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Smoking ban at casinos?

Proposed tribal law would
prohibit public indoor
smoking at casinos

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Staff

A proposed change to the Cherokee Code would prohibit public indoor smoking at both Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort and Harrah's Valley River Casino in Murphy – both owned and operated by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). The ordinance change, which is expected to be deemed read and tabled during the June session of Tribal Council, states, "This section prohibits smoking, non-tobacco, and electronic cigarettes in indoor spaces of all gaming establishments of the Eastern Band."

The proposed changes are to Cherokee Code Sec. 16-10.03. Indoor Smoking Prohibited. There are several exclusions to the law including "the smoking or consumption of tobacco used for the purposes of traditional Cherokee cultural ceremonies" and that the new law "shall not preclude smoking in private guest rooms that are specifically designed and disclosed to guests as 'smoking' rooms".

Lavita Hill, an EBCI tribal member and one of the legislation's submitters, told the One Feather, "By passing this ordinance change, Tribal Council will take an important step forward for the public health of our Cherokee people."

She said there are numerous advantages to the move. "Smoke-free casinos have an easier time

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Aproposed tribal law would ban public smoking at the casino as well as Harrah's Valley River Casino & Hotel if passed. (Photo by pixabay)

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attracting employees, and those employees use fewer sick days. Insurance premiums will likely drop, not only for casino employee health care costs, but for fire and liability insurance as well. Cleaning and maintenance costs will go down. Immediately, our Cherokee people will become healthier. We will become healthier as a Tribe.”

Due to public health concerns, smoking has not been allowed at either of the casinos during the COVID-19 pandemic and Hill states that the lack of the ability to smoke has not hurt the bottom line. “Casino revenues, since going smoke-free a year ago, have not decreased. The financial experiment has already been done, and it has succeeded. People want our casinos to stay smoke-free. The financials support this decision too.”

Researchers studied the effects of a smoke-free casino on customer patronage in a 2011 study at the Lake of the Torches Resort Casino in Lac du Flambeau, Wisc. Published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, the research article entitled “Gambling with Our Health: Smoke-Free Policy Would Not Reduce Tribal Casino Patronage” surveyed a total of 957 casino players club members.

A total of 54 percent of the patrons said they would be “likely to visit more”, 18 percent said they would visit less, and the remaining 28 percent stated there indifferent.

Loretta Bolden, one of the legislation’s submitters, related, “Being that our casino is on our Boundary and we are a sovereign nation, we don’t have to follow the State of North Carolina’s rule to ban smoking inside our business. But, we have somewhat complied which makes a few of the employees and our guests somewhat happy.”

An employee at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort herself, as well as being

an EBCI tribal elder, Bolden noted, “The table games employees get exposed to more secondhand smoke than most of us. Like the coronavirus, secondhand smoke spreads throughout the building. We have guests and employees with weak immune systems, are at risk of respiratory illness, or have had severe COVID-19 symptoms who would benefit immensely from us going smoke-free indoors as the majority of our sister tribes have done.”

According to the American Non-smokers Rights Foundation (ANRF), a good many federally recognized tribes are re-opening their gaming establishments post-pandemic in a smoke-free environment including the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Cherokee Nation, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut, Colorado River Indian Tribe, Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and many others. To see an up-to-date listing of smoke-free casinos, visit: U.S. Smokefree Casinos and Gaming Properties (gamingdirectory.com)

Hill concluded, “We are not asking Tribal Council to do anything radical. We are just asking them to keep things the way they are now. We want the decision about this to be made by our Cherokee tribal leaders, not by corporate casino people in Las Vegas. We are a sovereign nation, and we should remember that.”

The ordinance was submitted by: Jessica Munson; Robin Wolfe, RN-BSN; Tracy Wolfe Birchfield, FNP-BC; Gerri Wolfe Grady; Quana Winstead, PA-C; Tara Reed; Krystle Bolden; Loretta Bolden; Becky Chiltoskie; Victoria Velasco; Marisa Cabe, FNP-BC; Tommy Cabe; Jesse C. Sneed; Leslie Lossiah Sneed; Jenny Bean; Jenea Murphy Taylor; Haley Cooper; Lavita Hill; and Tamara Thompson.

The One Feather sought comment from Harrah’s Cherokee Casino officials but did not receive one by press time.

CCS debates sharing testing information

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

At its second meeting of May, the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education reviewed a dissertation request submitted to them by an enrolled member.

Villareal Nika West, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who grew up in Cherokee and currently works at Ha-Ber High School in Springdale, AR., sent a letter to the Board with his request. This dissertation is for his doctoral program in Educational Leadership at Arkansas State University. The letter states the following:

“This summer of 2021, I will begin the first chapter of my doctoral dissertation through Arkansas State University. I plan to examine how the pandemic of COVID-19 affected the educational process of both Indian tribes: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and The Cherokee Nation (CN). I wish to do a combined qualitative and quantitative study that will examine and compare similar test scores within both tribal education programs with an end goal of ascertaining how the pandemic affected test scores from 2019 to 2021. Parent, teacher, and student interviews will be conducted through zoom, surveys and face to face. I am writing to request permission to conduct my research in your school(s) on this reservation.”

Several members of the Board were quick to question the level of confidentiality that West would offer in their report. Karen French-Browning was the first to voice her concern.

“The only problem I have with it is I just don’t want it to put out

there, ‘Cherokee Central Schools: this is their test data.’ Even if it is with the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. Most of the schools in Cherokee Nation are not tribal schools. They go to public schools. I don’t want to have anything negative showing on the Eastern Band,” said French-Browning.

She stated that she wanted pure anonymity for the school, and that she wished for there to not even be a reference to Cherokee Central Schools in the data comparison.

West states in their letter that ‘all information collected will be confidential and will be used for this research project along with benefiting current and future Cherokee students in case of another global pandemic or relapse of the current pandemic.’ French-Browning, however, wished for more security. She said that any comparison of CCS scores would be out of context and unjust.

“I don’t want anything negative. I mean, we got some smart kids, yes. But, as you all know, most of our kids don’t test well,” said French-Browning.

Tara Reed-Cooper added onto French-Browning’s points and shared her worries as well.

“I’ve got concerns about it. He’s an enrolled member that’s trying to do good for our community, I’m sure. But at the same time, we don’t want to have a negative effect on our students to say that our school’s not up to par when that’s not the case. And we may come out ahead. But public school to a BIE school is not really a comparison in my mind,” said Reed-Cooper.

The Board agreed to request additional information on what

he’s looking to ascertain from studying the test scores. They will address this at the next Board meeting.

The next piece of ‘new business’ that was handled was a final report from Vice Principal Beverly Payne on the funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. This the third batch of COVID relief payments coming to CCS, and it is unique as well. Payne described it as having no expiration for expenditure, so the administration is finishing a 5-year plan for the funds. The final documentation for this funding needed to be submitted this week.

The significant aid totals \$11,790,150. Payne said that the school will be using it for a plethora of resources, including temporary salary payments to add new positions. She said that this is not usually something the school would look towards for temporary funding but given the amount of money it could offer multiple years of valuable position. She said this money will do a lot in their efforts as the school transitions back to normality and looks to boost forward.

The first guests of the evening were Sarah Davis and Jennifer Muse from the Mountain Credit Union to offer a check to CCS, specifically raising funds for Cherokee athletics. They have been collecting money from the sales of ‘spirit cards’ since January of 2019. The check was made out for \$1,370, and Davis says she hopes that that number can be higher moving forward with the return of sporting events and the ease of the pandemic.

Before their guests arrived, the Board passed the consent agenda.

Three items were briefly pulled for separate voting, this was done simply because a Board member needed to abstain from the vote due to a personal relationship with the individual involved with the resolution.

In a few brief moments, the Board passed 137 resolutions. The majority of these were confirming staff for the CCS Summer school programs.

The final portion of the meeting was offered to hold a meet and greet with the current Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors. The CBC Board is made up of Benny Graves (President), CBC General Manager Greg Owle, Tiffani Reed (Secretary), Dick Crowe, and Doris Johnson. Tara Reed-Cooper also sits on the CBC Board of Directors.

The Monday, May 17 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, Karen French-Browning, and Regina Ledford Rosario; Woltown Tribal Council Representative Chelsea Saunooke; Asst. Superintendent Beverly Payne; HR Director Heather Driver; and School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle all in attendance. Board member Gloria Griffin and Superintendent Michael Murray were announced as excused absentees for the meeting.

The next meeting of the CCS School Board is scheduled for Monday, June 7 at 4:45 p.m. The Board meets in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the campus of Cherokee Central Schools.

New Caesars Southern Indiana ownership, EBCI Holdings, announces leadership team

ELIZABETH, Ind. - The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians — which expects approval of its purchase of Caesars Southern Indiana this fall — announced on Wednesday, May 12 the creation of EBCI Holdings, LLC (EBCI) and its management team and board. The new leadership plans to retain all 700-plus employees at the Elizabeth, Ind. casino, located just outside Louisville, Ky.

EBCI was established to diversify the tribe's holdings in the commercial gaming and hospitality business as opportunities present themselves throughout the United States and elsewhere. The Caesars purchase is EBCI's first



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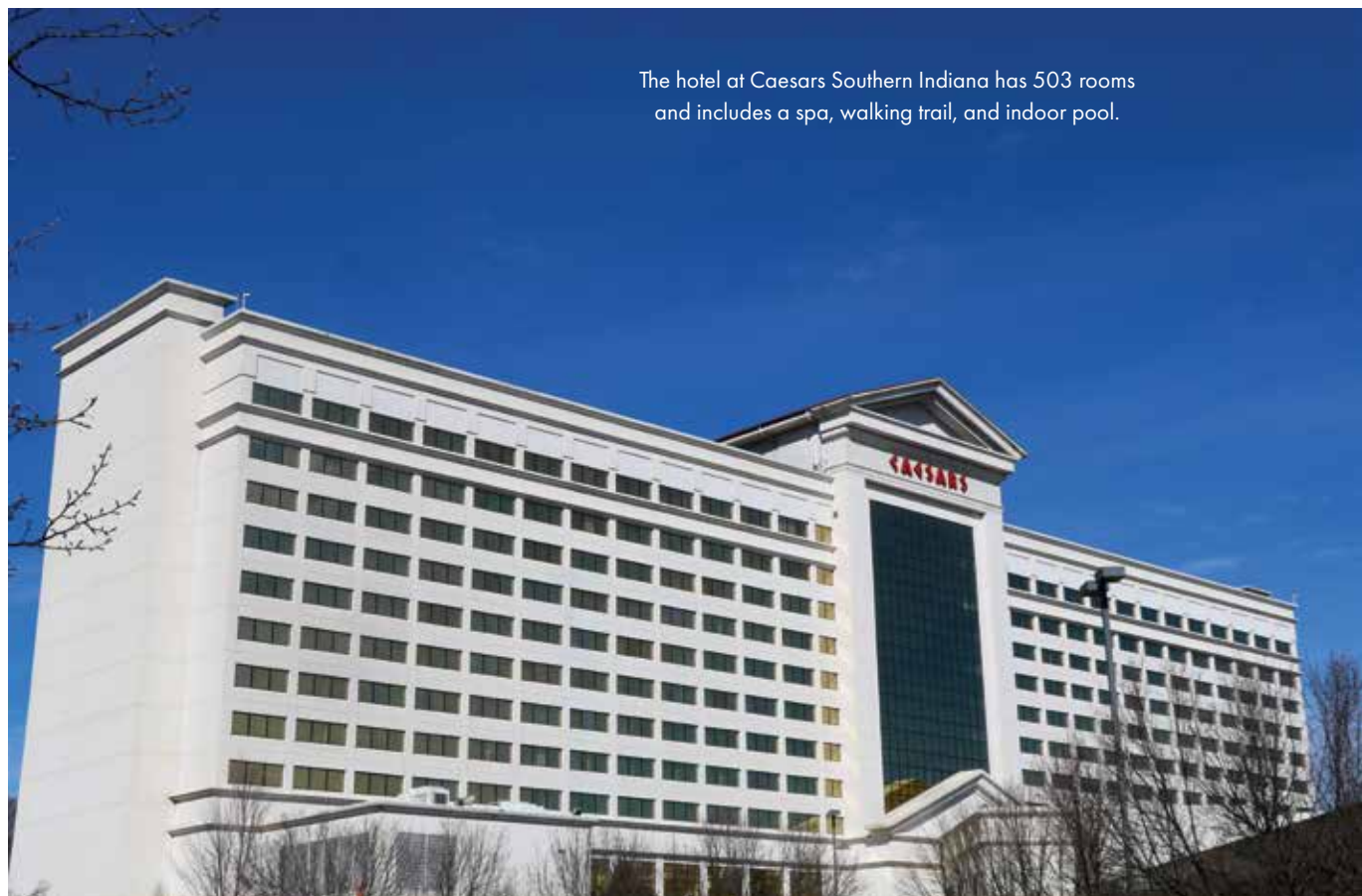
The venture named former regional president for Caesars Entertainment R. Scott Barber as Chief Executive Officer, and Adele Jacobs-Madden, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, as chief financial officer.

Subject to required regulatory approvals from the Indiana Gaming Control Commission and certain other conditions expected later this year, EBCI will make its initial investment with the acquisition of Caesars Southern Indiana from Caesars Entertainment. EBCI agreed to purchase the casino's operations from Caesars for \$250 million in late December 2020.

At closing, EBCI has agreed to enter into a triple-net lease with a subsidiary of VICI Properties Inc. ("VICI") with respect to the real property associated with Caesars Southern Indiana. Initial total annual rent under the lease with VICI will be \$32.5 million and the lease will have an initial term of 15 years, with four 5-year tenant renewal options. The tenant's obligations under the lease will be guaranteed by EBCI.

As part of the purchase agreement, EBCI Holdings will retain Caesars' branding for the casino and maintain the popular Caesars loyalty program, Caesars Rewards. EBCI Holdings, LLC will operate the casino. Most importantly, EBCI plans to offer the entire team of current employees the opportunity to remain in their current positions, including general manager Brad Seigel, the management team and over 700 additional employees.

"Caesars Southern Indiana is a beautiful facility with a well-established brand and a superb team of hundreds of local employees already in place. We want to keep the same friendly, fun, familiar



The hotel at Caesars Southern Indiana has 503 rooms and includes a spa, walking trail, and indoor pool.

environment for our guests," said Barber. "Our intent is to build on the facility's success and offer guests additional opportunities to play at EBCI's Harrah's-branded North Carolina properties while also having access to all properties throughout the Caesars Rewards network."

Barber has nearly three decades of experience in the gaming industry, including more than 20 years with Caesars Entertainment. His career began in Las Vegas and included stints across the Southeast, Midwest and East. Most recently, Barber served as Caesars' regional president, overseeing the Horseshoe Tunica and Tunica Roadhouse properties in Mississippi, Harrah's Cherokee Resort and Harrah's Cherokee Valley River properties in North Carolina, Harrah's Kansas City in Missouri, Harrah's Philadelphia in Pennsylvania and Horseshoe Baltimore in Maryland.

Madden brings more than 20 years of casino experience to her role as CFO. She currently serves as the regional vice president of finance and hospitality for Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort and Harrah's Cherokee Valley River. She also sits on the Cherokee Indian Hospital Board as treasurer. Barber and Madden will report to a five-member board of directors made up of seasoned executives from the gaming industry.

