks.

I guess a police person might feel that goes with the territory. After all, a big part of their jobs is to correct or stop illegal behavior. And even when they are not catching people thought to be in the wrong, they have the fun job of issuing summons to appear in court, which will typically ruin a

good day for the person receiving it. It is hard to build rapport when you have to call out someone's negative behavior or tell them where and when to go.

The last thing you would ever think of when mulling over the duties of an officer would be that they are paper pushers. In fact, much of the job requires that each officer document their day in detail and in writing. Those that I have been able to speak with say that for every call, it is typical for the paperwork documenting the call to take as long or longer than the call itself. It is super important during an investigation to capture all the evidence and get all the facts pos-

sible so that the court system may make informed decisions. And you never know which interaction will result in a court case or an arrest. So, everything must be assumed to eventually end up being adjudicated. And one of the worst possible feelings has to be when an officer has to deal with someone not being held accountable because they missed a small technical step in the process.

According to the January report supplied by the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD), our officers received 1,375 calls for service. The Natural Resources enforcement officers fielded another 174 incidents. The two departments collaborate with some differences in operation location and scope of work. But both agencies are law enforcement and assist each other in duties from time to time. The number for the CIPD equates to just under two calls each hour of each day.

High stress levels for police and other emergency responders would probably be a given, along with the associated medical issues.

The University of Buffalo reported in 2008, "Policing is dangerous work, and the danger lurks not on the streets alone. The pressures of law enforcement put officers at risk for high blood pressure, insomnia, increased levels of destructive stress hormones, heart problems, post-traumatic stress disorder, and suicide, researchers have found through a decade of studies of police officers." (Science Daily, September 29, 2008, "Impact of stress on police officers' physical and mental health). From PTSD to family neglect, the cost of

being a police officer may be high.

National, regional, and local events have caused a shortage in men and women willing to step up and become public servants, particularly members of a police force. The amount of bad press that has been received, justly or not, has had a cooling effect on the pool of individuals willing to wear a badge. Add to that the fact that policing has traditionally been a profession where pay has not been commensurate to the duties, and, in some cases, benefits like retirement are either not offered or not equitable to other public service jobs, and you have the recipe for a community without the manpower to sufficiently serve and protect themselves. And, with short staffs, police organizations are having to work existing police personnel overtime, many times multiple shifts, just to meet the demand of the community.

As if the stress of daily facing a higher percentage chance of an encounter resulting of either the death of self or another and sometimes daily dealing with the gruesome images that they face as part of their job weren't enough, officers face the impact on their lives and lifestyles of long hours away from home, negative image created by a minority of their profession, and the almost constant grind on body and mind that comes with long hours and low pay.

Men and women who join a police force like the Cherokee Indian Police Department must have a special heart for the community they serve. Those who chose to sign up for and remain



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on the force couldn't be in it for a paycheck alone, just based on the toll that the job takes on the average officer. A sense of community, responsibility, and a little bit of pride in self and community are contributing factors in the decision to serve.

We should give the guardians of our community safety the tools to be successful. It begins with funding the best training, salaries, and benefits that we can offer, and at least competitive with other community police forces in our Region. And then making sure that the size of the force is equal to or exceeds the tasks at hand—the full ability to both protect and serve, without the additional stress of multiple shifts and excessive overtime.

Where possible, public rec-

ognition for outstanding service should be a routinely reported item to the press and community from the Police Commission and CIPD leadership. A good work environment and celebration of success are fundamental elements of good management and successful teams.

There is scuttlebutt that cruiser and body cam upgrades are on the way for the CIPD. This will be a great boost for both community and the police. Video/audio cameras will help the majority of upstanding officers in that fraudulent claims against them can be easily refuted. And, for those few incidents where an officer is failing the public trust, the body cams will be a valuable tool in maintaining the integrity of the force.

Speaking of the public trust,

our Tribal Council should move quickly to make 911 call recordings, dash cam and body cam recordings subject to inspection by the community through amendments to the public records law. Privacy of the innocent should be protected with appropriate redaction language in the legislation, but total censorship of those recordings is not ethical, damages the credibility of government, and is harmful to the community.

Another great, underdeveloped resource are the street cams. Other communities use speed cams to reduce the burdens of officers by letting smart cameras identify speeders in their towns. It helps the CIPD and also makes streets safer because the speed limit is enforced 24/7 instead of when an officer is available to

monitor the roads. More cams in more locations might help curb on Qualla Boundary drug traffic, vandalism, and other crimes against the community. I urge the CIPD, Police Commission, and the Tribal Council to consider using technology to reduce the burdens on the manpower of our public servants and to make the community safer.

I believe giving the police their proper respect, support, and tools are critical to the safety of our community. It is at least as important as any other municipal project we currently consider. As we move through the Tribal budget process, as a community, let's support the Cherokee police officers and NRE officers as much as possible through more than adequate funding for their tools of the trade.

SPAY AND NEUTER: Why is important to “fix” your pet?



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One Feather Question of the Week:
A tabled ordinance is currently being considered by Tribal Council that would decriminalize small amounts of marijuana (under 1.5 oz.). What are your thoughts on this legislation? Please note if you are a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in your response.

