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“We have weighed profitability, sustainability, cross-marketing opportunities, and options for future development.”

- Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed on discussions he and other tribal leaders have had on commercial gaming opportunities



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Cherokee Indian Hospital getting rapid COVID-19 tests

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In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 within the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), the Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH) will soon have rapid tests available. Dr. Richard Bunio, CIH executive medical director, says knowing when to get tested is just as important as getting tested.

“It takes time for someone infected with the virus to show symptoms and start shedding virus in their nose and mouth,” he said. “While this can happen anytime in the 14-day quarantine period, the best time to test is six to eight days after the direct contact. Test too early and the infec-

tion may be missed. Test too late and we lose the ability to conduct contact tracing and stop others from spreading the disease.”

Dr. Bunio added, “The need for testing has doubled in the past month. Based off of testing data from the first week in September (276 tests) compared to the first week in October (613 tests), there is over a 100 percent increase in need. On average for the month of October, we are getting at least 100 requests daily for testing. The call volume has increased by 65 percent over the course of the last two weeks. As of now, we are on track to test well over 650 people this week (Oct. 12).”

Cherokee has seen a surge in COVID-19 cases recently. Since

Sept. 25, the EBCI Joint Information Center has reported a total of 139 new positive cases causing the Tribe to enter the Red Risk Level (“take strong measures to limit all contact”).

On the new tests, Dr. Bunio notes, “The rapid tests that CIH has ordered are among the best available. They are called the SOFIA antigen test and provide a result in 15 minutes once they reach the lab. There are a number of rapid tests on the market today so it is difficult to say which one an outside clinic has chosen to use. Some clinics may also be using the SOFIA test and that is fine, but it is not the test itself that is the main issue. It is how they are used and what advice is given to the patient after the result is generated.”

On accuracy, he said, “A rapid test can give us a result that can get someone into isolation faster and prevent infection. We just have to accept that sometimes that

test may be wrong and then that person can be released early. More concerning is the rapid test that is falsely negative if that convinces someone they can stop their quarantine while they are still contagious.”

Dr. Bunio recommends people to follow the guidelines set forth by health professionals. “If you are placed in quarantine (usually 14 days), a test will not shorten that time period. A person exposed to the virus may become contagious at any time in the 14 days after exposure. A test that is negative today could be positive tomorrow or even later that same day.”

He added, “We are experiencing the surge we predicted was coming, but it has arrived earlier than expected. This community did an outstanding job keeping the virus under control this summer, and I am confident we can do it again.”

How do you say that in Cherokee?

21 - talisgosoquo
22 - talisgotali
23 - talisgotsoi
24 - talisgonvgi
25 - talisgohisgi

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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TSALAGI MINUTE

A sign at the Tuskegee site near Vonore, Tenn. states, “The site of the Cherokee town of Tuskegee is now covered by Tellico Lake. It was located to the west of the two reconstructed Cherokee dwellings before you. The mud structure is a winter house and the open structure is a summer house. The winter house protected the families from the long, cold winter but was notoriously smoky. The summer house provided comfortable respite during the hot, summer days. Sequoyah, inventor of a written form of the Cherokee language, was born in Tuskegee around 1777, 17 years after the fall of Fort Loudoun.”

Reconstructed Cherokee winter house at Tuskegee near Vonore, Tenn.
(Photo by Brian Stansbery/Wikipedia Commons)

Cherokee Cinemas and More voluntarily suspending operations again

Cherokee Cinemas and More announced on the evening of Friday, Oct. 16 that they will re-close effective Saturday, Oct. 17 until the local case spike of COVID-19 subsides.

“While our protocol is superb to prevent the spread of COVID, including one show per day followed by a disinfecting fog in every auditorium and cleaning of every touch area, the partitioning of seating to provide 10-foot minimum social distancing, limiting total capacity to about 15 percent, staggered show times so that no show starts within 15 minutes of another show, and social distancing and mask enforcement, the sheer number of new local cases makes closing until this spike lessens the preferred alternative,” stated Mark Hubble, chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC stated. “We will reopen when it is deemed safe once again.”

- Kituwah, LLC release

What are the seven Cherokee Clans?

Tribal health officials urge contact tracing participation

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According to health officials with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), each person testing positive for COVID-19 has had contact with 3 to 20 other people - known as direct contacts. These contacts are coming from funerals, family dinners, cookouts, birthday parties, and church services notes Ginger Parker-Southard, MSN, BSN, RN, Tsalagi Public Health manager.

"I think people have started to relax since the state moved to level 3," she said. "Relaxing restrictions has sent the message the risk level has decreased, when in fact it is the opposite. When regulation decreases, the risk level increases.

This is the time we need to be the most cautious."

She added, "Contact tracing allows us to monitor people who have been exposed and make sure they are not getting sick. It allows us to catch illness quicker, and it also allows us to identify outbreaks and clusters."

Sheena Kanott Lambert, MPH, EBCI Public Health and Human Services director, said that proper contact tracing can help prevent further surges but noted that it is not always easy to get people to participate. "I think there is a growing stigma about people being sick so folks are more hesitant to disclose their illness to others."

Parker-Southard describes the process of contact tracing as such, "Once a person tests positive, they

will receive a call from a public health nurse. We will make sure they have received their results. We will then conduct an interview asking if they are having any symptoms and if they have been around anyone they know to be positive. We will then ask about direct contacts. We ask for a name and the date of the last time they were around this person. People that test positive will be called everyday for the duration of their isolation unless they request an every other day assessment."

She went on to say, "We try not to disclose the name of the person that has tested positive but if it is in the best interest of public safety we will release the name if we have to. We try to send out public awareness messages like the messages about weddings and gatherings that have been put out lately. This is an effort to protect the anonymity of the positive person. When people call to be interviewed about exposure if they do not know who the positive person is already then we may have to disclose that information. It is so important for people to be honest about their contacts. If they tell us directly, then the direct contact will be contacted and not given the name of the person that tested positive. They will just be told they have been identified as a direct contact of someone that has tested positive."

If you are contacted by the Contact Tracing Team (844) 628-7223 or you feel you have come into contact with a person positive for COVID-19, the EBCI PHHS recommends that you quarantine immediately for a period of 14 days. Information from the program states, "Stay home. Don't interact with people outside your

household."

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"It takes time for someone infected with the virus to show symptoms and start shedding virus in their nose and mouth," he said. "While this can happen anytime in the 14-day quarantine period, the best time to test is six to eight days after the direct contact. Test too early and the infection may be missed. Test too late and we lose the ability to conduct contact tracing and stop others from spreading the disease."

EBCI PHHS states, "If your test returns negative, you are still under quarantine and should not leave your home. If your test returns positive, you will begin isolating within your home in a sick area."

To schedule a COVID-19 test, call the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's COVID-19 hotline 497-3743.

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COVID update - Doctor Bunio addresses the “Surge”

Chris McCoy, director of EBCI Communications, interviews Dr. Richard A. Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive clinical director, about current COVID-19 updates and news on Wednesday, Oct. 13. It is aired via Cherokee Cablevision Channel 28 and livestreamed by Communications.

All answers presented below are from Dr. Bunio who has been in practice for more than 20 years. Dr. Bunio complimented the health care workers at the hospital and public health service for their efforts.

How are we addressing the surge in cases?

