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- Wolfstown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke in speaking about Tribal Council approving due diligence funding involving a possible casino purchase in Indiana



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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, and all of Tribal Council took part in the groundbreaking. Shown, left to right, are Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Vice Chief Ensley, Chief Sneed, and Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown.

OPPORTUNITY OVER THE MOUNTAIN

EBCI breaks ground on 200-acre project in Tennessee

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SEVIER COUNTY, Tenn. – Leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and Sevier County have broken ground on a new 200-acre ‘mixed-use’ development site at Sevierville’s Exit 407.

A ceremony was hosted on Tuesday, Nov. 10 to launch the joint project between the Tribe and the county. The land was purchased in 2019 by the EBCI for \$13.5 million, and the Tribe entrusted the planning of the project to

the Kituwah, LLC.

The site is located just off I-40 between Knoxville and Asheville and sits about one and half hours from the Qualla Boundary. It will be an ongoing project that will look to be the ultimate road trip stop. Plans for specific businesses are not yet finalized, but the location will house a number of retail businesses, attractions, restaurants, and other entertainment. These will be paired with an enormous stretch of gas pumps and a travel center. A completion date for Phase One of the project has not been released, and when asked OE Experiences stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has made specific construction projections difficult set.

Mark Hubble, chief executive officer of the Kituwah, LLC, said that it’s been a smooth

process so far.

“The city and county made it relatively easy. I was told that if we’d been in other counties it might’ve been much more difficult. They’ve been very gracious...They prepared all of this. It has been shockingly productive,” said Hubble.

When discussing with his staff and the Tribe about how to use the land, Hubble said that they landed on this idea because of the type of plot and the high level of traffic in the region.

“It really came to the top because of the location of it. Because this is the busiest intersection on I-40, at least in this state, and for a long way on I-40. So many visitors pass that intersection across the street that it made a natural fit for a stop along the destination,

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- Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed

whether that destination is here or is further in towards the Smokies.”

Hubble said that getting a project like this started in the current climate is a big relief, and that he is looking forward to next steps in the process.

“It’s satisfying. Primarily because in this environment, it was really important to get something that would do well regardless of how long this pandemic were to last...I thought it might be more difficult than it was in terms of acquiring key tenants during such a trying time, but it has not been as difficult,” said Hubble.

On the Sevier County side of operations, they have tasked the handling of the lot to OE Experiences, a local development consulting firm. Matthew Cross, chief executive officer of OE Experiences, said that this is a mutually beneficial for several reasons. He says the Sevier County has a heavily tourism-based economy, and that this project could to really boost that economy.

“That means jobs here for local community members. It means new businesses being able to establish, it means revenue for these local governments. As a business owner, Kituwah, LLC stands to economically benefit. A successful project means more money for the developer, Kituwah, which



Mark Hubble, chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC, and Sevierville Mayor Robby Fox reveal the plans to the audience.

of course more opportunity for new investment. Or, for co-development partners to see how well Kituwah is doing and join in,” said Cross.

Cross has experience working with the Tribe before, and he said that his company and Sevier County is very excited to be working with the EBCI.

“The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are an incredible group. I’ve had the pleasure of interacting with the Tribe in many different ways. I actually worked at the Casino many, many years ago. So, the Tribe means a lot to me. As a local, I feel like we’re in the rare position to serve as a bridge builder. To help represent the Tribe’s interests and to help represent local government’s interests,” said Cross.

In attendance as well was all of the EBCI’s Tribal Council mem-

bers, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed.

Chief Sneed said that this is huge step for the Tribe in both a short-term and long-term perspective. He said that he is proud of the work that has been demonstrated by the Kituwah, LLC, and that this is the exact type of work that was expected when it was initially formed. He also said that his was thrilled with the support that Tribal Council and Executive have shown together towards projects like this.

“The reality is everybody who has ever run for office in the last 25 years has said the same thing, ‘we need economic diversification’. And, it is this Council and the Council before it that approved the Kituwah, LLC...they approved the ordinance to create the LLC and then funded it. Then, this seated

Council here has given them the seed money need to make projects like this happen,” said Chief Sneed.

The idea presented by both the Tribe and Sevier County was that this will be a project that continues to grow in scale, and more offerings will arise with time and increased revenue.

“Most important, what needs to happen, is our people need to understand economic development like this, this is just phase one. We need more of this. Because of the simple fact that the monopoly we’ve enjoyed in gaming the last 23 years, it’s going away. That’s a reality. Decisions we make now, or the decisions we don’t make now will determine what our new economic reality will be three years from now, five years from now, and beyond,” said Chief Sneed.

Post 143 hosts modified Veteran's Day Celebration

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The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 held a Veteran's Day Celebration at the Cherokee Veterans Park on the morning of Friday, Nov. 13. Due to COVID-19 precautions, the event was not open to the public, and it was held on Friday instead of the traditional Nov. 11 date due to inclement weather.

At the start of the program, Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer, commented, "The eleventh hour, the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, 1918, came the conclusion of a global war referred to as 'The Great War', 'The War to End All Wars'. Over 40 million combatants and civilians perished.



Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer, opens a Veteran's Day Celebration at the Cherokee Veterans Park on the morning of Friday, Nov. 13.

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That was the war to end them all. 20 years later, two decades, came World War II an even more horrific war than we had experienced. This year is the 75th anniversary of the ending of World War II - followed by the Korean War just a few short years later, followed by the Vietnam War, followed by Desert Storm, followed by Iraqi Freedom, followed by the war in Afghanistan, and today, the conflict still persists.”

He went on to state, “In World War II, we had a number of men and women that answered the call. Korea, men and women from Cherokee answered the call. Vietnam, and up to the present day, our men and women always answered the call of the armed forces of this great nation. That is a warrior spirit. And, when they returned home, they resumed their daily lives. But, never forget, they are changed forever. They will never be as they were when left - these young men and women.”

Dupree read the names of 12 members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who served their country and whose names were added recently to the monument at the Cherokee Veterans Park including: Jack Raymond Walkingstick, David Holland, Dale Edward Wolfe, Randall Scott Crowe, Troy Duane Gleason, George Ed-



Norma Adonna, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, sounds “Taps” at the conclusion of a Veteran’s Day Celebration at the Cherokee Veterans Park on the morning of Friday, Nov. 13.

ward Goings, Jefferson Marshall Saunooke, Franklin Delano Owl, William Smith Jr., Jimmy Eugene Moody, Dennis Ray Junaluska, and Clarence Albert Murphy.

Murphy’s name was added to the section honoring those who were killed in action. PFC Murphy, U.S. Marine Corps, served aboard the USS North Carolina during World War II. “During the

Battle of Okinawa, during hostile action, his life was taken,” Dupree stated. “His name has never been entered on the monument, but we are proud to share with you today that his name is etched as ‘Killed in Action, World War II’. His name will be spoken from this day on, and he will be honored with those other tribal heroes whose names are on the obelisk of the

monument.”

PFC Murphy was wounded on April 6, 1945 and died 10 days later. He was buried at sea.

Following the reading of names, the Post 143 Color Guard performed a 21-gun salute and Norma Adonna closed the event with “Taps”.

Cherokee One Feather **TSALAGI MINUTE**



Nimrod Jarrett Smith served as Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from 1880-91. According to ncpedia.org, “At age 25, he enlisted in one of the Cherokee companies of the Confederate Legion organized by William Holland Thomas, a white trader among the Cherokee, and served as first sergeant of Company B, Sixty-ninth North Carolina Infantry, until the close of the Civil War.”

Later, as Principal Chief, “In an effort to protect the Cherokee, Chief Smith employed attorney Fred Fisher of Bryson City to draw up an act of incorporation (such as businesses used) for the Eastern Cherokee Indians. The act was ratified in March 1889 and a state charter was issued providing that ‘the North Carolina or Eastern Cherokee Indians, resident or domiciled in the counties of Jackson, Swain, Graham, and Cherokee, be and at the same time are hereby created and constituted a body politic and corporate under the name, style, and title of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, with all the rights, franchises, privileges, and powers incident and belonging to corporations under the laws of the state of North Carolina.’ Thus the North Carolina Cherokee became a corporation and adopted corporate procedures and regulations as their legal system.”
- Source: ncpedia.org

Principal Chief Nimrod Jarrett Smith
(Smithsonian Image/Public Domain)

How do you say that in Cherokee?