Hawk N Richard: Approve 100 percent

Wayne Kalonheskie: Cherokee is becoming like the rest of the country. But, being off the Reservation for 27+ years, words I've heard describing Indigenous reservations is we are freeloaders, alcoholics, pothead losers, lazy. So, it's just another crutch Cherokee will endure. My opinion is no, don't approve.

Richard R. Griffin: Legalize it for medicinal purposes and bring down these billion dollar pharmaceutical companies!

Codi Swayney: Legalize it for medical and recreational use. Just think of the billions of dollars it would bring our town. You hear these elected officials talk about diversification. This would be it. Get our investments away from gaming and into something else. Gaming isn't always gonna be thriving like it has since '95 and though we are blessed with what has come from our casinos, I think it's time to invest in other things. We have to think about our future and where our Tribe is headed for generations to come. I don't think this would be a bad idea for us. The only reason people thinks it's a drug is because that's all we have heard for years. Think about it,

we could build homes from hemp, repair roads, fund schools, add funding to all tribal programs, and increase per capitas. I mean the list goes on and on. The reason why it's labeled as a drug is because the pharmaceutical industry has to make their money. God has put it on this Earth for a reason, and I don't see a problem with why it can't be used.

Utsilugi Galanvdy: Decriminalize it. Then, let's work on getting medical moving to recreational please.

Daniel Owle: Cannabis is the least of peoples problems here. It's actually beneficial to numerous medical conditions. Science and research has proven it. The Tribe is worried where the next cash cow is going to come from? Well, it's staring at them in the face. It's a billion dollar industry already. Medical and recreational cannabis should be passed immediately... stop dragging your feet or we'll be late to the party.

Tiara Jordan: Maybe instead of focusing on a drug that doesn't make people go crazy or so out of it they can't drive, put the focus on the real killers. And stop giving these junkies a slap on the wrist every single time they get caught. I'm tired of seeing all these cops pull over people that are known for drugs or showing up to a drug dealers house and doing absolutely nothing. Either do something serious about the real problem or sit on your high hire and continue to watch our people kill themselves. (Enrolled member)

Connie Welch: Approve and move forward with legalization. I am an enrolled member.

Samantha Gosnell Kanott: The medical benefits of THC are underutilized in Cherokee. It has, can, and will revolutionize the fight against the heroin epidemic on the reservation. I have seen first hand it used as a medicine to end an opiate addiction. Not only is THC helpful in the fight against opiate addiction it is also extremely helpful with diabetes. It actually helps improve production of insulin. I say legalize, medically and for adult use. Let the people grow and provide safe legal access to an all natural medicine with unsurpassed benefits. Wife and mother of enrolled members

Mary Anne Bristo: Legalize it. EBCI tribal member

Danie Welch: 10,000 percent approve. Ain't nothing wrong with some of our people being potheads because it could be worse.

Derek Tahquette: Yes to full legalization. Enrolled member

Diane Welch: Yes. First descendant

John Bishop: Enrolled member. Medicinal purposes only. Recreational use is definitely a no! Numerous studies point to marijuana being addictive, gateway to other drugs, etc. The last thing our people need is another drug to abuse. Marijuana is not the cash cow people think it is. It is beneficial to states that have it because the tax revenue from it. Are we ready to start doing that as a Tribe? Taxing our people?

Keri Brady: I'm a tribal member from the Birdtown community, and I feel if it were legalized that it would keep a lot of people from. Trying an alternative; I don't feel

it's a drug simply because it grows from a plant and it's not altered or manufactured by man like most drugs are. The states that have legalized it have claimed that their opioid problems have declined. I say it would be a good thing.

Michael Michelle Owle: I say legalize it for recreational use and medical. It could have great benefits for people with chronic pain, anxiety, and bi-polar. I know it helps me. I'm from the Yellowhill Community.

Kayla Climbingbear: Legalize it already. They can buy another casino property out state but can't get marijuana passed here that would help lots of people and bring in money. Quit dragging y'all's feet and get it done already.

Junebug Driver: The best pain medicine

Teddy Bird: Legalize both alcohol and marijuana on the Boundaries of Eastern Band Cherokee Indians only! City zoning - let's get out of the past and look toward a better future for Cherokee. We can be our own city!

Ashley Ledford: I think that's a great idea. Marijuana isn't a "drug" that we need to worry about. For some, marijuana helps people to stop using the harder drugs. I think it's the other drugs that we need harsher punishments for because it's those harder drugs that are killing our people so quickly and I have never heard of anyone dying due to smoking marijuana. This, of course, is just my personal opinion and I am an EBCI member.

John Reed: I don't think it should be a question. There are

several states around the country and one close to us that have already approved it for recreational use. It's only a matter of time before the whole country follows suit. Let's be ahead of the curve, decriminalize it completely! Besides, if you try to decriminalize any certain amount, they'll keep pushing the issue and it'll eventually be completely legal anyway. Might as well start big.

Paul Mitchem: Legalize, regulate, tax. I am an enrolled member.

Sandi Owle: EBCI member; pass it!

Roger George: It's time

Susanna Hernandez-Gray: I'm not a tribal member but my mother works in Cherokee and her husband is 1/4. I say legalize it. It's far less addictive than pain pills and can help with a lot of ailments. It also takes away the criminal element from using it to make money.

Melissa Wade: Medicinal yes, but don't need any more problems. Neither does the rest of the United States although they don't listen. All of my children and grandchildren are enrolled. Please count my opinion. I only want what I feel is best for them.

