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“We have demonstrated that our Tribe can thoroughly, effectively, and legally operate gaming. We can do the same thing with a medical cannabis program.”

- Joey Owle, EBCI Secretary of Agriculture and Farming, on a resolution involving medical cannabis (marijuana)



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# Transportation Center to be re-named in honor of Littlejohn

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The Cherokee Transportation Center, which houses EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Public Transit and the Cherokee Dept. of Transportation, is being re-named in honor of a Cherokee woman who helped to build the Transit program into what it is today. Tribal Council passed unanimously Res. No. 303 (2020) during its Annual Council session on Thursday, Oct. 29 that re-names the Cherokee Transportation Center to the Kathi S. Littlejohn Transportation Center.

The legislation was submitted by the EBCI Transit Program and Wofltown Reps. Bo Crowe and Chelsea Taylor Saunooke. It states that the Center was opened in 2012 with grant funding obtained by Littlejohn who also “founded EBCI Transit, initially a service of Tsali Manor to provide transportation to seniors, beginning services with only two other staff members.”

Following approval of the legislation, Littlejohn addressed Council and said, “This is really big. I cannot tell you how it would have been if I didn’t have God’s help and if I didn’t have wonderful, awesome, hard-working staff. I would not be here today. That’s for sure.”

She said when she was told about the resolution she told the submitters, “No, don’t do that - there’s so many more deserving people, and I’ll name them to you.”

Littlejohn added, “I am humbled, and I am overwhelmed. I thank you for all of your support over these years.”

Littlejohn is a noted Cherokee storyteller from the Wofltown Community. She was a member of the Community Transportation Association of America’s Advisory Board and was recognized by the North Carolina Public Transit Division for ‘Exemplary Service’.

“Kathi was an integral part of creating the EBCI Transit Service that we all know today,” said Kevin Tafoya, EBCI Transit Dept. manager. “She successfully created the program while creating employment and jobs for our community members. She started the program to provide transportation to seniors.”

He added, “Kathi is a person of great compassion and is willing to help any community



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos  
**Kathi Littlejohn** speaks during Annual Council on Thursday, Oct. 29 following passage of Res. No. 303 (2020) that re-names the Cherokee Transportation Center to the Kathi S. Littlejohn Transportation Center.

member. She has instilled in us this great quality of kindness to our fellow people.”

Rep. Saunooke noted, “I think it’s some-

thing to honor someone while they’re still living so that they can live in the moment as well and take it all in. I’ve had the privilege of sitting with Kathi a couple of times, and her wealth of knowledge goes beyond what you can imagine. She’s very compassionate, and what I love is that she’s a role model.”

Rep. Crowe said his mother and Littlejohn were friends in school. “I’ve known Kathi my whole life, and I can remember when Kathi would come into the schools as a storyteller. I think she’s well-deserving for having this building named after her.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented, “She personifies the character of what it means to be a Cherokee. We need more people like her. That value system needs to be manifested in all of us. It’s just appropriate that this resolution was brought in today, and there’s nobody more deserving and more honoring than Kathi.”

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha praised Littlejohn saying, “She was a go-getter. She’s always a person that is very humble and virtuous when it comes to wanting to help people in whatever role she’s played...our community really admires her and appreciates the work that she has done.”



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# Wolftown Gym to be re-named in memory of “Kool-Aide” Queen



Photo contributed

Donald “Kool-Aide” Queen

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**T**he Wolftown Gym is being re-named in memory of a long-time employee of Cherokee Recreation and a man known as a gentle giant on the Qualla Boundary. Tribal Council passed unanimously Res. No. 304 (2020) during an Annual Council session on Thursday, Oct. 29 which will re-name the facility in memory of Donald “Kool-Aide” Queen.

The legislation was submitted by Wolftown Reps. Bo Crowe and Chelsea Taylor Saunooke. It reads in part, “Donald ‘Kool-Aide’ Queen was an employee of the Tribe from November 1997 to December 2016 where he dedicated most of his career to the Cherokee Life Recreation Program aka Cherokee Rec. He was a supervisor



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**Tribal Council passed unanimously Res. No. 304 (2020)** during an Annual Council session on Thursday, Oct. 29 which will re-name the Wolftown Gym in memory of Donald “Kool-Aide” Queen.

in the program working at Painttown Gym, John Crowe Rec., and then at the Wolftown Gym where he finished his career.”

Queen passed away on Dec. 11, 2016 at the age of 53.

Rep. Saunooke commented, “I’ve known Kool-Aide my whole life. My father, Marty, played with him on the fast-pitch softball field for years.”

She added, “I have very fond memories of Kool-

Aide, and I think he gave a lot to the community. He was part of the Wolftown Stickball family which says a lot.”

Rep. Crowe said, “I worked with Kool-Aide for seven years and played ball with him. We played on the same softball team.”

He went on to say, “He was one of the people with the biggest hearts that you’d ever see somebody have.”

Danette Queen Walk-

ingstick, Kool-Aide’s sister, said, “He dedicated his life to Rec. no matter where it was - no matter if it was here or all the way to California. He wanted to play ball. That’s what he loved to do.”

She said she appreciated the re-naming of the gym in his honor. “It really warms my heart that people thought of him and loved him as much as I did. He was a really good man besides just being my

brother. He helped me out, as a single mom, with my kids - left everything he had to my grandkids.”

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha noted, “He was always very humble, very sports-oriented. He loved children, and those were all the things that I really took from him - and a gentle giant... he was a very kind person, very kind-hearted and just loved to try to point people in the right direction.”

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# Tribe takes a step forward on medical marijuana

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Medical marijuana (also known as medical cannabis) has been a topic of discussion within the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) for the past five years. Multiple pieces of legislation have been brought forth during that time with the latest being brought before Annual Council on Thursday, Oct. 29.

Res. No. 323 (2020) was passed by Council unanimously by all present and directs the EBCI Executive Committee to develop “legislation directed toward allowing the use of medical marijuana on the Qualla Boundary in the most practical, responsible, and lawful way possible”.

The legislation also states, “There is evidence that when properly regulated and responsibly-used, medical marijuana can be used to treat chronic illnesses and conditions including: epilepsy, seizures, muscle spasms, cancer, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, nausea, pain, complications related to Alzheimer’s Disease, Crohn’s Disease, and some mental health conditions.”

It further states, “While marijuana continues to be prohibited by the Federal Controlled Substances Act, some tribes, 33 states, and the District of Columbia have legalized medical marijuana to some extent.”

Res. No. 323 was submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed; Jeremy Wilson, EBCI governmental affairs liaison; and Joey Owle, EBCI Secretary of Agriculture and Farming.

“When we did a town hall on the alcohol referendum, it was quite surprising that while there were many people at that meeting who opposed alcohol sales, there was a large contingent of people who supported medicinal marijuana,” said Chief Sneed. “There is also information that demonstrates that medicinal marijuana also has a place in helping people come off of opioids and heroin and so forth.”

During discussion on the legislation, he noted, “I just want to be clear for the public and also for Council that this does not mean that tomorrow we’re going to start a program. It’s simply asking for your permission to proceed with the legal framework.”

Upon passage of the legislation, Owle, who has worked on the cannabis issue since 2015

when he was a member of the Common Sense Cannabis group, was exuberant.

“We’re at the point now to where this decision is a necessity so that we can open up other new revenue streams and we can provide an alternative means of treatment for members of our community,” he said. “Now is the time to do it while we are talking about the threats of commercial gaming in our state and the surrounding states. More states every year are adding medical cannabis or outright recreational legalization. It’s time for our Tribe to take that step.”

Owle added, “We have demonstrated that our Tribe can thoroughly, effectively, and legally operate gaming. We can do the same thing with a medical cannabis program.”

A time frame to bring the legislative legal framework for a medicinal marijuana program for the EBCI back to Council was not specified in Res. No. 323, but Owle noted it should be within six months.

For further reading on the topic as related to the EBCI, search “cannabis” at [theonefeather.com](http://theonefeather.com).



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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.





# Council passes public mask mandate

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has seen a surge of COVID-19 cases in October, and Tribal Council has taken action passing a public mask mandate. Res. No. 321 (2020) was passed unanimously by all present during an Annual Council session on Thursday, Oct. 29 and requires a cloth face covering in public and puts pressure on businesses not enforcing the rule.

Currently, a mask mandate is in place, per an executive order by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed on June 23. That order states that all people 12 years of age and older must wear a cloth face covering while in an indoor establishment with several caveats to the rule such as dining in restaurants, medical conditions or disability, while in private offices, etc.

As of Oct. 30, the EBCI Joint Information Center reported 483

COVID-19 cases and four deaths since they began compiling data in March. A total of 279 (58 percent) of those cases were confirmed positive during the month of October.

Res. No. 321 was submitted by Big Cove Rep. Richard French, but it was amended to add that it was submitted by all of Tribal Council. It reads in part, "...to the extent available by applicable law, every person on the trust lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall be required to wear a cloth facing covering when in public and within six feet of another person. Exceptions are when eating or when in close contact only with persons who occupy the same residence as the person at issue."

The legislation continues, "Any business that does not enforce the requirement to wear a cloth face covering on the premises on, possessed, controlled, or occupied by the business shall be subject to review by the Tribal Business Committee and potentially to sus-

pension or revocation of the tribal business license under which the business operates."

It also directs EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division to visit businesses periodically to ensure compliance with the law and report on those who are non-compliant.

"...if a customer is asked to comply with the requirement to wear a cloth face covering by a business on the Qualla Boundary and the customer fails or refuses to wear the covering, that business may ask the customer to leave. Failure to leave the business after being asked by the business owner, operator, or employee is trespassing and civil or criminal legal action may ensue."

Rep. French noted on Thursday, "We're trying to take care of the Eastern Band, but we're trying to take care of everybody...we have a leader in the President not wearing a mask and telling people that we're rounding the curve.