The virus grows exponentially, which means it grows fast. And that is what we are seeing right now. What we are trying to do now is use the tools we have been using and were practicing before that were successful. One of the biggest one's is contact tracing. It is really important that if you are unfortunate enough to catch this virus, then public health is going to contact you and they are going to do what is called contact tracing. They are going to ask you to try to remember who you were around for a significant length of time without a mask on. We will usually go back a couple of days before you were tested. This is extremely important. I can't emphasize enough that if your phone rings please pick it up. Please answer the call. Please answer the questions. We are not trying to get anybody in trouble. We are just trying to protect this community. That

(contact tracing and responding to the call) is going to be vital. The second piece is that Public Health will tell you whether or not you should be tested. They will talk to you and help you understand if you really were at risk. And if you are, they are going to recommend you get a test.

We have seen this sudden surge that has kicked up over the last couple of weeks. If you look at the Facebook page, we are so far in the red that we had to make the graph bigger. We are up around 86 cases per day per 100,000. What that means is that we are seeing about eight or nine cases a day turning positive, whereas before we were at 2 to 3. So this is a big change. We knew it was coming. I honestly didn't think it was going to happen this soon. It has overwhelmed the hotline and the testing team. But we have pulled people out of their jobs. We have sent them down there today. We are determined to get caught up and get everybody the test they need. So please bear with us. We are working as hard as we can.

What are some of the things we need to do as a community to be as safe as possible?

We need to do the things that we have been messaging all along. It is understandable that people have gotten tired. They want to see their families. They want to see their loved ones. They want to go out. But the majority of cases that we are seeing right now are tied to congregate settings. These are people getting together as a group, inside usually, although outside is not completely safe, without masks, and not social distancing. Those are contributing to a very large number of the cases. Then, of course, they go out and they go home, and the second big category is that it gets

spread within the house. And that is hard to stop. It is hard to isolate someone within your house. If you can do it that is great. If not we just have to quarantine the whole house.

What are we facing with regard to quarantine?

Quarantine is where you have been exposed and you may get the virus. And there is what is called an incubation period. If you were exposed to someone, we are going to start counting from that date. We would recommend that you get tested at around six to eight days after that, because if you test too early, it is going to be negative. You could turn positive later. Even if you test negative, your quarantine is still fourteen days, because you could actually turn positive any day within that fourteen days.

I know that there are a lot of people who are anxious and want to get a test, and then they are hoping to go back to their lives but that is not the way this virus works. This virus can stay kind of incubating ten to twelve days. Most people will turn positive in those five or six days, but there are some that it takes longer so if you go out and get a test on day ten and it is negative, you still got four more days of quarantine. I don't think people realize how important it is to quarantine. We know that people can start spreading the virus for a couple of days before they even feel sick. If you are not quarantining, even though you feel fine, and you go out, you could be passing the virus on to other people.

How do we get out of the red?

We have to double down on our efforts as individuals to protect this community. To wear the mask. Wait six feet apart. And wash our hands. I think it is particularly import-

ant over the next couple of weeks. People are going to get discouraged when they see that graph that keeps going up. When you start doubling down and following the guidance, it is going to take a couple of weeks to see the results.

This could be a silver lining. This could be a wake up call. If this hit us in the middle of winter, if people around Thanksgiving decided that big family gatherings were ok again, which they are not, then we could be in even bigger trouble than we are right now. So we have an opportunity to suppress this.

What is the risk if we don't share our contacts?

The risk is that there are going to be people out here who are infected and don't know it. And everybody out there who is spreading the virus, we have said, on average, are going to infect two people. We know of cases, they call them super spreader events, where one case early on in South Korea was tied to 5000 infections before it was over. And that was sort of that exponential growth. You know, she didn't infect 5000 people but she probably infected about a hundred, then two hundred from those, then four hundred from those, and on.

I am not sure why people might be reluctant. For the most part I think people have been really cooperative and helped us. But I think there are some who I think are under the impression that their friends are going to be mad at them or their getting them in trouble. And you're not. If you can warn somebody that they might be contagious, they should go get tested, so they can take precautions not to infect their children, their grandmother, I think, in the end, they would be thankful.

Chief's Report: Tribe in negotiations to acquire gaming facility in Midwest

**PRINCIPAL CHIEF
RICHARD G. SNEED**

Every two and four years EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) tribal citizens hear some common phrases tossed about, “balanced budget”, “increased jobs”, “additional benefit programs”, and “higher per capita payments”.

The most common is often - “Economic Diversity”.

Election cycles tend to bring about varied opinions about how to diversify the EBCI's investments, but actually doing so has proven difficult throughout the

years for numerous reasons.

When I ran for Vice Chief, diversifying the EBCI economy was high on my list of things to accomplish as well. I promised to research opportunities for investment on the Qualla Boundary and in other markets. I promised to institute programs and policies that encourage and unburden the process to increased economic diversity. And, I promised to push the EBCI forward when these opportunities became available. I have delivered on those promises by forming the Kituwah LLC, which has been busy finding investment opportunities and has

seen a great deal of success in the ventures they have delved into.

I, along with my fellow elected officials and leadership within the EBCI, have been researching various other investment opportunities and are increasingly drawn to commercial gaming opportunities. With increasing threats to the current EBCI gaming ventures in Cherokee and Cherokee County, Vice Chief Ensley, EBCI Tribal Council Representatives, and I have worked diligently to examine the best path forward. We have weighed profitability, sustainability, cross-marketing opportunities, and options for future development.

After months of deliberation with a few partnering agencies and experts in the field, the EBCI has entered negotiations to acquire a commercial gaming facility in the Midwest. While I cannot divulge specifics of the offer or the facility during the negotiation period, I do want to say that I am optimistic about this opportunity for the EBCI. I, and my fellow elected officials, will continue to pursue these opportunities as they become available if they are found to be the right fit for the EBCI. I hope to share additional details in the coming weeks as we progress in this effort.

While this commercial gaming opportunity has consumed a great deal of my time these past few weeks, there are a few other updates I would like to share with you.

Cherokee, NC., nestled in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains, is home to beautiful

landscapes, rushing and picturesque rivers, and exciting trails. All around us municipalities are marketing these same charms. It has come to my attention that the EBCI needs to refocus our efforts on eco-tourism to support our local economy. While we boast the best mountain biking trails, back-road ATV trails, and trout fishing in the region we still have work to do. I have tasked the EBCI Operations Division and Destination Marketing to focus their efforts on a few attractions- Mingo Falls, Soco Falls and the Island Park. Each of these natural wonders require a few repairs and upgrades to entice visitors. I look forward to seeing a comprehensive plan to address other opportunities to promote eco-tourism. If you have ideas, I welcome your feedback. Please call my office at (828) 359-7002 with any suggestions.

I would like to encourage all eligible EBCI voters to get out to vote in the upcoming election. Early voting began Oct. 15 and will continue through Oct. 31. It is critically important that all EBCI members get registered to vote in local, state and national elections to ensure our issues are heard. Please visit <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/ossite/> to learn where and how to vote early.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone to Wear, Wash & Wait. The safety of our Cherokee elders is at stake with the recent rise in positive cases of COVID-19. I implore you to do your part to protect the health of us all!

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Kituwah, LLC announces completion of several projects

Kituwah, LLC, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' economic development company announced on Tuesday, Oct. 13 that they had closed on several transactions recently.

Medical Complex in Asheville

Kituwah, LLC purchased a medical complex in Weaverville, just outside of Asheville earlier this Summer. The complex houses a medical practice and dental practice. The purchase price was \$3.2 million.

"We like good income producing properties with viable credit-worthy tenants that are likely to be successful even in an environment affected by Covid," stated Mark Hubble, chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC. The rental income is steady and this particular property has about 4 extra useable acres behind the complex that our modular home company can place condos or townhomes.

Sam Owl, the secretary and treasurer of the Kituwah Economic Development Board added, "We receive a reasonable and safe rental income combined with property appreciation while adding potentially valuable residential land in the vibrant Asheville market."