Terri Bradley: I don't smoke it, but I have and I don't see anything wrong with it. Legalize it.

Charles Bird: Definitely! Maybe it will help these others get off the hard drugs! A change for sure!

Dakota Parker: Decriminalize it. Approve for sale and allow for medical use.

Chelsea Vandegrift: I'm enrolled and I support it completely. Every other herb and plant and tree has been sacred medicine for many Indigenous communities. Naturally, we should know how to make the most of the benefits that marijuana can provide for mental, spiritual, emotional, and physical health.

Kathy Lillard McMahan: My sister was very sick and died at the age of 50. She could not get the help she needed because she smoked marijuana and it showed in her system. It was the only way she could survive day-to-day. We are enrolled members and the hospital thought she was a drug addict.

Natalie Bullion: I am not a tribal member, but I see this as something good for the people within the Tribe who I care about. I know at least one tribal member who lives in the area that uses it for medical reasons. Getting arrested and having a criminal record is something that sets Native people back, and using as medicine that can help relieve our bodies without harming it the way opioids do - shouldn't have to be something that is so risky.

Awi Amatsvna Snidi: EBCI member - I'm for medicinal; not for legalizing small amounts. We, as a Tribe, shouldn't promote drug use.

Debra Maslowski: I have no problems with people having small amounts. I do have a problem with people smoking it in public since I'm allergic to the smoke, and the scent clings too fabric for hours.

Perry Hill: Legalize it.

Candy Roberts: Legalize it.

Jeanne Burgess: EBCI enrolled 63-year-old retired teacher here, and I say yes for medicinal use.

Pixie Hicks: Enrolled member, my husband enrolled member of Cherokee Nation...legalizing is very beneficial. Look at the states that have medicinal and recreational. We travel a lot, and have seen how well it is regulated in states that offer medical and recreational. Better than shoving pills down the throat for "treatment".

Cory Walkingstick: What did that feasibility study show? Sounds like it said wait until surrounding states and areas legalize and base the decision off of them.

Margaret Wakefield: As an enrolled member, I am all for it. A small amount, for your own personal use, should not be a mandate for Drug Court.

Dawn Roper: EBCI member, and I agree that medical marijuana should be legalized.

Tracy Michelle: I'm enrolled, and I fully support it. Maybe if the hospital starts prescribing marijuana instead of pills we can finally get a handle on the pill problem on the Reservation and be able to help our Tribe financially because we can grow it here.

Carol Pina: I am 72 and enrolled. I am all for legal use.

Debi Lee: I support it all the way.

Misty Teesatuskie: Legalize it. It's another form of profit for our Tribe.

Terri Townsend: I am a member of the Tribe. My personal opinion is do not legalize even the smallest amount. Smaller amounts or bigger amounts, it's still a mind altering drug. Pros and cons - I've seen first hand how marijuana use vs harsher drugs can get folks in trouble financially. I've seen first hand how the marijuana cost could financially harm a family. Either way, anyone caught with a small amount or large amount should be held accountable for their actions. If it's medically necessary and prescribed by a physician, then marijuana use at home should be accepted.

Shawn Saunooke: Legalize it. Don't be last on the market. Legalize it and make up some of that wasted money our Tribe has spent here lately.

Seth Littlejohn: People need to do their research before saying marijuana is this and that while comparing it to harder drugs. Marijuana is not addictive whatsoever. You can still function normally and go about your regular day-to-day activities. The worst thing that marijuana will cause you to do is get the munchies and go buy up all the food. Plus, it's better medicine and just think about all the revenue that comes with it. We should have already taken advantage instead of waiting on everybody else to do it.

Patrick Rick Sneed: Some people use it for pain, and I had rather see this instead of those pain pills.

E.J. Wachacha: Seed-bearing marijuana is. Seems like I read

see **QUESTION** next page

QUESTION: Should a small amount of marijuana be decriminalized? *From page 29*

somewhere anything seed-bearing is a gift from God.

Faye McCoy: Pass it, I am an enrolled member and I see no issue with marijuana being legal here on the Boundary. It may help keep people off the hard drugs that are killing them and would be safer than pain meds that folks can get addicted to.

Joseph St. Peter: Governor Cooper has a task force working on marijuana legislation and decriminalization.

Aaron Miles: This would be amazing for everyone! Legalize it and invest in opening a dispensary somehow here. That would be so cool to see one day.

Matt Bryant: Enrolled, and I support legalization.

Tsodani Ugama: Enrolled member: do it.

Rose McCoy: Enrolled and vote to pass it.

Yona Sequoyah: My question is, if it is legalized is the Tribe going to bogart the flower or will each EBCI member be able to grow and make profitable advancement in the cannabis market as well? But, yes, I am in favor as long as it holds equal opportunity for all! Martin Luther had a dream. Muhammad visioned peace. Jesus sought after eternal life for us as humans. Mr. Sequoyah heard our ancestors say the time has come to let Mother Earth provide.

Melanie Parton: It's really hard to say. People with cancer and other illnesses can use it for pain. But, you have to also consider that there are terrible people who put other stuff in it and nobody needs that.

Megan Lashae: Enrolled member, and I support the decision for legalization.

Daniel Reed: Decriminalize marijuana altogether.