500 - hisgigwa
600 - sudalisgwa
700 - galigwogisgwa
800 - nelisgwa
900 - sonelisgwa

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

Council approves due diligence funding for potential Indiana casino purchase

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is looking into the possible purchase of the Caesars Southern Indiana casino. Tribal Council approved funding during its regular session on Thursday, Nov. 12 to pay for various due diligence endeavors prior to purchase.

Caesars Southern Indiana opened in 1998 outside Elizabeth, Ind. under the name Caesars Indiana and includes a 503-room hotel and 110,000 square feet of gaming space including table games, a sports book, and 1,650 slot machines.

Council passed the legislation, submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, which states, "...the Tribe and Caesars Entertainment, Inc. have signed a letter of intent expressing the Tribe's desire to potentially purchase the Southern Indiana casino being sold by Caesars if the parties can agree on terms for the transaction...the letter of intent states that for 45 days from the date Caesars signed the letter Caesars will work exclusively with the Tribe regarding the potential transaction and will not entertain offers from other potential buyers."

The legislation states that the due diligence required prior to purchase will be around \$500,000. "...the Tribe must hire subject matter experts to examine the financial and legal details of the casino and all the engineering, structural, and environmental aspects of the facility", the resolution states.



Public domain image

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is looking into the possible purchase of the Caesars Southern Indiana casino shown in this photo from 2016.

In addition, \$10.11 million will include "unavoidable costs such as regulatory licensing fees, debt financing fees, insurance and other costs". A total of \$150,000 will be used to pay for "local legal counsel in southern Indiana" and \$1.5 million will be paid to the law firm of Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, and Schreck - a firm currently under contract with the Tribe. The legislation notes that the \$1.5 million will be used "to pay monthly invoices for work actually performed by that law firm through the date of closing of the purchase".

During discussion on the issue during Thursday's meeting, Chief Sneed stated, "What we're purchasing is cash flow - a business with a known amount of cash flow and a known return to the Tribe. The vetting process includes a major audit of their books. We've been shown the books, but we will actually have an outside auditor. So, part of that due diligence is to get an outside audit before the purchase. An engineering firm will inspect the property to see if

there are any major issues with the structures - with the building, parking decks, anything involved. All of that would be inspected."

He likened the purchase to a person purchasing a home and hiring a home inspector. "We're having everything looked at from top to bottom, inside and out - IT systems, structural systems, financial systems, the revenue. Every last thing is going to be vetted before we sign on the dotted line."

Wolftown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke commented, "This is a major investment, and I think that part of what this is going to do is basically let us know if it is a good investment for the Tribe or not. And, I think this is a good vetting system to have in place and something that I've been advocating for for awhile...It's a good way to vet a future investment for the Tribe."

Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahneta made the move to pass the legislation and said, "We're not purchasing the property right now. This is just to do our due diligence to make sure that the property is

everything they claim it is."

He added, "I think this is a good start to make sure that we don't make a bad decision on this property if we decide to buy it. This is not giving Chief permission to buy this property. It's just us doing our due diligence."

Chief Sneed stated that the process is new to the Tribe. "It's new to us because we're used to green field projects where we own the dirt and we start the project and we build from the ground up. We've never had to go through this process before because we've never acquired an existing casino before."

He noted that the Tribe has had a "monopolistic run for 23 years" with its gaming enterprise and spoke of the need for more revenue diversification within the Tribe. "We're painfully aware that that's going to come to an end, and the decisions that we make now or don't make now will determine where the new normal is on the downside. We've had 23 years of all up-side...We're looking for long-term stability and sustainability and being able to fund these programs in perpetuity."

Voting on the resolution went as follows: For - Wolftown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke, Painttown Rep. Tommie Saunooke, Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Chairman Adam Wachacha, Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahneta, Cherokee Co. - Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell; Against - Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe; Abstain - Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose.

Painttown Gym and Community Center to be re-named in honor of Pam Taylor

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The Painttown Gym and Community Center will be re-named in honor of the late Pam Taylor who dedicated her life to Cherokee youth. Tribal Council passed unanimously Res. No. 291 (2020) during its regular session on Thursday, Nov. 12 that approved the re-naming.

“This is a great moment,” Driver Blythe, Taylor’s nephew who submitted the resolution, told the One Feather following the legislation’s passage on Thursday. “My aunt, Pam, was without a doubt one of the most beloved women in this Tribe, and everybody misses her. My family has felt a missing piece since her passing back in May of this year, but the outpouring of support and love from the community has managed to make us smile.”

He added, “The overwhelming support from the Tribe just shows how important she was to everybody. I am glad to have been her nephew, and my family is incredibly thankful for this resolution to be passed. Along with Pam, I am



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo
The Painttown Gym and Community Center, shown in this photo from Friday, Nov. 13, will be re-named in honor of the late Pam Taylor who dedicated her life to Cherokee youth.

glad that Kool-Aide, a close friend of Pam’s in the Rec. Dept., will be honored with the Wolftown Gym being named after him. They are both deserving, and I know the Tribe misses them every day.”

The resolution states in part, “Pam Taylor worked for the Painttown Community Recreation Center for newly 20 years during a time when the Center

was run-down and drafty and was often found giving and providing food and funds to the numerous children, coaches, and others who passed through its doors. Pam Taylor was one of the instrumental parties who pushed for and assisted in the planning, building, and opening of a new gym and community center which celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug.



Photo contributed

Pam Taylor

4, 2015.”

An alumnus of Mars Hill University where she ran track and played softball, Taylor was a member of the NAYO (Native American Youth Organization) Athletic Board.

Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah commented during Thursday’s discussion on the resolution, “Pam and I were classmates, and she’s always been a great person...it didn’t matter whose child came into the door of the gym or any gym that she was at, she loved them just like they were her own.”

“Red Clay, Tennessee, became the capital of the Cherokee Nation in 1832 after Georgia laws made it illegal to hold council meetings at New Echota. The Cherokee National Council met at Red Clay through the fall of 1837. In 1984, when the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation from Oklahoma met together in council for the first time in nearly 150 years, they met at Red Clay, now a state park.”

-Dr. Barbara Duncan and Dr. Brett Riggs, “Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook”

EBCI 2021 Tribal Election information

It is time to start registering to vote if you have turned 18 since the last election. If you have moved communities, you need to update your card to be registered in that community.

Registration will close on Friday, May 7, 2021 and will reopen on June, 7, 2021.

If you need to register to vote or make changes to your voter registration, you will need your ID and you may call your Election Board member who can meet you to let you register.

Birdtown Community:

Denise Ballard 736-0286

Painttown Community:

Shirley Reagan 331-8252

Big Cove Community:

Margaret French 497-3022

Wolftown/Big Y Communities:

Pamela Straughan 736-2047

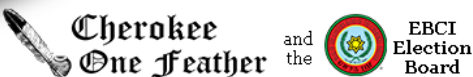
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Roger Smoker 735-4959

Yellowhill Community:

Annie Owens 497-4041

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Time for a hike

Park celebrates Trillium Gap Trail Project completion

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials celebrated the completion of a two-year trail rehabilitation project on Trillium Gap Trail on Tuesday, Nov. 10. The 6.7-mile Trillium Gap Trail is one of the most popular trails in the park leading hikers to Grotto Falls and Mt. Le Conte. The trail was reopened a few days ahead of schedule following work completed by the park's Trails Forever crew, American Conservation Experience Conservation



NPS photo

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials celebrated the completion of a two-year trail rehabilitation project on Trillium Gap Trail on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Corps, and volunteers.

“Year after year, the Trails Forever crew transforms highly used, highly eroded trails into trails that will stand

the test of time,” said Superintendent Cassius Cash. “Their work exemplifies the mission of the National Park Service by protecting these special places for the enjoyment of future generations.”

The trail crew rehabilitated targeted segments along the trail to improve overall trail safety. They rehabilitated the tread surface, reduced trail braiding, and improved drainage systems to prevent further erosion. There were several areas along the trail where erosion and small landslides had damaged significant sections, making the trail difficult to follow. The crew installed 681 steps through steep corridors, constructed 224 square feet of retaining walls, dug 525-linear feet of drainage ditches, created 378-linear feet of elevated trail surfaces, installed 51 drainage features, and placed over 538 native stones along the trail to create a durable, sustainable trail corridor. Trail improvements have not only made the trail safer for visitors, but also for the LeConte Lodge llamas which use the trail weekly to haul supplies to the summit.