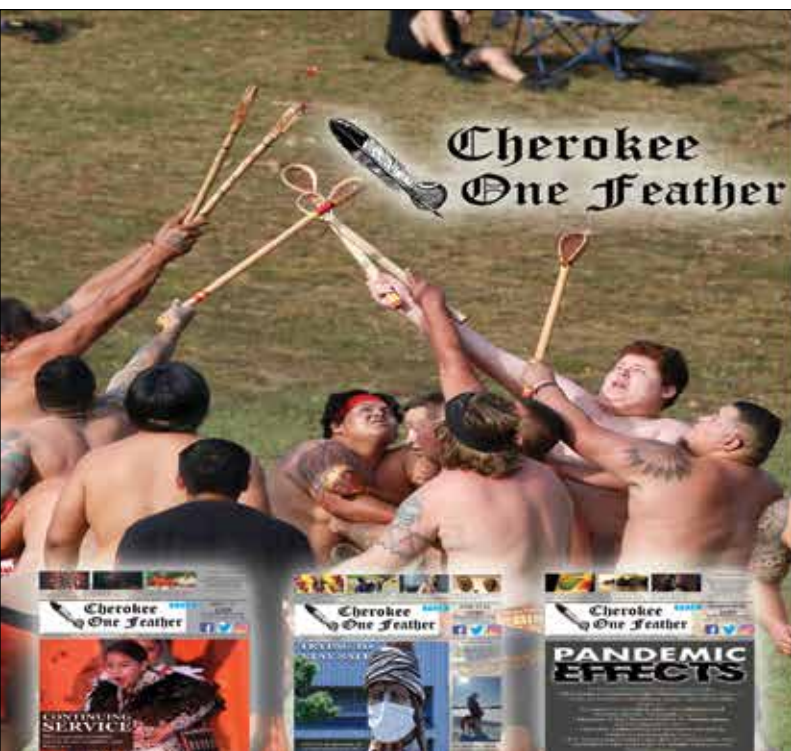
And, I tell the people in Big Cove, the only curve we're rounding is Stoney Curve because we know this virus is real."

A COVID-19 survivor himself, he noted, "When you're laying there and you can't get your breath and you don't know if that's your last breath you're going to breathe, it's not funny. This is serious. We're not trying to make it hard on people."

Rep. French added, "What really got me was when I had to do a contact tracing. The two I had to give names for was my mother-in-law in her 80s and the next one was my grandson - six-years-old. The two that they tell you could be the worst are your elders and the kids and I was around two of those."

Res. No. 321 does not offer any penalties for individuals violating the face covering rule when in public.

It will become law once ratified by Chief Sneed.



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# CCS construction continues with focus on school growth

JONAH LOSSIAH  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

This summer, Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) broke ground on a \$22 million expansion project at their campus.

According to CCS Director of Community Affairs Yona Wade, the construction is currently on schedule despite launching the project in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Funding wasn’t affected at all by it. We did a little delay getting started just because the boundary was closed. So, having that kind of construction traffic moving on and off. But, other than that, we’re right where we need to be based on our schedule that we set. The projection date for completion is still 2023,” said Wade.

Wade says that while it has been immensely difficult not having the students on campus for classes, the silver lining is that it has helped make up for lost time on this project.

“Not having students on campus has helped with the construction. We’ve been able to move forward and continue to move forward without having to impact student schedules or having student schedules impact the construction schedule because of us having to work around testing and being aware of noise,” said Wade.

This construction includes two new buildings and other additions to the grounds. There are three major areas of construction: The South building, the North building, and additional parking near the gate entrance.

“What you’ll see if you come on campus right now is that they’re preparing to build the South building, which will go in



JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos

**Shown is the construction ground** for the ‘North building’. This structure will connect to Fieldhouse that is seen in the background.

the place of the old Gathering Place. Then they’re working on the new parking lot. That’s the fenced in area next to the guard shack, those are going to be new parking lots. They’re also working on North building, which will connect to the field house. You’ll also see a fenced in area there,” said Wade.

The Gathering Place was the seven-sided building situated in the courtyard of the Elementary school. That has already been demolished and removed completely.

“The Gathering Place was one of the coolest places on this campus. So, it was sorted bittersweet for me to see the Gathering Place come down,” said CCS Superintendent Michael Murray. “In the last three years, when I’m taking

people through the campus and showing what beautiful, unique place this is, that’s what one of the centerpieces. It’s got so much culture wrapped up in it and it’s so different from any other project we’ve ever had. To see that thing actually torn down was difficult. But, we also know for us to grow and for this to be a true expansion project, that was the first step that needed to happen.”

Not all has been decided when it comes the buildings themselves. Given that there are a couple years before completion, Wade says it is difficult to say what programs might need to utilize the spaces at this time. There are general plans for each space, but Wade said that a focus of the project was to make

sure each building could be used in multipleways to benefit the school.

The North building will be set to house the Central office and CCS’s Pathseekers program. It will also hold a multipurpose space on the second floor. This will be used more consistently for athletics, but Wade said that it will be designed to act as a ‘multipurpose room’.


The wing that currently holds the Central office and Pathseekers will then be renovated to create more space for the High School. This includes adding more classroom space and planning to shift band and chorus, which is currently stationed in the middle school, to the high school.

When it comes to the South





**Additional parking** will be available near the entrance of the school. This lot is situated directly across from the guard shack.



*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

40 - nvgisgo  
50 - hisgisgo  
60 - sudalisgo  
70 - galigwasgo  
80 - nelisgo

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

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Building, Wade says that it is a strict upgrade and more from what the Gathering Place offered. “The Gathering Place was a multipurpose space, but it didn’t have central heat or air. So, it kind of

limited when you could use it.”

This building will have those amenities and much more. They are expecting to have classroom space for Pre-K, though that is not a definite at this time. The South building will also contain a culinary kitchen not unlike a community college that offers culinary classes.

Superintendent Murray said that he is excited for the potential of this expansion and how it has stayed steady despite the shakeups this year. “It’s amazing to me that we are not only on track but its effectively moving along. We were able to stay within the budget, which again, that’s a blessing,” said Superintendent Murray.

“We are growing. And as we grow, and as we focus on academics and we certainly make sure that we’re celebrating the uniqueness of being Cherokee, you don’t want to lose folks based on not having enough space for them. Especially in the Elementary school, we are way over what we’ve had the past. So, we’re going to keep growing,” said Superintendent Murray.



In autumn, stop fertilizing your clivia plant, and place it in a cool room for about 6-8 weeks; this is essential for flower bud formation. Water very sparingly until flower buds appear. Just as winter enters its bleakest stage, you will be rewarded with a bouquet of lovely bright-colored flowers. When the flowers fade, cut the stalk at its base to prevent seeding. – Brenda Weaver

Sources: [www.chicagobotanic.org](http://www.chicagobotanic.org),  
[worldoffloweringplants.com](http://worldoffloweringplants.com)

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Ledford as “Joe Exotic and  
Carole Baskin”



**PET DIV.**  
Sage as a “Unicorn”  
Humans are Claudette Long and Jerry Conner II



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**Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha**, right, has his temperature checked at a new kiosk prior to entering the Council House on Thursday, Oct. 29 as Mollie Grant, left, EBCI Emergency Management program manager looks on. Several other temperature screening kiosks will be installed at other locations on the Qualla Boundary in the next weeks. Once there is a full list of where these are located, we will report back.

## GWY TJBOO O'PODL TYOIGOOJ Tsalagi idiyvwiya ulisgeda igisdawadvdsi Cherokee Core Values

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**Group Harmony**  
SUUW.IOOFOJ GWY TJOHOOY - dedadasaladisgesdi Tsalagi idiwonisgi

DLO-VY LGLFOOJ - adanvdogi dayudalenvhi  
**Spirituality**  
O'AWOOJ TJHVOOFOJ - unelenvhi idinvgwo disgesdi

O'CHYL DLOOJ - utlinigida adanvtedi  
**Strong Individual Character**  
iSC.O F4OOJ - vgatliye gesesdi

APCOJ JSUFOJ - golitsvhi digadalenvi  
**Sense of Place**  
TJHVOOFOJ JSUFOJ - idilvgwo disgesdi digadalenvi

JH6C SS6OOFOJ - diniyotli dedeyohvsagesdi  
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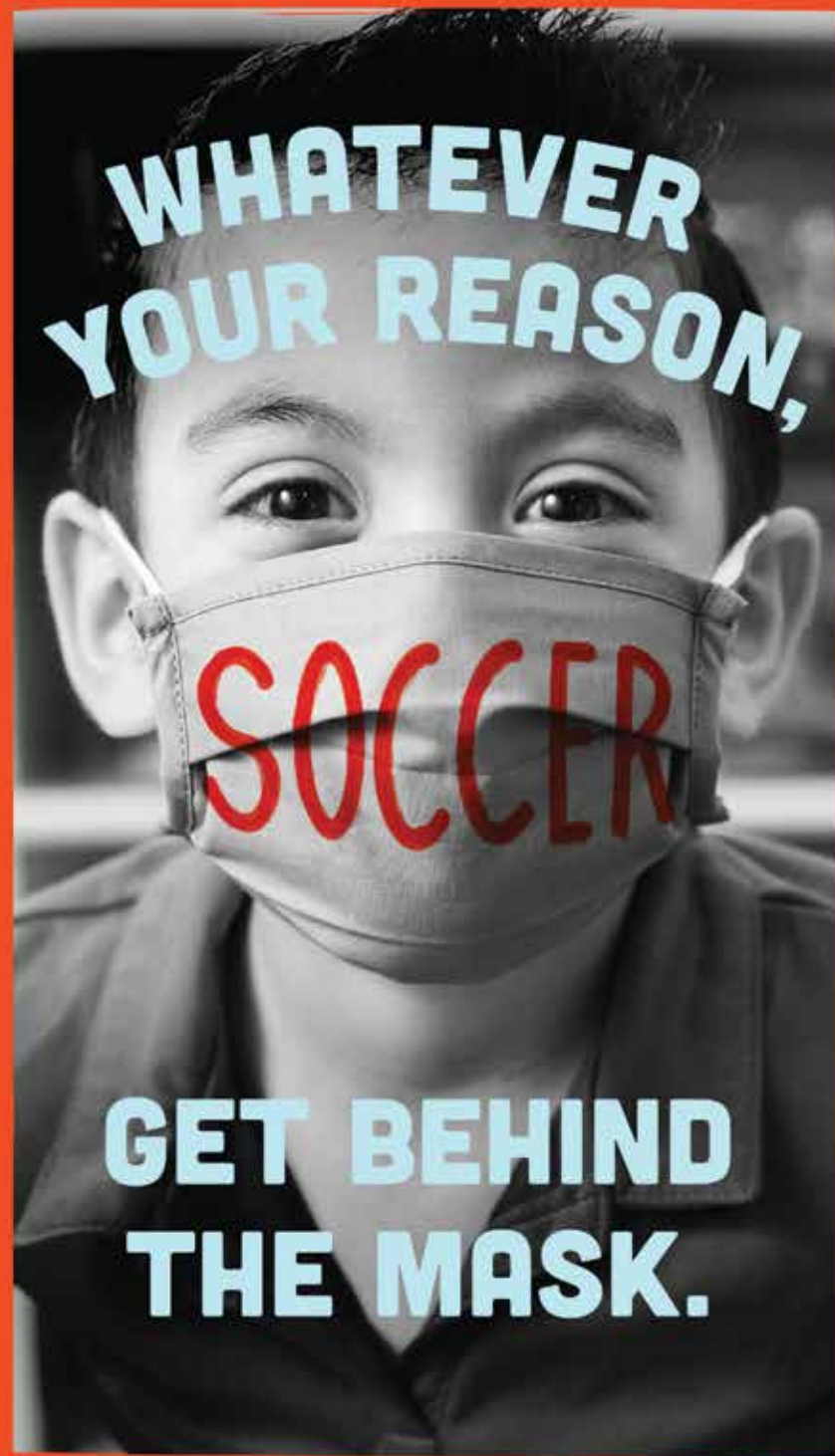
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With the passage of Res. No. 439 on Dec. 6, 2018, Tribal Council approved the designation of all tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) as a Purple Heart Community. Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 officials presented the signage to Council during an Annual Council session on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 29. First photo - Randall Myers and Warren Dupree are shown with the signage following the presentation. In total, 10 signs were made and will be distributed throughout the EBCI community as follows: four signs for each entrance to the Qualla Boundary, two signs given to the Cherokee County Community Club, two signs given to the Snowbird Community Club, one sign for the Cherokee Veterans Park, and one sign for the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. In the second photo, Dupree, Post 143 service officer, presents a Special Recognition Award to Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, accepting on behalf of the entire body, for Council's "dedication and support honoring America's combat-wounded veterans".