Priscilla George: I say legalize it. I'd rather use the THC capsules for my anxiety. It helps a lot of pain.

Stuart Jessica Jackson: Enrolled member, legalize! Our people could greatly benefit from the money it will bring it.

Donna Goshorn Beck: Enrolled - yes

Brenda Grady: Enrolled member - yes, I support this!

Lavinia Ani Nvda: Enrolled member and yes to legalize it. Better than having pain pills turning our youth into meth heads or heroin addicts and finding death at such early ages.

Isaac Noah Murphy: Enrolled member and I support it.

Jasmine Arch-Davis: Honestly, this should have happened before they allowed the alcohol.

Woodrow Welch: Enrolled member: Medicinal use only!

Leighann Rowland Ennis: Enrolled - legalize all together. Bring in dispensaries on the Reserva-

tion! It would benefit all.

Tyler Kan: Member and legalize it already!

Martha Arch Lozano: EBCI enrolled. I vote yes!

Angela Jordan: EBCI, yes.

Clement Calhoun: Just the ones that need it should be allowed to use it for sickness if it is legalized. And, make sure not for anybody that don't need it! I'm against it always.

Jennifer Greene: It's time...yes and yes!

Allison Bellamy: It's a flowering her and should be legal because it helps PTSD.

Dena Crawford: Enrolled member, and I say legalize it.

Barb Haywood: Enrolled member, please legalize.

Heather Gates: Enrolled member - fully support legalization of medicinal and eventually recreational by the Tribe. Don't let us miss out on not only the innumerable medical benefits this seed can and will provide but also the financial benefits that legalizing could bring to the Tribe. Diversification and bringing in different revenue streams is all that we keep hearing. Well, here's a major opportunity to do so!

Claudette Long-Conner: Enrolled...legalize it and this wouldn't even be a question.

Candice Shinkman Hornbuckle: Enrolled member - Yes, let's legalize it for medical. It is a

lot better than handing out pain pills. And, it can help with other things than just pain and PTSD.

Rita Driver: Enrolled member - Legalize for both medicinal and recreational use.

Virgil Panther: A gift from the creator, use it

Good Housekeeping

Smoked Ham With Fresh Strawberry Sauce

We created this impressive glazed ham for winter entertaining, but it has become an Easter favorite as well.

- 1 (12-pound) smoked whole ham, fully cooked
- 3 pints strawberries
- 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 jar (10- to 12-ounce) orange marmalade
- Radish sprouts or watercress sprigs, for garnish

1. Remove skin and trim some fat from smoked whole ham, leaving about 1/4-inch fat. With knife, score fat covering on ham crosswise, just through to the meat, into 1-inch-wide strips.

2. Place ham on rack in large roasting pan (about 17 by 11 1/2 inches). Insert meat thermometer into center of ham, being careful that pointed end does not touch bone. Bake ham in 325 F oven 3 to 3 1/2 hours until thermometer reaches 140 F (15 to 18 minutes per pound). If ham browns too quickly, cover with tent of foil.

3. About 30 minutes before ham is done, prepare strawberry sauce: Reserve 1 pint strawberries for garnish. Hull remaining strawberries. In 3-quart saucepan with potato masher or back of slotted spoon, mash strawberries. Stir in brown sugar, cornstarch, salt and orange marmalade; cook over medium heat until mixture thickens slightly and boils, stirring frequently.

4. To serve, place ham on warm, large platter. Arrange radish sprouts and reserved whole strawberries around ham. Serve with strawberry sauce. Makes 24 servings.

• Each serving: About 250 calories, 12g total fat, 60mg cholesterol, 1,770mg sodium.

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COMMENTARY

Tsali Care Center's zero COVID count is remarkable

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Tsali Care Center is one of the only nursing homes in the state of North Carolina that has not had a case of COVID-19 since the pandemic began last year. According to information from the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services, a total of 34,736 cases have been reported at nursing homes statewide with 3,902 deaths which represents 33 percent of the total deaths in the state as of Wednesday, March 17.

Dr. Richard Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive clinical director, noted, "In my opinion, the COVID mitigation measures and the firm application of these protections are the reason Tsali Care has remained one of the few nursing homes in the state with no COVID cases or loss of life. They are to be commended for remaining steadfast in their efforts to protect the elders in their charge, often in the face of misinformation and pressure to relax the safety bubble they have built."

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has done a nice job of vaccinating tribal members especially tribal elders.

Vickie Bradley, Secretary of EBCI Public Health and Human Services, said, "We decided right out of the gate when we realized that the vaccine was delayed from the state to Tsali to go ahead and use IHS (Indian Health Service) supply and get everyone vaccinated."

And, their efforts have worked.

According to the EBCI Joint Information Center (JIC), a total of 747 (688 American Indians and Alaska Natives) people in the 60-69 age range and 646 (620 AI/AN) in the 70+ range have been fully vaccinated as of Friday, March 19.

The EBCI JIC states that those numbers equal 66 percent of the 60-69 range and an impressive 75 percent in the 70+ range.

Rita Driver, an EBCI tribal member, is very thankful for the lack of COVID cases at Tsali Care because her 95-year-old mother has been a resident there for the past four years.

"The employees do an awesome job of taking care of residents," she said. "They are very open to family requests for our loved ones. If there are issues, they are open to talking with family members and working out what is best for the family and the family's loved one."