Trails Forever is a partnership program between Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Friends of the Smokies. The Friends have donated over \$2 million to support the program, in part through the generosity of the Knoxville based Aslan Foundation. The Trails Forever program provides the opportunity for a highly skilled trail crew to focus reconstruction efforts on high use and high priority trails in the park including Rainbow Falls Trail, Alum Cave Trail, Chimney Tops Trail, and Forney Ridge Trail. The program also provides a mechanism for volunteers to work alongside the trail crew on these complex trail projects to assist in making lasting improvements to preserve the trails for future generations.

In 2021, the Trail Forever crew will begin a rehabilitation project on the popular Abrams Falls Trail among other critical trail work across the park on trails such as the Noah Bud Ogle Nature Trail, Oconaluftee River Trail, and Fighting Creek Nature Trail. Due to the rehabilitation process on Abrams Falls Trail, a full closure will be necessary for the safety of both the crew and visitors. The Abrams Falls Trail and associated parking areas will be closed May 10, 2021 through Nov. 10, 2021, excluding federal holidays, on Monday mornings at 7 a.m. through Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. weekly. The trail will be fully open each week on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

For more information about the Trails Forever program, please visit <https://home.nps.gov/grsm/getinvolved/supportyourpark/trails-forever-volunteer.htm>.

- National Park Service release

**CIPD Arrest Report for
Nov. 1-8, 2020**

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.

Welch, Benny Lee - age 57
Arrested: Nov. 2
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Betty, Ari-ben - age 39
Arrested: Nov. 3
Released: Nov. 4
Charges: Domestic Violence Special, Assault on a Female

Everhart, Scott Edward II - age 25
Arrested: Nov. 3
Released: Nov. 5
Charges: Obtain Property False Pretense, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Larceny

Radford, Hunter Allen - age 20
Arrested: Nov. 5
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense

Smith, Kathy Susan - age 46
Arrested: Nov. 5
Released: Nov. 5
Charges: Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance

Catt, Mattie Jean - age 36
Arrested: Nov. 6
Released: Nov. 6
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Driver, Edward Daniel - age 50
Arrested: Nov. 6
Released: Nov. 7
Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Driver, Edward Daniel - age 50
Arrested: Nov. 7
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Hornbuckle, William Richard - age 37
Arrested: Nov. 8
Released: Nov. 8
Charges: First Degree Trespass

**Cherokee Nation announces
new plan to explore the history
of Cherokee Freedmen**

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. announced on Saturday, Nov. 7 a new plan that will explore the history of Cherokee Freedmen. The goal of the plan is to provide a better understanding of Cherokee Freedmen history and enhance how those voices are represented within the Cherokee story.

“Cherokee Nation is a better nation for having recognized full and equal citizenship of Freedmen descendants,” said Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. “Cherokee society will be further enriched, and the cause of equality enhanced, by celebrating Freedmen history and art as part of a whole and complete Cherokee story.”

In 1863, Cherokee Nation passed an act to abolish slavery in the Cherokee Nation, and later those freed slaves and their descendants were granted “all the rights of native Cherokees” through the Treaty of 1866. A federal court and the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court declared in 2017 that descendants of Freed-

men are full Cherokee citizens under the law.

The Cherokee Freedmen Art and History Project is slated to begin in January 2021 and will harness continued conversations and collaboration with Cherokee Freedmen community advisors to elevate the voice of Cherokee Freedmen.

The project will include comprehensive research for historical materials, references, documents and images, as well as an assessment of current interpretations at all tribal sites. Cherokee Nation will utilize the assessment to identify gaps in its representation and storytelling, and develop new content that shares the Freedmen perspective throughout tribal history.

The collaborative content will help educate tribal citizens and the general public through special projects, including a feature exhibit at the Cherokee National History Museum in 2022.

Chief Hoskin also signed an executive order on equality, reiterating Cherokee Nation’s commitment to equal protection and equal opportunity under Cherokee law. The order directs the tribe’s executive branch to determine whether barriers to equal access to services exist, to remove such barriers, and to establish plans for outreach to Cherokees citizens of Freedmen descent.

“I appreciate Cherokee Nation’s commitment to equality for all citizens and commend Chief Hoskin on his efforts to reach out to Cherokee citizens of Freedmen descent. Telling the Freedmen history is a wonderful thing,” said Cherokee Nation citizen Marilyn Vann, president of the Descendants of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Chief Hoskin announced

the Cherokee Freedmen Art and History Project and the executive order on equality at the Descendants of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribe’s virtual conference on Nov.9.

- Cherokee Nation release

Good Housekeeping

Five-Ingredient Stuffing

A quick and easy stuffing if you need to make Thanksgiving dinner in a flash!

- 1 package (14 to 15 ounces) cubed seasoned stuffing mix
- 1 can (14 to 14 1/2 ounces) chicken broth
- 4 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1 package (7 ounces) mixed dried fruit, chopped (1/4 cups)
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

1. Heat oven to 325 F. Place stuffing mix in 13- by 9-inch glass baking dish.
2. In 3-quart saucepan, combine broth, margarine, fruit, pepper and 1 1/3 cups water; heat to boiling over high heat until margarine melts. Pour over stuffing mix; toss to coat.

3. Bake stuffing, uncovered, 30 to 40 minutes or until heated through and top is browned.

TIP: Brands of stuffing vary. If you like a moister version, drizzle with a little extra water or chicken broth.

• Each serving: About 165 calories, 4g total fat (1g saturated), 4g protein, 29g carb., 3g fiber, 515mg sodium.

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Braden Taylor signs with Belmont Abbey

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Braden Taylor, a senior at Cherokee High School (CHS) and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has signed a letter of intent to wrestle next year at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The official signing took place in the Charles George Memorial Arena on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 11.

“It’s a big achievement for me,” he said following the signing adding that his parents wanted him to go to college and succeed in life. “That’s what I’m going to accomplish right now.”

He plans to major in personal finance at Belmont Abbey. Taylor has also set some wrestling goals for when he arrives, “My first goal is to make it on the team and make the starting line-up. I want to start as a freshman and hopefully qualify for the NCAA tournament.”

Taylor took fourth place in the 160lb. division at the 2020 IA West Regional Meet, second place in the 2020 Smoky Mountain Conference Meet, and first place in the Chief Osley B. Saunooke Memorial Tournament.

“I know you’re going to do great things,” Craig Barker, CHS assistant principal, said to Braden as he spoke during the event. “I am excited for you going to wrestle, but, most importantly, I am excited for you to get that education. You come from a great family, and



Braden Taylor, center, a senior at Cherokee High School and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, signs a letter of intent on Wednesday, Nov. 11 to wrestle next year at Belmont Abbey College. He is shown with his parents, Katrina and Bill Taylor.

I expect you to be a tribal leader one day and represent our school and your family in the right way and I know you will. We’re just very proud of you, and I’d like to congratulate you and your family.”

Bill Taylor, Braden’s father, said, “The last six years has been tough on him. He’s been getting up at 6 o’clock in the morning,

running three miles, working out, lifting weights while the rest of his friends are still in bed. All of the hard work is paying off. He didn’t eat Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas dinners - cutting weight, six or eight pounds in a day or two.”

He added, “I think we need to support all of our kids and push them to get an education. I think

I’ve raised a smart, strong Cherokee man who is going to come back one day and do good things for our people here on the Reservation.”

The Belmont Abbey Crusaders wrestle in Conference Carolinas which is NCAA Division II.

“Kill the Indian and save the man.”
- Captain R.H. Pratt in 1879 at the opening of the first Native American Boarding School

NCHSAA sets mask mandate for volleyball players

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

With sports across the state of North Carolina starting back on Monday, Nov. 16 following months of shutdown due to COVID-19, volleyball players will have to add another piece of equipment to their uniform - masks. NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association) officials announced the move on Friday, Nov. 13.

“All of us have been waiting for this day for eight long months, and we are looking forward to the start of competition in volleyball and cross country on Monday,” Que Tucker, NCHSAA commissioner, said in a statement. “We are excited to once again be able

to provide competitive learning opportunities for student-athletes under the NCHSAA umbrella in North Carolina.”

On the mask issue, she noted, “With the recent and continuing rise in COVID-19 numbers across the state, and upon advisement from the Governor’s health advisors, DHHS, and the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC), the NCHSAA Board of Directors implemented a mask mandate for all individuals involved in indoor skill development activities as well as volleyball practice and contests. We believe that this is a necessary and safe step to control the spread of COVID-19 in our programs.”