Credit Facility to Payment Processor in California

The company also recently lent \$3.1 million to a Payment Processor located in California. The payment processor was acquiring additional smaller processors to consolidate.

Adam West, vice chair of the Kituwah Economic Development Board stated, "This particular deal was an add-on to a long-term loan facility with a ten-year record of making on-time payments. The company has been very profitably

acquiring smaller payment processors and then integrating them into its network. We like very safe investments. We don't like speculative investments, and we don't like investments that require high debt levels to make work."

The return on this investment is 10 percent annually with no leverage needed.

Red Rock Apartments; Rapid City, S.D.

Kituwah, LLC recently invested \$200,000 in Red Rock Apartments, an apartment complex in Rapid City, S.D. The \$20 million complex needed this last investment to meet lending requirements.

Hubble stated, "The managers of this partnership have extensive experience in apartment builds in the South Dakota markets, and their previous projects have generated total returns in 12-14 percent range."

Improvements to Ela Campground

The company has begun the process of making improvements to the Ela Campground. Current year projects included the demolition of the old motel and the addition of new fencing.

"While the campground has been very profitable and an excellent return on investment, the old motel was a nasty eyesore and has been demolished to make way for a pavilion and glamping tents," stated Kissi Smith, who oversees the Campground. More improvements will be announced.

Hubble stated that additional improvements will be spaced out over the next 12-18 months to minimize disruption of business and to comply with Covid-19

guidelines.

Secured Bridge Loan Facility to Calypso for expansion of Manufacturing and Processing Plant

After looking at over 70 potential opportunities throughout the United States and Canada, Kituwah, LLC finally found a project it liked.

Hubble stated, "We have provided part of the funding for a \$20 million expansion of a medical manufacturing facility located in Erie, Pa. We liked this opportunity because we could obtain a first lien on all of the assets of the company, including the real estate. The company is already extremely profitable, and there are a limited number of licenses in the state. In addition, the owners have invested millions of their own money into the plant, and we like projects where the people asking us to invest are putting the majority of their own funds into a project."

Kituwah, LLC provided \$5 million of the credit facility that

will amortize over four years. The expected return is 12 percent per year.

50 percent Ownership in Hotel to Apartment Conversion in Iowa

Kituwah, LLC entered into a partnership to own 50 percent of a hotel conversion project located in Sloan, Iowa. The previous hotel is being converted to 30 workforce housing units.

"We expect when fully leased the property to generate an 11-12 percent return annually," stated Hubble.

Investment in Haley's Communities

Kituwah, LLC has invested \$4.5 million in Haley's Communities, a nationwide owner of Apartment Complexes. "Haley's Communities has a 25+ year history of delivering on its preferred return even through the Great Recession and currently through COVID-19."

- Kituwah, LLC release



Monotropa uniflora lacks chlorophyll pigments and appears white. It grows in the decaying debris of dark, dense-growth forests across the Northern hemisphere. Each stem bears a single delicate flower that hangs downward, which protects its pollen from the rain and lets insect pollinators access it. The clear fluid from its stems has been used to treat eye problems, skin problems, seizures and pain by native Americans and traditional medicine practitioners. - Brenda Weaver

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Tribal member named to Leadership Knoxville class of 2021

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The 2021 Leadership Knoxville (LK) class consists of 54 outstanding individuals working to improve life in Knoxville, and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is in that group. Kimberly Smith, an EBCI tribal member, will participate in the Class of 2021 Flagship Program of Leadership Knoxville.

LK officials noted in a statement, “During the year, class members will participate in monthly sessions and focus on Servant Leadership. We are excited to begin our journey with this year’s class of 54 community leaders.”

Smith describes the selection process, “Individuals must be nominated, complete an application which is then reviewed by the organization’s selection committee. My nomination was anonymous. As the Census Bureau lead partnership specialist in this area, I worked alongside so many to build awareness and engagement with the 2020 Census. I genuinely do not know who nominated me, but I hope to make them proud. This year’s class saw 54 out of 100 nominations selected. When I submitted my application, I honestly did not expect to be chosen. I was nominated last year for Tennessee’s Leadership Next program but was not selected. The Leadership



Photo contributed

Kimberly Smith

Knoxville selection process was very intentional. There is a balance of gender, a diverse class in age, race, socioeconomic background, and employment. However, each class member is passionate about improving the quality of life for all in Knoxville.”

Smith said she initially questioned her selection. “My class consists of doctors, lawyers, political leaders, judges, CEO’s, and presidents. My 10 years in the Knoxville community has mostly been as a student at the University of Tennessee (UT). I’ve done several amazing things there. I worked with top UT leadership to develop a Native American Interpretive Gardens and hosted halftime shows at UT football games. Still, I never felt my work was substantial enough to be recognized in such a capacity. When informed of my selection, my immediate response was shock and excitement, then came the desire to get to work. The LK network is massive. I knew through potential partnerships, I could accomplish great things. I’m a firm believer in everything happens for a reason, and when it’s supposed to. LK came into my life at the perfect

time. I want to use this opportunity as a platform for personal and professional growth. LK has already pushed me out of my comfort zone in so many ways.”

Smith is constantly busy.

She just ended a contract as a partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, and she is currently the News & Views editor for the Federally Employed Women Organization. In addition, she served the EBCI as the chairperson of the Cherokee Beloved Women Committee.

Smith said the work on the Beloved Committee has been very influential. “Being involved with its work has been an incredible influence on my career and educational aspirations. One of my LK classmates recently transferred from UNC-Chapel Hill; he worked with the UNC American Indian Center and with a previous EBCI administration. Our conversations have rekindled the idea of continuing my educational goals. I’m humoring the notion of an advanced degree in Indigenous Women in Leadership. So that may be an adventure on the horizon.”

Although involved in a world off of EBCI tribal lands, Smith keeps the Tribe close to her heart and mind. “I’m mindful of how I represent the EBCI in all that I do. I want my LK cohorts to learn some of our most vital principles, with the hopes of a ripple effect. On our first night, LK asked what motivates us to lead. I shared the 7th generation concept and how my work today isn’t for me but the happiness and health of the 7th generation.” She added, “As an

EBCI in LK, I see myself as Jimmy Cricket of sorts for my cohort, selected to help them see the world through a native lens. Hopefully, by the end, they’ll be more mindful of themselves and understand the environment they live, work, and play in doesn’t belong to them and needs to be respected. I also feel an obligation to Cherokee. LK is my opportunity to help EBCI by sharing learned knowledge with my people. I’ve already had several conversations with EBCI members on LK model benefits to Cherokee workplaces. I don’t want to decolonize Cherokee; someone else can champion that. I want to ‘Nativeize’ this country and start in Knoxville.”

Smith is grateful for her family, especially her daughters, and thanks them all for supporting her. “They have been my inspiration for the past decade. Doing what I can to give them a better life has led me down the path that brought me to LK. Second, my mom. Seeing her years of self-sacrifice gives me strength and keeps me grounded. My Granny Fran, Aunt Carm, and Great-Granny Ruth for being so selfless in their lives, building up the foundation of our community and family. Knowing the Sneed leadership blood runs through my veins motivates me to live up to their legacy. The community members who have supported me in my journey and those who gave me a chance to lead, you made me feel like a valued member of the EBCI. Last, to those community members who did not, thank you as well. You helped me persevere.”



Photo courtesy of Sequoyah National Golf Club

The bunker renovation and re-grassing project that began in March at the Sequoyah National Golf Club are now completed.