- Tom Jenkin, director and chairman, former Global President of Caesars;
- Ray Rose, director and vice chairman, former regional VP of resort operations at Harrah's Cherokee and former Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise Board of Advisors chairman;
- Cory Blankenship, director, chair of Finance & Strategy Committees, Secretary of Treasury of EBCI;
- Susan Carletta, director, chair of Audit & Compliance Committees,

former SVP, deputy general counsel and chief regulatory & compliance officer of Caesars; and

- David Satz, Director, chair of HR/Nominating/Compensation Committees, former SVP of government relations and development of Caesars.

Along with Madden, two board members — Rose and Blankenship — are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The other members are independent directors.

"We are pleased with EBCI's initial acquisition and the possibility of growing our reach into other markets," Barber said. "We are looking forward to entering the well-established southern Indiana/Louisville market and to attracting guests from around the region to our world-class resort in southern Indiana."

- EBCI Holdings, LLC release

Cherokee to observe Memorial Day

By **LEW HARDING**

Steve Youngdeer

American Legion

Post 143 Commander

America gathers once a year to honor those who lost their lives fighting for our country, to recognize and memorialize their heroism and sacrifice.

The American Legion asks all Americans on this day, each in our own way, to be with us to thank them and pray for their families and loved ones.

We thank God for men and women like them who, when called, served us all with honor, courage, and love. On Monday, May 31 at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in the Yellowhill Community, the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 will render honors to our fallen with prayer, words of gratitude, laying of the memorial wreath, and acknowledging the names of our fallen with patriotic readings.

Please be with us and show that you care and appreciate what



A wreath was laid at the Cherokee Veterans Park on Memorial Day 2019. This year's observance in Cherokee will be held Monday, May 31 at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

they have done for us all. The ladies of NAIWA (Native American Women's Association) will serve refreshments afterwards at the American Legion Post on Acquoni

Road.

In case of inclement weather, the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall, next to the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, will host the

service and the meal.

Don't miss this opportunity to honor our tribal heroes. Thank you.

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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CIPD Arrest Report for May 9-16

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

Calhoun, James Phillip – age 26

Arrested: May 10

Released: May 13

Charges: Domestic Violence

Hicks, Cortney Leigh – age 29

Arrested: May 10

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Probation Violation

Wahnetah, Samuel – age 26

Arrested: May 11

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Second Degree Trespass

Hull II, Timothy Clark – age 31

Arrested: May 12

Released: May 14

Charges: Assault on a Female

Wildcatt, John Travis – age 29

Arrested: May 12

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Probation Violation, Escape

Bowman, Ronald Sequoyah – age 48

Arrested: May 14

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Multiple Charges

Crowe, Dianah Nore – age 42

Arrested: May 14

Released: May 15

Charges: Domestic Violence

Jiminez, Juan Rogue – age 41

Arrested: May 14

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Assault on a Female

Locust III, William Russell – age 30

Arrested: May 14

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Domestic Violence, Assault on a Female

Wolfe, Daliyah Lanae – age 23

Arrested: May 14

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Drug Trafficking

Bennett, Simon Christensen – age 37

Arrested: May 15

Released: May 15

Charges: Driving Under the Influence

Youngdeer, John Irvin – age 60

Arrested: May 15

Released: May 16

Charges: Driving Under the Influence

Cline, Gregory Lee – age 45

Arrested: May 16

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Possession of Firearm by Felon

Cherokee High School Graduation Parade Friday, May 28 at 4 p.m.

The parade will start at 4 p.m. on Whitewater Drive and end at the entrance to CCS, traveling through downtown Cherokee, 441N, Acquoni Rd, and Big Cove Rd.

Everyone is encouraged to set up, park, or stand along the parade route to support and celebrate our CHS graduates. There is no limit on the number of individuals who can attend the parade along the route, but please maintain appropriate social distancing (and wear a mask if you cannot). When the parade ends at the school, the graduates and only four guests each will be treated to a picnic, and will attend the Baccalaureate service on campus.

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Proposed Constitution

Article V – Executive Branch

Section 4. Term. The elected Principal Chief and Vice-Chief each shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, not to exceed two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. Office holders who have reached this limitation shall be allowed to run for the same office in four (4) years following their departure from office.

Section 5. Compensation. The Principal Chief and Vice-Chief shall receive as compensation for services such sum as shall be determined by an appropriation by Tribal Council. No change in pay shall take effect until the next elected Tribal Council are seated as a result of a General Election. In no way shall the Executive branch directly adjust or otherwise influence any elected official's compensation.

Current Charter

Section 5. The representatives elected to the Tribal Council shall hold office for terms of two years. The Principal Chief and Vice Chief shall hold office for terms of four years.

Section 7. The Principal Chief shall receive as compensation for his services such sum as shall be appropriated by the Tribal Council, not to exceed one pay raise per annum. The Vice-Chief shall receive such sum as shall be fixed by the Tribal Council, not to exceed one pay raise per annum. Both the Principal Chief and Vice-Chief shall receive such traveling expenses as may be authorized by the Tribal Council. 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.

Why implement term limits?

Term limits will provide better opportunity for those who may have a different perspective on leadership within the government to gain a seat. Incumbents (those that are in office campaigning for re-election) are usually difficult to vote out of office regardless of their performance because they are constantly in the public eye during their terms. Term limits puts the brakes on anyone who decide to make holding office a career instead of a position of public trust. Term limits are a way to keep those who are in power from potentially using their power stay in power. However, in this Constitution, we are not employing term limits but term breaks.

When is a term limit not a term limit? What is a “term break”?

A term limit is setting a mark and saying you cannot do anymore than this. We are proposing a term break, after 2 consecutive terms, you will sit out a term. After sitting out a term, you are allowed to run for office again. In short, a person could serve in an office for 8 years straight, take 4 years off and run again.

Show us the money!

Tribal Council has the sole authority to set budgets and salaries for elected officials. Since the Legislative branch has the duty to appropriate funds and pass laws, council has to pass legislation to set the salaries for elected officials. Salary raises for elected officials can occur once every 2 years. This is to allow for the voters a chance to voice their opinion, when selecting a candidate in the upcoming election, about any salary increases before they can go into effect.

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 V is being presented in parts.

Tribe issues first childcare licensures on Qualla Boundary

EBCI Public Health & Human Services Division (EBCI PHHS) Regulatory & Compliance Department (RCD) team members presented the division's first official childcare licenses on Wed., May 19 to Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start (QB HS & EHS) centers, Dora Reed Center and Big Cove Children's Center. In 2019, Tribal Council adopted Chapter 9 Childcare Licensure to the Cherokee Code of Ordinances giving EBCI Public Health & Human Services authority to license childcare facilities on EBCI tribal lands who meet the eligibility and licensing requirements.

Prior to this authority and process, childcare facilities on EBCI tribal lands were licensed by multiple entities. Now the centers and facilities will have a level-playing field by being under one reporting agency. EBCI PHHS can also license residential facilities on tribal lands which allows for increase in standards of residential childcare as well. If there is an issue or concern, community members will have access to an RCD team member to resolve issues. As well, EBCI PHHS RCD can connect with the community while still delivering high quality standard of care through the established requirements for healthy and safe environments, facility licensing procedures, and childcare operating standards.

Tina Saunooke, early education director of QB HS & EHS, was ecstatic about the licensure for their centers saying, "As a program director caring for children in 25 classrooms (up to 275 kiddos), it can be an overwhelming and even a daunting task to keep up with all of the licensure requirements, i.e.

classroom, kitchen, playgrounds, etc. The licensure process takes place, in a large piece, inside the classroom. It speaks volumes to the teachers and teacher assistants for the daily job that they do in making certain the classroom environment is clean and a safe place for all children to explore, play, learn and grow. Thank you teachers for making our childcare licensure at Dora Reed and Big Cove centers a success!"

Childcare Licensure for the EBCI has been due to the collaborations of EBCI Tribal Government, EBCI Legal Assistance Office, Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start, and EBCI Public Health & Human Services Regulatory & Compliance Department. EBCI PHHS officials noted, "Thank you to everyone for your teamwork towards seven generations of wellness."

If interested in more information, you may reach out to the EBCI PHHS Regulatory & Compliance Department by calling 359-6180.

- EBCI Public Health and Human Services release

"The licensure process takes place, in a large piece, inside the classroom."

- Tina Saunooke, Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start early education director



Tina Saunooke, center, early education director of QB HS & EHS, is presented with Dora Reed Center childcare licensure by Tim Triplet, RCD Quality Improvement coordinator, left, and Brandy Davis, RCD Lead Compliance officer. (EBCI PHHS photos)



Felicia Sequoyah, center, Big Cove Children's Center supervisor, is presented with Big Cove Children's Center childcare licensure by Tim Triplet, RCD Quality Improvement coordinator, left and Brandy Davis, RCD Lead Compliance Officer.

Trying to get herd immunity

Cherokee Nation offering incentives for vaccinated tribal government employees

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. hopes to increase the number of vaccinated tribal government employees by rewarding those vaccinated with a \$300 incentive.

Chief Hoskin recently signed an executive order, effective May 25, providing a vaccine reward and incentive program for the 4,300 tribal government employees. The executive order does not apply to Cherokee Nation Businesses or any other entities. However, all Cherokee Nation entities may develop plans and implement a comparable reward and incentive program for their respective workforces.

“Currently about 40 percent of our Cherokee Nation employee base is vaccinated and we know we need that figure to increase to 70 percent to reach herd immunity,” Chief Hoskin said. “Raising awareness, offering an incentive program and setting a goal



Cherokee Nation employee, Cherokee speaker and Cherokee National Treasure Dan Mink was among the first tribal citizens to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Since mid-December the Cherokee Nation has administered more than 60,000 vaccines. Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. hopes to increase the number of vaccinated tribal government employees by rewarding those vaccinated with a \$300 incentive. (Cherokee Nation photo)

for achievement is another way to help increase our immunity percentage so we can continue to help protect our tribe, workplace, Cherokee speakers, language and elders from COVID-19.”

Herd immunity can be reached when enough people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and have developed protective antibodies against future infection.

New employees and those in job training programs will be required to be fully vaccinated within 45 days under the executive order. Current employees are encouraged to be vaccinated, and those not vaccinated will be restricted from work travel on behalf of the Cherokee Nation.

“We are encouraging our employees to get vaccinated and we

are finding more ways to encourage that through incentives,” Chief of Staff Todd Enlow said. “We understand there are some exceptions for medical necessity and religious reasons, but we hope this order will help us reach our goals.”

The Cherokee Nation expects to issue the \$300 incentives in June to those Cherokee Nation government employees getting a vaccine and all those formerly vaccinated.

Employees will receive more information on the vaccine reward and incentive program through the Cherokee Nation Human Resources Department.

The executive order on the vaccine reward and incentive program will continue through the end of calendar year 2021.

Since mid-December the Cherokee Nation has administered more than 60,000 vaccines.

The Cherokee Nation has had 15,200 tribal citizens test positive for COVID-19 and 107 deaths, including about 50 Cherokee speakers, through its Cherokee Nation health system.

- Cherokee Nation release

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TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee hosts Hayesville, Rosman

One Feather Staff Report
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The Cherokee High School varsity track team hosted Hayesville and Rosman on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 19. Following are results showing the top finishers, plus all CHS finishers, in each event as per nc.milesplit.com:

Girls Team Scores

- 1 – Rosman 60
- 2 – Hayesville 57
- 3 – Cherokee 50

Boys Team Scores

- 1 – Hayesville 88
- 2 – Cherokee 72.5
- 3 – Rosman 24.5

Girls Discus Throw

- 1 – Lily Trout (Hayes) 81-09
- 2 – Chayla Snyder (Ros) 76-09
- 3 – Annessca Guyette (Hayes) 7-11
- 4 – Jaelyn Lossiah (CHS) 69-06
- 6 – Marla Panther (CHS) 58-10
- 9 – Sateva Youngdeer (CHS) 35-02

Boys Discus Throw

- 1 – Jack McTaggart (Hayes) 142-00
- 2 – Kensen Davis (CHS) 117-07.5
- 3 – Ethan Taylor (Hayes) 112-01.5
- 4 – Derrick Reynolds (CHS) 97-01

Girls Shot Put

- 1 – Chayla Snyder (Ros) 28-08
- 2 – Aria Foerst (CHS) 25-09
- 3 – Annessca Guyette (Hayes) 24-10
- 6 – Marla Panther (CHS) 22-11
- 10 – Jaelyn Lossiah (CHS) 28-03
- 11 – Sateva Youngdeer (CHS) 20-00

Boys Shot Put

- 1 – Jack McTaggart (Hayes) 43-02
- 2 – Ethan Taylor (Hayes) 39-09
- 3 – Kensen Davis (CHS) 38-04



Cherokee's Dakota Siweumptewa clears 10-06. He went on to clear 11-00 winning the boys pole vault competition.

- 8 – Derrick Reynolds (CHS) 29-06

Girls Long Jump

- 1 – Carolina Marlow (Ros) 14-05.5
- 2 – Aria Foerst (CHS) 12-09.5
- 3 – Ashley Hoxit (Ros) 12-05.5

Boys Long Jump

- 1 – Brady Shook (Hayes) 20-03
- 2 – Logan Caldwell (Hayes) 19-00
- 3 – Tso Smith (CHS) 17-10

Girls Triple Jump

- 1 – Ashlyn Leatherwood (Hayes) 29-06.5
- 2 – Avery Batson (Ros) 27-09.5

Boys Triple Jump

- 1 – Brady Shook (Hayes) 39-04

- 2 – Anthony Lossiah (CHS) 33-06
- 3 – William Hartbarger (CHS) 33-05

Girls High Jump

- 1 – Ashlyn Leatherwood (Hayes) 4-06
- 2 – Aria Foerst (CHS) 4-02
- 3 – Jaida Ansari (Ros) 4-02

Boys High Jump

- 1 – Ryelan Snowden (Hayes) 6-02
- 2 – Brady Shook (Hayes) 5-08
- 3 – Kade Trantham (CHS) 5-04
- 4 – William Hartbarger (CHS) 5-02

Boys Pole Vault

- 1 – Dakota Siweumptewa (CHS) 11-00

- 2 – Tanin Esquivel (CHS) 8-06

Girls 4x800M Relay

- 1 – Hayesville 11:35
- 2 – Cherokee 11:59.34
- 3 – Rosman 14:51.62

Boys 4x800M Relay

- 1 – Rosman 9:31.47
- 2 – Cherokee 9:34.52
- 3 – Hayesville 10:31.66

Girls 100M Hurdles

- 1 – Emma Shook (Hayes) 14.11
- 2 – Laikyn Buchanan (Ros) 18.52
- 3 – Shelby Solis (CHS) 19.49

Boys 110M Hurdles

1 – Bryan Davenport (Hayes) 19.87

2 – Aaron Eubanks (Ros) 24.20

Girls 100M Dash

1 – Jaida Ansari (Ros) 13.48

2 – Leilaya McMillan (CHS) 13.74

3 – Triniti Littlejohn (CHS) 14.24

7 – Awee Walkingstick (CHS)

15.34

9 – Niya Mora (CHS) 15.81

Boys 100M Dash

1 – Blake McClure (Hayes) 11.52

2 – Chase Calhoun (CHS) 11.74

3 – Mike Driver (CHS) 12.05

4 – Tso Smith (CHS) 12.15

Girls 4x200M Relay

1 – Cherokee 2:10.84

2 – Rosman 2:15.81

Boys 4x200M Relay

1 – Cherokee 1:38.78

2 – Rosman 1:45.50

Girls 1600M Run

1 – Leilaya McMillan (CHS)