One of the easiest ways you can fight the spread of COVID-19 is to wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. Whatever your reason, get behind the mask.

For more information, visit [covid19.ncdhhs.gov](https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov)



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## Cherokee Life Center employee tests positive for COVID-19

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services and Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority identified on Thursday, Oct. 29 one employee of the Cherokee Life Center who tested positive for COVID-19. The employee is currently isolated in their home.

The Cherokee Life Center employee, who tested positive for COVID-19, reported to work and had contact with gym members and users.

EBCI PHHS officials noted, "The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services and Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority are working diligently to identify and notify close contacts who may have come in contact with this individual."

If you visited the Cherokee Life Center from Saturday, Oct. 10 through Monday, Oct. 26, or have concerns call Tsalagi Public Health at 359-6240.

Drive-thru testing is available at the former Analenisgi Recovery Center 375 Sequoyah Trail Cherokee, NC 28719. To make an appointment, call the COVID-19 Hotline 497-3743.

- EBCI Public Health and Human Services release

## COVID-19 cluster in Jackson County following gathering at apartment

Seven individuals who attended a social gathering on Sunday, Oct. 18 at an apartment in Jackson County have tested positive for COVID-19 according to a press release by the Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH) on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

JCDPH officials noted they are "working to identify any additional close contacts of these individuals"

and said all positive individuals are following isolation orders.

Melissa McKnight, JCDPH deputy health director, said in a statement, "We know that our community wants and often needs to come together. We also know our community does not want to spread COVID-19 to the ones that they love. If you choose to gather, please make smart choices. Wear a mask, maintain distance, limit your gatherings to a small number of people, gather outside as much as possible, and wash your hands."

No further information was provided by the JCDPH.

Jackson County has seen a surge in recent weeks. According to numbers from the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services, the county has had 171 new positive COVID-19 cases reported from Oct. 18-26.

- One Feather staff report

## CIPD Arrest Report for Oct. 18-25, 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.*

Cook, Katrina Lynn - age 33  
Arrested: Oct. 18  
Released: Oct. 18  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson County

Edenfield, Keenan - age 42  
Arrested: Oct. 19  
Released: Oct. 19  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson County

George, Carolyn Michaela - age 22  
Arrested: Oct. 20  
Released: Oct. 22  
Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property

Collins, Kylie Renese - age 21  
Arrested: Oct. 21  
Released: Oct. 21  
Charges: Simple Possession  
Schedule II Controlled Substance

Collins, Ozzie Daniel - age 19  
Arrested: Oct. 21  
Released: Oct. 21  
Charges: Simple Possession  
Schedule II Controlled Substance

Bird, Nicholas Daniel - age 36  
Arrested: Oct. 22  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Drugs - Manufacturing, Sell or Deliver Counterfeit Drugs; Public Intoxication

Conseen-Teesatuskie, Shauna - age 42  
Arrested: Oct. 22  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance

French, George Michael - age 49  
Arrested: Oct. 22  
Released: Oct. 26  
Charges: Public Intoxication, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Paul, Jason Leroy - age 26  
Arrested: Oct. 22  
Released: Oct. 22  
Charges: Larceny

Sampson, Austin Russell - age 37  
Arrested: Oct. 22  
Released: Oct. 22  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Hawkins, Crystal Danielle - age 39

Arrested: Oct. 23  
Released: Oct. 23  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson County

## Good Housekeeping

### Easy Mushroom and Pepper Pizza

- 1 medium red pepper
- 1 medium green pepper
- 1 medium yellow pepper
- 1 package (12-ounce) mushrooms
- 1 small onion
- Olive or salad oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 package (16-ounce) Italian bread shell
- 1 package (8-ounce) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese (2 cups)
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

1. Cut peppers into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Thinly slice mushrooms and onion.

2. Heat oven to 450 F. In 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat, in 1 tablespoon hot olive or salad oil, cook peppers and onion until tender-crisp. Add mushrooms, salt and 1 tablespoon olive or salad oil; cook until all liquid evaporates and vegetables are tender and golden.

3. Place bread shell on large cookie sheet. Top with mozzarella cheese, then vegetable mixture. Sprinkle with oregano and black pepper. Bake pizza on bottom rack of oven 8 to 10 minutes until hot and bubbly. Makes 6 servings.

• Each serving: About 345 calories, 13g total fat, 21g cholesterol, 625mg sodium.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at [www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/](http://www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/).

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# Three Virginia tribes added to USET

Three tribal nations were welcomed as new members during the virtual Annual Board of Directors Meeting of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET)[1] and United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The tribal nations are the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe, the Nansemond Indian Nation, and the Monacan Indian Nation. The USET/USET SPF membership now includes 33 tribal nations whose homelands extend from the northeastern woodlands to the Everglades and across the Gulf of Mexico.

The Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe is centered in King William County. The tribal nation has strong ties to Christianity and their community is centered around The Indian View Baptist Church, built in 1942. The Upper Mattaponi own 32 acres of land and are a proud and humble people of strong character and values, with much optimism and hope for the future. The tribal nation was officially recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 25, 1983 and received Federal recognition in 2018. In 1608, Captain John Smith identified the village of Passaunkack at the location of

the present-day Upper Mattaponi. The oldest surviving King William County records dated 1885 list non-reservated Indians bearing the surname Adams living in a settlement known as Adamstown. The name most likely originated with James Adams who served as an official interpreter between the British and Indians living in this area between 1702 to 1727. The Adamstown band became officially known as the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe in 1921.

The Nansemond are the indigenous people of the Nansemond River, a 20-mile long tributary of the James River in Virginia. The tribal nation was part of the Tsenacomoco (or Powhatan paramount chiefdom) which was a coalition of approximately 30 Algonquian Indian Tribal Nations distributed throughout the northern, southern, and western lands surrounding the Chesapeake Bay. The Nansemond people lived in settlements on both sides of the Nansemond River where they fished (with the name “Nansemond” meaning “fishing point”), harvested oysters, hunted, and farmed in fertile soil. The Nansemond were formally organized with elected officers in 1984 and later applied for and received Virginia state recognition in

1985. After more than 30 years of effort as the Nansemond Indian Tribal Association, the tribal nation (along with five other tribal nations from the original Powhatan paramount chiefdom) was granted federal recognition. In honor of this turning point they have returned to the name used by their ancestors—the Nansemond Indian Nation. The Tribal Nation is dedicated to Nansemond historical and cultural preservation for the benefit of their Tribal citizens and the community at large.

The Monacan Nation, headquartered in Amherst County, has survived almost four hundred years since the first settlers landed at Jamestowne. Today the tribal nation numbers over 2,000 people, as more descendants discover their heritage and return to Amherst to celebrate their Indian culture. The tribal nation operates numerous programs designed to assist Tribal citizens and to educate the general public. It purchased 110 acres of land on Bear Mountain and acquired new parcels as well. The Monacan Nation, one of the few American Indian Tribal Nations that still remain in their ancestral homeland, has made significant contributions to Virginia’s history and development, and it continues

to be a strong group, dedicated to the survival of Indian people in Virginia and throughout the hemisphere. The tribal nation became a state-registered corporation in 1988, and in 1989, it was recognized by the Virginia General Assembly as one of the eight indigenous Tribal Nations of the state. In 1993, the tribal nation became a registered nonprofit organization, developed a museum steering committee, and held its first annual Powwow in Bedford County.

“We are so pleased to welcome three new members to our USET family. We believe they will enhance our collective efforts by bringing their own unique experiences, culture, and history to the conversation and our advocacy efforts. Their addition to our family will further build upon our principle and motto of Because there is Strength in Unity,” stated USET/USET SPF Secretary Lynn Malerba, Lifetime Chief of the Mohegan Tribe.

The three Tribal Nations were federally recognized on Jan. 29, 2018, through the Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act.

- USET release



## COVID HOTLINE

# 497-3743

# Your questions answered about COVID-19

*This is an edited transcript of an interview on Wednesday, Oct. 28 with Dr. Richard A. Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive clinical director, about current COVID-19 issues. Chris McCoy, director of EBCI Communications, is the host. It is aired via Cherokee Cablevision Channel 28, livestreamed by Communications (replays online may be seen at several tribal social media pages).*

In this edition, Dr. Bunio addresses questions of the community gathered from the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page.

## What if someone has a fear about being misdiagnosed?

We have had tests that have come back

false positive or false negative. Particularly some of these rapid tests that are being done. They are not as good as the one we send out and it takes a couple of days to come back. So, yes, it is possible to have a test done and get a result that is not completely accurate.