Sequoyah National Golf Club bunker and re-grassing project completed

The bunker renovation and re-grassing project that began in March at the Sequoyah National Golf Club are now completed. Capillary concrete bunkers were installed throughout the course and existing fairways, tees and green surrounds converted to Zeon Zoysia by the Robert Trent Jones II Design team and Southeastern Golf. The move will allow for year-round premium playing conditions on the award-winning Robert Trent Jones II layout. The course reopened all 18 holes for play the first week of October.

“We’ve invested in the future of the golf course

with these upgrades and we’re very pleased with the finished product,” said Sequoyah National golf board chairman Curtis Wildcat. “With these improvements, we believe Sequoyah National is now the finest public mountain courses in the southeast.”

For more information on Sequoyah National Golf Club, visit www.sequoyahnational.com or visit the Sequoyah National social media channels on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sequoyahnational or on Instagram @sequoyahnational.

- Sequoyah National Golf Club release

Birdtown couple celebrates 50th

Jane and David Rowland, of the Birdtown Community, celebrated 50 years of marriage on Saturday, Oct. 17. Their family states, “Throughout 50 years of love, partnership, and family, they have created a life unabashedly devoted to each other. Their union has blessed their family with two children, four grandchildren and

seven great grandchildren. Jane and Big Daves’ love and commitment to each other is matched only by their love and commitment to God and family. This marriage is proof of what is possible with love, hard work and persistence. In this day and age, and this year especially, it fills our hearts to celebrate their devotion to each other. Happy anniversary Jane and Big Dave, we love you! Here’s to 50 more!”



Photo courtesy of family

Jane and David Rowland



Halloween Candy Is No Treat for Pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Last year, my kids dumped out their trick-or-treat candy on the kitchen table to sort through. Halfway through it, they got distracted and left. I wasn't paying attention either, but our two Golden retrievers, “Nala” and “Jetty,” certainly were. They both got onto the table and ate much of the candy — of which most contained chocolate.

For pet owners who don't know, chocolate can be deadly to dogs. Never mind the candy wrappers that they had ingested! That led to a panicked rush to the emergency vet and an overnight stay for both our dogs. Fortunately, their size and overall good health helped keep them from suffering any serious complications. However, I still shudder when I think about what might have happened. What if we lived in an area where a 24-hour emergency vet wasn't available? What if we hadn't noticed the wrappers and smeared chocolate on the floor under the table until the next morning?

Please warn your readers to be vigilant about how they store their Halloween candy — both what they give out and what their children bring home. — Farah A., Lansing, Michigan

DEAR FARAH: You warned them, and I thank you. Halloween marks the beginning of an extended holiday season where rich food, chocolate, alcohol and other party foods are in abundance. And dogs love to be in on the feast. Pet owners need to be especially watchful to keep their pets from ingesting chocolates, candies and other foods that can harm them (like onions and avocados, among other things). Avoid leaving food out on the counter or table, and place pets in their own room to chill out during parties to protect their health and your peace of mind.

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

Turkey Shoot at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.

Oct. 17 at 3 p.m., benefit for Brothers in the Wind. Good fun, good prizes, good benefit.

Deadline for Yogi Crowe Scholarship approaching

The Board of Directors of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund reminds graduate and post-graduate students that Sunday, Nov. 1 is the deadline for requesting financial assistance from the Fund for spring semester. Applications and eligibility guidelines are available from any of the board members, from Tribal Education or from the Website www.yogicrowescholarship.org. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date and mailed on

or before the deadline. Applications not postmarked or received electronically by the deadline will not be considered.

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has been advised by the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina where our endowment is invested that the amount of spendable income for 2020-21 will be considerably less than recent years. Students currently receiving grants from the Scholarship Fund are advised that grants for this year and next will be significantly less than they have been. The spendable income is less because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and stock market losses.

For more information, contact any of the Scholarship Fund board members: Dr. Jennifer Thompson, president, 507-5997; Dr. Reva Ballew, vice president, 631-1350; Mary Herr, secretary, 497-9498; Tamitha Fourkiller, treasurer, 497-7034; Dr. Carmaleta Monteith 497-2717; Sunshine Parker 506-1952; Jan Smith 507-1519; or Shannon Swimmer 736-3191.

- Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund Board

Virtual runs sponsored by Cherokee Choices.

• **Healthy Halloween Kids Fun Run.** Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registered participants run/walk one mile at a location of their choice. Costume required. Send times and picture to yolasaun@nc-chokeee.com to confirm. The first 200 registered will receive a goodie bag. Info: Corlee 359-6788 or corlhill@nc-chokeee.com or Yolanda 359-6784 or yolasaun@nc-chokeee.com.

• **Cherokee Choices Virtual Turkey Strut 5K.** Nov. 1-30. This is a virtual race for walkers and runners with the proceeds

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WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

OCTOBER 19-25, 2020

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	Delayed Harvest started Oct. 1. Stocked the Tuck Oct. 8 and Oct. 12.	All Day.	Rainbow, Brook, Brown.	Poppers and Streamers	Mop Flies, Egg Patterns, Walts Worms, Girdle Bugs.
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	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
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	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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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, OCT. 19	TUESDAY, OCT. 20	WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21	THURSDAY, OCT. 22	FRIDAY, OCT. 23	SATURDAY, OCT. 24	SUNDAY, OCT. 25
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE
2:40 AM-4:40 AM 3:10 PM-5:10 PM	3:40 AM-5:40 AM 4:10 PM-6:10 PM	4:40 AM-6:40 AM 5:09 PM-7:09 PM	5:38 AM-7:38 AM 6:07 PM-8:07 PM	6:34 AM-8:34 AM 7:01 PM-9:01 PM	7:26 AM-9:26 AM 7:51 PM-9:51 PM	8:15 AM-10:15 AM 8:38 PM-10:38 PM

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going to the Cherokee Children's Home. Fees: \$20 (ages 13-59) and \$5 for children under 12 and adults 60+. Register online: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Anywherelyoulike/Cherokee5K-TrukeyStrut>. Info: Yolanda 359-6784 or yolasaun@nc-chokeee.com

UNC Asheville and Harrah's Cherokee Casinos announce scholarship opportunity for western North Carolina students

The UNC Asheville and Harrah's Cherokee Casinos have established the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise Scholarship Endowment to award undergraduate scholarships to students from Western North Carolina.

Harrah's Cherokee Casinos' first endowed scholarship with UNC Asheville will exist in perpetuity and provide an annual award of over \$1,000 each year to qualified students. The first scholarship will be awarded to a student in the UNC Asheville Class of 2025. First-year students and transfer students are eligible to apply.

"UNC Asheville's commitment to providing students with access to a high quality education that is affordable, adaptive, and endlessly relevant is central to our mission," said Sarah Humphries Nazionale, interim dean of Admission and Financial Aid, UNC Asheville. "This endowed scholarship with Harrah's Cherokee Casinos will allow us to expand access to even more future entrepreneurs, innovators, engaged citizens, and successful leaders right here in western North Carolina."

Scholarship recipients must have a GPA of 3.0 or better and live within Harrah's service region of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Jackson, Macon, or Haywood counties. Priority will be given to

Harrah's employees and their children or grandchildren with preference for students demonstrating financial need. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years, and recipients are encouraged to serve as interns and staff at Harrah's Cherokee Casinos while enrolled at UNC Asheville. Students must complete their application for admission to UNC Asheville no later than February 1 to be eligible for the scholarship.

To learn more about scholarships at UNC Asheville, visit <https://www.unca.edu/admission/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/>. Complete your application at <https://www.unca.edu/admission/apply/>.