7:00.12

2 – Lila Roberts (Hayes) 7:09.75

3 – Abigail McCall (Ros) 8:42.22

Boys 1600M Run

1 – Jaylen Bark (CHS) 5:27.94

2 – Carson Abram (Ros) 5:32.66

3 – Landon Hughes (Hayes)

5:54.06

5 – Eli Bird (CHS) 6:38.72

Girls 4x100M Relay

1 – Rosman 57.34

2 – Cherokee 59.02

Boys 4x100M Relay

1 – Hayesville 46.47

2 – Cherokee 48.31

3 – Rosman 49.68

Girls 400M Dash

1 – Kaysen Kreger (Hayes) 1:05.75

2 – Jaylynne Esquivel (CHS)

1:10.38

3 – Ashley Hoxit (Ros) 1:11.90

Boys 400M Dash

1 – Paul White (Hayes) 53.31

2 – Ryelan Snowden (Hayes) 57.34

3 – Dylan McCall (Ros) 57.99

4 – Tanis Esquivel (CHS) 1:00.09

5 – Anthony Lossiah (CHS)

1:03.09

6 – Jaylen Bark (CHS) 1:05.52

Girls 300M Hurdles

1 – Emma Shook (Hayes) 54.06

2 – Shelby Solis (CHS) 1:03.78

3 – Emma Abram (Ros) 1:05.18

Boys 300M Hurdles

1 – Bryan Davenport (Hayes)

45.97

2 – Hayden Stewart (Ros) 48.09

3 – William Hartbarger (CHS)

54.31

Girls 800M Run

1 – Kaysen Krieger (Hayes)

2:44.97

2 – Rosa Reyes (CHS) 2:45.93

3 – Chantelle Moll (Ros) 3:40.34

4 – Janna Girty (CHS) 3:42.00

Boys 800M Run

1 – Rocky Peebles (CHS) 2:10.34

2 – Cable Krieger (Hayes) 2:11.18

3 – Tanis Esquivel (CHS) 2:29.25

8 – Anthony Lossiah (CHS)

2:51.82

9 – Darrin Brown (CHS) 2:54.02

Girls 200M Dash

1 – Jaida Ansari (Ros) 28.33

2 – Carolina Marlow (Ros) 33.02

3 – Avery Batson (Ros) 34.11

Boys 200M Dash

1 – Jonathan Frady (CHS) 23.43

2 – Paul White (Hayes) 24.11

3 – Tyler Anderson (Hayes) 25.02

4 – Cameron Lane (CHS) 25.27

Girls 3200M Run

1 – Jaylynne Esquivel (CHS)

14:00.78

2 – Chantelle Moll (Ros) 15:43.38

3 – Janna Girty (CHS) 19:10.34

Boys 3200M Run

1 – Ayden Thompson (CHS)

12:00.22

2 – Richard Mata (CHS) 12:34.25

3 – Landon Hughes (Hayes)

12:58.44

Girls 4x400M Relay

1 – Hayesville 4:38.09

2 – Cherokee 4:48.53

3 – Rosman 5:31.31

Boys 4x400M Relay

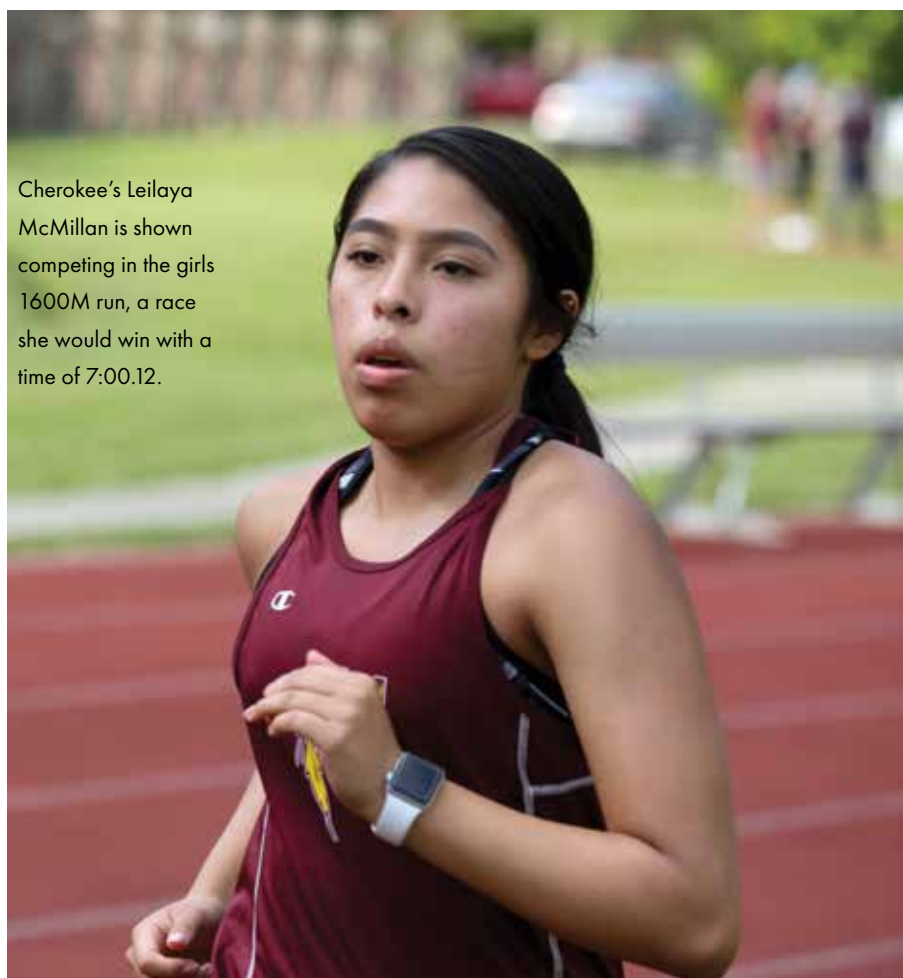
1 – Hayesville 3:53.18

2 – Cherokee 3:59.08

3 – Rosman 4:08.94



Cherokee's Shelby Solis competes in the girls 100M hurdles in which she took third place with a time of 19.49. She also took second place in the girls 300M hurdles with a time of 1:03.78.



Cherokee's Leilaya McMillan is shown competing in the girls 1600M run, a race she would win with a time of 7:00.12.

WRESTLING

Cherokee hosts Andrews, Murphy



The official sets poised ready to hit the mat signaling a win by fall (pin) for Cherokee's Ian Crowe over Murphy's Brad Simmons during a tri-school meet at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, May 20. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

One Feather Staff Report

The Cherokee High School and Middle School wrestling teams hosted Andrews and Murphy at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, May 20. Following are results of Cherokee's matches per trackwrestling.com:

Varsity

Andrews 18 Cherokee 6

- 106 – Elvin Trigueros (And) win by forfeit
- 113 – Jaylynn Esquivel (CHS) win by forfeit
- 126 – Malachai (And) win by forfeit
- 132 – Syllas Abernethy (And) win by forfeit

Cherokee 30 Murphy 18

- 113 – Jaylynn Esquivel (CHS) win by forfeit
- 120 – Logan Hyde (Murphy) win by forfeit
- 132 – Marcus Kephart (Murphy) win by forfeit
- 138 – Brandon Thrasher (Murphy) win by forfeit
- 152 – Kade Trantham (CHS) win by forfeit
- 160 – Braden Taylor (CHS) win by forfeit
- 182 – Chase Calhoun (CHS) win by forfeit
- 195 – Ian Crowe (CHS) win over Brad Simmons (Murphy) by fall

Officials results for the middle school matches were unavailable to the One Feather by press time.

TRACK & FIELD

Several Cherokee athletes win gold at SMC Middle School Championship

One Feather Staff Report

Several members of the Cherokee Middle School track and field team won gold at the annual Smoky Mountain Conference Middle School Championship held in Andrews on Saturday, May 22. Taking first place in their events were:

- Dvdaya Swimmer, girls 400M Dash, 1:03.93; and girls triple jump, 32-2.5
- Cherokee girls 4x400M relay team, 4:40.81
- Luke Smith, boys discus throw, 126-0; and shot put, 40-3

The following teams participated in the event: Andrews Middle, Cherokee Middle, Hayesville Middle, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger Middle, Martins Creek Middle, Murphy Middle, Robbinsville Middle, Rosman Middle, and Swain Co. Middle. Following are results, per nc.milesplit.com, showing the top three finishers in each event plus all Cherokee finishers:

Girls

100M Dash

- 1 – Marlee Hicks (Swain) 14.19
- 2 – Sienna Hackshaw (Swain) 14.38
- 3 – Makynna McDonald (Ros) 14.44
- 11 – Lolo Hogner (CMS) 15.24
- 12 – Naomi Taylor (CMS) 15.30

200M Dash

- 1 – Ava Shook (Hayes) 29.08
- 2 – Izzy Walker (Swain) 29.66
- 3 – Marlee Hicks (Swain) 29.84
- 10 – Lolo Hogner (CMS) 31.71
- 12 – Naomi Taylor (CMS) 31.99

400M Dash

- 1 – Dvdaya Swimmer (CMS)

1:03.93

- 2 – Emma Ashe (Hayes) 1:06.39
- 3 – Leena Lape (MMS) 1:08.36
- 7 – Madison Rogers (CMS) 1:12.03
- 9 – Aaliyah Reed (CMS) 1:12.79

800M Run

- 1 – Arizona Blankenship (Swain) 2:26.56
- 2 – Annie Lewis (Swain) 2:34.00
- 3 – Selu Swayney (CMS) 2:48.12
- 14 – Lily Blythe (CMS) 3:15.07
- 15 – Yvonne Saunooke (CMS) 3:18.26

1600M Run

- 1 – Arizona Blankenship (Swain) 5:17.88
- 2 – Annie Lewis (Swain) 5:49.34
- 3 – Halie Hill (HD) 6:03.16
- 6 – Selu Swayney (CMS) 6:23.64
- 10 – Yvonne Saunooke (CMS) 6:53.55
- 11 – Izzy Raby (CMS) 6:55.97

100M Hurdles

- 1 – Makynna McDonald (Ros) 18.19
- 2 – Jocie Hammond (And) 19.20
- 3 – Kylie Donaldson (And) 19.21
- 9 – Joscelyn Stamper (CMS) 21.88

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Swain 55.21
- 2 – Cherokee 56.57
- 3 – Andrews 58.34

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Hayesville 1:58.46
- 2 – 2:05.70
- 3 – Swain 2:06.26

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee 4:40.81
- 2 – Swain 4:42.85
- 3 – Robbinsville 4:58.00

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Swain 10:53.46
- 2 – Hayesville 11:45.77
- 3 – Cherokee 12:10.15

High Jump

- 1 – Gracie Sutton (Swain) 5-00
- 2 – Ava Shook (Hayes) 4-06
- 3 – Lillian Orr (Ros) 4-04
- 4 – Joscelyn Stamper (CMS) 4-04

Long Jump

see **TRACK** next page

TRACK: SMC Middle School results,
from page 13

1 – Pacey Jordan (Robb) 17-10.75
2 – Kylie Donaldson (And) 14-07.75

3 – Julia Layno (CMS) 14-03
5 – Daisee Raby (CMS) 13-02.50
12 – Naomi Taylor (CMS) 11-09

Triple Jump

1 – Dvdaya Swimmer (CMS) 32-02.50
2 – Izzy Walker (Swain) 31-05
3 – Ava Shook (Hayes) 30-04
8 – Livia Crowe (CMS) 27-01.50

11 – Daisee Raby (CMS) 24-04.75

Discus Throw

1 – Gracey Sneed (Martins) 78-05
2 – Mala Bradley (Swain) 73-01
3 – Emily Hoxit (Ros) 71-01
4 – Julia Layno (CMS) 68-08
9 – Whitney Rogers (CMS) 60-03
14 – Joscelyn Stamper (CMS) 54-08

Shot Put

1 – Olivia McNabb (HD) 28-04
2 – Whitney Rogers (CMS) 28-00.50
3 – Faith Woodard (Swain) 27-10
4 – Julia Layno (CMS) 27-04
6 – Madison Rogers (CMS) 25-07

Boys

100M Dash

1 – Daniel Allen (Hayes) 12.27
2 – Cale Harger (HD) 12.51
3 – Kegan Ellis (And) 12.61
14 – Jonathan Saylor (CMS) 13.69
18 – Luke Smith (CMS) 14.24
20 – Kyiatan Johnson (CMS) 14.98

200M Dash

1 – Daniel Allen (Hayes) 24.84
2 – Cale Harger (HD) 25.19
3 – Ryan Payne (MMS) 25.19

400M Dash

1 – Ryan Payne (MMS) 55.70
2 – Braiden Ledford (HD) 1:01.43

3 – Myca Mustin (And) 1:03.40

800M Run

1 – O'Malley Salinas (And) 2:21.91
2 – Ogana Swimmer (CMS) 2:25.59
3 – Cannon Brewer (Hayes) 2:30.33

1600M Run

1 – O'Malley Salinas (And) 5:00.27
2 – Ethan Russell (HD) 5:29.03
3 – Cole Miller (MMS) 5:51.22

110M Hurdles

1 – Kelan McCullough (Swain) 18.00
2 – Johan Webb (Hayes) 18.76
3 – Kyle Shaheen (Hayes) 20.89

4x100M Relay

1 – Hayesville 49.82
2 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 51.77
3 – Swain 51.83
6 – Cherokee 56.40

4x200M Relay

1 – Hayesville 1:42.11
2 – Murphy 1:49.16
3 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 1:52.87

4x400M Relay

1 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 4:23.14
2 – Andrews 4:27.59
3 – Hayesville 4:38.15

4x800M Relay

1 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 10:17.55

2 – Hayesville 11:08.21

3 – Murphy 11:57.58

High Jump

1 – Kelan McCullough (Swain) 5-04
2 – Kenyon Rogers (Hayes) 5-02
3 – Kegan Ellis (And) 5-00

Long Jump

1 – Cale Harger (HD) 18-09
2 – Kamdyn Koop (MMS) 18-00.50
3 – Kegan Ellis (And) 17-05
13 – Kyitan Johnson (CMS) 13-08.25

Triple Jump

1 – Kyle Shaheen (Hayes) 35-05.25
2 – Ogana Swimmer (CMS) 31-07
3 – Johan Webb (Hayes) 30-10.50

Discus Throw

1 – Luke Smith (CMS) 126-00
2 – William Wood (And) 120-11
3 – Tytan Teesateskie (Robb) 92-05
11 – Jonathan Rivera (CMS) 73-03

Shot Put

1 – Luke Smith (CMS) 40-03
2 – Tytan Teesateskie (Robb) 37-04
3 – Antonio Hernandez (And) 34-07
13 – Zaynon Taylor (CMS) 28-01

Lavita Hill for School Board



EDUCATED

- ✓ Cherokee High School Graduate (1997)
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- ✓ Former Big Cove Community Club Secretary
- ✓ EBCI Minors Trust Fund Administrator

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- ✓ Patient & Family Advisory Council Representative, Cherokee Indian Hospital
- ✓ EBCI Investment Committee Liaison

Shiyu KoLaNvYi/ToLeDvYi

I am so proud to be a member of this wonderful community and Tribe. We have so much to look forward to and it all starts with preparing our children for the future. I am ready to put my education, experience, and leadership skills to work for Cherokee Central Schools!