## If someone tests positive for COVID-19 and also has the flu, how do we know that they are being treated properly?

As we get into flu season, we are probably going to get to a point when the flu activity goes up so much that we will be testing for both. There are a couple of companies that are coming out with a test that does test for both with one single swab. I think that is probably going to become the standard moving forward. There is a medication that does work for the flu. It doesn't work for COVID. Even in years past, we know that, if we think that somebody has the flu, we will go ahead and give them this medication. It will shorten the illness by a few days. The key is, in this winter, we are going to have to test for both just to be sure that we are not

missing (anything). It is possible to have two infections at the same time. We think getting flu shots this year is vital. We are working with Public Health to set up as many flu shot events as we can. Of course, flu shots are available at the hospital. We want as many people to get flu shots as possible so that you're not faced with that tough choice. You're feeling sick and your wondering, "Do I have the flu? Do I have COVID?", it is just better not to get sick and a flu shot can prevent that.

## Are there any negative side effects to getting the flu shot?

Some people feel a little bit sick for a day or so. Usually it is the people who are getting it for the first time. I get it every year. I have already had mine. Aside from a little bit of a pain, it doesn't affect me at all. I think it is really important that everybody get it. You might get a mild illness. You might get a little achy. But the majority of people don't feel anything. If you have had the flu and you've been down for a week or ten days, you know how miserable

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**If a person dies from the flu and was only treated for COVID, what then? Who is at fault for that?**

I really don't think it is about fault. First of all, we are going to treat you, as a patient, based on how you are doing. We use tests to guide our treatment. We don't rely on them exclusively. If your oxygen level is low, we are going to give you oxygen, whether that is caused by the flu, or COVID, or pneumonia. And a lot of the treatments right now are very supportive. As I mentioned, there is a medication for the flu. We are now using Remdesivir for COVID, if you are bad enough to be in the hospital and in the ICU. It's not perfect either. We are going to treat you as a person, not just use a test.

**Is it safe to cook food in your home and give it to others outside of your home?**

Yes, I think it is with a couple of precautions. There is no known transmission of this virus by eating, from food. There is a potential to catch it from contact, if you touch something with the virus on it and touch your eye, nose, you can get it. So, if you want to do that, I actually think that is a smart way to share a meal. I would recommend that the person who is preparing the plates wear a mask, wear gloves or at the very least, wash and sanitize their hands. And then have people come and pick up their food while still maintaining social distancing.

**What evidence supports the recommendation that people who test positive and continue to test positive are not contagious after their 10-day isolation? Many jobs require negative testing to return to work because of the job and people that it serves such as elders and children. Are we chancing it by sending positive people back into the community without a negative test result?**

This is one that can be confusing. All the evidence that the CDC has reviewed indicates that a person with a normal immune system will not be contagious 10 days after contracting the virus. They no longer recommend a test. No if you have an impaired immune system, it can take up to 21 days for you to clear the virus.

The best advice is to talk to our public health professionals. They do this all the time. They will interview you and tell you what the best time is to come back. Some workplaces are still insisting on a negative test before they will let people back. We are certainly willing to advise them on what will be safest. All I can say right now is that the CDC says that after 10 days you are released from isolation. I know it is difficult for someone who feels fine and wants to go back to work. We're not testing people every day in the hopes that they get the negative test or the two negative tests. This was an early recommendation, the two negative tests. We no longer do that. So, we are spacing it out. I believe we are offering to test people one per week until they get a negative test.

**Why are some community events that result in positive individuals announced publicly and others are not?**

If we know everybody who was at that event and we can get in touch with them, there is no need to publish it. But sometimes, people are attending events and they have no way of knowing or remembering who was there. As a public service, Public Health will put out an announcement that says that if you were at this location on this date you should consider getting tested. It is just a way to make sure that we capture everybody who was potentially exposed at what could be a super spreader event that they go ahead and get tested so that we can try to control the outbreak that we are having right now.

**Are casino employees who test positive shared with the Tribe? Are those numbers shared with the Tribe?**

All people who test positive have to be reported to the state. They are also reported to the county and to the Tribal health department. Our tribal and county health departments are constantly in contact. Everybody who tests positive, we are going to know about it.

**If you have antibodies will you always test positive?**

If you have antibodies and you do an antibody test, yes, that test will always be positive. But that is not the test that we do. An antibody test tells us that you have been exposed to

this virus at some point in the past. We do a test that looks for the virus itself. If you have antibodies, our test is still accurate to tell if you have virus. If you have antibodies and you have recovered, no, our test should be negative as well. We are looking for the RNA of the virus. It (the test) is so sensitive that any little bit of virus even if it is dead or it's a fragment, the PCR will pick that up. Where the antibody test is a blood test.

**Is it safer to work indoors or outside where there is more air flow?**

Outside is always better where the wind is spreading the virus, it is diluting it out. We don't know how many viral particles it takes for it to establish itself and infect you. So if you are outside, the more airflow, the better. If you are inside, they recommend that you open windows if the weather allows it. And the direction of the air flow matters a little bit. If you are six feet away from me but the air is blowing towards me and you start coughing that could put me at risk. But in general, outside is better because you've got more room and you've got more airflow.

**What do you need to use to clean your house and vehicles after you have tested positive?**

I guess that depends on what you are trying to do. If you have tested positive and you are going to be on your 10-day isolation and you are not going anywhere, it is a good idea to clean high-touch surfaces if other people are going to be around you, but the longest the virus was found to be active was about three days. So, if you just don't drive your car for three days, the virus is going to die. Now there have been some recent studies where they picked up the virus over a longer period of time, but we have not established whether or not it could infect anybody. I would say if you want to wipe that down with an approved cleaner that's fine, but if you just sort of leave things alone for three days, generally the virus (will die). It is not a very hardy virus. It won't survive. And particularly if it is exposed to ultraviolet light, that tends to inactivate the virus.

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**COVID:** Dr. Bunio answers One Feather reader questions, *from page 13*

**If you test positive for the virus, how likely is it that you can get it again? If you do get it again will the symptoms be as bad as before? If you didn't have symptoms the first time, might you have symptoms the second time around?**

We are seeing people catch the virus a second time. So yes, it is possible. We believe that most people with a normal immune system will have some degree of immunity for about ninety days after they have had the infection. We don't know if it will be worst or better the second time. We have seen both. We have seen some people who catch it a second time and they are in ICU and it is actually a little bit worse. We are still learning about this. I think the important thing to emphasize here is that mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing, it is a good idea to keep doing that even if you think you have some degree of immunity, because we just don't know how long that immunity is going to last. We believe also that the 3 W's are also effective in preventing flu and that if people will practice them that we will also see fewer flu cases this season than we have had in previous years. So, in combination with people getting the flu shot and wearing masks, we should see less flu this year.

**So are any of the recovered Cherokee patients experiencing any long-term effects from COVID? And if so, how is the hospital preparing for an influx of patients over the coming years that are experiencing long-term effects from COVID?**

We are seeing some patients that are experiencing long-term effects. They don't tend to be things that require people to be hospitalized again. We are seeing some mental foginess and fatigue, and other things like that. The hospital is prepared to help these people in the same way we would help anybody. Call your primary care team. They will do what they can. Some of these things are just going to take time. And I think that is something that we have emphasized before that this not something you catch and get better. Many people are having effects that go for months. We just haven't had this virus around for long enough to

see how a small group of people are going to be affected for a long time. It is a new virus, and we are just learning. I can't tell you if it is going to be affecting you two years from now because we haven't had the virus around for two years.

**How soon will we be getting a competent vaccine because we know how to make viral vaccines? Why is this different?**

We are hopeful that we will get a vaccine at some point this winter. The vaccine trials and the science behind them is good, but it is being rushed. Most vaccines will take sometimes five or 10 years before they hit the market, and these are being pushed because of the severity of the pandemic. I don't have a crystal ball. I would like to think that we will have the vaccine by January. We don't have the luxury of testing this vaccine and watching you for a year to see how effective it is going to be. What we need here is time. We are getting a great response to the survey that was sent out. We don't think everybody is going to want the vaccine right away. And we are not going to force anybody to get it. When we get our allotment of vaccine, we are going to give it to the people who are the highest priority first and then we are going to roll it out to hopefully everybody who wants one.

**Why are people who have knowingly been exposed not being advised and instructed to quarantine while they wait for the appointment to be tested? I understand the wait period, but shouldn't they be quarantined to avoid spreading in the meantime until they get tested?**

They should be. I am confident in saying that anyone who is a direct contact is being advised to quarantine. Generally, that happens when one of the Public Health nurses talks to them. Now there are some cases where people think they are a direct contact and through the course of the interview, we determine that they were not really exposed at all, in which case you do not need to quarantine. Everybody who is a direct contact should be advised to quarantine for 14 days and as we said before, even if you get a test and test negative, you still have to quarantine for the 14 days.

**Do Natives handle the virus differently**

**from non-Natives?**

I don't think there is any evidence to show that Natives as a group handle the virus differently. Except for the fact that we have a higher incidence of co-morbid conditions - diabetes, obesity, smoking. We do have a population that has a lot of these conditions and those are conditions that make a person tend to have a more serious course of illness. COVID is a respiratory, lung, infection. Anything that interferes with your lungs' natural ability to fight off infection, which smoking does, among a lot of other negative health factors, is absolutely going to increase your risk.

**Would you suggest outdoor activity for some of our older folks that might have some underlying conditions?**

I think getting out and getting some exercise is always good. Outdoors is better than indoors by far. Getting out and getting a little sunlight and a little vitamin D is good for people. So yeah, I think that is a good idea.

**Can you clarify the quarantine period?**

It is important to contact Public Health or let Public Health contact you. The quarantine period is the period when we are waiting to see if you are going to get the virus. So that is 14 days after your last contact. If you have a positive test, you are not in quarantine, you are in isolation and that is generally 10 days from the date of the positive test or 10 days from when your symptoms started. So if you waited a few days, come in and got your test, we are going to go back a couple of days so that you have got another eight days to go before you are released from your isolation. It is a very common thing that people get confused. Quarantine and isolation are two different things. And that is why they have two different time periods. If you are on quarantine and eight days into your quarantine, you develop the infection or you get symptomatic, then you have got another 10 days after that. If you have ongoing exposure, like if you live with someone, we are going to wait until that person is no longer contagious and then quarantine 14 days after that last day.

**Are the rapid tests even that accu-**

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**COVID:** Dr. Bunio answers One Feather reader questions, from page 14

**rate? I know someone who was recently tested at the ER. It was positive but once they were transferred to another hospital, they had multiple tests that came back negative.**

The rapid tests as a group are not as accurate as the RNA tests, the PCR tests. We have seen some false positives and some false negatives. The advantages of the rapid tests are that you get a result rapidly. Sometimes within 15 minutes. The disadvantage is they sometimes don't give us an accurate result. If you get a positive test on a rapid test, as long as you behave like that is a true positive until we can figure out... if we stopped you from going to gatherings and

going out for two days while you wait for that other test, I think there is some value in that. What we don't want is for someone to get a (rapid) test and it's a negative to feel free to go out and not wear their mask. Testing doesn't eliminate the need to wear the mask and social distance and staying away from mass gatherings.