- *UNC Asheville release*

Fall into volunteerism with Smokies Service Days

Great Smoky Mountains National Park invites the public to "Fall into Volunteerism with Smokies Service Days!" Park staff will lead several single-day volunteer opportunities across the park on Saturdays beginning Oct. 24 through Nov. 21. Each experience provides a unique, hands-on opportunity to help care for park campgrounds, historic buildings, and natural resources.

This volunteer program helps complete much needed work across the park and is ideal for families, visitors, students, scout troops, civic organizations, working adults with busy schedules, and individuals seeking to fulfill community service requirements. Each project will provide tasks appropriate for a wide range of ages and skills, though some may have age restrictions. Volunteer projects will last for approximately two to four hours on Saturdays mornings.

Tools and safety gear, including gloves and high visibility safety

vests, will be provided by park staff. Participants are required to wear closed-toe shoes and should bring water, snacks, and a bagged lunch. Due to COVID-19 safety measures, the number of volunteers for each project is limited.

To register, email Project Coordinator, Madison Ficca madi-son_ficca@partner.nps.gov prior to the scheduled event date. Please put "SSD Registration" in the subject line. Opportunities are offered on the following dates:

2020 Fall Smokies service days schedule

* Green Thumb Gardening. Oct. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Visitor Center. Ages 15+

* "The Deep Creep" Litter Cleanup. Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Deep Creek Picnic Area. All ages welcome

* Historic Landscape Management in Daisy Town. Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Element (Tenn.). Ages 15+

* Vegetation Management at Historic Voorheis Estate. Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Twin Creeks Science Center in Tennessee. Ages 12+

* Smokemont Campground cleanup. Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages 10+

- *National Park Service release*

Park announces Wears Valley Bike Trail Environmental Assessment Public Review Period

Great Smoky Mountains National Park seeks public review of the Wears Valley Mountain Bike Trail System Environmental Assessment (EA) now through Sunday, Nov. 15. The public is also invited to attend a virtual meeting on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. to learn more about this proposal to provide a new recreational oppor-

tunity along the unfinished section of the Foothills Parkway corridor.

In July, the National Park Service (NPS) solicited public feedback on the preliminary alternatives for development of the mountain bike trail system. Park managers reviewed comments received during the public scoping period and have now completed the EA. On Oct. 29, Park staff will present an overview of the EA during the virtual public meeting from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Using the Zoom platform, park staff will also be available to answer questions from the public until 7 p.m.

To attend the meeting, participants should use this link and join the meeting 5 to 10 minutes early to test the connection: <https://zoom.us/j/93025295219>. By joining the virtual, online meeting, participants will be able to view slides, presenters, and submit questions. Participants may also hear the presentation in a listen-only mode by calling 312-626-6799 and entering passcode 93025295219#.

The public is also invited to review the EA and provide comments through the following portals through Nov. 15:

• On the web (preferred method) at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/WearsValleyBikeTrails>

• By mail: Wears Valley Mountain Bike Trail System EA

Great Smoky Mountains National Park
107 Park Headquarters Rd
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

For additional information on the Wears Valley Mountain Bike Trail System EA, the virtual meeting, and how to provide comments please visit: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/WearsValleyBikeTrails>.

- *National Park Service release*

Albert, Crowe included in SCC's award-winning Project SEARCH

SYLVA – Even as the United States has grappled with record-high unemployment figures, one of Southwestern Community College's job-preparation programs has managed a 100-percent employment rate.

All six members of SCC Project SEARCH's 2018-19 graduating class currently have jobs in the region, landing program leaders and coaches a nationwide "Employment Outcome Award." The 2018-19 graduates are Shannon Albert of Cherokee, Jesse Crowe of Cherokee, Jamie Grace of Highlands, Ryan Key of Franklin, Mikayla Roper of Sylva and Heather Tomberlin of Franklin.

At the time awards were presented, all but one of the 2018-19 alumni had secured employment – so the honor reflects an 80-89 percent job-placement rate. But the timing didn't lessen the significance for program coordinator Devonnie Jimison.

"Our program is all about bringing hope to families who desperately need it, and ultimately helping young people lead more fulfilling lives," said Jimison, who's overseen SCC's Project SEARCH operation since its inception in 2014. "Every year, we have received the award for placing between 80-to-100 percent of our graduates in jobs. These are individuals who've been told their entire lives that they could never be productive members of society,



Members of the SCC Project SEARCH program's 2018-19 graduating class include, from left: Jamie Grace of Highlands, Shannon Albert of Cherokee, Heather Tomberlin of Franklin, Jesse Crowe of Cherokee, Mikayla Roper of Sylva and Ryan Key of Franklin.

so to see them gaining confidence and feeling good about themselves brings tears to my eyes."

A national non-profit effort, Project SEARCH partners with businesses to create internships for young men and women from ages 18-30 with disabilities. Over the years, the local program's host sites have included Harris Regional Hospital, Western Carolina University and SCC.

Project SEARCH annually presents job-placement awards for graduates from the previous year,

allowing each host site 12 months to help graduates find employment.

Employers who hired SCC's 2018-19 graduates include Tomberlin Tax & Accounting, Inc., in Clayton, Ga.; Lowe's of Franklin; Old Edwards Inn of Highlands; Granny's Kitchen in Cherokee; Paul's Restaurant in Cherokee; and Full Spectrum Farms in Cullowhee.

"Devonnie does an amazing job with our Project SEARCH students," said Kay Wolf, SCC's

College and Career Readiness Director. "I'm pleased that the national organization has recognized all the wonderful work our Project SEARCH team does on behalf of these exceptional individuals."

SCC and Jimison are seeking prospective students for the 2021-22 academic year. For more information, contact her at (828) 339-4486 or devonnej@southwesterncc.edu.

- Southwestern Community College release



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OBITUARIES

Amy Smoker

Amy Smoker, 91, a Cherokee Language fluent speaker of the Snowbird Community in Robbinsville, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020 at The Elizabeth House in Hendersonville.

Ms. Amy is the daughter of the late Jesse Teesateskie and Polly Catt Bird Teesateskie.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Amy is preceded in death by her late husband, Jack Coburn Smoker; brothers, Joe Teesateskie, William Teesateskie, Joseph Teesateskie, Lee Teesateskie, and Soloman Bird; sisters, Lillian Ledford, Sarah Smoker, Dinah Wachacha, Suzanne Goodson and Rebecca Bird Teesateskie; granddaughters, Sally-Jo Anderson, Angela Teesateskie, and Alanna Smoker; great grandson, Ryalee Adam Welch; special childhood friend, Abraham Teesateskie; and special friends, Jack and Rosie Ross, Jack and Betty Kingfisher, and Bill Drywater, all of Tahlequah Oklah., Sampson and Mina Leach of Locust Grove, Okla. and many more from all over.

Ms. Amy is survived by her children, Richard Smoker, Rachel Smoker, Myrtle Smoker, Maybelle Welch (Alfred), Tony Smoker, Roger Smoker (Dawn), and Irene Smoker-Jackson (Howard), all of Robbinsville; and Lane Smoker (Bessie) of Cherokee.

Ms. Amy also leaves behind 21 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, 32 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and many special friends from all over.

Ms. Amy was the last monolingual Cherokee language speaking member of the Snowbird Community. She was a proud member

of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians where she played a key role in preserving the history and traditions of the Snowbird Community. Ms. Amy was well known for her hominy, chestnut bread, beanbread, and frybread making skills. She enjoyed holidays and spending time with her family. She was known all over and also enjoyed visiting family and friends in Oklahoma.

Although she spoke very few words, her affectionate smile spoke for her.

Ms Amy's 12 Grandsons will be the pallbearers.

Services were held Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020 at the Little Snowbird Playground. Reverends Ernie Stiles, Foreman Bradley, and Coy Adams officiated. The burial site is near Lane Smokers residence at 1347 Little Snowbird Rd, Robbinsville.