Driver is a staunch advocate for the staff at Tsali Care. "I personally believe that the CNAs should be paid more for the hard job they do, and all staff deserve hazard pay for this past year. The staff of Tsali Care, in my opinion, have had to change their lives more than any other group of employees over this past year in order to keep our loved ones safe from COVID-19."

This past year has been hard on Driver and other family members of Tsali Care Residents. She received a call on March 19, 2020 that visitors wouldn't be allowed "until further notice".

She commented, "This was devastating for me to hear. I was at Tsali Care seven days a week visiting my mom and other residents I had come to think of as family. Although it was devastating to not be able to visit, I person-

ally feel it was the right call."

Driver describes the "new normal" of visiting through the COVID-19 pandemic, "The maintenance staff built a booth out of plexiglass in June so that families could visit with loved ones. iPads for Face Timing were donated to the facility by three of my grandbabies for residents to use – for those who may not have been able to go outside or when it got too cold to go outside. About a month ago, families were notified that short visits with loved ones were being allowed which was awesome to hear."

In May 2020, I wrote an article entitled "Tsali Care Center taking precautions to safeguard residents" which included the measures they were undertaking to ensure safety. From that article, "Some of the precautions the staff are taking include: temperature checks upon entry, symptom assessments upon entry, requiring face coverings to be worn at all times (N95 grade for direct resident care), participation in a drill for COVID-19 preparedness, staff only works at Tsali Care Center and not any other facilities, and housekeeping practices have been adjusted. Precautions being taken by residents include: visitors are not allowed; outings, group activities, and group dining has been suspended; given cloth masks and encouraged to wear at all times; symptom checks and vital signs are taken by staff daily; all new or re-admitted patients are quarantined on an observation hall for 14 days; all new or re-admitted patients must have negative COVID-19 test; and all appointments outside of the facility are evaluated for their necessity."

In that article, Dr. Blythe Winchester, MD, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

who serves as the certified medical director of the Center, noted, "We appreciate the steps that have had to be taken and the difficulty this poses for our residents, families, and staff," said Dr. Winchester.

"We thank those in the community who have provided phone support, donated gifts, and offered other services to assist everyone during this time."

It has taken a village to make this a reality, and everyone involved - from Tsali Care staff to residents, families, and the community at large - should be commended for keeping this portion of Cherokee's elders safe during this pandemic.

Good Housekeeping

Green Beans With Lemon and Garlic

The beauty of this basic side dish is that you can cook the beans up to 2 days in advance. Immediately after draining, plunge beans into ice water to stop the cooking process, then store them in the refrigerator in a self-sealing plastic bag until ready to complete the recipe.

2½ pounds green beans, trimmed
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed with side of chef's knife
1½ teaspoons freshly grated lemon peel
¾ teaspoons salt
1¼ teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper

1. In 12-inch skillet, heat 1-inch water and 1 teaspoon salt to boiling over high heat. Add green beans; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 5 to 10 minutes, until beans are tender-crisp; drain. Wipe skillet dry.

2. In same skillet, heat oil and garlic 1 minute over medium heat. Add lemon peel, pepper and 1/2 teaspoon salt, and cook 1 minute longer. Return beans to skillet and cook until beans are hot, about 5 minutes. Makes 12 servings.

• Each serving: About 55 calories, 3g total fat, 7g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 2g protein, 150mg sodium.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Kingdom of God: Thinking and Doing

By **REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

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Read Psalm 24:1-10.

As we begin to apply what we've learned, we're now entering the 'how to do it' portion of our understanding. In the Kingdom of God, we're each responsible to make full use of, and build on, what we've been learning.

Many schools don't use this way, and its not found much in the world, but each person is to develop their 'real' self through their own 'indomitable' human spirit. Our spirit man is to help each person train their body and soul. While allowing input, it's our human spirit who's in charge of making the final decisions for each body and soul. The spirit is to be dominant in the making of every choice, of the path to walk, in taking charge of the body, and soul-our mind, intellect, will and emotions, and in all of our words.

Originally, coming from the Father in Heaven, the main goal for every human spirit is to get re-acquainted with Jesus, the Bible, our Word of God. Jesus' desire is to be our High Priest, and Final Authority in this process. We must realize, irrevocably, He reigns over each of us as our Lord and Savior, along with our Helper and Comforter, the Holy Spirit. First, we should learn to seek His counsel each time, so there's nothing misunderstood. This is a most important instruction. To learn and flow with Him, all of us can learn to flow more smoothly together, as individual members within the Body of Christ.

"Lord, since You have worked this into me, let Your Glory go forth into Cherokee. Amen," Pastor Melton prayed.

We are to look like, Jesus. We won't really begin to look like Him until we have 'fallen in love' with Him. We are to work diligently in seeking Him.

In dating a person, the other person is going to do what they think the other one would like. Maybe, if it's a girl, might she like a purse? Or, maybe it's a guy, she's hoping to catch his eye. Could she just smile and look at

him?

However, we can't just fall into 'like' with God. We must already have fallen 'in love' with Him. When things have fallen apart, or even when everything is going the way they should, each person must know they still belong to Him. We are not 'doing Him a favor' by attending to other people's needs. What He's really doing for us is... He's doing us a favor, by allowing us to come into His Presence, and actually bring His help to those who need it... all for Him, and His Glory. He gives us His unmerited favor, because He was willing to pay the price for each one of us. God just wants for us to love Him back.