**What protocol or procedure was put in place by Tribal Council and the Hospital? Any quarantine building set aside or emergency backup ventilators, masks stored on the Reservation for that purpose?**

We started planning for this back in March and we meet weekly, particularly Public Health and the Hospital to just try to access the situ-

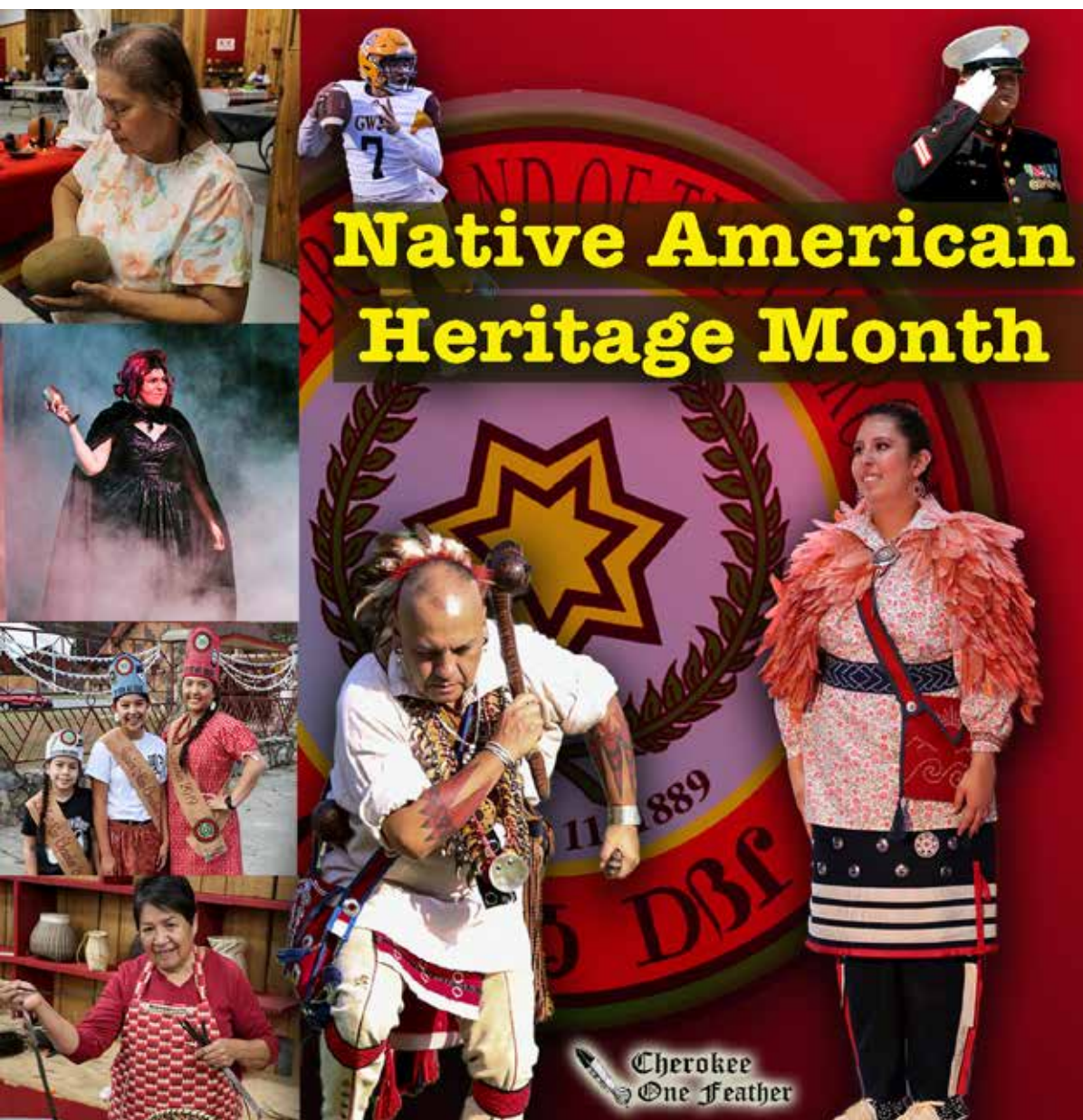
ation. You have seen it. It is changing. We are trying our best to stockpile masks and personal protective equipment. We have plans in place should things get out of hand. We are not seeing as big a...we are seeing a surge here no doubt...but I can tell you that if you look at one of these maps of the area, we are surrounded by red-red is bad-Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia-we are surrounded by red, so it is just a matter of time before it gets even worse here unless we do what we are supposed to do. We have to be really careful about that.

**Do you have a plan for worst case scenario?**

We do. We are limited. A lot of times we come up with plans for standing up extra space or tents and it is just really hard to get that stuff. So, we are working on that right now. We've been working on this for months.

**Any advice for Halloween?**

I think you have got to have a safe Halloween this year. I have seen people being really creative about that so kids can still dress up and have a socially distanced way for them to pick up a bag of candy. So I think we just have to keep in mind that this is not a normal year. I wish it were. We are all in the same boat and we are going to sink or swim together.





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- The Landing Café
- Earl of Sandwich

"Winners of the 2020 Travelers' Choice Awards should be proud of this distinguished recognition," said Kanika Soni, chief commercial officer at Tripadvisor. "Although it's been a challenging year for travel and hospitality, we want to celebrate our partners' achievements. Award winners are beloved for their exceptional service and quality. Not only are these winners well deserving, they are also a great source of inspiration for diners as the world begins to venture out again."

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Submit your high resolution photos to Scott at [scotmcki@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:scotmcki@nc-cherokee.com).



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## 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 Meeting.

Tuesdays 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Info: Scott Hill 508-7836 or revscotthill1@gmail.com . The Virtual Life Recovery Bible-Based 12-step meeting is also being held on Zoom Tuesdays 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. If you are interested in join-

ing, email Deb Conseen-Bradley at kellideb@gmail.com

## Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee Precinct meeting.

Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda will include evaluation of election efforts and plans for 2021. Info: 497-9498

## Bridge repair work begins across the Park

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced on Thursday, Oct. 29 that the Federal Highway Administration awarded two construction contracts to replace seven bridges and repair seven others across the park. The work will continue through Jan. 19, 2022 and necessitates several single-lane closures and a few full road closures to safely accomplish the repairs.

Forge Creek Road in the Cades Cove area will be closed to all use

beginning Nov. 2 through May 27, 2021 to replace five bridges. Due to the complete removal of the bridges and the use of large equipment to perform repair work, the road will be closed to all users. There will be no access to Henry Whitehead Place or the Gregory Bald Trailhead during this time period.

Bridges in the following areas will be repaired throughout the contract period and visitors should expect single-lane closures in these areas: two bridges along the Gatlinburg Bypass; two bridges along Little River Road; two bridges in the Elkmont area, and one bridge in the Park Headquarters area. This winter, the park will announce dates for a month-long full closure of the road leading to Ramsey Cascades Trailhead and the road leading to Smoky Mountain Stables to fully replace bridges in those areas when the schedule is finalized.

Adams Contracting LLC of Lexington, Ky. was awarded a \$3.5 million contract to replace the five bridges along Forge Creek Road. Work includes the replacement of timber decks, installation of steel beams, and building of new abutment walls and concrete approach slabs. Estes Brothers of Jonesville, Va. was awarded a \$1 million contract to replace two bridges and repair seven bridges in the other areas in the park. Repair work includes replacing damaged rails, repointing masonry, sealing cracks, and repairing deck joints.

For more information about road closures, please visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/temproad-close.htm>.

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<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	All day.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Yellow Stone, Light Cahill, Sulfur Duns, Female Hendrickson, Yellow Sallies	Hare's Ear, Frenchies, Woolly Buggers
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	All Day.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Limited. Midges and some Caddis. Oct. caddis hatching soon.	Stimulators, BWO, Pheasant Tails, Soft hackle Hare's Ear.

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## WCU designated a 'green college' for 10th year by The Princeton Review

**CULLOWHEE** – For a decade, Western Carolina University (WCU) has been listed by The Princeton Review as one of the most environmentally responsible and ecologically connected institutions in North America.

WCU is included in the 2021 edition of the education services company's "Guide to Green Colleges." The guide profiled higher education institutions that were found to have strong commitments to ecologically friendly practices and programs during the company's survey of nearly 700 schools. Criteria for making the guide included the schools' academic offerings and initiatives, campus policies and practices, and green career preparation for students.

Among academic offerings that helped earn the green campus designation are courses in environmental science, geology, natural resource conservation and management, and earth science

education. WCU also offers a new master's degree program in experiential and outdoor education, offered through the College of Education and Allied Professions, and intended for working outdoor professionals.

"WCU's ongoing commitment to undergraduate and graduate programs that utilize its unique natural environment is evidenced in the launch of one of its most recent graduate programs in experiential and outdoor education," said Andrew J. Bobilya, a professor and program director. "This master's degree is the first of its kind in the state of North Carolina."

Among university practices for a natural, sustainable setting that are an ongoing part of being a green college are award-winning recycling efforts, energy reduction programs and maintaining native plants on campus.

"This recognition is a testament to the efforts of many

campus leaders, from our energy manager, David King, who is constantly working behind the scenes finding ways to conserve energy, to our amazing students who work in a variety of ways to implement sustainability on campus," said Lauren Bishop, the university's chief sustainability officer.

King attributes the success to WCU constantly striving for infrastructure upgrades that are both more environmentally compatible and energy efficient, as well as cost beneficial. "We've continued to slowly 'bootstrap' ourselves up. With each HVAC controls upgrade, we capture more energy savings to fund future projects, creating a positive feedback loop," said King. "Last year, we saved almost 1.8 million kilowatt hours. For perspective, that would be the equivalent of adding more than 4,000 solar panels to campus."

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- Western Carolina Univ. release



### Does COVID Restrict Travel With Pets?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I'm driving from New York to Colorado for a long-term contract job, and my two dogs will be coming with me. My roommate in New York is flying with my cat about a week later, because I don't think my cat will do well on a long car trip (and I'm worried about her escaping). Are there any restrictions on pets traveling by plane or staying in hotels at this time? — *Beth G., Brooklyn*

**DEAR BETH:** It sounds like you're doing your planning well in advance, and that's great.

Your dogs should be secured in the car while you're traveling. Depending on their size and the type of car, they can be placed in a large kennel cage in the cargo area (with comfy beds, chew toys and access to water). Or they can stretch out on the back seat — use a restraint device designed to keep dogs from sliding around the car or escaping from the vehicle.