I would like to ask for your support and your vote to be the next KoLaNvYi/ToLeDvYi School Board Representative.

I would love to discuss the future of Cherokee Central Schools with you. Please contact me at (828) 736-3126 or Lavitahill2021@gmail.com.

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HONORING ELDERS

17th Annual Elders Walk held in
Cherokee on Thursday, May 20

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather



From The People marketplace offering virtual help to Native artists, vendors

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

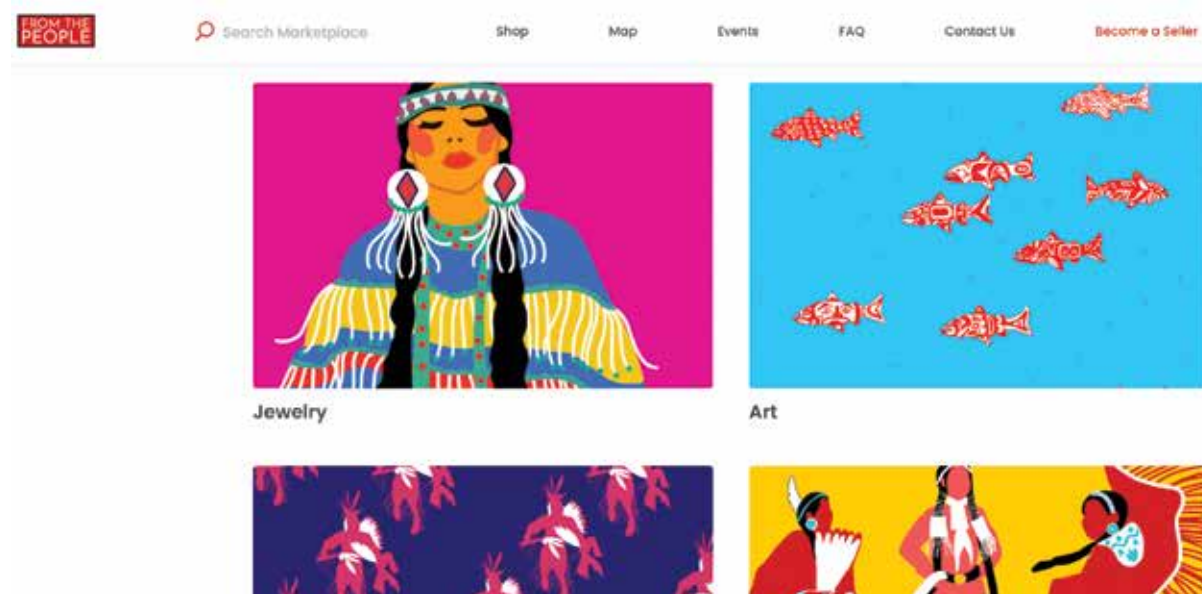
Many businesses felt the pain in 2020 due to the numerous shut-downs and cancelled events because of the COVID-19 pandemic. One area that was hit especially hard was Native American artists and vendors, and From The People, an online community, was formed to try to lessen those pains.

“From The People is a Native and woman-owned online Indigenous marketplace and decolonized community,” said Isabella Johnson, From the People co-founder. “We cater specifically to Native artists and vendors and have features like our Native lands map to showcase Native-owned businesses. Our platform facilitates exchanges of cultural appreciation between customers and vendors by making it easy for customers to directly support Indigenous artists who can then continue to create their traditional crafts. Additionally, a percentage of our proceeds are donated to the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women and the First Nations Institute Emergency COVID Relief Fund.”

Categories on the website include jewelry, art, traditional assortments, and apparel.

Of the pandemic, she noted, “The COVID-19 pandemic shutdown pow wows, art markets, and gatherings across Indian country. Many Native artists and vendors rely on pow wow sales for their livelihood, so we created From The People as a space for Native vendors to transition to online sales easily. Native artists can sign up for a vendor account, post their items for sale, or even link their own existing website to our marketplace to increase the traffic on their page.”

An artist herself, Johnson worked hard to help others, “This past year, I learned how to bead to reconnect with my own heritage through a traditional craft within my tribe, the Coquille Indian Tribe. I got the idea for From The People while I was shopping for beaded earrings and it was important to me that I was



A screenshot shows the home page of a new online Native arts marketplace known as From The People. “From The People is a Native and woman-owned online Indigenous marketplace and decolonized community,” said Isabella Johnson, From the People co-founder.

supporting Native artists with my purchase. The problem was it was difficult to assess which products were Native-made or when Native designs were being appropriated and exploited for profit by non-Natives.” She added, “I wanted a one-stop shop where I knew my purchase would be supporting Native artists pursuing traditional crafts. My cofounder, Chase McNeil, and I created From The People as a space for Native artists to display their work and make it easy for customers to support Indigenous artists.”

Johnson said the overall target audience was Native artists in general and started with those making traditional beadwork. “I reached out to Indigenous artists without websites whose products and sales would benefit from an organized shop profile like the ones our platform provides. Our target customer base is made up of both Natives and non-Natives who are interested in supporting Native artists and love hand-made products.”

The community has grown to around 80 Native artists, from both the United States and Canada, selling a variety of products ranging from beadwork to apparel. “We recently

opened an events page where pow wow coordinators can host their own virtual art market events on From The People. At the moment, we have two pow wow virtual art market events running on our platform. These events display the pow wow logistical information as well as the work of the Native artists associated with the event.”

From The People takes great strides to ensure authenticity in the products on their site which states, “From The People requires all vendors to be compliant with the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644), a truth-in-advertising law which prohibits misrepresentation in marketing American Indian or Alaska Native arts and crafts products within the United States. It is illegal to offer or display for sale or sell any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian Tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization, resident within the United States. To ensure our vendors are compliant with the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (P.L. 101-644), From The People must verify our vendors tribal enrollment status.”

Cherokee High School Academic Awards 2020-2021

Top Academic Students

9th Grade: Roxi Bark, Roseana Correa, Madison Ledford, Laura Martinez, Dalaina Mills, Anna Toineeta
10th Grade: Mahala Allison, Autumn Greene, Destiny Siweumpte-
wa, Alexis Smith, Emma Taylor
11th Grade: Aria Foerst, Gabriel Jarvis, Alayna Morgan, Vivian Ross, Caedance Smith
12th Grade: Shalyn Barker, Emma Broom, Maya Cruz, Mattie Maney, Rocky Peebles

Appalachian State University

The Amanda Swimmer Spirit Award: Caedance Smith, Dawsin Bradley, Rocky Peebles

Cherokee Boys Club Braves

Achievement Awards

9th Grade: Nessa Smith, Chase Calhoun
10th Grade: Rachel Maney, Kensen Davis
11th Grade: Abigail Taylor, Joey Hornbuckle
12th Grade: Shalyn Barker, Jonathan Frady

Cherokee High School Class Awards

Film Production I: Tanis Esquivel
Film Production II: David Bushyhead
Intro to Engineering Design: Kensen Davis
Intro to Auto Service: Hunter Swayney
Auto Service I: Daniel Thompson
Health Science I: Emma Taylor
Health Science II: Aria Foerst
Foundations of Health Science: Suzi Gomez

Nursing Fundamentals: Mattie Maney
Health Occupation Leadership Award: Shalyn Barker
Agriculture Applications: Alvin Welch
Horticulture: Dustin Pheasant
Animal Science I: Zachariah Maney
FACS: Taiya Parra-Rubio
Accounting: Anna Bigwitch
Business Law: Alexandra Carlisle
Sports and Entertainment Marketing: Hayden McCoy
Entrepreneurship: Deonta Bird
Apparel and Design Production: Joseph Smart
Fashion Merchandising: Phoebe Rattler
Personal Finance: Aiyana Lambert
Leadership: Caedance Smith
Intro to Woodshop: Jacob Wallace
Woodshop I: Braylon James
Health and P.E. (girls): Dalaina Mills
Health and P.E. (girls): Laura Martinez
Health and P.E. (boys): Kensen Davis
Physical Fitness (girls): Leilaya McMillan
Physical Fitness (boys): Oz Swayney
Olympic Weights (boys): Kensen Davis
Gardner's P.E. Award: Destyni Johnson
Visual Arts I: Bayley Wright
Visual Arts II: Takota Sexton
Graphic Design: Autumn Greene
Yearbook: Jacob Wallace
Cherokee Arts and Crafts I: Shelby Solis
Cherokee Arts and Crafts II: Rhyann Girty
Cherokee Baskets I: Alitama Perkins

Cherokee Baskets II: Mahala Allison
Woodcarving I: Gage Welch
Woodcarving II: Luther Murphy
Spanish I: Destiny Mills
Spanish II: Rocky Peebles
Cherokee I: Emma Taylor
Cherokee II: Zoey Walkingstick
Cherokee Language Immersion: Roxi Bark
Earth and Environmental Science: Tahlaya Thompson
Biology: Emma Taylor
Physical Science: Anna Toineeta
Chemistry: Abigail Taylor
American History I: Jacob Wallace
American History II: Jacob Wallace
Civics: David Bushyhead
World History: Jayle Creson
English I: Bayley Wright
English II: Emma Taylor
English III: Zoey Hornbuckle
English IV: Rosa Reyes
Foundations of Reading: Brody Barker
Academic Prep.: Boie Crowe
Broadcast Journalism: David Bushyhead
WCU English 101: Destiny Mills
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Math I: Dalaina Mills
Math II: Anna Toineeta
Math III: Joey Hornbuckle
Math IV: Abbigail Space
Pre-Calculus: Rosa Reyes
OCS CHS Best All-Around 2020-2021: James Davis
LifeSkills CHS Best All-Around 2020-2021: DaQuan Jumper
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Fun Fact from the Editor:

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Shalyn Barker earns Park Scholarship

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

Cherokee High School (CHS) senior Shalyn Barker has been awarded the Park Scholarship, a four-year scholarship to North Carolina State University.

More than 2,200 students were nominated for this full-award, and Barker is one of just 39 students selected. Along with the financial benefits of the honor, Park Scholars are offered a host of resources to help them excel at the university. These include priority registration, unique seminars and lectures, and access the Park alumni network.

“The Park program, and the mentorship and the support and the opportunities that they have within themselves, that was something I was really drawn to. Then, having that smaller community. I wanted to go to a big school, but at the same time have that smaller sense of community. So, that was something I was really attracted to,” said Barker about her interest in applying.

She also said that NC State had been on her shortlist for schools, particularly its Department of Biological Sciences. Her plan is to major in biology and follow the steps to becoming a pediatric oncologist.

Barker said that the path to earning this scholarship took a significant amount of patience. There are multiple stages before getting selected for the Park. The initial application is all file submissions. Résumés and essays were sent in by the more than 2,200 applicants. From there, 400 students are named semifinalists and the first



Shalyn Barker, right, is just the second student from Cherokee High School to receive the Park Scholarship. The first was Cory Blankenship, who presented the certificate to her on Thursday, May 20. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

interviews are conducted. Only 120 students are picked as finalists and attend a ‘Park Weekend’ event, which was held virtually because of the pandemic. Final interviews and discussions occur before the final cut. The following week, the winners are called.

“It was very intimidating at first when I did the Park weekend and met all the other kids. Because they come from much larger cities. But, here at Cherokee, I feel like I’ve been provided with a lot of wonderful opportunities and things that make me stand apart and help me excel as a student. Hearing the opportunities they have and then talking with them, I realize I’ve had a lot more one-on-one experiences and specialized things here at Cherokee. So, I was very thankful for that,” said Barker.

Dr. Debora Foerst, principal of CHS, announced at Barker’s ceremony that she had also earned

the honor of being named the valedictorian of her senior class. Dr. Foerst consistently worked with Barker throughout the application process, often offering her time for mock interviews. She remarked that Barker stands out in one of the most impressive senior classes she’s seen come through CHS.

“I know that she was anxious through some of it. She’d get really nervous about some of her interviews and things like that. I know when we engaged in some of the mock interviews, she always answered intelligently. She was on point, she elaborated as she needed to. Those were also fun for me to participate in that way,” said Dr. Foerst.

Barker is just the second CHS student to be named a Park Scholar. The first was Cory Blankenship, who is now the Secretary of Treasury for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Blankenship was the Park alumni who spoke at

Barker’s ceremony and presented her with a certificate.

Blankenship said that the Park is a lot more than the financial piece, and the strongest asset is the unity you have with your class. “It’s not just the alumni network, it’s also having a group of students and faculty that you’re already familiar with when you get to a campus the size of NC State. Knowing that, at any given time, there could be 50,000 people on campus. So, it’s a culture shock coming from a small school to go into university like NC State. So, I think that the most important thing about Park is the sense of community that you have, and those connections that they have,” said Blankenship.

This is one of many honors that Barker has received over the last few years, but the COVID-19 pandemic has limited her ability to experience some of those achievements. She was selected to the Governor’s School of North Carolina and was set to attend last summer before it was inevitably cancelled. She said that staying focused with the shut down has been a challenge.

“It was difficult, but I just had to think of the bigger picture and the things that I want to do later on in life. Getting to come back to school, that really helped. Seeing my friends and things like that,” said Barker.

With restrictions continuing to lessen, it would seem the Raleigh campus will be fully open come August.

The now Park Scholar and valedictorian has just a few days before her graduation on Saturday, May 29 – a moment she admits will be bittersweet.

Honoring a Cherokee speaker

WCU honors former scholar Thomas Belt with doctorate of humane letters

CULLOWHEE – Western Carolina University Board of Trustees awarded Cherokee scholar Thomas Belt with its highest honorary degree, doctorate of humane letters, as part of its commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 15.

Belt, a Cherokee Nation citizen who speaks the western dialect of Cherokee, retired in 2018 as coordinator of WCU's Cherokee Language Program. His work to preserve and revitalize the Cherokee language and traditional culture have had profound significance, not only for WCU, but the region and nation as well.

"It just finally occurred to me how prestigious it is for someone like me to be honored in this manner," Belt said. "Even at this point I don't have words for it. The fact that I am being recognized for the work that I did humbles me because I was just doing the best that I could do with my colleagues. It is an extreme honor to accept this from the university."

Belt was raised in a Cherokee-speaking family in Rocky Ford, Okla. He later moved to the Eastern homelands in the early 1990s. He continues to live on the Qualla Boundary of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians where he first worked as a teacher in the Cherokee Central Schools.

As a teacher and scholar at WCU, he developed vital materials for teaching Cherokee language



Western Carolina University Board of Trustees awarded Cherokee scholar Thomas Belt with its highest honorary degree, doctorate of humane letters, as part of its commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 15. (WCU photo)

and prepared multiple cohorts of students to read, speak and teach Cherokee language themselves. He is most noted for his written and spoken works, and appearances in widely publicized documentary films that continue to be used by students, scholars and Cherokee community members.

In addition to his on-campus accomplishment, Belt worked closely with the American Philosophical Society and the Smithsonian Institution to develop and enact protocols for the treatment of Cherokee archival materials, in particular culturally sensitive materials in the Cherokee language. He also served as a consultant to multiple university programs, providing regular addresses and workshops at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Stanford, Yale, Duke and Wake Forest regarding the importance

and significance of indigenous languages and the worldview of Cherokee culture.

"Tom worked tirelessly to make WCU a more welcoming place for Cherokee and Native American students," said Kelli Brown, WCU chancellor. "These students had not always seen WCU as their place, in spite of Cullowhee's identity as a significant ancient Cherokee site and its proximity to the Qualla Boundary. With his help, we began to change, working to make Judaculla's place a true home for Cherokee and Native American students."