We each need to be chasing God for ourselves. The chasing zone...Perhaps, it would be set if we needed a new thing done? Perhaps, we can't get, or maybe can't stay married? Would you move, dance, or clap your hands? Do you need a new wine skin, or new wine? Noah's flood? Did you realize for yourself; the world isn't flat? Science now tells us God only created a primordial mud hole. Who shall stand? Do you want to walk where God walks? It would be only for those who have the very

nature of God. Since Adam fell, has God been back here?

Jesus made that 'way back' for every one of us. First of all, you do know how to repent to get back to 'pure', don't you? "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart"...I'm not perfect, but don't take Your Holy Spirit away. The problem is the spirit who has your soul is corrupt and follows evil.

"I can only dabble as long as the preacher doesn't find out about it." "It never works." "We identify with our soul. What a soul seems to want is to identify ourselves as being poor." The problem is that thinking those things brings in only loneliness and depression. There is never any thinking that one can receive a blessing. Instead, they have become stuck in the muck and the mire. "We will never deserve it."

If one loves Him and is in right standing, no cheating, we shall receive a blessing. It is not because we are in right standing, but it's because of Him. It's a gift. We must seek His Face, not what's in His Hand. We want Him. We get Him, and we'll end with everything He has.



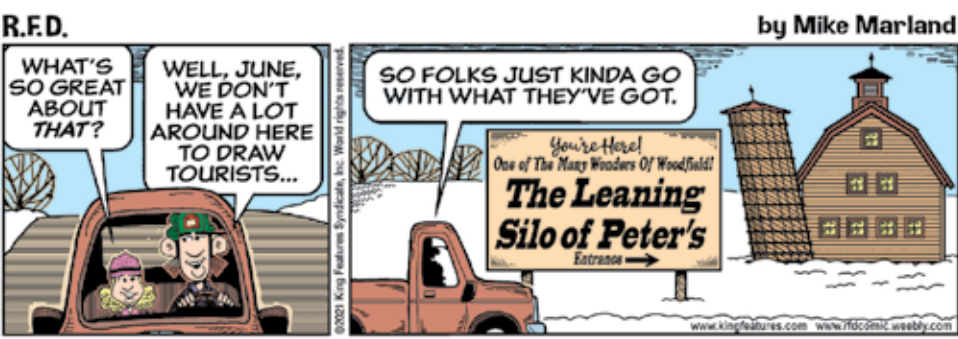
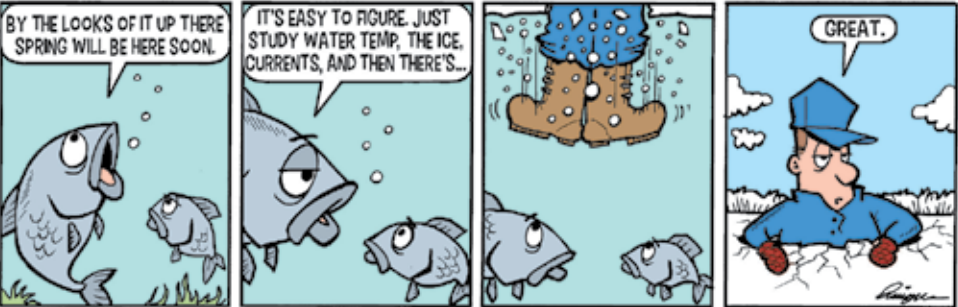
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*Is not God in the height of heaven?
And see the highest stars, how lofty they are!
And you say, What does God know?
Can He judge through the deep darkness?*

JOB 22:12,13

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Actress Farrow
4 Carries
9 "Blue Bloods" network
12 Fireplace residue
13 WWII sub
14 "2001" computer
15 William and Kate's daughter
17 Lawyers' org.
18 Cato's 502
19 Noah's land-fall
21 Summaries
24 Garr of "Tootsie"
25 Berliner's cry
26 Hog haven
28 Quartet doubled
31 Ella's style
33 Congeal
35 iPhone voice
36 King of Judea
38 Dazzle
40 Right angle
41 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo"
43 Sneaky sort
45 Secret matters
47 Request
48 Perched
49 Fraud
54 Candle count

DOWN

1 Buddy
2 Somewhat (Suff.)
3 "Caught ya!"
4 Dutch exports
5 Woodwind players
6 Youngster
7 Really annoy
8 Sound system
9 Donor's beneficiaries
10 Rum cake
11 Venetian-blind part
16 Vitamin stat
20 Story lines
21 Impetuous
22 Caesar's "Behold!"
23 Role
27 Evergreen tree
29 Perry's creator
30 Cash drawer
32 Forum wear
34 In the direc-

tion of
37 Does the mambo
39 "Blade" actor Snipes
42 Christine of "Chicago Hope"
44 Alias abbr.
45 Now, in a memo
46 Sitar music
50 Ger. neighbor
51 Mahal predecessor
52 Gardner of film
53 Pen tip

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gethsemane in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What signal or mark did Judas use to betray Jesus to the religious leaders of the day? Marked Jesus with ash, Pointed to Him, Gave Jesus a kiss, Washed Jesus' feet
3. In John 11:45-53, who was the high priest who called for Jesus' death? Elihu, Joazar, Simon Cantharas, Caiaphas
4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers
5. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

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

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written after the death of which president?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the weight of a U.S. quarter?
3. MOVIES: What was the name of the skyscraper in the drama "Die Hard"?
4. TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"?
5. SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge, reality and existence called?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue crabs called?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in Japan?
8. FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent?
9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book series for children?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What is an angstrom?