Townson-Smith Funeral Home is honored to have served the Smoker family. An online register is available at www.townson-smithfuneralhome.com.

Mary J. Kazhe

Mary J. Kazhe, of Cherokee, went to her eternal Heavenly home on Oct. 13, 2020. She transitioned from this life to the next, with friends and family by her side.

Mary was born on March 8, 1949 in Swain County. She attended school in Cherokee up until high school. She then attended Riverside Indian High School in Anadarko, Okla., where she graduated. A few years after she graduated, she moved to New Jersey, where she spent close to 30 years of her life and met some of her best friends.

Mary moved back home to Cherokee in 2001 and worked at Harrahs Cherokee for a year. After that, she went to work in the

Cherokee Indian Hospital Emergency Room for 15 years, until she retired. She met a lot of amazing people while working at the hospital, including more of her close friends.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, Wilma Taylor Junaluska and Arch Davis Junaluska Sr.; very special grandmother, Cecilia S. Taylor, who raised her after the death of her mother; aunt, Hazel Taylor; uncles, Bill Taylor, Cecil Taylor, and Gilbert Taylor; aunts, Martha Taylor, Lil Thompson, Sally Locust, Winnie Cole; uncle, Mark Junaluska Sr.; brother, Jimmy; and husband, Elliott Kazhe, of Mescalero, N.M.

Mary is survived by her one and only son, Patrick Kazhe aka Rooster; siblings, William aka Bill (Marie), Clark (Elista), Carmen aka Sweet, Dennis (Marlene), Arch Jr. aka Bunt (Faye aka Goose), Paul aka Rudy, Carol (Charles, aka Chuck), Carl (Teressa), and Mark (Lisa); granddaughters, Logan, Camryn, and Taylor; grandson, John (Nicole); great granddaughters, Aydah and Rayleigh; many cousins, nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews; and her best friends, Linda, Lynnette, Tommye, Sandy, Dana, Dino, Brenda, known by Mary as "Brenny" of New Jersey, and Sylvia, of Virginia.

Mary, known by many as Ms. Mary, was a very well respected lady. She was a strong, no-nonsense having, very truthful, always on time, caring woman. She loved her friends, family, animals, and traveling. She was so loved and will be missed dearly, but we will

reunite with her someday.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Long House Funeral Home with Preacher Scotty Chekelee officiating. Burial followed at the Standingdeer family cemetery.

Pallbearers were Cory Junaluska, Kyzee Wachacha, Jace Wachacha, David Wachacha, Ike Long, and Dewayne Lossiah. Honorary pallbearers were Brad Letts, Eddie Stamper, Jimmy Hill, Tommy Teesateskie, Tim Smith, and Aaron Crowe.

Jeremy Justin "Jarvis" Raby

Jeremy Justin "Jarvis" Raby, 40, of the Wolftown Community, passed away at Mission Hospital on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020. He is preceded in death by his mother, Susie Raby; maternal grandparents, Boyd and Helen Jackson; along with paternal grandparents, Ted and Evelyn Raby.

Jarvis is survived by his dad, Jerry Raby; his brother, John Raby; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and his little buddy, Kyler Crowe. Jarvis was an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He loved to fish and deer hunt with his dad, uncles and brother. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. He will be missed by many.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Oct. 18 at the gravesite located at Sherrill Cemetery with Pastor Eddie Stillwell officiating. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Visit the Museum of the Cherokee's
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www.cherokeemuseum.org.



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COMMENTARY

Last Chance

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

We are coming down to the end of October. Things are winding down. Many thought we would be seeing life return to “normal” by now, but we are fast realizing that normal as it looked in December of 2019 may not be a reality even in the year to come.

There is no ignoring the devastation that is being left in the wake of COVID-19 and the social calamities of the past several months. Families and communities have been torn apart with sickness, death, and violence. And, it continues on even today. As many have said, we are in unprecedented times.

Anyone who tells you they have all the answers to the crisis of today must be delusional. From backseat driving on COVID-19 to the challenges of systemic racism, we have been assaulted with “what if” hypotheticals from the different political factions at play in America from the top leadership down to the decisions made by townships and school boards.

How ironic is it that we expect perfection in the face of a storm of calamities that modern times and leaders have never faced before? We have become so pampered, particularly in America, that even directives to social distance, wear a mask, and wash our hands have been a rallying cry for political factions to either rage for or against.

Seriously, I have seen gentlemen use the restroom facilities in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex either without masks or neglecting to wash their hands before they leave the restroom. I am giving them the benefit of the doubt by saying neglect because it very well may be intentional. And, this type of behavior is

being seen all over the Qualla Boundary, all over the region, all over the country.

When anyone advocates for doing the Wash, Wear, and Wait regimen, there will be someone waiting to condemn the behavior as “sheepish”. And then the battle of words begins. It seems to have its foundations in an argument over public health and safety versus personal freedoms debate. I like debate as good as the next fellow, but it surely looks like the stakes are very high in this particular debate for it is life and death. And the losses in this battle of words are not abstract. Death, painful sickness, development of chronic, lifelong health conditions, economic recession or depression, mental health issues, domestic violence issues, and even some of the rioting and social discord can be traced back to COVID-19. After all, how much civil unrest was there prior to COVID?

I am not minimizing the need for social awareness and change. I think a frank discussion of race is long overdue in America, because I think there are misconceptions on all sides of the issue that we should be talking about from the municipal level upward, to put our issues on the table and devise solutions for that will result in actions of peace and not escalating violence. We have been fortunate on the Boundary to not have those tensions, at least not to the extent of many communities, including reservations. But, that doesn't mean we are forever insulated from it.

There are a couple of more weeks remaining before the last chance to make a difference in the direction of the country all the way down to municipal government takes place. Election time is the time you have a voice to speak with in all those elections. Next year, we will be making those choices for tribal legisla-

...tive leadership. This year, we are deciding what kind of leaders will guide the federal, state, and municipal governments. We tend to think that, if we live on the Boundary, those elections don't matter. And we could not be more wrong. Having people in positions of power who are sympathetic and empathetic are more important now than ever. There are laws and lawmakers in the federal government who decide legislation that impact tribal operations, support, and even sovereignty. State governance is a huge deciding factor in how the Tribe provides for itself, as the leadership of the state negotiates and partners with us on what type of gaming that we will be able to deploy.

As the Tribe attempts to add to its existing revenue streams by building business outside the Boundary, we must negotiate with mu-

nicipalities for land use and support services. Despite what some may think, we are not an island and we are not self-sustaining. We need not only non-Indian tourism traffic for our daily bread, but we also need the support of outside governments to provide the services that we enjoy on the Boundary. And that means we need to do our part by voting in candidates that know us and support us.

Two-party politics and unlimited terms have caused much of the divisiveness and silos we are experiencing in our society today. Incumbents leverage their seats to gain power and constituency, and, over time, develop voting blocks that are insurmountable for young, inventive, intelligent aspiring leaders. We need to somehow get beyond our one-dimensional thinking when it comes to governance. We

need to be willing to elect fresh faces and fresh ideas even if it means giving up some power. We are citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and we are citizens of the United States and each of those states and municipalities we live in. We have a right and duty to vote and to elect representatives who reflect our views; all of them as different as they may be.

Voting couldn't be easier. Mail-in voting is available for those who want it. Polling places are open for early voting if you want to go in-person. It is easier to vote in off-Boundary elections than it has been in the past for tribal elections. We, as Cherokee people, need to be more engaged in the selection of those leaders of outside influence to the tribe. For a little effort, you can make a big difference. We are fast approaching our last chance in this election.