Tucker explained part of the reasoning for the move. “Currently, after two weeks of practice,

several volleyball teams across the state are in quarantine and will not start their competitive seasons on time due to COVID-19 exposure. With approximately 400 volleyball teams and nearly that number of cross country teams actively participating across the state at this time, we believe it is our responsibility to do all we can to keep this number as low as possible. The mask mandate for all indoor skill development activities is the most effective way we currently have to mitigate the risk of infection while allowing opportunities for athletic participation to continue.”

According to information from Cherokee High School (CHS) Athletics, a total of 25 home fans will be allowed for each of the home middle school, junior varsity, and varsity matches. While fans are being allowed, the matches are not open to the public as the fan passes will be distributed to families of the players themselves. “At the conclusion of each match (i.e. middle school, junior varsity, and varsity), the fans watching that particular contest must exit the arena to allow the next team’s fans to enter,” states information from CHS Athletics. Fans will be required to wear masks as well to all volleyball matches.

Each match will be live-

streamed on You Tube with specifics to be announced soon.

The mask mandate does not apply to cross country runners. Fans will be limited for this as well. “Due to ongoing campus construction, we will only be allowing 25 home fans - no visiting fans will be allowed.”

A total of 25 season fan passes will be sold for home cross country events with priority going to the parents/guardians of the CHS runners.

The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians approved a public mask mandate last month which would apply to fans for cross country meets.

“We are asking our coaches, student-athletes, and administrators for their continued vigilance and cooperation in these measures, including making sure to properly social distance during skill development sessions and adherence to the mask mandate,” Tucker said. “We all must do our part. It is our hope that by taking these steps now to get COVID-19 under control in all athletic programs, that we give ourselves a chance to offer competitive opportunities in all other sports at their designated times for this school year.”



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ENCAMPMENT DAY

Museum of the Cherokee Indian hosts
18th century exhibition

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

Tyra Maney, Museum of the Cherokee Indian Atsila Anotasgi cultural specialist, tends to a fire roasting pumpkins containing apples, brown sugar, spices, and nuts during the Museum's Encampment Day exhibition on Saturday, Nov. 14.



Armando Basulto, left, speaks to visitors and describes his 18th century trader's camp. His trader's blanket, above, shows some of popular items of the day that were traded.

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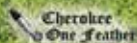
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Cherokee High School 1st Quarter Honor Rolls

9th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Creedon Arch, Chase Calhoun, Jayle Creson, Madison Ledford, Laura Martinez, Evan Nations, Taiya Parra-Rubio, George Saunooke, Ann Toineeta, Bayley Wright

Alpha Honor Roll: Evonne Stamper

Beta Honor Roll: Roxi Bark, Brody Barker, Ericka Brady, Taliyah Eaglestar, Dalton Ensley, Mato Grant, Ezequiel Martinez, Kaesyn McCoy, Ezra McGaha, Alitama Perkins, Emily Swayney, Olivia Swayney, Tahlaya Thompson, Hermione Ward

10th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Mahala Allison, Jensen Davis, Autumn Greene, Braylon James, Hayden McCoy, Alexis Smith, Nessa Smith, Emma Taylor

Alpha Honor Roll: Kaniah Reed, Ellise Stamper, Avlin Welch

Beta Honor Roll: Dominyk Arch, Catherine Cline, Adia Frady, William Hartbarger, Terrell Locust, Mason Long, Jaelyn Lossiah, Zechariah Maney, Aida Martinez, Alessandra Martinez, Lilah Reynolds, Destiny Siweumtewa

11th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Donald Bradley, Vivian Ross, Takota Sexton, Chandler Shelton, Caedance Smith, Abigail Taylor, Keeifer Taylor

Alpha Honor Roll: Kegan Curtrice, Aria Foerst, Makala McGaha, Alayna Morgan, Luther Murphy

Beta Honor Roll: Jordan Arkansas, Kyanna Brady, Lucian Davis, Malakai Fourkiller-Raby, Joseph Hornbuckle, Gabriel Jarvis, Mylisa Mathis, Phoebe Rattler, Donna Thompson, Danasia

Toineeta, Praire Toineeta, Jacob Wallace

12th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll:

Anthony Allison, Shalyn Barker, Emma Broom, David Bushyhead, Bryanna Disoso, Jonathan Frady, Destyni Johnson, Da'quan Jumper, Aiyana Lambert, Teja Littlejohn, Dreyton Long, Destiny Mills, Rocky Peebles, Caden Pheasant, Dustin Pheasant, Rosa Reyes, Dakota Siweumtewa, Naomi Smith, Abbigail Space, Zoey Walkingstick, John Watty, Emma Wolfe, Trent Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Alexandra Carlisle, Maya Cruz, James Davis, Ayden Evans, Mattie Maney, Hunter Swayney, Braden Taylor, Jensen Thompson, Tariq Underwood

Beta Honor Roll: Eeyannah Catolster-Sexton, Dawson George, Rhyan Girty, Kalista Luther, Adam Reed, Maria Reyes, Tamika Shell

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from family of Charles Wolfe

I just want to take a few minutes to thank a few people that helped our family during our time of sorrow. First off I want to thank Tribal EMS, Harris Regional Hospital, Memorial Mission Hospital, all the staff that helped care for my dad, Teresa McCoy, Donna Wolfe, Patricia Trampler for the food yall fixed for my dad before his stay in the hospital, B and Libby Driver Ensley, Big Cove Free Labor, Chief Richard G. Sneed and staff, Granny's Kitchen, Paul's Family Diner, everyone who sent flowers, everyone who sent prayers, everyone who called text or messaged, Pastor Ann French, Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church, and Crisp Funeral Home. If we have forgotten anyone I want to apol-

ogize it wasn't intentional. Once again thank you all so much.

The Family of Charles Wolfe

Thank you for support during illness

I just want to thank everyone for the love that has been shown to us while having COVID and sickness. I love our community and how everyone comes together to help someone in need. Being quarantined is no fun, but our people made it worth it. Eva wants to thank all the people that came by to visit from a distance and dropped goodies off to her, especially during Halloween when she couldn't go out. She got more than enough candy and treats. I want to thank the Contact Tracing team for checking on us - especially to Kristina Hyatt and Mary Jo Taylor. These ladies went above and beyond and we appreciate their work and for checking up on us. To everyone that brought delicious food, we can't tell y'all how much we appreciated it. It helped us out tremendously! Thank y'all for the prayers, texts, calls, and positive vibes. It meant so much to us, and I will definitely pay it forward when the time comes. Lastly, I just want to say to practice the three Ws! I can't stress that enough. We're thankful our symptoms weren't as bad as they could've been, but it was enough to knock us down for a few days. Please keep everyone and yourself safe!

Sgi,

Dean, Mariah, and Eva

Turkey Shoot. Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Both events are benefits for Brothers in the Wind. COVID-19 virus prevention measures will be followed. Good fun, good prizes, good benefit.



Spend Thanksgiving Cuddled Up With Pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: This summer, when we thought the pandemic was easing up, my husband and I made plans to visit his family in Georgia for Thanksgiving. Now, we've canceled those plans due to the new wave of infections. I was quite sad about it for a while, but I realized that this is an opportunity to spend time with our pets, something we rarely get to do during a busy holiday.

For the first time in a decade, I will not be boarding our two Golden Retrievers, Arlo and Woody, so we can fly south to visit my mother-in-law, who's allergic to pets. Our two cats, Jinx and Star, won't have to stay at my friend's house across town.

Our house will not be filled with visitors and guests in the days after Thanksgiving. The annual post-Thanksgiving cookout that my husband hosts the weekend afterward, when I'm out shopping for Christmas gifts, is canceled, as well.

Instead, we'll be snuggled up on the sofa, with our dear pets all around. I will do most of my shopping online. We'll visit with friends and relatives on FaceTime and Zoom.

I realize that for the first time, instead of dreading the holiday season with all of the stress of catering to family and friends, we will be focusing on simple joys. I am thankful for that. These are difficult times, but in the midst of it all, we can stop and just hug our pets and feel love and joy. I hope your readers feel the same way. — Carol M., Canton, Ohio

DEAR CAROL: You've encapsulated just how I feel about the holidays this year. Thank you for sharing it with us, and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

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

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Native American Heritage Month



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OBITUARIES

Kimberly Natasha Owle

Kimberly Natasha Owle, 27, of Bryson City passed away after a brief illness, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020. She was born on Nov. 13, 1992, in Sylva to Charlene Owle.