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WANTED

Wanted to buy- (wholesale) blowgun darts. Would like price for four dozen. Reply to email- hugh.lambert@gmail.com 3/24

FOR SALE

Four German Shepherd puppies, all male \$500. Tom Cunningham (828)341-5552

Round electric grill \$50 obo; Total Gym and barbells \$100. 788-1815



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With change dominant this week, don't be surprised to find new facts emerging that could put another slant on a situation and offer you another choice. Think it through before you decide.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There could be some lingering problems from a previous matter that involved a decision you felt you had to make. Resolve the situation with your strong Taurean no-nonsense approach.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The Gemini's carefully made plans could be undone by someone's unexpected decision. Getting the full story behind that surprise move can help you decide how to deal with the matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Recently uncovered information might put a new light on a situation you thought had been resolved. Keep an open mind about possible changes that you might have to consider.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With a potential revision of an old agreement, you can't beat the Big Cat for knowing how to sharpen a "clause" to the best advantage. Someone close could have the news you've been waiting for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Certain issues in the workplace could put you in the middle of a dispute you'd rather not deal with. Express your honest feelings before the pressure to take sides builds up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel uneasy disagreeing with someone you've been close to. But your relationship should be able to withstand and even thrive when confronted with your true feelings.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A romantic situation seems to be creating more confusion than you can handle. If so, own up to your feelings. The sooner you do, the better your chances are for working things out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With change directing the Archer's aim, consider a second look at your plans and see where they might benefit from a revision. A workplace matter is close to a resolution.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) New contacts help you learn some important information about upcoming developments. The week calls for the Sea Goat to be more flexible than usual in a number of matters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With both change and uncertainty in your aspect, you might feel less confident in a previous decision. That's OK. Check it out and see where it could be modified, if necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Old relationships that seemed to be sinking are buoyant again, and new relationships are benefiting from Cupid's loving care. This could be a good time to make a major move.

BORN THIS WEEK: While you prefer to tread your own path, you'll go out of your way to help someone in need.

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Re-Elect Chelsea Taylor Saunooke, Wofltown/Big Y Councilwoman



I am ready to continue to serve the EBCI!

Experience: Accounting, Finance, Leadership, Quality Improvement

Education: Bachelors in Business Management, Lenoir-Rhyne University

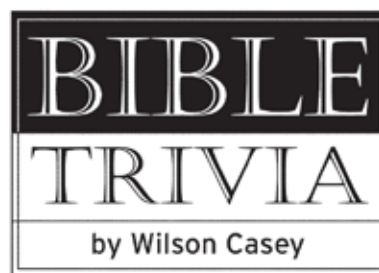
Legislation: Financial Accountability, Reporting, Inclusion for all Children, Dialysis Patient Support, Economic Diversification, and Eco-Tourism

**Contact Info: 828-736-7910
chelsaun@nc-choerokee.com**

3W's Wash, Wait, and Wear will be practiced throughout the campaign season!

Political Ad Endorsed By Candidates

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Gave Jesus a kiss; 3) Caiaphas; 4) Disciples; 5) Thomas (called Didymus); 6) 40 days (Acts 1:3)



1. Abraham Lincoln
2. 0.2 ounces
3. Nakatomi Place
4. Boulder, Colo.
5. Philosophy
6. Jimmies
7. Mount Fiji
8. South America
9. A.A. Milne
10. One ten-billionth of a meter, used to measure very small distances

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

M	I	A	T	O	T	E	S	C	B	S
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Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101).

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

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

Open Until Filled:

Agelink Childcare Center

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



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, March 25, 2021
Payroll Officer

Closing Thursday, April 1, 2021
Registered Nurse - Immediate Care Center
Case Management Support
Data Analyst

Open Until Filled
CNA/Medical Clerk Night - Inpatient
Dental Assistant II (Multiple)
Dentist
Dentist - Satellite Clinics
Dietary Services Supervisor - Patient Side
Director of Business Analytics and Revenue Cycle
EVS Technician
Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center
Masters level Therapist (Grant Funded)-Adult/Analenisgi
Pedodontist
PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician
PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)
PTI CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient
Senior Accountant
Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom

Tsali Care Center

Closing Thursday, March 25, 2021
Registered Nurse Supervisor

Closing Thursday, April 1, 2021
Assistant Maintenance Supervisor

Open Until Filled
Personal Care Assistant/CNA - (Full Time- Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)
Certified Nursing Assistant (Part Time Intermittent - Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.)
License Practical Nurse (Full Time)
Personal Care Assistant/License Practical Nurse (Part Time)
Registered Nurse (Part Time Intermittent)

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



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EMPLOYMENT

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

Positions available:

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

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, March 28, 2021

- Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications Center – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
- Driver – Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
- Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- Family Safety Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
- Family Safety Case Aide – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)
- Human Services Director – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L18 \$89,580 - \$111,970)

Open Until Filled

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Verlyn Brown

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

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

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

Brandi Mathis
552 Jackson Branch Road
Robbinsville, NC 28771

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Clarence Lee Murphy

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

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

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

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

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

In the Matter of the Estate of William Smith Jr.