Many hotels are pet-friendly and have modified their cleaning procedures so that the hotel rooms will be clean and ready for the next guest.

And more good news: Your friend and your cat can probably travel together in the airline cabin, as long as your cat is in a carrier (hard or soft sided) that will fit underneath the seat in front of your friend. (Some airlines are no longer shipping pets in the cargo area due to the disrupted flight schedules.)

Book the airline seat with a pet option as soon as possible. Airlines allow a limited number of pets to travel in the cabin, even in a carrier. Those slots may fill up fast.

Likewise for hotels: Book the rooms as soon as possible so that you know a pet-friendly room is waiting for you and your dogs.

Send your tips, comments and questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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## OBITUARIES

### Willard Lossie

Willard Lossie, 71, of Cherokee, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020. The son of the late John Rome Lossie and Charlotte Welch Lossie, Willard will be greeted at Heaven's Gate by his brothers, Paul, Charlie, Larch, Homer, John-Adam, Noah, and Woodrow; along with his sisters, Mary, Luzene, Frieda, Frances, Martha, Maggie, Dorothy, and Jane. He will also be reunited with his nephews, Darrell Ross, Dennis Taylor, Mike Taylor, Ted Taylor, Anthony Lossiah, John Russell Lossiah; great nephews, Martin Perez Jr., Cylas Toineeta, and Mickey J. Meuse; his nieces, Gwen Locust, Carla Lossiah; and great nieces, Kelcie Crowe and Connie Martin-Detlefsen.

Willard is survived by his brother, Jack (Ruth) Lossiah; special nieces, Shog Lossiah, and Genoa Lossiah; special nephew, Tommy (Charlene) Lossiah and John Lossiah, along with numerous other nieces and nephews.

Willard was a member of the Straight Fork Baptist Church. He loved the Oklahoma Sooners as well as Southern Gospel Music. An avid animal lover, you could always find Willard with animals surrounding him.

A private graveside service was held for Willard at the Lossiah Family Cemetery in the Big Cove Community on Friday, Oct. 30. Pastor Greg Morgan officiated. Pallbearers were Earl Martin, Maury Lossiah, Kirk Lossiah, Albert Martin Jr., Eddie Bird, Dwayne Bird, Jerry Taylor, Noland Crowe and Honorary Pall Bearers, Perry Shell and Albert Sluder.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with the arrangements.

### Nathan (Nate) Van Garcia

Nathan (Nate) Van Garcia, 45, of Cherokee and Ohkay Owingeh, N.M., went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020. A native of New Mexico and resident of Cherokee, he was the son of Joe and Onie West Garcia of New Mexico. He was preceded in death by all of his grandparents.

He was the biggest Tarheel and Washington Redskins fan. He was always smiling and joking with people. He liked to tell stories of when he was younger. "A nice guy...Diehard Tarheel and Redskins fan...Boom!"

In addition to his parents, he was also survived by his daughter, Kaelynn Garcia (Randon); one granddaughter, Z-Stu Tafoya; two sisters, Melissa Garcia and her children, Marcela, Emiliano, and Lake-Van all of Cherokee, and MorningStar Garcia and her children, I-Rey Garcia and Imperia Bark both of New Mexico; uncles, Nathan West, Villareal West, Angelo West (Kelly), and Gator West; aunts, Vivian Solis (Lupe), Gloria Hyatt, Lavinia Hicks (David), and several aunts and uncles from New Mexico and several cousins.

A graveside service was held Saturday at Wolfe Family Cemetery in the Big Cove Community in Cherokee. Brother Matthew Tooni officiated.

Pallbearers were Damian and Jabby Solis, Alfred Welch, Travis Hicks, Jeremy Hyatt, Nika West, Earl Martin, and Gatlin West.

Honorary Pallbearers were Emiliano and Lakester Garcia.

### Valor Lavon Rodriguez-Davis

The family of Valor Lavon Rodriguez-Davis announce his passing on Oct. 29, 2020. The infant son of Justin Lee Davis and Sierra Rodriguez Davis, the family takes comfort in knowing that his

Nana Mary "Tootsie" Rodriguez will be awaiting him at Heaven's Gate along with his Great Grandma Mary "Tunnie" Catt and Great Grandpa David Catt.

Valor is survived by his brother, Alexander Johnson Rodriguez-Davis along with uncles Anthony Smith, Tyler Toineeta, Andrew Davis, Kenny Cucumber, and Mason White; great uncle Jose Rodriguez; aunts Genie Davis and great aunt Michelle Rodriguez; cousins Mason White Jr. and Clove Hoyle; grandparents Joey Lambert, Joyce Davis, and David Davis; and great grandma Anita Doundy.

A graveside service was held for Valor Lavon Rodriguez-Davis on Monday, Nov. 2 at Crowe Sampson Cemetery with Dan Conseen officiating.

The family would like to thank the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for their support, Long House Funeral Home, all the love and support they have received from family and friends during this difficult time.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements

### Charles (Charlie) Everett Wolfe

Charles (Charlie) Everett Wolfe, 63, of the Big Cove Community went home to be with the Lord Friday, Oct. 30, 2020. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late James (Lobo) and Ida Sequoyah Wolfe. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his daughter, Myranda Daniel, and a brother, James Wolfe.

He enjoyed playing Bingo. He loved spending time with all of his grandchildren.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Carolyn Wolfe; children, Heather Wolfe (Dudley) of Cherokee, and Crystal Daniel of Cherokee; grand-

children, Brandon Daniel, Kristian Daniel, Corbin Wolfe, and Shashoni Panther; great grandchildren, Myranda (Loshi) Rose, Addison Sherrill, Little Charli Sherrill, and Harli Sherrill, and siblings, Donald Wolfe (Cathy), Edwin (Boonie) Wolfe (Debra), and Katherine Long (Melvin).

Funeral Services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. Pastor Ann French will officiate with burial in Charles Wolfe Cemetery. Charlie will be taken back to the Church at 5 p.m. Wednesday to await the hour of Service. Pallbearers are among family and friends.

## Good Housekeeping

### Slow-Cooker Vegetarian Lasagna

We substituted veggie crumbles for greasy ground beef to cut the fat without losing the protein in this super-easy vegetarian lasagna.

- 1 jar (25- to 26-ounce) marinara sauce
- 1 can (14½-ounce) diced tomatoes
- 1 package (8- to 9-ounce) oven-ready (no-boil) lasagna noodles
- 1 container (15-ounce) part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 package (8-ounce) shredded Italian cheese blend or shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 package (10-ounce) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 cup frozen veggie crumbles\*

1. In medium bowl, combine marinara sauce and tomatoes with their juice.

2. Spray 4 1/2- to 6-quart slow-cooker bowl with nonstick cooking spray. Spoon 1 cup tomato-sauce mixture into bowl. Arrange one-fourth of noodles over sauce, overlapping noodles and breaking into large pieces to cover as much sauce as possible. Spoon about 3/4 cup sauce over noodles, then top with one third of ricotta (about 1/2 cup), and 1/2 cup shredded cheese. Spread half of spinach over cheese.

3. Repeat layering 2 more times beginning with noodles, but in middle layer, replace spinach with frozen crumbles. Place remaining noodles over spinach, then top with remaining sauce and shredded cheese.

4. Cover slow cooker with lid and cook as manufacturer directs on low setting 2 1/2 to 3 hours or on high setting 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hours or until noodles are very tender. Makes 8 main-dish servings

\*Veggie crumbles are a heat-and-serve vegetarian meat substitute found in your grocer's freezer. If you prefer, you can substitute 8 ounces ground beef, browned, for the crumbles.

• Each serving: About 415 calories, 17g total fat (8g saturated), 37mg cholesterol, 1,120mg sodium, 41g total carbohydrate, 6g dietary fiber, 24g protein.

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## MORE OBITUARIES

### Johnny Kenneth George

Johnny Kenneth George, 79, of the Painttown Community and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, went to his heavenly home to be with the Lord and many loved ones on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020. He was at his residence surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Johnny was born to the late Tom and Ida Seay George on June 9, 1941. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Patrick D. George; two brothers, Joseph Long, Thomas Lee George; a great grandson, Kenyoda Morris Jenkins; and John always said "the best mother- and father-in-law any man could ever ask for", Sallie Junaluska and Pastor Arthur Wm Locust.

John is survived by his best friend, his caregiver and the love of his life of 50 yrs and 11 months, Linda Locust George; two daughters, Tonya G. Jenkins (Emmett), Patricia G. McCoy (Tim) and Donya George who we consider a daughter, friend, and caregiver.

There are 13 grandchildren: Tonya's - Rickeena D, McCoy, Jayson McCoy, Kimber Jenkins,

Brandy Jenkins, and Shane Seago; Patricia's - James D. Jenkins, Corey M. Jenkins, and Courtney George;

Patrick's - Danica Sequoyah and Zabian George;

Donya's - James Walkingstick, Stephen Walkingstick, and Carmen R. Neadeau.

Also surviving are 14 great grandchildren with several nieces and nephews.

John was a member of Goose Creek Baptist Church where he served as Associate Deacon. He was very active within the church. The joy of his life was being around family and friends, sharing his knowledge of the Bible and he would start to testify about living for Christ, the man who died on an ole rugged cross for each and every one of us. John loved to sing gospel songs, oh how he loved to sing. He sang with the Locust family and WhoSoEverWill, sometimes he sang by himself cause he was never bashful. Always friendly to everyone he met.

John will be missed by the family but we were assured his feet was walking on the streets of gold before he took his last two breathes when he lifted his legs and feet in walking motion and

took off as if running. A new body that will never ache with pain again, no sorrow no heartaches, no death, but a life everlasting. Praise the Good Lord!

John worked for the Cherokee Police Dept. as a traffic Director. He was a supervisor at Frontier Land, Magic Waters, and Ghost Town. He worked for the Cherokee Bingo, Holiday Inn, and the road oil crew for the State Department.

He was an officer for the 30th district, which he really enjoyed. He also helped Linda in her business after retiring.

Mr. George was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Vascular Dementia in 2014 until his health declined in early 2019 to where he became homebound and was cared for by his loving family. We want to thank each and every one who helped us to pray, sang beautiful songs, and brought food, our EMS workers and hospital staff, our fire and rescue, home health, the grave diggers, our Executive office of the EBCI and those who just listened. We want to especially thank our little Suzanne Locust and Courtney George who went above and beyond in caring for Mr. John during his last days here.