She had an Associate of Applied Science degree and worked

as a Certified Nursing Assistant I & II, and was Medical Technician Certified. Kim enjoyed 4-wheeling, bear hunting, and fishing.

Kim will be dearly missed by her loving mother; children, Darious Diaz, Jenisis Diaz, Venus Diaz; significant other, Joseph Diaz; siblings, Aaron Levi Owle, Little Joe George, Christian Calderon, Mar-

cello Calderon; uncles, Kenneth Owle, Michael Owle, David Owle; great-aunts, Kina Bradley Sharon Littlejohn; nieces and nephews, Holston, Delilah, Kailen; cousins, Jolynn Welch, Veronica Bradley, and Carrie Davis.

She was preceded in death by her child, Jehleo Diaz.

Pallbearers: James Edwards,

Jason Bradley, Cody Owen, Dave Coulter, James Gylone, Chey Arneach.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, Nov. 15 at Bradley Family Cemetery, Tooni Branch Rd., Cherokee, with Rev. Dwayne Bear Lambert and Rev. Coy Adams officiating.

#throwbackthursday Photos Wanted



The One Feather is seeking historical and family photos to feature weekly in our #throwbackthursday posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Send your photos to Scott at scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com, text to 788-6908, or message them to us on Facebook.

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Images from Museum of the Cherokee Indian

Cherokee Natural Resources seeking bear harvest info

The bear season is now open and will run through Dec. 31. Hunters play an essential role in collecting management information for sustainable bear populations. However, Cherokee Natural Resources averages about three harvest submissions per year. Last year, only a single submission easily won the draw and the numbers are not sufficient to inform the management.

Please report your take to Cherokee Natural Resources along with the first premolar tooth (or allow staff to extract it) to determine age. Freeze or keep other samples on ice that could decompose. If possible, keep an eraser sized (or bigger) piece of meat frozen.

The program also wishes to collect weight, location, sex and the effort it took to harvest (num-

ber of hunters in party and hours put in). This data will help the program understand how important hunting is to bears and how it keeps damage issues in check. There will be a \$500 draw from those that submit samples and information.

Submit samples and information to the Cherokee Natural Resources office at 1840 Painttown Road, next to Cherokee Tribal Bingo. Call or email us if you have questions: ebcifw@gmail.com, 359-6110

- Cherokee Natural Resources

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

Park plans prescribed burns in Cades Cove

Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Appalachian-Piedmont-Coastal Zone fire management staff plan to burn approximately 689 acres of fields in Cades Cove. Weather permitting, burn operations will occur between Saturday, Nov. 7 and Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Over the last 20 years, park managers have conducted these burns during the spring and fall under specific prescription parameters to safely reduce fuels, restore meadow habitats, and maintain the historic landscape of Cades Cove. Park staff closely monitor fire weather conditions including vegetation and soil moisture, wind speed and direction, temperature, and relative humidity to ensure that conditions meet the burn

plan objectives for the site. These seasonal controlled burns help perpetuate native herbaceous species that provide high quality cover and foraging opportunities for a diversity of wildlife including deer, turkeys, and ground nesting birds.

“Appalachian Piedmont Coastal Zone Fire Staff are looking forward to supporting Great Smoky Mountain National Park’s field restoration goals in Cades Cove utilizing the skilled application of prescribed fire,” said Acting Fire Management Officer Shane Paxton. “Multiple workforce divisions in the park will be participating with us and ample opportunities for viewing the burn operations exist in Cades Cove for the public.”

Visitors should expect to see firefighters and equipment along Sparks Lane, Hyatt Lane, and the western end of the Cades Cove Loop Road. The loop road and historic structures will remain open to visitor use, but brief delays and temporary closures may occur to ensure public safety during burn operations. Specifically, the crew plans to burn the following units depicted in orange on the attached map: 58-acre field near the Methodist Church, 33-acre Upper Tater Branch field, 226-acre Hyatt Lane Increase Fields, 323-acre Hyatt Lane/Primitive Baptist Church field, and 49-acre Rowans Branch field.

Visitors should also expect to see fire activity and smoke during prescribed burn operations. Fire managers ask that motorists reduce speed in work zones, but refrain from stopping in the roadways. If smoke is present, motorists should roll up windows and turn on headlights.

Info: www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/nature/wildlandfire.htm.

- National Park Service release

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Nov. 16-22, 2020

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	Stocked the Tuck Nov. 3-4.	All Day.	Rainbow, Brook, Brown.	BWO and Grey Midges	Mop Flies, Egg Patterns, Hare's Ear, Red Copper John, Wolley Bugger, Girdle Bugs.
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	All day.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Spotted Sedge Caddis	Hare's Ear, Frenchies, Wooly Buggers, Pink San Juan Worm, Prince Nymph
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	All Day.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Midges and some Caddis, BWO.	Orange Stimulators, Soft Hackle Hare's Ear, BH Pheasant Tail, BWO

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BETTER	GOOD	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
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COMMENTARY

The Incredibly Long Wait

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

We have been waiting for a long time and it is feeling unbearable. We long so much for the normal. We feel that we are ready to take risks to feel it.

Since March, we have watched the numbers tick higher and higher – the number of infections, or the less intimidating “positive tests”; the number of hospitalized tribal members; the number of recoveries; the number of members lost to COVID-19. Day after day, week after week, month after month. At first, we were glued to the COVID-19 counts. All of us wanted to know how the community was doing through those counts. Now, for many, it is becoming a reminder of a disease that has not changed our lives for the better and feels like it is never going away.

We have experienced over half a year of some level of isolation. Many of us are hearing health recommendations and following them. Some are following them to the point where they are completely quarantining themselves in their homes and not coming out for anything. They are having things they need-food, toilet paper, other essentials-delivered and left on their porches. When they get their items, they drench them in alcohol or some other sanitizer. The only human interaction they allow is video chats, social media, or a phone call. Some are choosing this as a way of life on their own. They feel it is the best protection for them and their families. Others are instructed or directed to do so because they have been identified as having been in contact with someone who had a positive test.

Those who have been quarantined for cause have the additional worry of not knowing. Not knowing if they are

infected with COVID-19. Not knowing whether they have infected friends and family in the interim between being exposed and being notified. And because quarantine is a form of isolation, those who are told to do it have plenty of time to think about all the possibilities. “Will I be one of those who gets by with no or mild symptoms, or will I be one of those in an ICU or on a ventilator?” The people that you have been in contact with start filing through your mind. “Have I infected my friend or loved one, and will they be okay?” The guilt and fear can set in long before you have answers.

When you are notified that you were in contact with a person who may be infected, you immediately want to be tested. You want to know now what you are facing. Instead, you may have to wait three to five days because of the incubation period of the virus that may be in your body. You are scared because of what may be in your body. You are afraid of what it may do to you. You are frightened that you may have put your family or friends in jeopardy. Their names and faces flash in your mind, and you picture the worst possible outcome.

And, you are angry. You are angry at yourself that you weren't more careful; that you took things for granted. Like many other things, you said, “COVID-19 is something that happens to someone else. It is not something that happens to me. I am too physically fit to get COVID-19. I am too smart to get COVID-19. Besides, the media is blowing it all out of proportion. It can't be as bad as they say it is.”

And, you are angry at that person who infected you. After all, they are probably a trusted friend or family member. They are the only people you allow to be close to you. And you think they were careless. And now you are sitting on pins and needles, waiting for the call that

may change your life, and possibly end it. And, on top of that, they have jeopardized all those you have been in contact with before you knew that you had been in contact with a positive case. You thought, “this is my cousin or my best friend. No way would they give me COVID-19.” But, they didn’t know that they were infected either, until it was too late.

Some of us have the idea that it is okay to “roll the dice” when it comes to COVID-19. We reason that we don’t have a circle of friends or family that includes the “at higher risk” category of people. We think it won’t be a problem foregoing a few visits with grandma and grandpa until this is over so that we can spend time with our circle of friends. They are young and should be able to stand up to COVID-19 if they, or we get it. One of the problems with that thinking is that you can’t look at someone and tell if they have diabetes, and you can’t always see when someone has a compromised immune system or respiratory issues. And those are not things even your close friends may share with you about themselves. They may look young and healthy, but when exposed to the COVID-19 virus, it attacks them viciously. Young people are not known for getting regular physicals and are reluctant to go to the doctor even when they are sick. They think their youth and fitness will conquer any illness.

And then they get COVID-19, then end up getting very sick, not being able to breathe, then on a ventilator in an Intensive Care Unit, and then they are gone. All because we thought we could “roll the dice”.