WCU is located near the ancient sacred Mother Town site of Kituwah and Belt has worked tirelessly to restore and preserve its history.

- Western Carolina University
release

**"The fact
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me..."
- Tom Belt**



IIM accounts earn higher interest

Dear Dr. Per Cap:

Why does my IIM account pay so much higher interest than my bank account? Isn't it basically the same thing?

Signed,
Loves Coffee

Dear Loves Coffee,

An IIM or Individual Indian Money account is a very unique

financial product that differs from a bank account in several key ways. For starters IIM accounts are available only to Native American people who have income from assets held in trust by the federal government. Lease income, grazing and range permits, mineral rights, land sales, and settlement awards are just a few examples of trust income.

IIM accounts, managed by the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration formerly known as the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, are short term investments and highly liquid. Meaning they can quickly and easily be converted to cash.

Over the past fifteen years IIM accounts have delivered about a 3 percent average annual return. That beats the heck out of a typical savings account at a bank or credit

union where current rates run as low as 0.15 percent. Spoiler alert – it takes almost 500 years to double your principal with a 0.15 percent annual percentage yield. And we wonder why so many people in this country struggle to save money – tsk, tsk.

The reason for the huge difference in return is because IIM funds are pooled with other trust monies into something called the U.S. Treasury Overnighter. No, it's not a sleep over at grandma's house. Although I sure do miss those big family breakfasts!

The Treasury Overnighter is an investment that matches yields on U.S. Treasury bills, a type of government bond that matures in four weeks. The collective power of over a billion dollars of Indian trust monies invested in higher yielding bonds are why IIM accounts earn a rate of return that blows regular bank accounts out of the water.

But, there's another big difference. Unlike a bank account a person can't deposit money into an IIM account earned from wages, salaries, side hustles, and other non-trust sources. The funds have to come exclusively from trust

income.

However, to take advantage of the higher returns a person can and should use an IIM account like a bank account if they have substantial trust income. They simply need to place a voluntary hold on the account. Otherwise funds are automatically dispersed when the account balance reaches \$15 or less depending on the type of trust income in the account. Once a voluntary hold takes effect the IIM account holder can receive disbursements any time either by check, direct deposit, or debit card.

For more information reach out to your local Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) Fiduciary Trust Officer or contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC) at 1-888-678-6836.

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By 1904, four non-Indian owned sawmills on the reservation (Qualla Boundary) provided Cherokee with much needed employment. Eager to continue development, the tribal council, amid mounting skepticism about its competence, spent considerable time negotiating sales of timber reserves. For all its attractions, the lumber industry had some troubling consequences. A largely unspoiled environment quickly gave way to an environmental degradation unimaginable in the nineteenth century; wage labor undermined the Cherokee's subsistence economy and traditional values; tensions mounted amid arguments over who could rightfully claim to be a Cherokee and share in the proceeds of timber sales. It also brought modernity that could be strangely counterproductive: the Indian Office stressed education for Cherokee youth, yet teenagers were leaving school to work. And finally, there was an ambivalence on the part of (federal) officials who appreciated industrial opportunities for their Cherokee wards but still believed that agriculture was their only viable long-term occupation.

Source: "Cherokee Americans: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in the Twentieth Century", By John R. Finger

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

Shiyo,

I would like to once again extend my gratitude to the Yogi Crowe board members for providing me with financial assistance during this past Spring semester. As universities across the country continue to rebound from the epidemic, I am grateful that I had financial reassurances from the Yogi Crowe Scholarship. I appreciate their attentiveness to checking in on my academic endeavors and the continued personal support I have received during these difficult times. I would once again like to thank YGS for all they have provided.

Sgi,
Jakeli Swimmer

Thank you from the family of Jeremiah "Pep" Locust III

The family of Jeremiah "Pep" Locust III would like to extend a long-overdue appre-

ciation and special thanks to our family and friends who helped during the turkey shoots and for all your support. Thanks to Delbert for getting everything ready and all the work he put into it. Thanks to Totsie for helping us cook. Thanks to grandma Nora for all the work you do to help. Special thanks to all the shooters and all of you who donated in some way. Thanks to the Vice Chief B. Ensley.

Jeremiah is awaiting his medical treatment down in Duke. Please keep him and all the family in your prayers. May God bless you all!

Gail P. Long
Katherine N. Panther

Thank you from the family of James Pepion

We would like to express our deep appreciation to all who prayed, fasted, and for the words of comfort during our great loss of our son, loving dad, brother, and uncle. We would like to thank Tim Melton, our pastor and

friend, for spiritual guidance and prayer, along with Eric Moore for the celebration of James' life and the home going of James to Heaven.

First and foremost, we would like to thank God for his love and grace upon each of us. Thank you to our family, extended families, and our church families for your love, prayers, and for being there for us. Thank you to the Wa Yo Hi Indian ball team and their families for their outpouring of love and support. Thank you to Bo and Kim Crowe, B and Libby Ensley, and Chelsea Saunooke, Tribal Facilities Dept., Cherokee Indian Police Dept. and NRE, and Emergency Management.

Please know we appreciate all who helped in any way. Sorry we can't list you all by name but know that we love you and pray God's blessings upon you.

God Bless you,
**Kirk, Ernie, Julius, Bitiste, Isabelle,
Duncan, Martin, Tyler, Kass, Kirk Jr.,
Kelly, and Kaycee**



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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

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With a bright moon coming up over Cherokee, this red-tailed hawk was hanging out on Friday May 21. The One Feather doesn't divulge the location of photos taken of protected species.
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Samuel "Frell" Reed for Wolfetown/ Big Y Tribal Council

Shiyo,
I am Samuel "Frell" Reed member of the Wolfetown/BIG Y Community.
*1985 graduate of Cherokee High School
* US Marine Corp Veteran
*former Law Enforcement Officer for 20 years
*Currently a Tribal Magistrate and small business owner; Reed Transport Service.
*Proud father of four children; Christopher, Kirk, Kalia, and Sara

Through my long career, I have worked with many Tribal programs, the legislative branch, the Tribal Courts, and have worked with various businesses on and off the boundary. I am ready to use my experience to help my community and my Tribe.

I chose to run for Tribal Council at the urging of community members who are disillusioned from recent decisions made by Tribal Council that basically ignored the opposition. We need strong leaders who will listen to the concerns of the people and make economic decisions for our Tribe as a whole and for the betterment of all of our people. I promise as your Council member to listen to all sides and vote the will of my constituents.

I would like to ask for your support and your vote to be the next Wolfetown/Big Y Council member. We are faced with so many huge issues that affect all 16,000 plus enrolled members, we must have strong leadership to lead us forward. I will be that for you.

Due to the pandemic, I have not been visiting homes. If you have questions or want to discuss my platform, please contact me at **828-736-3307 or 828-497-5349.**
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EBCI Program/Entity Announcements

Right Path Adult Leadership Program accepting nominations

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program (RP) is accepting nominations for participation in the 2021-22 program. This program is for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Participants will learn Cherokee history and culture and develop leadership competencies. Participants will meet two days per month, for 12 months, and will engage in case study work, classroom lectures, and experiential learning.

Candidates must be age 18 and over, have a high school diploma or GED. Knowledge of Cherokee

culture and/or experience in a professional environment is a plus.

Nomination forms can be found on their website at Right Path – Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (rkli.org) or by contacting Tara McCoy 359-5542 or tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com.

Deadline for submission: Letters of nomination will be accepted by mail, email, or in-person delivery, by 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 30 to the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Club on, Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, Attention, Tara McCoy, Right Path:

- Mail: Attention: Tara McCoy P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719. Must be postmarked on or before June 30.

- Email: tara.mccoy@cherokee-boysclub.com

- In-person delivery: Ray Kinsland

Leadership Institute at Cherokee Boys Club at 171 Boys Club Loop off of Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 (two-story building behind Cherokee Boys Club)

It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure receipt of his/her nomination form(s) on or before the deadline. Nominations are not a guarantee of acceptance into the program.

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program is a culturally-based leadership program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute. The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

Info: Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership specialist, 359-5542 or tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com.

- *Right Path Adult Leadership Program*

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):

Memorial Day Tournament: May 29-30

- \$10,000 cash prizes

- Registration deadline is Friday, May 28

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament: July 24-25

- \$10,000 cash prizes

- Registration deadline is Friday, July 23

Qualla Country Tournament:

Sept. 4-5

- \$20,000 cash prizes

- Registration deadlines is Friday, Sept. 3

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

Participants may purchase a Tribal Fish Permit online at www.fishcherokee.com or from a local permit vendor. Children ages 11 and under may participate in tournaments under a supervising adult's registration and fish permit. Legal fishing methods apply to everyone. Report fishing violations to 497-4131 (10-fish limit per day per permit holder which includes catch of children, catch must be kept separate, fly-fishing in ponds is allowed, re-releasing caught fish into ponds prohibited). Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Discarding fish remains anywhere other than trash bins is prohibited.

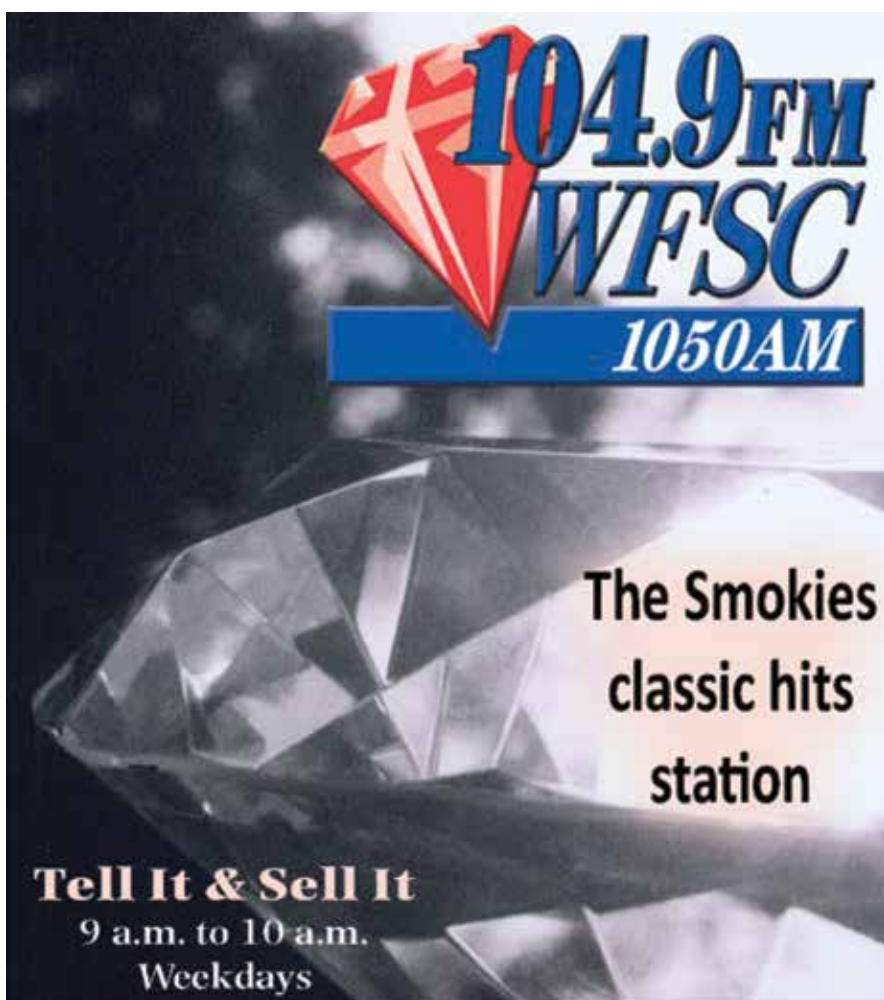
Info: www.fishcherokee.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/fishcherokee

- *EBCI Natural Resources*

Area Announcements

On-line course on parenting

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church, in partnership with Native Heart Community Development Association [NHCD], will implement a 16-week online Zoom course entitled R.O.A.R. [Restoring Our Authority and Rights]. The course assists Christian parents to equip their children to identify and challenge the cultural misrepresentations in society, and to defend their faith. The course will start June 2 and run every Wednesday evening at 7 pm at Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church, 135 Long Branch Road,



Cherokee.

The course can also be taken via Zoom live streaming. The course is free but you must register, and an invitation will be sent to you to click on a link to join the meetings.

For churches, home schoolers, or others who want to provide this course to their group, it is recommended to have a facilitator at your location who can use a list of guided questions which will be provided for discussion after each meeting.

To register, email nativeheart-cda@gmail.com.

- Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

National Park Announcements

Alan Sumeriski selected as

Smokies Deputy Superintendent

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent Cassius Cash announced on Monday, May 17 that Alan Sumeriski has been selected as the deputy superintendent. Sumeriski has served as the Facility Management Division chief since 2007, along with multiple detail assignments as the acting deputy superintendent in the Smokies and other leadership roles at the Washington and regional offices for the National Park Service (NPS). He steps into this permanent role with a tremendous amount of knowledge regarding ongoing issues and park operations, along with park partner and community relationships.

“Alan is a well-respected senior leader in the National Park Service with over 30 years

of experience in managing some of the most complex operations in the National Park Service and I’m honored to select him as the next deputy superintendent of the Smokies,” said Superintendent Cash. “As acting deputy superintendent, Alan has consistently provided strong and innovative parkwide leadership to help us meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.”

Sumeriski started his career as an engineering equipment operator at the Greenbelt Park and Baltimore-Washington Parkway in 1989. From there, he moved up the ranks and served across the country including leadership positions at Yosemite, Yellowstone, Cuyahoga Valley, and Olympic national parks. Alan’s career also includes two notable temporary detail assignments where he

provided leadership beyond park boundaries. He served as the acting deputy regional director for the Southeast Region for four months in 2014 and as the Chief of Facility Management for the Southeast Region in 2012 for five months where he oversaw park operations for 68 parks.

Sumeriski has received many awards for his leadership during his NPS career including the 2020 Facility Manager of the Year for NPS, the 2019 Facility Manager of the Year for the South Atlantic Gulf Region, and the 2010 Park Employee of the Year for Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He provides leadership for over 150 permanent and seasonal staff who care for 384 miles of roads, 146 bridges, 152 historic cemeteries, 27 water and sewer systems, 10 campgrounds, 11 picnic areas, 848 miles of trails, and over 100 historic structures and landscapes.

Sumeriski has also overseen major projects such as the completion of the Foothills Parkway’s “Missing Link” in 2018, construction of the Oconaluftee Visitor Center and Collections Preservation Center, \$100 million worth of infrastructure improvements through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds in 2009, and has recently helped secure funds for the rehabilitation of Park Headquarters, repaving of Cades Cove Loop Road, and safety improvements for one of the most heavily traveled roads in the NPS along Foothills Parkway Spur between Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge. He and his wife Kim live in Sevierville, Tenn. where they raised their two daughters Kasey and Alicia. They enjoy exploring national parks, traveling, and sharing the wonders of the outdoors with others.