Mr. George was laid to rest at the George Cemetery at 105 Iva Lee Dr on Tuesday Nov. 3.

A private graveside service was handled by Pastor James Gunter

Pallbearers were Corey Jenkins, Zabian George, Emmett Jenkins, Rickeena McCoy, Kimber Jenkins, James Walkingstick, Stephen Walkingstick, and John W. George.

### Minnie Ledford

Minnie Irene Powell Ledford, 48, of Cherokee, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020. The daughter of the late Philip and Rosemary (Owle) Powell, she is preceded in death by her husband, James Ledford.

Minnie is survived by her brother, Ben Powell; her children, Mitchell, Mason, Nigel, Kal-nud, and Robert Ledford, all of Cherokee; along with her mother-in-law, Lula Ledford.

The family will have a graveside service for Minnie Ledford on Wednesday, Nov. 4 beginning at 12 p.m. at the Blythe Cemetery with Dan Conseen officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

## 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.

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## COMMENTARY

# Speech Boundaries

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

**Y**ou would be hard-pressed to find a group of individuals who are more dedicated to free speech than the staff of the Cherokee One Feather. We are in the information dissemination business. Editor after editor, journalist after journalist have had the philosophy of making sure the newspaper reflects the views of the Qualla Boundary community, the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and the readership. Censorship is a dirty word to us and we do everything we can to present your views and opinions in their original form, and that includes the hundreds of thousands of posts and comments that you contribute to the One Feather Facebook page and other social media.

However, there are times that we must hide and even delete comments from the page. When that happens, it is not done lightly. Typically, the decision to suppress speech is, at the very least, deliberated by part or all the Editorial Board.

The Editorial Board is a governing body to the One Feather and particularly to the editor. Their job is to establish policies for the publication. Between the Cherokee Code, the Code of Ethics, and the Editorial Board policies, the staff of the One Feather has a pretty clear picture of what is acceptable speech and what is not. I am typically the one who has to make the final call on whether to permit speech to be published at the paper, because that is what I was hired to do, but I use all of those resources and the feedback of the staff and board on any material that is up for consideration for being removed from the publication.

We cross-check and scrutinize our

work and the work of others to help us be as objective as possible in our policing of the public pages. Each of us has personal bias that may potentially color how we moderate the pages, and we want to make sure to filter our decisions as thoroughly as possible and always on the side of free speech.

Opinions on free speech are as broad and diverse as there are individuals who read the One Feather. On the Facebook page alone, there are over 44,000 people who "like" the page and over 47,000 people who "follow" the page. In the month of October alone, the Cherokee One Feather reached nearly 600,000 people. And each one of you folks have the opportunity to speak your mind on the One Feather page. That's in addition to those who may tweet, post on Instagram, YouTube, or, if you are really old-fashioned, send a hardcopy letter to the editor. And, yes, I still get those letters in the mail.

It was not always so. Just eight short years ago, when I was hired to this position, use of social media by the One Feather was not permitted. Commentary and letters to the editor were heavily controlled and censored. Other than thank you letters, you rarely saw opinion pieces and it was limited to print, which, in the only statistical audit known to have been done on the paper said the print "reach" of the One Feather was about 5000 people. The newspaper had a website at the time, but with no way to effectively support it with social media, there was little traffic on the site. Prior editors were subject to significant governmental scrutiny and censorship. Even with a Free Press Act in place, the road to true journalistic autonomy was and is a rocky road. To put it mildly, we have come a long way. And the readership and staff have been making the journey together.



From time to time, we do have to address speech on our pages. When it is necessary to hide or remove a comment, we are typically accused of violating the United States' First Amendment law. And while we are a "sovereign" nation, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee One Feather does have an obligation to abide by federal law. But even the U.S. Supreme Court has set guidelines, parameters if you will, for certain types of speech that do not fall under the protection of the First Amendment. Those include obscenity, defamation, fraud, incitement, true threats, and speech integral to already criminal conduct.

Our own tribal laws and policies also identify some examples of speech as unacceptable. In addition, speech, when in a public forum, should be subject to a community standard-not in the expression of opinion but in the manner of delivering that opinion. History and current culture aide in the determination of whether material will meet a community standard.

The One Feather never tells anyone that they do not have the right to say what they want to say in any way they want to say it. But, when you want to say it in the community paper in its various iterations, what you say and the way you say it matters.

Most of us would not say certain words or talk about certain subjects in the presence of a child. Most of us would speak a certain way while in the presence of an elder or a veteran. And most of us would tailor our speech differently in front of a member of the clergy or spiritual leaders. Our public speech in all forms is likely

much different than our private speech. Many times, when we are posting on social media, we have no idea what the demographics are for the people who are seeing our comments and posts. Anyone of any age could be sitting behind a computer screen reading every word. To some adults, it may be common practice to pepper their speech with profanity, but even they would likely hold back certain words if they knew a child would be listening.

I don't have a demographic background breakdown by age on our social media, but my educated guess is that, of those nearly 600,000 people reached by One Feather posts last month, the number of children viewing our pages might be in the thousands and elders might be in the tens of thousands. We have an obligation to them, and, more importantly, to the members of our Tribe, to ensure that no one is repulsed or intimidated by speech in the paper to the point that they would stop reading or, worse yet, stop feeling comfortable sharing their opinions on the One Feather public pages.

To the best of our ability, the staff and Editorial Board will try to provide an environment conducive to that, the free expression of thoughts and ideas. Hopefully, most of you will find it a good outlet for your views. Unfortunately, there will always be some who feel that environment is not acceptable and that they are being restricted.

We want everyone to feel comfortable sharing their thoughts. It is important that we all express our opinions. It is part of our freedom. It is also important that we respect our community. It is part of preserving our way of life.



## **You are in business to make money ...right?**

Thousands read the Cherokee One Feather each week. Our readers are a distinct demographic who are highly selective about where they get their news and what media they trust. No other media outlet reaches the Qualla Boundary like the One Feather. From tribal elders to youth stickball players, they check out their local newspaper for all the happenings in and around Cherokee. We live in a tight-knit community and we like to keep up with what is going on with our neighbors. It just makes good business sense to invest your advertising dollars where our readers will see it. And they will in the Cherokee One Feather. We have reasonable rates for print and online advertising. Check out the One Feather website, [www.theonefeather.com](http://www.theonefeather.com), pick up a print copy at participating retail outlets (rack copies are free), and visit us on Facebook. Then get in touch with us and we'll help you find the size and frequency you need to make money. We'll even help you with ad creation. You may have the best product in the world, but if no one knows about it...Contact us today.



## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# Come with great expectations

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

As Pastor Melton began, “The problem with the Church in today’s world is we seem to be coming to see only the dead pews. Maybe we’re coming to greet a few people, leave an offering, listen to the music, or listen to the preaching. Are we really hearing what the man of God may say, and still leaving without any answers? Are we expecting nothing more? Don’t we expect to see and hear from God at His House? God is able. Have we shown up with our expectations?

“God is able to show up, and if asked, will be there. God is always willing. He is our Creator. Have we any questions, needs, hopes, anything to ask of Him? Why not? What attracts His attention to you? We all have needs and requests. He always hears us when we pray, but we need to listen for, see, or wait for His answers to show up, don’t we? (Read Ephesians 3:20).

Now read Mark 10:46-52 and see what you may not have seen before.

“You are not reading a fairy tale, you are reading what Jesus did. When Jesus came to town, the lame would walk, the deaf would hear, the dead would be raised! Notice though, when Jesus came to Jericho, he entered the town, but in gathering a throng of people who clearly came only ‘to see the show,’ Jesus left it, until one man had called out His Name, ‘Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy.’”

“If you are one who has no desire to see, don’t worry, He won’t press Himself on you. Not championing His Name, He left me as I am until I had asked Him for more. Jesus, in going into His own hometown heard, them faithlessly say, ‘It’s just Jesus. We know his brothers and sisters.’ Even Jesus could do no mighty works there with their having no faith.”

“Please note: ‘Life will not give you what you deserve, it will only give you what you demand!’

Pastor Melton emphasized, “Get hungry

again, just say, ‘Jesus, You are the One who heals me! I refuse to let You go until Your healing of me.’ We must ask for something. Get desperate enough! Get alone with God and make a demand! The Church used to be known as the ‘hospital where people got healed,’ why isn’t it now? People need to be asking.”

“Blind Bartimaeus sat begging for alms. When he heard it was Jesus of Nazareth passing by, he cried out loudly, ‘Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.’ He was told by many to hold his peace. But, he cried out more loudly, ‘Thou son of David, have mercy.’ Nothing happens without a sound, nothing powerful happens. God rides on a sound. Jesus heard him calling and stopped, commanding those around Him to help him come. Blind Bartimaeus rose up and cast off his garment which designated him as a blind beggar. (He already had to know he would never need it again).”

“Jesus asked him, ‘What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?’”

“Lord, that I might receive my sight,” the blind man answered Him.

Added Pastor Melton, “Be selfish about getting enough and overflow as many will show up just to see Him show up. God shows up to

see what you need, asking us, ‘What can I give them today?’”

“The blind man knew who Jesus was, and he had no fear of stumbling or falling since he knew everything would be changing for him. The blind man knew he had to ask Jesus specifically. There was no stopping, no excuses, he cast off his garment, he answered Jesus, ‘I want my sight.’

Jesus said, “Go thy way and be whole. Your faith has made you whole.”

Pastor Melton also explained, “Very few ever just let Jesus be Lord! We need to understand each person plays a very big part in what they get. We absolutely need to do our part so He can do His. The only thing anyone needs to exercise is their faith. In Acts 3:3-16, this is a key to the Kingdom of God, and another example of a healing by faith in His Name.

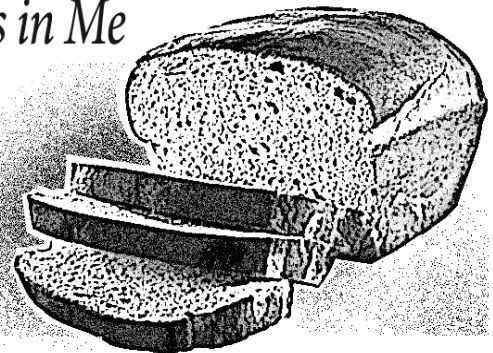
“Peter and John going to the Temple daily noticed at the gate, a man who was lame (from birth). He had fastened his eyes upon them, with faith, expecting alms. Faith is what you do, and act on it. He did, he leapt up, having felt the strength in his feet! (Ephesians 6:7b-8). Hallelujah!