And, then there is mask hate. Some people hate those who wear a mask. They see it as a sign of government control and of a political agenda to force people to

submit. They think it is all smoke and mirrors. They think masks don’t work and openly refuse to wear one. And they think you are just a “sheep” if you advocate for wearing it. If they are required to wear masks due to regulations at Walmart, for example, they will wear it to get in the door, then roam the aisles with it in their pockets. And they will dare you to say anything to them about it. Some people hate those who don’t wear a mask. They think those who don’t wear a mask only care about themselves and are either ignorant or uncaring about who they might infect with their behavior. Those who wear a mask want it mandated that those who don’t be made to, even if it means prosecution and fines. Those who don’t wear a mask are ready to fight to keep from wearing it. The argument devolves from what is right to do to what is it my right to do. And once we get angry at each other, it doesn’t matter what the science or doctors say, we just want to win the argument. And that is a shame, because we are putting our need to feel right above the possibility of preventing our loved ones from experiencing all the bad things that come with contracting COVID-19. We childishly say that because of the minor discomfort of wearing a mask that we will be stubborn at the cost of our own health or that of a loved one. If there is even the slightest chance that a mask might block a single infection, isn’t it an ethical and moral imperative to wear it?

We are tired. We are tired of COVID-19. We are tired of seeing information about COVID-19. We are tired of putting our lives on hold because of COVID-19. We are tired of the battle to get people to help save lives. Our hospital and public health workers are tired.

Our tribal leaders are tired. They know that they are doing things, and having to mandate people to do things, that are unpopular and that they will take abuse for. But there is no option to give up or give in to COVID-19 and those who are uncomfortable with the process of overcoming this virus.

Our public service workers on the Qualla Boundary have remained steadfast in their care for us. They are weary, but they continue on. We have responsibilities too. They have given us a path to health and to minimize the impact on our loved ones and friends while medicine catches up to COVID-19. Simple, common sense things, that, if we will get past our pride, are so easy to do. Most of us have a habit of washing our hands even pre-virus. It just makes sense that with an increased risk of infectious germs that we would do that routinely anyway. Many of us look at our personal space (that space between us and another person that makes us feel safe around them) as a three-foot area around our bodies-arms; reach if you will. If you add my personal space with yours, that is six feet. And they are telling us that six feet can be the difference between health and a stint on a ventilator, or worse.

Simple choice.

And, then there is the mask. Doctors say that if you cannot “social distance”, then this is the next best thing. They are not saying it is a magic solution to COVID-19. They are saying that it increases the likelihood that you won’t catch it and you won’t transmit the virus to someone else. It aggravates me to wear a mask. It makes it harder to breathe. It won’t stay on me right. It irritates my ears. I have to run back to the car to get it when I forget it. It is something else I must remember to wash. And I feel like people wearing masks are making faces and sticking their tongues out at me and I can’t tell it.

But, every time I get frustrated about the joys of mask wearing, I remember that there are people right here in Cherokee who are infected with COVID-19. Some are struggling for breath. Some are dying. And the reason that they are in a bad way? Because someone like me didn’t care enough to wash their hands, or social distance, or put on a mask. And I ask myself, “Is my unwillingness to experience a temporary discomfort worth the lives of members of my community or family?” And then I quietly, humbly put on my mask.



Roasting with herbs

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www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/bobby-flay/thanksgiving-pioneer-style-herb-roasted-turkey-recipe

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COMMENTARY

Walls and performance evaluations...

Observations and random thoughts.

WILLIAM LEDFORD

How do you feel about stimulus? When you get as old as me, and you cannot stand anything about coffee, nothing, taste, smell, sight, and electric shock is outta the question, it seems that only the color green is good stimulus. Well, ask and ye shall receive. For those that live in a cave and have their current event mule-packed in, the EBCI home page has an application that will soon vanish, for applying for a dose of Covid relief dollars. I saw that and so, I am now stimulated and highly motivated. You should be also. If only to have extra money for gummies.

Has anyone been watching the COVID Football League AKA the NFL? This is a very strange season, games were postponed due to infected players. Players are dropping like flies due to injuries. Tom Brady is running the Tampa Bay Buccaneers offense now and sometimes looks very much like an undrafted rookie from a D-III school. Coaches are wearing masks but still hold their play sheets up to their faces to prevent lip-reading which is odd and danged funny to view. Most teams are playing to empty houses except for teams in red states with lax restrictions who play in front of sparse audiences. It's gonna be a not-so Super Bowl, if there is one.

Sports news. The NBA has stated that they will start the new season on Dec. 22. The NBA Draft

will be held on November 22. ????. What! Why? I drive back and forth through heavy traffic anymore because people aren't staying home. What the heck is going on? Is there anyone out there that remembers a thing, a very deadly thing running loose amongst us called COVID-19? Sure you wanna get back out there and do stuff but at what cost? It's oddly funny that I actually wanna slow down, I'm very tired, people make me tired, the TV and newspapers make me tired.

I was thinking about all of this current stuff the other day. Here it is. The last four years have been a reality show called Apprentice: White House. The current contestant tried using his less than successful business acumen to run the country. No good. It was unwatchable. All contrived drama, no substance, had a lotta comedy though. Except for die-hard viewers, this show was an utter and complete failure. At the end the ratings were dismal. We now have a new show about to premier in January. It's called READY, SET, JOE! I can't wait. In reality, hah! See what I did there? In actuality, I won't watch this program either.

We're nearing 245,000 Americans deceased of complications due to the coronavirus and our leader seems to have called it a day. Joe Biden has stated that his first priority is to work to protect us. It is as I feared, until Biden's inauguration, we are on our own. So, be safe, stay away from the maskless. OK, I'm done.

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

COMMENTARY

Averting a crisis

MIKE LAVOIE

EBCI NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER

The river water took my breath away for a minute as I acclimated in my wetsuit to the Little Tennessee River's October chill. It was an important morning. EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Natural Resources staff, along with partners from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and Western Carolina University, were looking for mussels to stock in Cherokee waters.

Freshwater mussels are believed to have been eradicated from the upper Oconaluftee River many decades ago from various sources of pollution. Their absence has diminished the river's ability to maintain clean water and ultimately threatens the resiliency of the entire ecosystem. Just one of these biological "super-filters"



Photo courtesy of EBCI Natural Resources

Freshwater mussels are believed to have been eradicated from the upper Oconaluftee River many decades ago from various sources of pollution.

can remove particles from up to 15 gallons of water in a single day. Our recent research suggests they will thrive and once again sustain themselves, so we're bringing them back.

Restoring and protecting healthy ecosystems is at the heart of our agencies mission and fuels the passion behind many of our staff.

Today, the world faces a mass

extinction crisis, where thousands of animals and plants are threatened to disappear forever due to habitat loss, pollution, non-native species and disease, and climate change. Species extinction levels are believed to be 1,000 – 10,000 times the natural background rate and humans are the cause. A heavy price comes when a species is lost, especially to the Cherokee community. Ecosystems and their ability to sustain clean air, water and land are diminished.

Connections between wildlife and Cherokee culture involving language, subsistence, and art can be severed. Diverse wildlife populations are also essential to many facets of the Cherokee economy. So, here at Cherokee, we are playing our part – spending hours behind computer screens, attending meetings upon meetings, and completing backbreaking field work to get our job done. By re-building and restoring our rivers and forests we can ensure that we are not simply protecting, but also improving the natural world for future Cherokee generations.

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**



SPEAKING OF FAITH

Keeping him with us

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

“The Holy Ghost operating at church is the same Personage, wanting to participate as an invited and helpful member of our own family households. He wants to live with us, flowing into our situations and homes, thereby helping us in ‘knowing’ His Presence. He can be there all the time with us wherever we each may go. Whether it be in the garage or grocery store, at school or work, or at church, we can acknowledge Him and even ‘feel’ Him in the atmosphere of Peace that surrounds us. Knowing He is there as our Helper, Defender, Night Protector, Advisor, Life Coach and Friend really does help.

“If the only time one is with the Holy Ghost is in church, or Sunday school, even when one may feel a “chill” as when the choir is singing, why is that? It has been written to us in His Word, that once invited by us, ‘He will never leave us nor forsake us.’ He never lies. It is written in His Word as a forever Promise,” reminds Pastor Melton. “The same God can show up on Tuesday morning in one’s kitchen, even in Saturday night’s living room, wherever or whenever. He really does want that to happen. It can come to be as people get over ‘the thinking that I’m just a Christian.’ Is one just visiting Him at the church, or asking Him to come in and live with us in our homes? Why not? He knows our futures and can help us by filling in the gaps of what we may be only thinking we know, or of what may be really coming at us.