- National Park Service release

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WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

MAY 24-30, 2021

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	May 4 and May 10	All Day.	Rainbow, Brook, Brown. All Day.	Hendrickson's, Light Cahill, Golden Stone, Sulphur Dun	Soft Hackle PT, Prince, Cooper John-Red, Girdle Bug, Midges, Golden Stone
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Hatchery Supported	Based on water temperatures.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Light Cahill, Sulphurs, Caddis	Golden Stone, Soft Hackle PT, Girdle Bug
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery Supported	Warmest part of the day based on water temps. Watch Tippet size.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Wild Brook Trout	Hendrickson's, Light Cahill, Golden Stone, Sulphur Dun	Soft Hackle PT, Prince, Cooper John-Red, Girdle Bug, Midges, Golden Stone, Black Ant, Tellico

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MONDAY, MAY 24	TUESDAY, MAY 25	WEDNESDAY, MAY 26	THURSDAY, MAY 27	FRIDAY, MAY 28	SATURDAY, MAY 29	SUNDAY, MAY 30
BETTER N/A	BEST+++ N/A	SEASON'S BEST 12:16 AM-2:16 AM 12:47 PM-2:47 PM	BETTER++ 1:18 AM-3:18 AM 1:50 PM-3:50 PM	GOOD 2:23 AM-4:23 AM 2:55 PM-4:55 PM	AVERAGE 3:26 AM-5:26 AM 3:57 PM-5:57 PM	AVERAGE+ 4:27 AM-6:27 AM 4:55 PM-6:55 PM

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COMMENTARY

Wow, that sure is a nice porch

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

We are painfully aware of our appearance. Well, most of us are. Okay, some of us are. Our appearance makes a statement about us. Many of us take a significant portion of our day washing, shaving, combing, deodorizing, accessorizing ourselves in some fashion. It is a matter of course every day. To different degrees and levels, we groom. A person may have the motivation of making a good impression on others; another may be making a personal lifestyle statement; and another may be mandated to look a certain way by their supervisor or the dictates of their profession. Looking good is in the eye of the beholder, each of us

with our own idea of what “looking good” is. And we are all very humble about our look. We may have worked hours on ourselves to get our representative look. When someone pays us a compliment, we say “Oh, I just grabbed the first thing, threw it on and ran out, but thank you for saying so.” I think some of us think that adding humility enhances the look we are trying to achieve.

The same is true of our homes. We all have different levels of interest in the way our homes look. Some are meticulous in their houses and yards. Men and women who take offense and wage war on dust and bugs on the inside of the home and bugs and weeds on the outside. Most folks don’t like clutter in their home or yards, and even if some of us have a little bit of hoarder syndrome, we will try to keep the clutter in sheds or somewhere out of site, especially when company is coming. People will buy crazy numbers of supplies and equipment to maintain a good-looking yard, for example. I know some folks who invest more money in their

lawnmowers than they do in their automobiles; homeowners will buy bag after bag of fertilizer, mulch, bug killer, weed and seed; bushels of hay; just the right yard fixture and just the perfect exotic plants for their yard surrounding their home.

Early during the COVID-19 outbreak, many of us were homebound, so-to-speak. At least, we were making sure we didn’t come in direct contact with many people or go to unfamiliar places where unfamiliar people might frequent. But the wife and I did drive around western North Carolina and the Qualla Boundary to take in the sights and sounds of nature (mostly because all the theatres were closed, which was a Saturday ritual that we had to give up for a time). One of the things that was very clear during our travels was that people in our neck of the woods love our decks and porches. It seemed like every other house we drove by had either a brand-new deck or had a porch in progress. It was like families, for the lack of anything better to do said, “Hey, let’s build a



DUYUGODV’I RIGHT PATH ADULT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 YEAR

Nomination forms can be found at www.rkli.org/right-path/

[Right Path – Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute \(rkli.org\)](http://Right Path – Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (rkli.org))

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Please see nomination guidelines and form for additional requirements and information.



porch!" Most of the work looked amazing, but all those new porches on some of those run-down houses just made everything look a little worse.

So, what does this have to do with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Qualla Boundary? Take a look around. When you have a minute, take a drive around the Boundary. We have talked a bit about the burned out and abandoned buildings, the dilapidated signs, etc., and the need for clean up and replacement. There is also the matter of unkept, unmaintained sidewalks and walkways. Grass and weeds pushing through and breaking up concrete walks, landscaping left without maintenance growing out of control with green areas around the tribal buildings looking like forests or uncut hay fields, and tree limbs going into greenway paths that have to be dodged like the walkers are on an obstacle course.

We have billed ourselves as a tourist destination for decades, dating back to the early 1950s. The Qualla Boundary, our home, is also our business. Our buildings, our walkways, our greenways, our river are our storefront. It is also our living room.

We are spending hundreds of millions of dollars on new building projects on the Qualla Boundary. A big beautiful new high-rise hotel, parking decks galore (on the casino property), youth center, school addition, and others. There is nothing wrong with these expansions, but the resulting highlighting of the unkept areas of our land is hard to swallow. As we bring these new structures online, it has the effect of building a shiny

new deck on a run-down shack. The new accentuates the lack of care on the existing.

Some of it, for now, is out of the government's hands, legally. As a government, we can't or don't want to tell landowners what to do with their property, even if it is an eyesore to our community.

Our leadership structure mirrors federal government in that we are a nation. Therefore, our Chief and Vice Chief equate to a president and vice president in the federal structure. But they also act as a mayor or county manager would in a town or county structure. The same is true for our Tribal Council, who equate to the federal Congress in stature, but they also act as county board of commissioners or board of town aldermen would in county or town government structures. So, the tribal government handles things of national import for our nation, as well as items of individual and community import as a municipality. The Tribal Council has the ability and flexibility to make enforceable law on the Boundary and the Executive Office can execute law here.

Why are we still dealing with decades long issues like dilapidated and burned-out buildings, poor municipal landscaping maintenance and deteriorating structures and walkways? We have great financial resources; the ability to augment workforce at-will; the ability to obtain and retain supplies, materials, and equipment far beyond most municipalities in the region, plus the ability to create any law that we need to clean up and upkeep our facilities, the grounds around them, and the roadside and riverside areas

of the Boundary. We can keep up with and hold accountable multiple contractors spending sizeable amounts of our resources for new buildings, but we don't have the labor and resources needed to keep our sidewalks in repair and to keep our landscaping maintained? Isn't it just as important to take care of what you already have as it is to build new? Why have we not seen legislation mandating provisions to either insist on landowners correcting issues with curb appeal or create remedies in law for billing and doing government cleanup of some sort?

We, as a community, need to ask our leaders to apply more time and resources to the problem of aging infrastructure, including maintenance of our river and roadsides as well as around where the community and the tourists do business with us. We need to examine the impact of building while not planning for ongoing infrastructure needs. As much attention needs to be paid to what we have as is to what we are building.

Many of those people who were building those "corona-decks" also bought deck wash, a pressure washer, and some wood sealant, to protect what they just built. And they will need to plan on buying more supplies year after year because that is the way they secure the structural integrity of the deck and it is how they continue to impress the neighbors and visitors with their deck. All I am saying is that, as a Tribe, we need to apply that logic to our day to day here on the Boundary. Let's care about our community like we do our bodies and our properties. A little grooming wouldn't hurt.



Are Coyotes Really a Threat in Suburbs?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I bought a house in the suburbs last month. My next-door neighbor warned me that there is a coyote in the area and not to let my cat outside. I've read that coyotes are very shy and won't bother dogs, and they aren't fast enough to catch a cat. Should I just ignore the warning? — *Pet Dad in Marlborough, Massachusetts*

DEAR PET DAD: Coyotes have made a comeback in the U.S. and are present in many suburbs and even in the city. While coyotes are less likely to attack larger dogs, they've been known to go after smaller dogs. And cats are not necessarily fast enough to escape, either. So, if the neighbors are reporting a coyote in the area, take heed. Don't let your cat or dog out in the backyard unsupervised.

Even if you have a fence around the yard, unless it's over 6 feet tall (and not all municipalities allow that height) it may not discourage a coyote from hopping it and nosing around.

Coyotes are mostly looking for food. They're opportunists. If there is cat or dog food left outside, for example, they'll eat it — and probably come back later, looking for more. This is one way that conflicts with coyotes (and other local wildlife) can start. If they have a reason to come onto your property to begin with, and then start to see your pets as another food source — you've got a problem.

To sum up:

- Supervise pets when they're outside. Stay out there with them.
- Don't leave their food or water outside unattended; bring it in each evening.
- Consider wildlife-resistant fencing to keep coyotes and other unwanted critters out of your yard.

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

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**One Feather Question
of the Week:**

The old Cherokee Elementary School site has remained dormant for more than 10 years. How should that property be used?

Diane Driver: Drive-in restaurant or movie

Janice Sutton: Something for our children to enjoy! Waterpark, playground, something for families

Rachel Chiltoskie: Huge playground/park. The only thing our younger people have is that little skate park or the arcade in the casino.

Casey Bird: Definitely something family-related

Bekka Montelongo: A nice playground for our children would be nice. Anything for our children would be nice.

Will Roberts: Anything but another failing waterpark. Cherokee doesn't need a water park because they won't be able to properly run it or staff it in this area.

Ashley Sessions: Do something like Pigeon Forge has – an indoor trampoline park with the obstacle course and arcade. Outside, on the same property, a go-cart track and some little rides – maybe even a big Ferris wheel. There is plenty of space, and this would be something for locals and will attract tourists!

Reggie Smith: Food truck court, park for kids

Laurel Cooper: It is one of the most valuable pieces of commercial property that the Tribe

owns. I agree we need things for our kids, but this piece should be income-producing due to its size and location.

Erica Pheasant Hull: Huge playgrounds/ park and a big walking track

Corie Brady: Yes, a playground and swimming pool for the kids

John A. Chastain: A public swimming pool with a retractable roof so our kids have something to do in the winter.

Shannon Ross: Open-air agriculture building – can use it for a variety of family-friendly events

Elizabeth Owl-Myers: Wouldn't a nice, long-term care center there be nice? The ability to sit outside and watch and listen to the river...

Shelby Owle-Arch: Outlet mall

Robert Washington: Housing

Zach Zach: Pass alcohol, and it could be used for good restaurants – Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse, Longhorn, etc. – or a mini outlet would be cool.

Kathie McCoy: A huge indoor/outdoor water park – and, don't forget the wave pool and gotta have an arcade, bowling alley, roller skate arena attached to the side. Move BIA on down-up the road around the corner somewhere.

James Soap: Build a casino on it.

Kerrie Freeman: Need something to help the homeless community or some type of rehabilitation center for addicts.

Tiff Panther: Whatever they do,

they need to let someone else run it. A playground would be great, a pool would be nice, a water park would be awesome....but, if the Tribe actually runs it, it will not last and will be ran down in no time. Look at all the facilities we do have that aren't taken care of.

Donnie Smith: It can't. Thel and has not been turned back over to the Tribe.

Tabitha Smith Brown: Put in a Rec. Center for these kids! Seems like the main focus is always on what is going to make money or some extra something for adult. We have more than enough! These kids need more than a skate park and a bowling alley that a lot of them can't afford to go to anyway! And, the ones that do go just get dropped at the front door of the MultiStar building. Why not a place they can have all year round that is safe, affordable, if not free for our enrolled children, with supervision?

Joshua Rory Welch: The question is, 'do we own it or does the BIA own it?' I think no. So, it will remain a grassy, unused field until then.

Greg French: Wilderness on the Rez water park/resort. Run a zipline down to it from Fire Mountain.

Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle: I would love to see an innovative, family friendly bike park for multiple skill levels (beginners-advanced) to capitalize on the success of our outdoor attractions. This could be a multi use property that serves both the local community and provides diversified economic development unlike anywhere around. Cherokee has

an opportunity to be a leader in this area instead of trying to just keep up with neighbors. It can be tailored to meet our specific needs and truly connect all of our natural and retail amenities.

Amy Marie: Something unique would be nice. Getting tired of every town in America being generic carbon copies of the next town over because of all the huge multinational chain restaurants and chain retail stores.

Dennis Burgess: Public outdoor pool, a giant one – like old school Goose Creek or the one they have in Sylva. I'll even volunteer to write a few rules.

Kim Sneed Lambert: We desperately need another grocery store. We are in a food desert. Not much fresh fruits or vegetables to choose from, no fresh salad bar, not much variety of food at all. The one we have mostly has chips and soda. Most days meat is limited. The produce looks awful and no diabetic-friendly foods. Not everyone can drive to Walmart or Sylva. Give us something that would benefit us all.

Keri Brady: An outlet mall so tribal members don't have to drive to Asheville to shop. Maybe some nice restaurants like a steak house – any nice restaurant...an entertainment complex.

Dallas J. Bennett: A hall of fame to showcase the accomplishments of all of our tribal members here at home and away from here.

Dawn Russell: Centralized Tribal Operations. Rather than drive all over the Boundary to get to different Tribal programs, centralize it in one spot. A two-story, half

circle building with Tribal Council house in the center. Have finance, water department, agriculture, all the housing programs, TOP, and any other program located within. That way if someone needs assistance, there is one centralized location. This cuts down on people's frustration chasing down programs, as well as cut cost for tribal employees driving back n forth between the various programs. Give Snowbird/Cherokee County an office in this as well so that they are able to be involved.

Sarah Bruneel: Housing, outlets, restaurants if we get alcohol passed; indoor games for kids/ all ages, like trampolines, indoor skating and more – things to do where we don't always have to travel to Asheville or Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg.

Rose McCoy: Do a mural on the wall. It could at least look nice.

Kathleen Burns: Part of it could be used for a homeless shelter. Affordable housing units – I would love to work with someone on a project. I wish we had this in Bryson. I could have my non-profit, the Giving Spoon, in it. Lots of potentials.

Gavin Groenewold: Indoor swimming pools and waterslides and water classes or dirt bike and four-wheeler tracks

Meadow Fern Mackenzie: Definitely another grocery store

Louise Parris: Water park would really be nice

Lisa Elizabeth: Farmer's Market if there's a place to grow locally...a tribe-oriented park, museum, educational setting for tourists

Vanessa Norton: A playground for the kids with water and slides and swings – stuff kids would be able to enjoy

Mystical Parker: Dispensary

Levi West: Huge bike park with amenities, merchandise, spectator area – something like the riveter only better. Doesn't have to be all bikes. Riverter also has rock climbing. If we're moving towards eco-tourism, that would be a great spot right by the Island.

Mollie Grant: We need a bicycle park. Expand on the success of Fire Mountain Trails.

Couney McNabb: Bring in some dinner show attractions like in Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge. Maybe an outdoor shop that sells/ rents recreational equipment/fishing gear. Maybe a nice putt putt golf with a Native theme. Some of it could be used for additional parking and pay for parking close to river. Might be a good place for a convenience store and a clothing shop and a couple restaurants.

Boyd Steele: Would be a great place for a park.

Michael Morris: They need something for kids to do – something like a smaller Pigeon Forge.

Orion Holmberg: Trade school

Rory Ward: A state-of-the-art drug rehabilitation facility

Katrina Maney: A park with basketball courts, tennis courts, children's playground, picnic tables, maybe a small theater that shows outdoor movies and Friday night storytelling

Kathi Littlejohn: Kituwah LLC was created to find and purchase business opportunities so the casinos are not all we have. So far, we have a profitable campground, another casino, and retail space past Sevierville Tenn. I'm not sure what else...I really, really, really want an artifact and document storage facility on that property so we can see and learn from our own past. Federal law requires archaeological surveys to be completed and items returned to EBCI. What do we do then, but turn our items over to them to be kept in Georgia. Let's be the keepers of our own history. Also, a complex could be built as a cultural heritage center that could house Kituwah Academy middle and high school, a nice place for language lessons, a studio for recordings, and demonstrations of all kinds, and a nice place not shared with anyone for the fluent speakers and the Speakers consortium, plus art exhibits and classes.