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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



SPEAKING OF FAITH

God needs to be elevated, magnified in your life

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

Read 2 Peter 1-11

(Continuing the message begun last week) Pastor Melton adds, “In verses 1 and 2, in the writing of these verses and concerning those who share in this same precious faith of salvation, Peter also prayed, ‘May God give you more and more grace and peace’ as we grow in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

He explains, “God needs to be multiplied as He grows in your life. There can be no standing still as we need to be filled each day with knowledge (from His Word) and the Holy Spirit, not just to be sanctified, but to also remain filled to overflowing with Him so there’s enough to share with others daily.

“He is still working on me daily, and who I am. He is the Multiplier! Little is much and is grand and glorious. We all should be getting better in living this life and in all things pertaining to life and godliness. Be like me, too, as we can move toward perfection. We are each a child of God and moving to be more like Daddy, as we are called to experience His Glory and Virtue. By His Divine Power on the inside, that is the way we can act right, be right and do right. We can just say ‘no’ to sin. That’s what we can do and have right now!

“Anyplace where we have a lack of His Knowledge, of Him and His Word, when we don’t know enough, we must understand—alone, we will fail. As He plants His ‘All-Knowledge’ inside of us, when we’ve accepted the call into His Glory and His Godliness, things change. With His help, we can learn to move His Way, and following His instructions, we move from being broke to abundant wealth, move from sickness into health; move from being all ‘messed up’, to being all fixed and from being bound up, to being set free.

“When we have learned how to live and

draw forth what He has already deposited within us, the Light of His Glory spills outward so we can find His Way to obtain wealth, to be healed, to be fixed, to be set free. His Glory is the Weight of God upon our lives. Virtue that is granted to us, shows outwardly as a high moral standard, a ‘shining path’ to follow. It shows us He is doing His part, so we must each do our part. Changing the way I think, changes me, and can change you. We can be and act, like Him, as we learn to cherish Him and His Way.

“The Power to lead a godly life comes from God. Because we don’t have the resources to be truly godly, God allows us to share in His Divine Nature in order to keep us from giving in to sin and to help us. He empowers us with His own Goodness and Excellence to help us live for Him. Pastor Melton encourages us, Trust Him!

“In Verses 4-11, there are given to believers, the great and precious promises of God, more than enough, outlined and given to us in order to become more precious and cherished by Him and by us. The reason for them is so we

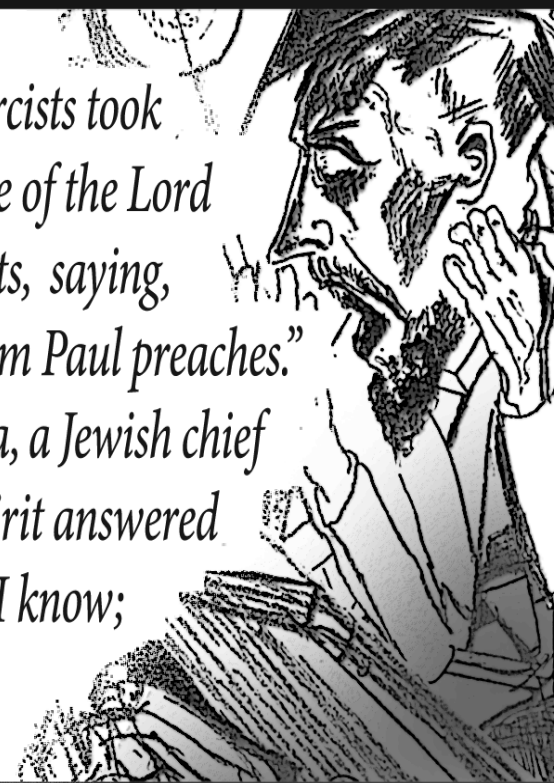
can be exceedingly successful in trusting Him and be actual partakers of the Divine Nature of God. He places His Nature on the inside of believers, even children, so the devil can’t tell the difference between us and Jesus. He also has, because of Jesus’ finished works accomplished at the Cross, He has given to these believers, the ones ‘with eyes to see and ears to hear,’ the promise of the gift of Dominion on the Earth.

“We have escaped having to just put up with things as they are now. We are to use our faith and trust in God, and add to that faith, virtue, and to virtue we add knowledge, then temperance, patience and godliness. Since He’s in control, we can ask His help in gaining more self-control. As He does this, we can build on it by ‘speaking His Words’ things He has said, and change even the atmosphere and attitudes around us. ‘Let the poor, say, ‘I am rich.’ Let the weak say, ‘I am strong.’ Know Who God is. His promises are always, ‘Yes’ and we speak the ‘Amen.’ (Let it be so, Lord.). His Anointing brings His Glory. Things are accomplished as words are spoken. Don’t miss out! We rule and reign with Him!



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...Some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” – ACTS 19:13-15



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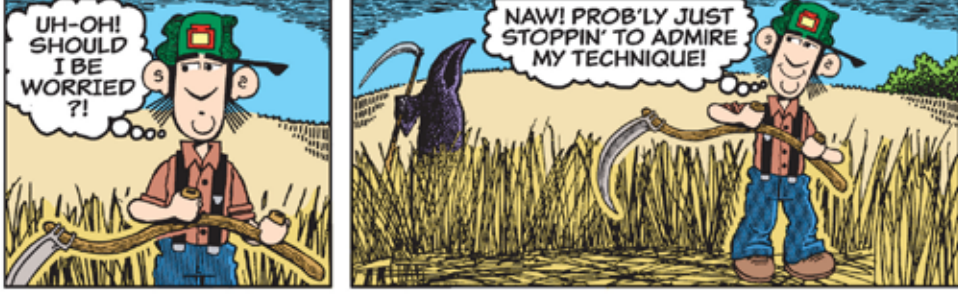
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by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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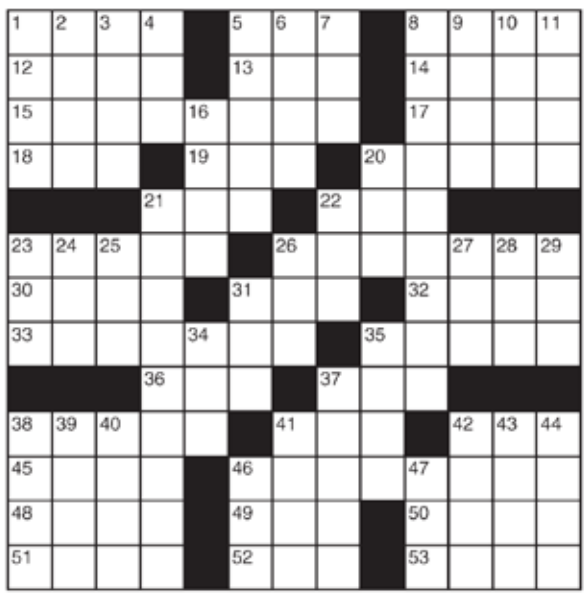
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Manhandle
- 5 Kimono sash
- 8 Hollywood clashers
- 12 Otherwise
- 13 Paid athlete
- 14 Swindle
- 15 Glass made of lava
- 17 Small song-bird
- 18 Series of battles
- 19 Individual
- 20 Too thin
- 21 Prompt
- 22 Evergreen type
- 23 Happen
- 26 Andean vultures
- 30 Courts
- 31 Email alternative
- 32 Pedestal occupant
- 33 Panacea
- 35 Golfer's aid
- 36 Rowing need
- 37 Junior
- 38 Suspicious
- 41 Pal
- 42 Hot tub
- 45 Stereo hook-up
- 46 - bacon
- 48 Pod vegetable
- 49 Plant bristle