“The world,’ it has been told us, ‘is becoming darker and more dangerous for people. Am not attacking anyone, but the same God at church does not want to remain there only for church people, or just left to occupy a church building. Our God is big enough to accompany each one asking Him, and He’s willing and able to be there for them. He is a Gentleman only waiting to be asked. We must ask, or risk not being a part of His Plan in what He’s doing now. Now is the time. God will not ask anyone

for anything that He’s not begun providing them with already. Indeed, we need to look at it as an investment in time, money, and even study, not to see this ‘time’ as an expense. God sees this as worthwhile. Our every investment pays us in benefitting dividends.

Stated Pastor Melton, “There are benefits that I know belong to me, in having Him with me at all times, and I know a Visitation will lead to a Habitation with us, for me and my family. Our God is on the move. His Plan is to be moving us from Glory, to Glory,” Pastor Melton added. “Holy Spirit knows we may not be understanding what this new season is bringing to everyone in the Church, and how it is so necessary to renew our thinking to His way of carrying His Presence to others. I know what He’s done in my life. We should not be judging others, but we need to understand this season will bring a change in all of us and how each can participate. We also must remember that the price of our Anointing is also our consistency.

“In Acts 13:1-12, we read that we are to

minister to the Lord, FIRST, by our fasting and praying. In trying to make such a ‘timely’ investment, we need to be spending time with Jesus, until His ‘Fragrance’ permeates even our being. We are to begin by ministering to the Lord, FIRST. His Name, Emmanuel, means ‘God is with us’, so we acknowledge Him FIRST. Our time of ministering, is not about our own lives, it is spent in ministering to God, Himself, so He may fill us up with His Words, and actions, which should bring about our own obedience. Tell them, each one, ‘I love them,’ He added. “We are here to celebrate what Jesus is doing or has already done, and worship Him, not to be in Church for our own entertainment.

“Being a Christian, gets us into His Presence so the ‘blindness’ on other’s hearts can be removed. Read 2 Corinthians 3:14-18. When a person turns their heart toward Him, their face begins to shine. Him glorified, removes the veil on full-time Christians! Shout over Him! We are enforcers on this Earth. ‘Occupy until I come!’ Jesus taught.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*You will be enriched
in every way so that
you can be generous
on every occasion,
and through us
your generosity will result
in thanksgiving to God.*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11



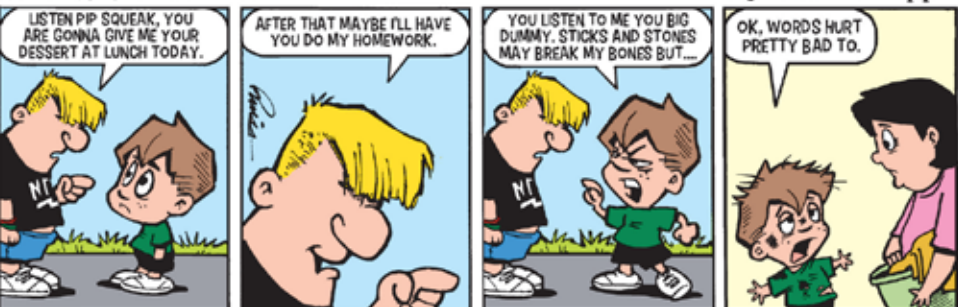
“Carrying The Plenty”

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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The Spats

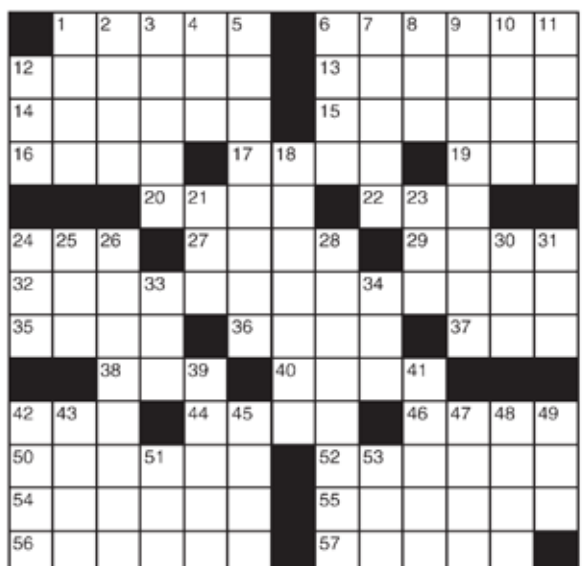
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Flourish
- 6 "Rabbit, Run" author
- 12 Tearerker
- 13 Construction piece
- 14 "Anna Christie" playwright
- 15 Coats
- 16 Lima's place
- 17 Father of Thor
- 19 Away from WSW
- 20 Style
- 22 LummoX
- 24 Most Wanted List org.
- 27 Elite alternative



- 29 Bart's sister
- 32 Lincoln's election year
- 35 Region
- 36 Location
- 37 Storm center
- 38 Inseparable
- 40 Osso buco base
- 42 A cont.
- 44 Level
- 46 Apiece
- 50 Boardroom props
- 52 Prophet
- 54 Half a story-book duo
- 55 "My heavens!"

- 56 Clothing composer
- 11 Gaelic
- 12 Doo- — music
- 18 Fool
- 21 Make a choice, with "for"
- 23 "The Greatest"
- 24 Shriner's cha-peau
- 25 Life story, for short
- 26 Unknown
- 28 Waiting area
- 30 Pigpen
- 31 Nay canceler
- 33 Coop denizen
- 34 Multitude
- 39 Old anesthetic
- 41 Starts
- 42 Turkish potentate
- 43 "Animal House" group
- 45 Capri or Wight
- 47 Dogfight participants
- 48 23-Down's old name
- 49 The lady
- 51 Sixth letter after 53-Down
- 53 See 51-Down

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Boy is taller. 2. Picture is vertical. 3. Chair back is different. 4. Fewer papers on floor. 5. Boy's collar is different. 6. Two checks on book.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times at eight? *Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah*
 2. In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? *Adulterers, Sun worshippers, Renegades, Unthankful people*
 3. From Psalms 106:1, "O give thanks unto the Lord; for his ... endureth forever?" *Love, Good, Mercy, Spirit*
 4. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the ... of God?" *Power, Will, Gratitude, Travail*
 5. From Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? *Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant*
 6. Where was Jonah when he prayed with the voice of thanksgiving? *Fish's belly, Aboard ship, In the wilderness, Mountaintop*
- Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1/2 cup?
 2. TELEVISION: Which 1990s sitcom featured the theme song "I'll Be There for You"?
 3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the city of Timbuktu located?
 4. GAMES: How much money does each Monopoly player get at the start of the classic game?
 5. SCIENCE: How much of the Earth's surface is covered with water?
 6. MOVIES: Which 2004 animated movie featured the character Edna Mode?
 7. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Michigan?
 8. COMICS: Which comic character's favorite exclamation is "Good grief!?"
 9. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the phobia cynophobia?
 10. ANATOMY: What is the condition of "pes planus" more commonly called?
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FOR RENT

8 Rm Lodge for sale near Bryson City. Income Producing and Big Views. Price \$745,000. Jack A. Calloway, Broker 828-421-3939. jaccalloway@gmail.com

Classified listings are FREE of charge. Send them to Scott at scotmcki@nc-chokeee.com or message them to us on Facebook.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This year, instead of jumping into the whole holiday prep scene, move in a little at a time. You'll appreciate the sense of control you're more likely to enjoy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The separation between the Bovine's head and heart is never as far apart as it seems. Both senses work best when they come out of logic and honesty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The best way to keep those pre-holiday pressures under control is to just say no to taking on new tasks while you're still trying to work with a heap of others.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) News means a change might be on its way, but what does it hold? Don't just ask questions; make sure you get answers you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Old friends and new have one thing in common: Both your longtime and newly minted pals have much wisdom to impart.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With time running out, this is a good time for you to show 'em all what those Virgo super-organizational skills can do.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Librans and holidays are made for each other, especially if children and animals are going to be part of your joyous season.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Time is getting too short to allow a spat to taint the holiday season. Restart your relationship and reschedule holiday fun times.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Seeking advice is laudable. You might learn far more than you thought you could. Stay with it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Continuing to assess changes works toward your getting your new project up and ready. Trusted colleagues remain ready to help.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That new situation needs a lot of attention, but it's worth it. This is a very good time for you to involve the arts in what you do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It might be a good idea to slow your hectic holiday pace so that you don't rush past what — or who — you're hoping to rush toward.