Maira George: An outdoor basketball court like the ones down in Hollywood, Fla. and a community pool

Jasmine Arch-Davis: A dog park

William Dover Jr.: Retail shops and more restaurants – Cherokee has very limited dining options, except those located in the casino. You need to think of the locals too. We need more employment opportunities and places to take our families to eat out.

David Wright: Marijuana grow/ dispensary

Dottie Roberts Lunsford: Housing

Nicki Darlinn: Restaurants or a big ol' affordable apartment complex

Bailey Littlejohn: Perfect for a smaller music venue so we could get other genres of music to come into town. I say this all the time. We need more music on the reservation. We have one local band and that's it. We need more. Some of us young people want something to do after leaving work and attending concerts here at home instead of traveling three hours to Atlanta or Charlotte would be wonderful!

Bela Moore: Outdoor pool or water park

Mary Maney: A big splash pad/ outdoor water playground – I have seen some amazing ones in various cities, but there aren't any of them in the general vicinity. It would bring people from nearby towns as well and would be a great thing for kids of all ages.

Cyndy Applebaum: Affordable housing for new and more employees

Dennis Watty: Tribal offices

Suzanne Terrell: Need activities for our young folk that is easily accessible and secure.

Cole Saunooke: Top Golf

Travis Climbingbear: New Fire Station and Training Grounds

Aaron Miles: A Top Jump type of attraction

Josh Smathers: Cherokee's first brewery with small restaurant riverside and a tour of the facility

SPEAKING OF FAITH

The old life and the new...

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Ephesians 4: 8-32

From now on, we are on our journey to Heaven. On this journey we must compare ourselves only to Jesus, not to others around us, so we can say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." He raises people up. It may not look like it yet, but we are on our way now, growing up in Him.

It helps to realize God doesn't have an enemy anymore. Since Jesus came to this Earth, and by how He lived, what He suffered, even before the crucifixion, and afterwards, Jesus has already defeated satan. Jesus 'wh-upped' hell! In verses 8 and 9, "He ascended on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men." Jesus, literally blessed us with the victory, leading them out as captives, so we get blessed, making us 'more than conquerors.' (If a boxer was chosen to fight in a million dollar match, he might win the match, but him taking the money home with him, makes his wife and family 'more than conquerors.' This is like what Jesus did for us.)

In verse 11, the 'gifts' are those people who have been placed around us who would be considered as apostles, pastors, prophets, evangelists and teachers, whom Jesus has called and directed to serve others, operating as such, within His Body, the Church. They are assigned this calling by Him for the perfecting of saints.

The spirits of the saints are made perfect at the time of salvation, by God. However, the souls of each person; their minds, wills and emotions, are now in a process of growth. Their bodies are a part of the process. Through their heeding, learning and training, they are both to come into a self-control and obedience.

The Agent-in-Charge of this much-desired, fully-cooperating, soul-changing adventure, is God, The Holy Spirit. He now resides within each new believer, at their own choice, and

accompanies them in the central core of each believer. The soul's, 'renewing of the mind,' salvation, as well as the originally desired body exchange, will all be fully complete at the 'set' time, known only by God, Our Father.

Sometimes, Holy Spirit's leading of us will be, by our hearing His voice, but mostly, we can follow His leading by a wonderful sensing of a Peace that settles on us as we receive an answer we have asked of Him. Or, He uses, by our sensing of something else, by a nervous reaction or an unease, a gentle jab, when He knows an immediate response is necessary. We need to ask Him to show us what's wrong or needs to be dealt with differently. His voice will at times be audible to us, or He can use a 'still, small voice', or a knowing felt within our core region. Many have called Him the 'Lower Knower' within us, as detectives or soldiers know and call this, a 'gut' feeling. Saved or not, ignore such a sign at your peril.

Many people feel their brain is washed clean. Let God work on you. Even Scripture calls this a 'washing with the Word.' Yes, the Holy Spirit desires to change the way we think, but it's for our good... After all, it's takes time

to stop cussing, swearing, or using bad words coming out of our mouths. It is a process to make kinder, gentler choices of words which encourage, giving better thinking and actions.

As a Pastor, I am not a thief or a reveler or anything, but God's still working on me. As long as we remain on Earth, He is still going to be working on all of us. After all, we are in the process of going from death to life, or from being broken to being mended while we are here. We need the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers to do the work of the ministry. The process teaches each person how to do the work of the ministry, and needs everyone in the whole church working together. Pastors have more responsibility in this process, so we can all come into unity together. Become a family not only a social club. God is at work on us because we are not here just to get saved, the race has only just begun. Maturing, studying, we are to be helping each other. Everyone has a calling, especially when the devil comes to interfere with or destroy a life. We do have an enemy.

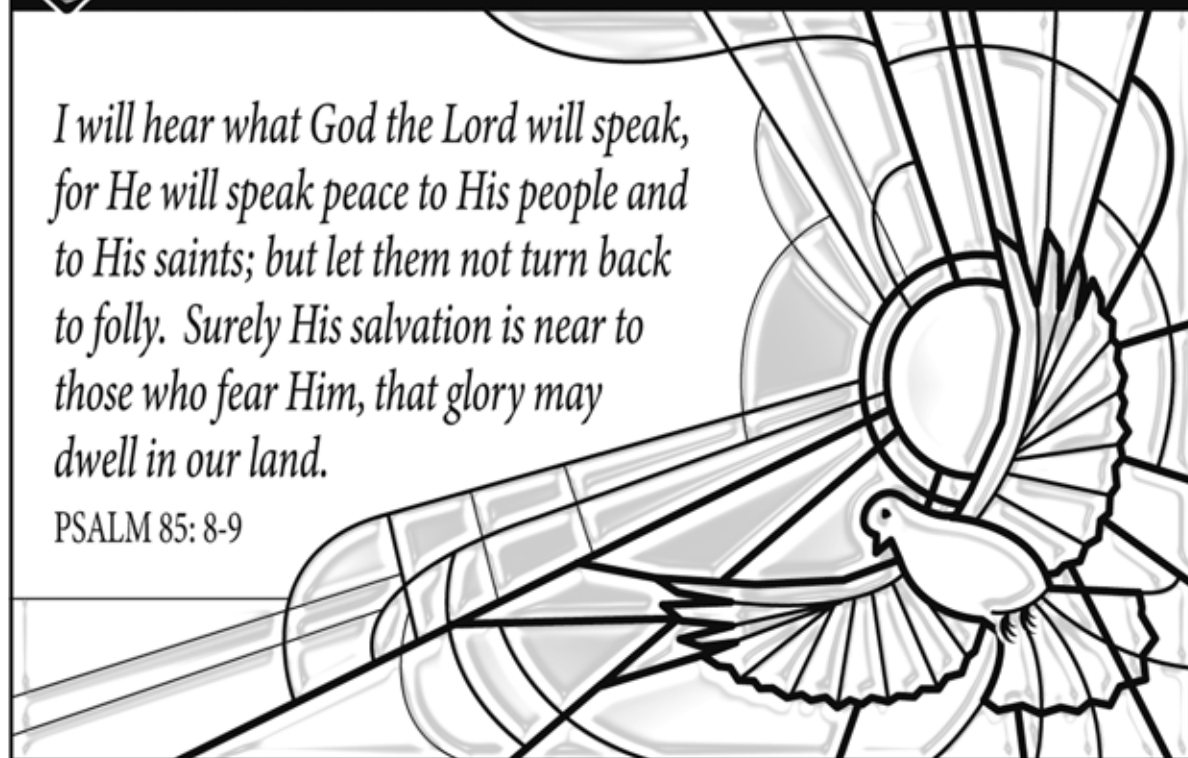
We have begun an amazing journey. Wherever we are, our journey is not over.



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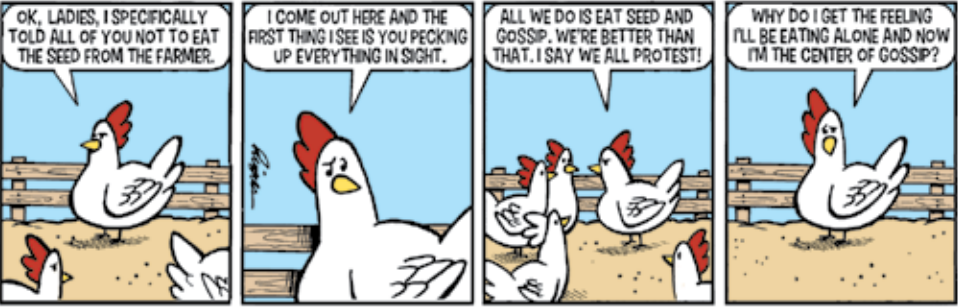
*I will hear what God the Lord will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people and
to His saints; but let them not turn back
to folly. Surely His salvation is near to
those who fear Him, that glory may
dwell in our land.*

PSALM 85: 8-9



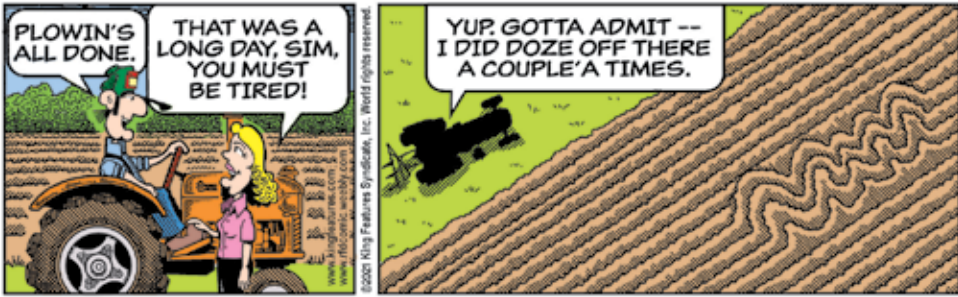
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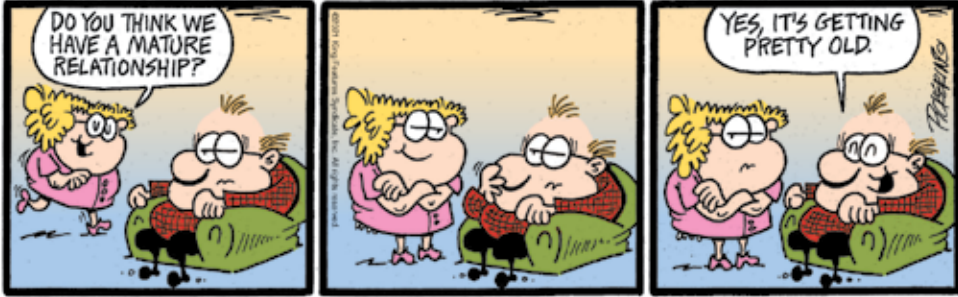
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

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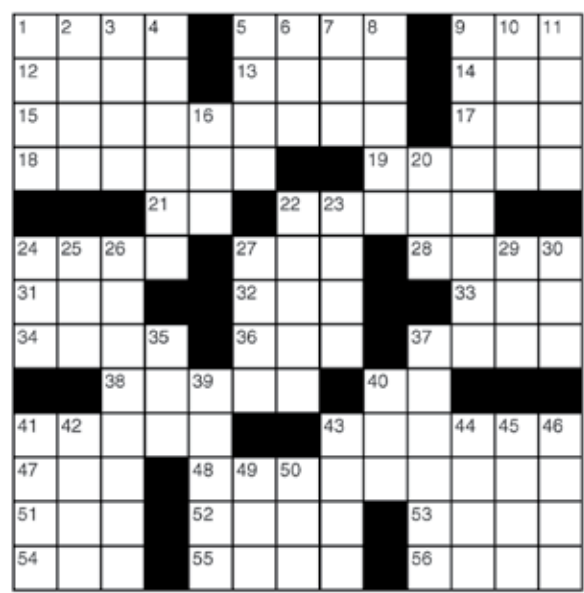
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Met melody
- 5 "CSI" settings
- 9 Apply cream
- 12 Fender bend-er
- 13 Gumbo need
- 14 Mode lead-in
- 15 Instrument panel
- 17 Homer's neighbor
- 18 Thread hold-ers
- 19 "Tiny Alice" playwright
- 21 "Heavens!"
- 22 Spud
- 24 Green gem
- 27 Church seat
- 28 Ken or Barbie
- 31 Glamorous Gardner
- 32 Shoe width
- 33 Teeny
- 34 Baseball glove
- 36 British "Inc."
- 37 — B'rith
- 38 Soil
- 40 Opposite of nyet
- 41 "Yippee!"
- 43 Vile
- 47 Ghostly greet-ing
- 48 Music group at a New Year's Eve party



- 51 Wall St. debut
- 52 Jacob's twin
- 53 Author Ferber
- 54 "A mouse!"
- 55 Peel
- 56 Optimistic
- 8 Nasser's suc-cessor
- 9 "The Da Vinci Code" author
- 10 Out of the storm
- 11 Ordered
- 16 Journalist Nellie
- 20 Started
- 22 Pearly whites
- 23 Dumbstruck
- 24 Bread spread
- 25 Bird (Pref.)
- 26 Appointment tracker
- 27 Hide
- 29 Meadow
- 30 Tiki bar neck-lace
- 35 Eastern path
- 37 Sweeney Todd, for one
- 39 Actress Winona
- 40 Female hare
- 41 Theater award
- 42 Aspiration
- 43 Gulf War mis-sile
- 44 Pedestal part
- 45 Hostels
- 46 Crucial time
- 49 "— was say-ing ..."
- 50 Indian bread

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Lydia in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From 1 Corinthians 11, Paul said women should have a symbol of authority because of ___? *Life, Trust, Love, Angels*
- 3. In Acts 10, who said, "Not so, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean"? *Herod, Peter, Thomas, John the Baptist*
- 4. From Hebrews 7, who was the only king said to have neither mother nor father? *Solomon, David, Melchizedek, Sargon*
- 5. Whose four daughters were considered prophetesses? *Gad, Philip, Jonah, Noah*
- 6. Which biblical name means, "God has helped"? *Solomon, Paul, Lazarus, Amos*

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patience.com/triviaguy.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed the Louisiana Purchase?
- 2. MOVIES: Which 1960s movie featured the theme song "Foggy Mountain Breakdown"?
- 3. ADVERTISING: Sailor Jack and dog Bingo are the mascots for what snack?
- 4. SCIENCE: When was the International Space Station launched?
- 5. U.S. STATES: I-75 runs between which upper Midwest state and Florida?
- 6. TELEVISION: The long-running TV drama "ER" is set in which U.S. city?
- 7. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase, "aut viam inveniam aut faciam"?
- 8. INVENTIONS: When did the FDA approve the first oral contraceptive in the U.S.?
- 9. HISTORY: The ancient city of Rome was built on how many hills?
- 10. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition known medically as pyrexia?

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HAPPENINGS

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov.