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

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

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

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

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-029

In the Matter of the Estate of Jesse Eugene Winstead

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

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

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

Myra Lambert
P.O. Box 1617
Cherokee, NC 28719

4/14

Good Housekeeping

Spicy Jerk Drumsticks

Get out of your weeknight chicken rut with these fiery, glazed drumsticks.

- 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 1/4 cup soy sauce
 - 3 tablespoons lime juice
 - 3 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 5 thin slices peeled fresh ginger
 - 3 green onions, sliced
 - 2 cloves garlic
 - 3 jalapeno chiles or 1 habanero chile
 - 5 sprigs fresh thyme
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
 - 12 chicken drumsticks
- Sliced jalapenos and lime wedges for garnish

1. In blender, puree oil, soy sauce, lime juice, sugar, ginger, green onions, garlic, chiles, thyme, allspice and 3/4 teaspoon salt until smooth; transfer to gallon-size resealable bag along with chicken. Seal bag, removing excess air. Toss to coat chicken; place bag on large plate. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or up to overnight.

2. Preheat oven to 425 F. Line large rimmed baking sheet with foil; fit rack into baking sheet. Remove drumsticks from marinade (discard marinade) and gently pat dry with paper towels; arrange on rack, spacing 1 inch apart.

3. Roast 35 to 40 minutes or until cooked through (160 F). Garnish with jalapenos and lime wedges, if desired. Makes 6 servings

• Each serving: About 195 calories, 11g fat (3g saturated), 21g protein, 2g carbs, 300mg sodium.

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Constitution vs. Charter: Article IV (continued)

Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution

Article IV – Legislative Branch (continued)

Section 5. Compensation. The Representatives serving on Tribal Council shall be compensated for their service through the budget appropriation with no pay raise to take effect until after the new budget is enacted following a General Election.

Current Charter

Section 7. The members of the Tribal Council shall receive such compensation as shall be appropriated by the Tribal Council, with no pay raise to take effect until the next council is seated. All other officers and employees of the Tribe shall receive compensation for their services as shall be provided by the Tribal Council.

How will Representatives be compensated?

Salaries of Tribal Council are determined through Council budget appropriations. The only limitation is that any pay raise for Tribal Council will not take effect until after the new budget is enacted following a General Election. This is to prevent Tribal Council from approving a pay raise for themselves while serving their term. With the practice of re-electing many members of Council, they are giving themselves pay raises.

This type of action encourages individuals to become career politicians instead of community leaders. It requires no education, experience, or specific skill for Council members to be elected to manage Tribal budget and pass laws.

For the full-time pay Tribal Council receives, the people should be able to expect a more professional member of council. Members who are prepared for meetings, active and involved in the community and bringing projects to reality such as access to technology for all our citizens, protecting our environment and natural resources, food sustainability, diverse economic development, housing, the homeless and other developments that enhance the quality of life for all.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRIBAL CONSTITUTION AND PARTICIPATE IN ITS CREATION! VISIT WWW.SGADUGI.ORG OR SIGN UP FOR ACCESS TO WEEKLY MEETINGS-CONTACT LLOYD ARNEACH AT lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com

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



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch
497-4131

**Cherokee Indian Police
Dept.**
359-6600

Tribal Fire and Rescue
359-6584

Tribal EMS
359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line
Dispatch**
359-6300

Tsali Manor funds passes for Tsali Manor residents and communal lunch attendees. This pass provides unlimited trips within the service area and on shopping trips. Out-of-town shopping trips are currently on hold due to COVID-19.

Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

Tsali Manor - contact is Debbie West
359-6291 or 736-3950

**HELP (Handicapped, Elderly Living
Program)** -
contact is Stephanie Welch
359-6638

HIP (Home Improvement Program) -
contact is Cindi Squirrel
359-5520 or 507-7748

**Congregate, Homebound Meals,
Supplement** - contact is Sherry Welch
359-6290

**Heat Assistance/Emergency
Assistance** - contact is Krisna Ashe
359-6294 or 421-7364

EBCI Home Health/Home Care
497-9163 (ask for nurse on call)

EBCI Domestic Violence
359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance
507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic
554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center
497-6866

Snowbird Senior Center main line
479-9145

Tsali Manor main line
359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line
835-9741

**Cherokee Boy's Club Elder Fuel
Delivery and Elder Mowing** -
contact is Donnie Owle 736-7612

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CANDIDATE DEBATES



Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center

Each night will start at 6 p.m. with the first group listed.

*** Tuesday, June 22 ***

Big Cove Tribal Council, Birdtown Tribal Council

*** Thursday, June 24 ***

Cherokee County - Snowbird Tribal Council,
Painttown Tribal Council

*** Tuesday, June 29 ***

Wolftown Tribal Council, Yellowhill Tribal Council

*** Thursday, July 1 ***

School Board candidates (all communities)

These debates are being hosted by the Cherokee One Feather and will be moderated by Robert Jumper, editor. Due to COVID precautions at Cherokee Central Schools, no spectators will be allowed. These events will be live-streamed by EBCI Communications and replayed online.

Write-in candidates will be allowed to participate in these debates.

(Write-ins, please contact Robert Jumper to confirm participation.)

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