BORN THIS WEEK: Others pick up on your confidence in yourself, which inspires them to believe in you and your special gifts.

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

For deadlines and applications call 359-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents
eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates

Closing Sunday, November 22, 2020

- Electrician – Facility Management – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
 - Lieutenant – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
 - Sergeant (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L11 \$48,162 - \$60,202)
- Open Until Filled**
- Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

Notice: At this time, due to the tribal State of Emergency caused by the coronavirus, only job openings for existing positions that are classified as essential or critical positions will be advertised for hiring. All other open positions will be addressed at a later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:
www.ebcj.com/jobs

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Psalms; 2) Unthankful people; 3) Mercy; 4) Will; 5) At your own will; 6) Fish's belly



- Eight
- "Friends"
- Mali in west Africa
- \$1,500
- About 71 percent
- "The Incredibles"
- Lansing
- Charlie Brown in "Peanuts"
- Fear of dogs
- Flat feet

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

Open Until Filled:

Children's Home
PT Residential Counselor - two positions

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

Snowbird Childcare Center
Full Time - Teacher Assistant - 2 Positions



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing, Thursday, November 19, 2020
CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient

Closing, Thursday, November 26, 2020
Certified Coder
Registered Nurse - Inpatient
Registered Nurse - Emergency Room
Maintenance Mechanic

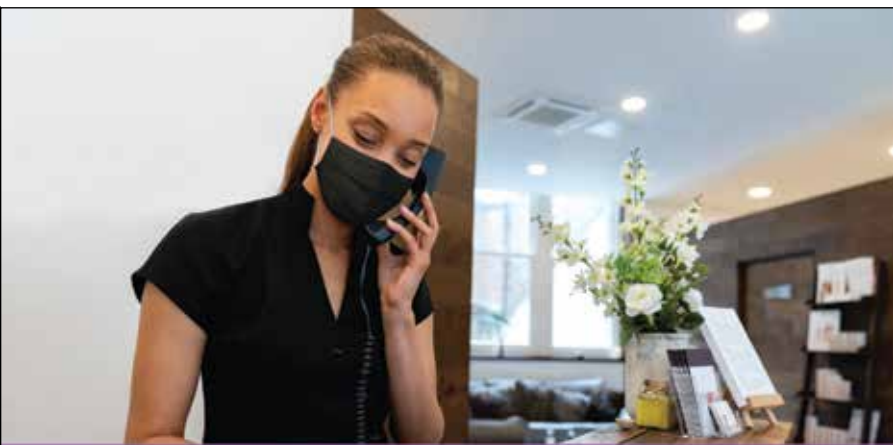
Open Until Filled

- Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)
- Business Analyst
- Certified Medical Assistant (Grant Funded)
- Clinical Dietitian
- Data Analyst
- Dental Assistant II (Multiple)
- Dentist - Satellite Clinics
- Dietary Services Supervisor - Patient Side
- Grant Writer - Contracting
- Licensed practical Nurse - immediate Care Center
- Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi
- Masters Level Therapist - Integrated Classroom
- Nursing/Medical Administrative Assistant
- Pedodontist
- PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)
- PTI Physician - Emergency Room
- PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)
- PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient
- PTR Clinical Dietitian
- Registered Nurse Lead - Primary Care (Grant Funded)
- Residential Technician - Women's Home (Multiple)
- Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi
- Targeted Case Manager - Family Safety
- Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom
- Targeted Case Manager - Juvenile Justice

Tsali Care Center

Open Until Filled

- Certified Nursing Assistant - (Multiple) (Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)
- Cook (Retention Bonus Eligible)
- Registered Nurse (Multiple)
- PTI Registered Nurse - (Multiple)
- License Practical Nurse (2 Positions)
- PTI Licensed Practical Nurse
- PTR Certified Nursing Assistant (Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)
- PTI Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) (Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.)



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

EMPLOYMENT

Museum of the Cherokee Indian Executive Director

(Closing Tuesday, December 10, 2020)

The Executive Director is the Chief Executive Officer of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. This is an executive-level position with responsibility for the success of the organization overall. This position will ensure day-to-day operations align with the overall mission, values, goals & objectives of the organization. This position will lead, guide, and direct the work of all others within the organization to ensure business goals & objectives are met.

Requirements include:

- Experience in business and/or non-profit management at an executive level for a minimum of 10 years
- Bachelor degree or above (work experience not accepted in lieu of a degree)
- Non-profit management certificate is preferred
- Effective fundraiser with experience
- Broad knowledge of Cherokee history and culture
- Superior ability to manage complex projects

Please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to JennWilson@CherokeeMuseum.org or by mail to:

Museum of the Cherokee Indian, ATTN: Director Search, P.O. Box 1599, Cherokee, NC 29719
For full job description and questions, call Jenn Wilson, (828) 497-3481, ext.1014. **12/3**

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of S.P., A Minor
Child, File No. CVJ 20-033
TO: Kyle Bigmeat

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, S.P., born on August 23, 2016, is a neglected and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on May 14, 2020. You may know the mother of the minor child by the name of Daymion Powell.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 4th day of November 2020.

Sybil G. Mann
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
(828)359-1559

N.C. Bar No. 16729
11/18

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 20-084

In the Matter of the Estate of Elliott French

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

Stephanie French
P.O. Box 2415
Cherokee, NC 28719

11/25

THE CHEROKEE COURT
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS

CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
FILE NO: CV 20-441

MOUNTAIN CREDIT UNION
c/o Mark A. Pinkston, Esquire
Van Winkle, Buck, Wall Starnes &
Davis, PA

Post Office Box 7376
Asheville, North Carolina 28802-
7376

Plaintiff, vs.

ROLAND N. BRADLEY,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

To: ROLAND N. BRADLEY
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading
seeking relief against you has been
filed in the above-entitled action.

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Weekdays

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

The sum of \$9,215.86 together with interest at the rate of \$3.35308 per diem from the 15th day of September, 2020 and the Plaintiff have and recover its attorney fees in the amount of \$1,382.38, and sum of \$7,209.17 together with interest at the rate of \$2.9951 per diem from the 15th day of September, 2020 and the Plaintiff have and recover its attorney fees in the amount of \$1,081.38, and that the costs of this action be taxed to the Defendant.

YOU ARE REQUIRED to make defense to such pleading not later than January 4, 2021, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

THIS the 10th day of November, 2020.

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STARNES AND DAVIS, P.A.
MARK A. PINKSTON
North Carolina State Bar Number:
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Attorney for Plaintiff
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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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P.O. Box 1328

Cherokee, N.C. 28719
Ph. (828) 359-6700

Project Title: Wolfstown Airnasium
The Wolfstown Community on the Cherokee Indian Reservation is partnering with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to design and construct an open-air covered basketball court ("airnasium") for community/tribal members to use as an outdoor recreational facility. The site proposed for the new "airnasium" is located adjacent to the Wolfstown Gym and Stickball field, approximately 0.9 miles east of Tribal Bingo along US Highway 19 (Wolfstown Road).

The EBCI Project Management Office is requesting design build proposals. Proposing companies must have experience in commercial construction and be properly insured for the scope of services to

be provided. An RFP will be provided to any qualified contractor upon request. To request a package, ask questions about the project, or provide comments, contact Chris Greene at (828)359-6703 or by email at chrigrree@nc-chokeee.com.

Qualifications must be submitted to Mr. Greene in accordance with the instructions and must be received by 11:00 a.m., December 10, 2020 at which time submittals will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any submittals received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of this contract. **11/18**

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Track & Field/Cross Country Middle School Head Coach - Must have a Bachelor's degree and 2-3 years assistant or head coaching experience at the middle school level.

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

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Send us a photo of yourself with a short statement on your reason for wearing a mask. The One Feather will post these on our Facebook page daily.

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There is no deadline.



One Feather Summer/Fall Nature Photography special

The One Feather is seeking nature photos from summer and fall 2020 to print in our last issue of the year on Dec. 16. Submit your pics to us by Friday, Dec. 4 at 12 p.m. People may be in the photos, but nature should be the focus, not the humans.

Submit your high resolution photos to Scott at scotmcki@nc-chokeee.com.

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