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to Me shall never hunger,  
and he who believes in Me  
shall never thirst.*

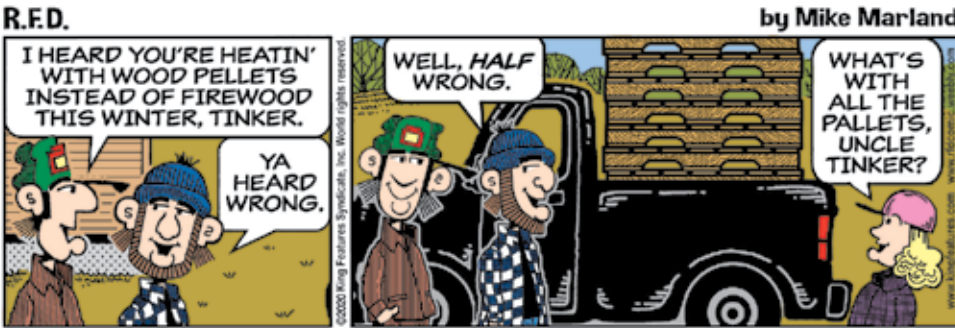
JOHN 6:35



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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**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. Cloud is added. 2. Grass is missing. 3. Boy on left is taller. 4. Tree is in front of fence. 5. Nose is larger. 6. Number added to shirt.

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King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Coagulate
- 5 Chooses
- 9 Evil
- 12 Staffer
- 13 Father of Japheth
- 14 Time of your life?
- 15 Battle zone, often
- 17 Member of a pride
- 18 Unsophisticated
- 19 Creates
- 21 Yon bloke
- 22 Use
- 24 Cage components
- 27 Cattle call
- 28 Glasgow gal
- 31 Retirement plan acronym
- 32 Museum fill
- 33 Agt.
- 34 Quarter-bushel
- 36 Where — at
- 37 Crucial time
- 38 Fate
- 40 Circle ratio
- 41 Alamo combatant
- 43 More considerate
- 47 — -Locka, Fla.
- 48 Half a golf course
- 51 Prohibit

**DOWN**

- 1 Eatery
- 2 Old Italian money
- 3 Smell
- 4 Cents to dimes, or dimes to dollars
- 5 Sans siblings
- 6 Luau bowlful
- 7 Author Amy
- 8 Sometime Stooge
- 9 BBQ site, often
- 10 Chills and fever
- 11 Society newcomers
- 16 Definite article
- 20 Completely
- 22 Heart line?
- 23 Cookware
- 24 Rend
- 25 Anger
- 26 Contrarily
- 27 Cripple
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- 40 Orchestra's location
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- 42 October birthstone
- 43 Dangling site
- 44 Tragic
- 45 Oklahoma city
- 46 Former attorney general
- 49 Carnival city
- 50 Sphere

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
by Wilson Casey

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is the largest in surface area?
- 2. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel's working title was "Tomorrow Is Another Day"?
- 3. MEASUREMENTS: What does an anemometer measure?
- 4. TELEVISION: Which 1980s sitcom featured the characters Mrs. Garrett, Tootie and Jo?
- 5. ENTERTAINERS: Which singer was born with the name Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta?
- 6. ADVERTISING: Who is the mascot of the snack brand Cheetos?
- 7. ANATOMY: How much blood does the average human have?
- 8. MOVIES: What was the name of the 1993 movie in which actor Tom Hanks plays a lawyer with HIV?
- 9. U.S. STATES: What is the official state bird of Minnesota?
- 10. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the largest moon?

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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. jaccallo-wayre@gmail.com

## FOR SALE

### ITEMS FOR BID AND SALE

Harrah's Cherokee Casino is requesting bids for used sound equipment. We also still have used hotel room furniture and 42" televisions for sale. Email cmyers1@harrahs.com or call 828-497-8315 for a bid packet or for more information. Serious inquiries only, please.

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) Your honesty continues to impress everyone who needs reassurance about a project. But be careful you don't lose patience with those who are still not ready to act.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Pushing others too hard to do things your way could cause resentment and raise more doubts. Instead, take more time to explain why your methods will work.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be more considerate of those close to you before making a decision that could have a serious effect on their lives. Explain your intentions and ask for their advice.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might have to defend a workplace decision you plan to make. Colleagues might back you up on this, but it's the facts that will ultimately win the day for you. Good luck.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat's co-workers might not be doing enough to help get that project finished. Your roars might stir things up, but gentle purrr-suasion will prove to be more effective.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Someone you care for needs help with a problem. Give it lovingly and without judging the situation. Whatever you feel you should know will be revealed later.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) While you're to be admired for how you handled recent workplace problems, be careful not to react the same way to a new situation until all the facts are in.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your keen instincts as well as the facts at hand when dealing with a troubling situation. Be patient. Take things one step at a time as you work through it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your curiosity leads you to ask questions. However, the answers might not be what you hoped to hear. Don't reject them without checking them out.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Be careful not to tackle a problem without sufficient facts. Even sure-footed Goats need to know where they'll land before leaping off a mountain path.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Appearances can be deceiving. You need to do more investigating before investing your time, let alone your money, in something that might have some hidden flaws.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your recent stand on an issue could make you the focus of more attention than you would like. But you'll regain your privacy, as well as more time with loved ones, by week's end.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You're a good friend and a trusted confidante. You would be a wonderful teacher and a respected member of the clergy.

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## CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Thursday November 5, 2020**

Infection Control/Employee Health RN (COVID Grant)  
Residential Technician Women's Home (4 Positions)  
Targeted Case Manager - Analenigsi  
Dental Assistant II  
Closing, Thursday November 12, 2020  
Case Management Support - Primary Care (2 Positions)  
EVS - Technician (Multiple)  
Food Service Worker

### Open Until Filled

Analenigsi 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  
EVS Technician (Multiple)  
Grant Writer - Contracting  
Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenigsi  
Masters Level Therapist - Integrated Classroom  
Nursing/Medical Administrative Assistant  
Pedodontist  
PTI Analenigsi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)  
PTI Physician - Emergency Room  
PTI Registered Nurse - Analenigsi Inpatient (Multiple)  
PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient  
PTR Clinical Dietitian  
Registered Nurse Lead - Primary Care (Grant Funded)  
Registered Nurse Float - Primary Care  
Targeted Case Manager - Family Safety (Multiple)  
Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom  
Targeted Case Manager - Juvenile Justice

### Tsali Care Center

**Closing, Thursday November 05, 2020**

PTI Certified Nursing Assistant - (Multiple) (Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)  
PTI Registered Nurse

**Closing, Thursday November 12, 2020**

Cook Aide

### Open Until Filled

Certified Nursing Assistant - (Multiple) (Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)  
Cook (Retention Bonus Eligible)  
Director of Nursing  
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.)

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





# 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 Central Schools Position Openings

(Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

**Elementary Teacher** - Must have a valid North Carolina teaching certificate in the appropriate area of hire, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board may find acceptable.

**Part Time Custodian** - Must have HS Diploma or GED.

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

## APPLY ONLINE at:

<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/>  
or visit [www.ccs-nc.org](http://www.ccs-nc.org) for more information.



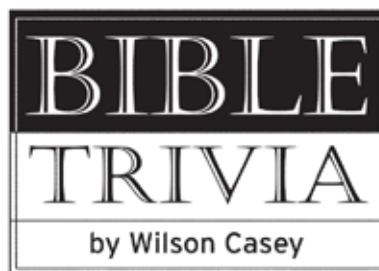
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## Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Depths of sea; 3) Omega; 4) Washpot; 5) Bethsaida; 6) Gilboa



1. Lake Superior
2. "Gone With the Wind"
3. Wind speed and pressure
4. "The Facts of Life"
5. Lady Gaga
6. Chester Cheetah
7. 1.2 to 1.5 gallons
8. "Philadelphia"
9. Common loon
10. Jupiter, with the moon Ganymede

## — King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

C	L	O	T		O	P	T	S		B	A	D
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## — Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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



## EMPLOYMENT

### Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians job openings

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.

Open Until Filled

1. Patrol Officer (multiple) - Cherokee Indian Police Department - Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

Download applications and job descriptions and apply online at [www.ebci.com/jobs](http://www.ebci.com/jobs). **11/4**

## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 20-078

### In the Matter of the Estate of Lorraine Conseen

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

Carrie Lynn Wade  
P.O. Box 1007  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
**11/11**

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of C.S., A Minor Child, File No. CVJ 20-036  
TO: Christopher Smith Sr.  
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, C.S., born on May 19, 2010, is a neglected and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on May 27 2020. You may know the mother of the minor child by the name of Tsasha McMillan.

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 28th day of October 2020.  
Sybil G. Mann  
Family Safety Program Attorney  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, N.C. 28719  
(828)359-1559  
N.C. Bar No. 16729  
**11/11**

### Notice of Sale

Gilbert Crowe, Crow's Wrecker LLC  
vs.  
Charissa Ann Newman and Angela Darlene Tlnham

Take notice that Crow's Wrecker, LLC will hold a public sale Nov. 20, 2020 at 10 a.m. at 293 Kate Lambert Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. The item for sale is a VIN #2C3JA43R25H624070/1J4FA44S66P710153 which there is a lien in the amount of \$3,670/\$9,025 for towing, labor and repair, plus a \$25 charge per day accumulation from the date of this letter until the date of sale incurred by the lienor. Said motor vehicle to be sold in public sale for the application to the North Carolina Dept. of Motor Vehicles for title of said vehicle.

This the 21st day of October, 2020.  
Gilbert Crowe, Crow's Wrecker, LLC  
293 Kate Lambert Road  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
(828) 497-9898  
**11/11**

### 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 Daymi-on Powell.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publi-



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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**

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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 [chrigree@nc-choerokee.com](mailto:chrigree@nc-choerokee.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**

**Request for Proposals General Notice**

Qualla Housing Authority (Q.H.A.) is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for services and labor for Q.H.A. properties, including rental units on the Cherokee Indian Reservation (Swain, Jackson, Graham, and Cherokee Counties).

Q.H.A. Construction bid packages include:

- \* HVAC Services
- \* New Construction of 3- and 4-bedroom homes
- \* Rehabilitation of a 3-bedroom house

These bid packages can be picked up at the Qualla Housing Authority Warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. The Warehouse is open Monday-Friday, from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All bids/proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope. The deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on 11/18/2020. Proposals received after this time and date will be rejected. **11/11**

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