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Bingo Fundraiser for CALL (Cherokee Adult Language Learners) group. June 11 at 6 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym. All proceeds will go to the group for travel to Tahlequah, Okla. Games, fun, prizes. Hot dog and hamburger dinners and other concessions. 50/50 raffle winner will be announced. Goods and crafts for auction. Info: Amy Postoak 226-2643 or Amber Ledford 736-7565

Fundraiser for CALL (Cherokee Adult Language Learners) Group. June 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym. All proceeds will go to help the CALL group travel to Tahlequah, Okla. Yard Sale – tables available for rent (\$5/each), lawncare items, tools, tons of baby

items and clothing, household items (pots, pans, décor), clothing and shoes (kids, men's, women's), books, CDs, movies, and electronics. Bake sale – tabled are available to rent (\$5/each), homemade pies, cakes, cookies, bean bread, chestnut bread. Indian Tacos start serving at 11 a.m. Call-ahead orders are welcome, dine-in, or take-out. Dessert and drink included (\$10 per order). Info or to reserve a table: Amy Postoak 226-2643 or Amber Ledford 736-7565

CHURCH EVENTS

Vacation Bible School. June 13-17 at Cherokee Baptist Church. Bible study, classes Pre-K to adult, recreation, crafts.

CULTURAL 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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sweet Summertime Market. June 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the

Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Many local and area vendors including lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

SUPPORT GROUPS

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




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How do you say that in Cherokee?

Agitsi dudoa
(My mother's name is)

Agidoda dudoa
(My father's name is)

Note: These words are from the first book provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative in 2019.




All parts of the dandelion are edible and healthful. Its roots contain inulin and levulin (which balance blood sugar) and taraxacin (which helps digestion) and can be eaten raw or cooked. Its leaves are rich in potassium, antioxidants, and vitamins A and C, and can be eaten raw, steamed, boiled, sautéed or braised. The flowers can be added to salads, made into jellies or used to make wine.

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WANTED

Motivated buyer looking to purchase 3-5 bedroom home preferably in the Yellowhill community or on the Qualla Boundary in Swain County. Would also be interested in the purchase of land (at fair market value) for 5-10 acres or complete parcel(s) in the: Yellowhill Community: #211, #239, #401, #448, #450. Or with Right of way access: #565, 579, 563, 408-B. Birdtown Community (3,200 Tract): #113-B, #233-B (Walker Cove Rd.), and Tribal Reserve between BIA Rd. 548/Settaco Rd and Parcels #111, #112-D, and #233B. If interested, please call 828-736-6989 and please leave a message if I'm unable to answer. 6/9

In search of someone to bead grass dance regalia. Contact 736-1767. 5/26

YARD SALES

Rummage sale. June 4 and 5 at Cherokee Outpost (building in front of Quality Inn Hotel) on 441N Cherokee. Two leather recliners; dresser; kitchen table with four chairs; rugs; comforters, spreads, and linen; clothes galore, all sizes; store fixtures, showcase, counters, slat wall fixtures; and sofa beds. 497-9427 or 226-0994. 6/2



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you would prefer to move forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things finally can calm down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You keep an open mind on most matters, making you the confidante of choice for people who need your honest counsel.

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Closing Sunday, May 30, 2021

1. Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
2. Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
3. Driver – Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
4. Heavy Equipment Operator – Tribal Construction – Operations (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
5. Emergency Management Specialist – Emergency Management – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
6. Carpenter – Facilities – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
7. Site Supervisor – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
8. Legal Services Attorney – Legal Assistance Office – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)

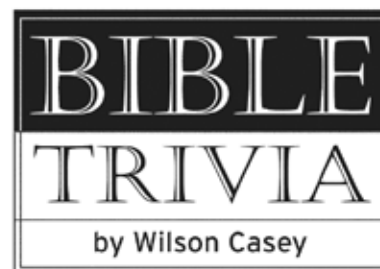
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1. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
2. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
3. FT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour)

**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 Aquoni 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.

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Angels; 3) Peter; 4) Melchizedek; 5) Philip; 6) Lazarus



1. Thomas Jefferson
2. "Bonnie and Clyde"
3. Crack Jack
4. 1998
5. Michigan
6. Chicago
7. I shall either find a way or make one
8. 1960
9. Seven
10. Fever

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

A	R	I	A	L	A	B	S	D	A	B
D	E	N	T	O	K	R	A	A	L	A
D	A	S	H	B	O	A	R	D	N	E
S	P	O	O	L	S		A	L	B	E
J	A	D	E		P	E	W		D	O
A	V	A			E	E	E		W	E
M	I	T	T		L	T	D		B	N
O	H	B	O		S	O	R	D	I	D
B	O	O			D	A	N	C	E	B
I	P	O			E	S	A	U	E	D
E	E	K			R	I	N	D		R

— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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



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

Service Department
Seasonal Mowing Crew
Laborers

Agelink Childcare
FT – Teacher's Aide
FT – Lead Teacher
FT – Custodian
Open Until Filled

**Bus & Truck
Department**
PT School Bus Drivers

Children's Home
PT Resident Counselors

Snowbird Childcare
Full Time Teacher Assistant (2)
Food Manager
Lead Teacher



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, May 27, 2021

EVS Technician

Closing Thursday, June 3, 2021

PTI Behavioral Health RN

PTI Radiology Technologist

Patient Registration Clerk (Grant Funded)

Open Until Filled

Certified Nursing Assistant – Emergency Room

Dental Assistant II (Multiple)

Dietary Services Supervisor – Patient Side

EVS Technician

Finance/HR Administrative Assistant

Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center

Masters Level Therapist – Juvenile Justice

Mast Level Therapist - Kanvwotiyi

Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded) Adult/Anal-
lenisgi

PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient

Senior Accountant

Targeted Case Manager – Integrated Classroom

Tsali Care Center

Open Until Filled

Certified Nursing Assistant (Starting Pay \$14.36 – Re-
tention Bonus Eligible)

Certified Nursing Assistant (Part Time Intermittent)

Certified Nursing Assistant (Part Time Regular) (Start-
ing Pay \$14.36 – Retention Bonus Eligible)

Cook

Cook Aide

Director of Nursing

Licensed Practical Nurse

Personal Care Assistant/CNA

Registered Nurse

Registered Nurse Supervisor

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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Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older and have a valid driver's license. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2021, Caesars License Company, LLC.

EMPLOYMENT

Now seeking applicants for part-time Front Line Associates at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian.

Hiring both weekday and weekend positions, starting at \$10/hr. Must be friendly and organized; previous retail experience a plus. Please come by the Museum Box Office for an application. **5/26**

EBCI ALCOHOL

LAW ENFORCEMENT

has the following job available: Alcohol Law Enforcement Office Administrator

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Thursday . This position will close 6/3/21 at

4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of TABCC application. **5/26**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-042

In the Matter of the Estate of Darlene French Defoe

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS

FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Roberta Ann French
PO Box 672
Whittier, NC 28789
5/26

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-041

In the Matter of the Estate of Lynda Mae Saunooke

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

Marion S Taylor
96 Dave Taylor Road
Cherokee, NC 28719
5/26

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-108

In the Matter of the Estate of Jackie Lee Rattler

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

Bring back summer and our traditions: Get vaccinated.



Find a vaccination appointment near you at MySpot.nc.gov.

Let's get back to the people and places we love this summer. Getting your safe, effective and free COVID-19 vaccine will protect you and others. Millions of people have already taken it—and the only lasting side effect is getting everyone back together.



NC DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

Elsie Rattler
168 Elsie Rattler Road
Cherokee, NC 28719
5/26

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-040

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Tracey Lee Saunooke**

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

Marion S Taylor

96 Dave Taylor Road
Cherokee, NC 28719
5/26

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-095

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Perry Dean Sequoyah**

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

Houston Hornbuckle
PO Box 2288

Cherokee, NC 28719
5/26

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-035

**In the Matter of the Estate of
James Robert Miller**

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

James Robert Miller Jr.
241 Sawyer Street
Waynesville, NC 28786

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-047

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Lillian Crowe**

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

Melvin Crowe
165 Super Crowe Road
Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-051

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Phyllis Irene Ashenfelter**

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

Joseph Eagleman III
69 Newberry Drive
Sylva, NC 28779

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BIDs, RFPs, etc.

**The Public Health and
Human Services Division
(PHHS) seeks competitive
proposals**

for a contracting agency to complete a Needs Assessment for Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. This firm will conduct a needs assessment, service evaluation, and gap analysis on current workforce, training, housing, and caretaking services available to EBCI individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

For more information on the scope of work and access to the complete RFP contact Aneva Hagberg by June 4, 2021 Phone: 828-359-6191 Email: anevhagb@nc-chokeee.com **5/26**

NOTICE

The EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources is proposing an amendment of administrative rules pursuant to Cherokee Code Sec. 113-1(c), 113-2, and 150-4. The amendment is

MISSING PERSON

Bigbear Wyatt Male

Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma

Missing Age: 15 years Current Age: 15 years

Height: 5'8"-5'11" Weight: 130-160 lbs

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Last Known Location: Ponca City, Oklahoma

Date of last contact: December 10, 2020

Case created: May 14, 2021

Circumstances of Disappearance: Missing from Tribal Land. Primary residence on Tribal Land. Juvenile runaway. Mother came and picked him up from guardian's home in Harrah, Oklahoma. They travelled back to Ponca City and that is his last known location. Wyatt possesses an active pick-up order issued by the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma District Court

If you have information as to the whereabouts of David Williamson, contact the Kickapoo Tribal Police Department at 405-964-5941. Kevin Stoll, Patrol Sergeant. Agency case #2020-00225.

Source: www.namus.gov



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proposed to clarify the application requirements for the EBCI hemp regulatory plan. This amendment addresses applicants with a USDA farm number. Written comments may be mailed to the EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Attn: Joseph Owle, P.O. Box 1747, Cherokee NC 28719 or emailed to joeyowle@ebci-nsn.gov. The period for public comment is 20 days from the publication of this notice. A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held on June 10, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM, at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office, 876 Acquoni Road, Cherokee NC 28719. **5/26**

Project Title: In-Stream Restoration Construction Services

The Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians Natural Resources Department invites qualified contractors to submit a proposal for each on-going stream restorations within the Qualla Boundary. You are invited to submit a firm, all-inclusive bid for SocoCreek and Wrights Creek separately. Contractors must have 5 years of experience, or more, constructing in-stream restoration projects, has had to complete at least one in-stream restoration project within the last 2 years and must show a 100% success rate for past projects. All bids must be submitted no later than 11:00am June 27th, 2021

Objectives
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Natural Resources Department and project partners of AECOM are working cooperatively to restore stream habitat affected by bank scouring within

two separate locations. For each site location, project objectives are to increase bank stability, build in-stream structures to minimize velocity, and increase stream habitat on tributaries feeding into the Ocunaltsee including Soco Creek and Wrights Creek. Project work under this RFP includes project team meetings, materials acquisition and delivery (large wood with root-fans, boulders, spawning gravel), project construction (large wood placement, large wood structure construction, floodplain shaping, boulder and gravel placement) and site restoration (riparian revegetation). Project team meetings (project development/technical approach, project inspection, budget development) are anticipated to occur during project duration, materials acquisition and delivery is anticipated to occur

in July, project construction is anticipated to occur July 12th – October 4th 2021.

Proposal packages should be addressed to Mr. Rose at the address above and must be received by 11:00 AM, June 27th, 2021 at which time bids will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. **6/16**

ATTENTION:

Classified listings for items under \$25,000 are **FREE** of charge. Message your items to us on the One Feather Facebook page or email them to Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov.



Tired of being locked down?

**Tuesday - June 1st
Birdtown Comm Club**

Dinner at 5pm

Cyndi plans to give a brief speech at 6

Watermelon for dessert!

**Cyndi Lambert
Birdtown
Tribal Council**

Let's get together and share some food, some talk and good company with friends and family!



In accordance with CDC Guidelines: If you have not yet received a full vaccination for Covid or are feeling signs or symptoms of any illness you must wear a mask.

Political Ad

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 ***
Wolfstown 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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NO MORE

PHYSICAL ABUSE

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

RESOURCES:

The National Domestic Violence Hotline | www.thehotline.org

The National Sexual Assault Hotline | www.rainn.org

The National Dating Abuse Helpline | www.loveisrespect.org

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



POW WOW

JULY 2-4, 2021 **CHEROKEE, NC — ACQUONI EXPO CENTER**
OLD CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL

GRAND ENTRIES

FRI: 7pm • SAT: 1pm & 7pm • SUN: 1pm

ADMISSION

Admission/Ticket Price: \$15/Day
Cash Only Purchased at the Event

HEAD STAFF

EMCEE: Rob Daugherty (OK)
ARENA DIRECTOR: Shannon Ross (NC)
ARENA DIRECTOR: Keith Sharphead (SK)
DANCE JUDGE: Will Tushka (NC)
DANCE JUDGE: Pat Pocheco (OK)
DRUM NO. JUDGE: Joel Wood (AB)
DRUM SO. JUDGE: Perry Cheevers Toppah (OK)

REGISTRATION: NO EXCEPTIONS!

Registration: Friday Noon-7pm
Saturday 9am-Noon

Gates Open: Friday 5pm
Saturday & Sunday Noon

Dancer Registration: \$15
Drum Registration: \$100
Point System Begins on Friday at Grand Entry

No Drugs/Alcohol • Not Liable for Accidents and Stolen Property • No Pets • Schedule Subject to Change Without Notice

NORTHERN DRUMS

The Boyz (MN)
Crazy Spirit (MI)
Bird Town Crossing (NC)
Eagle Feather (IA)
Medicine Tail (AL)
Starr Society Singers (MT)

Northern Singing Contest

1st \$9,000 • 2nd \$7,000
3rd \$6,000 • 4th \$5,000
5th \$4,000 • 6th \$3,000

Over All Drum Championship: \$3,000
49's: \$1,000 • Hand Drum: \$1,000

EVENT & VENDOR INFO

Daniel Tramper - (828) 399-0835
dtramper@gmail.com

FOR MORE INFO

Cherokee Welcome Center
498 Tsali Blvd. Cherokee NC 298719
travel@nc-chokeee.com • 1-800-438-1601

NO ATM AVAILABLE ON SITE

SOUTHERN DRUMS

Wild Band of Comanches (OK)
Blazing Bear (OK)
Southern Slam (NM)
Wild Birds (OK)
Cozad (OK)
Soldier Creek (OK)

Southern Singing Contest

1st \$9,000 • 2nd \$7,000
3rd \$6,000 • 4th \$5,000
5th \$4,000 • 6th \$3,000

OVER \$150,000 IN PRIZES

Must be Federally Recognized or First Nations
People & show affiliation representation
in order to receive prize money.

Men's Golden Age Combined (55+)
Women's Golden Age Combined (55+)
Sr Adult (35-54) • Jr Adult (18-34)

Women's No. Trad., Jingle, Fancy, No./So. Cloth, So. Buckskin
Men's Traditional, Grass, Fancy, Straight, Chicken
1st \$1,000 • 2nd \$800 • 3rd \$600 • 4th \$300

Teen Boy's Traditional, Grass, Fancy (13-17)
Teen Girl's Traditional, Jingle, Fancy (13-17)
1st \$250 • 2nd \$200 • 3rd \$100 • 4th \$50

Junior Boy's Traditional, Grass, Fancy (6-12)
Junior Girl's Traditional, Jingle, Fancy (6-12)
1st \$75 • 2nd \$50 • 3rd \$25 • 4th \$15

Tiny Tots (5 & Under) Exhibition Day Money

SPECIAL CONTESTS

Red Dress Jingle: \$1,000
Golden Age Men: \$500
Golden Age Women: \$500
Team Dance: \$500
Cowboy Hat & Boots: \$500
Sweetheart Dance: \$500
3 Draw of Hat: \$500 each