- 50 Fairy tale side
 - 7 Charged bit
 - 28 Scepter
 - 29 Like 22-Down
 - 31 Bear hair
 - 34 Shaft of light
 - 35 Last few notes
 - 37 Optimistic
 - 38 Buy stuff
 - 39 Woodsy walk
 - 40 Frizzy 'do
 - 41 Cry loudly
 - 42 Portent
 - 43 Law firm aide, for short
 - 44 From the beginning
 - 46 Upper limit
 - 47 Mutt
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DOWN

- 1 Cat call?
- 2 Actress Jessica
- 3 Cold War abbr.
- 4 Muumuu accessory
- 5 Put one's two cents in
- 6 Highland hill-

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

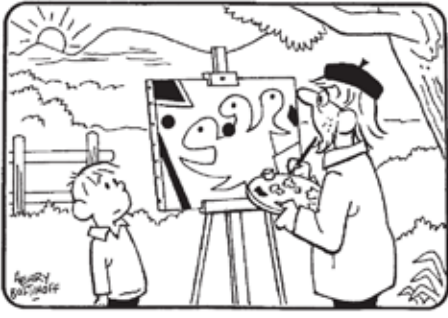
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cloud is missing. 2. Artist has glasses. 5. Painting is different. 6. Artist's paint rag is gone.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Matthew 13, what baking item did Jesus compare to the kingdom of heaven? *Eggs, Milk, Salt, Yeast*
 3. In Genesis 6:3, how many years did God set as mankind's age limit? *120, 490, 612, 969*
 4. Where does one go to find balm, according to Jeremiah? *Corinth, Joppa, Derbe, Gilead*
 5. Which of these women wore a nose ring? *Esther, Mary Magdalene, Rebekah, Martha*
 6. Who tested the will of the Lord with a fleece? *Jehu, Gideon, Amos, Ahaziah*
- Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.*

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is Homer's favorite beer brand on "The Simpsons"?
2. MEASUREMENTS: How much does a gallon of water weigh?
3. GEOMETRY: How many sides does a triskaidecagon have?
4. MOVIES: Who is the voice of Buzz Lightyear in the "Toy Stories" movies?
5. LITERATURE: What are the names of "The Three Musketeers"?
6. HISTORY: What was the first car that was mass-produced?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which region of Italy produces Marsala wine?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How do snakes smell?
9. SCIENCE: What is the study of sight and light called?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was Twitter's original character limit?

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MARKETPLACE

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. jaccallowayre@gmail.com

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



Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be growing impatient with a situation that seems to resist efforts to resolve it. But staying with it raises the odds that you'll find a way to a successful resolution.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Travel and kinship are strong in the Bovine's aspect this week. This would be a good time to combine the two and take a trip to see family members for a pre-holiday get-together.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A colleague could make a request you're not comfortable with. If so, say so. Better to disappoint someone by sticking with your principles than disappoint yourself if you don't.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's ability to adapt to life's ebbs and flows helps you deal with the changes that you might confront at work or at home, or both. Things settle down by the week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to get some long-outstanding business matters resolved. Then go ahead and plan a fun-filled family getaway weekend with the mate and the cubs.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A possible workplace change seems promising. If you decide to look into it, try not to form an opinion on just a small part of the picture: Wait for the full image to develop.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A newcomer helps keep things moving. There might be some bumpy moments along the way, but at least you're heading in the right direction. You win praise for your choices.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You could be pleasantly surprised by how a decision about one thing opens up an unexpected new option. Also, assistance on a project could come from a surprising source.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With more information to work with, you might now be able to start the process that could lead to a major change. Reserve the weekend for family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This could be a good time to begin gathering information that will help you turn that long-held idea into something substantive. A personal matter might need extra attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That new challenge might carry some surprises. But you should be able to handle them using what you already know. That new supporter should be there to lend assistance.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone might be trying to disguise his or her true motives. But the perceptive and perspicacious Pisces should have little or no problem finding the truth in all that foggy rhetoric.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can always rely on your people skills to help you find solutions to problems others often give up on.

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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



NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

Open Until Filled:

Children's Home
PT Residential Counselor -
two positions

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

Snowbird Childcare Center
Full Time - Teacher Assistant -
2 Positions



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing, Thursday October 8, 2020

Closing, Thursday October 22, 2020
Dental Assistant II

Closing, Thursday October 29, 2020
EVS Technician

PTI Registered Nurse - Emergency Room
Registered Nurse - Inpatient (2 Positions)
Targeted Case Manager - Family Safety (2 Positions)

Open Until Filled

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)
Business Analyst
Certified Medical Assistant (Grant Funded)
Clinical Dietitian
CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient (Multiple)
Dental Assistant II (2 positions)
Dentist
Dietary Services Supervisor - Patient Side
EVS Technician (Multiple)
Grant Writer - Contracting
Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Clinic
Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi
Masters Level Therapist - Integrated Classroom
Nursing/Medical Administrative Assistant
Pedodontist
Physician - Primary Care
PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)
PTI Physician - Emergency Room
PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)
PTR Clinical Dietitian
Registered Nurse - Inpatient
Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient
Registered Nurse Lead - Primary Care (Grant Funded)
Registered Nurse Float - Primary Care
Residential Technician - Kanvwotiyi
Targeted Case Manager - Family Safety
Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom
Targeted Case Manager - Juvenile Justice

Tsali Care Center

Closing, Thursday October 22, 2020

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

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.)



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

EMPLOYMENT

LEGAL NOTICES

FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
 Carrie Lynn Wade
 P.O. Box 1007
 Cherokee, NC 28719
 11/11

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Project Title:
Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning for all Sub-Watershed River Basins

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Natural Resources Department is requesting separate sealed proposals for the services of a qualified engineering firm with experience in providing comprehensive watershed management plans for the purpose of updating our current watershed plans for all sub-watershed basins. The purpose of the comprehensive watershed management planning is prioritizing watershed-based projects across the landscape throughout all sub-watershed basins. The primary objective is to develop a watershed-level planning document by which The Tribal Office of Environment and Natural Resources (OENR) and other partners can initiate future natural resource management and source water protection strategies and identify potential stream restoration activities.

The comprehensive watershed management plan will be used to guide monitoring and conservation strategies, stream restoration efforts, BMP implementation and other nonpoint source pollutant related activities occurring in all sub-watersheds throughout the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) territory. Our objectives are to evaluate land cover and soil erodibility factors across the basin to rank sub-watershed for risks to water quality at multiple spatio-temporal scales and link land cover

change over time to water quality and aquatic biota. Specifically, land cover percentages (impervious cover, agriculture activities, etc.) and landscapes features (soil types, % slope, etc.) at multiple spatial scales to categorize attributes and rank sub-watersheds from least to most susceptible to sedimentation. Additionally, landscape-level stressors within each sub-watershed will be ranked for targeting restoration activities.

This research will specifically address research to quantify effects of impervious cover, development and agricultural activities on water quality and aquatic life to identify and evaluate existing restoration activities and augment macroinvertebrate and fish recovery efforts due to non-point source pollution. Furthermore, research will be addressed by determining sediment

sources and transport and elucidating hydrological and biological dynamics to promote community resilience and enhance watershed restoration and management. Site visits and field assessment opportunities will be provided to any qualified contractor upon request.

Contact Dylan Rose at (828) 736-0578 or by email at dylarose@nc-chokeee for further questions. Proposal packages should be addressed to Mr. Rose at the address above and must be received by 11:00 AM, November 9th, 2020 at which time bids will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract. **10/28**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION EBCI

THE CHEROKEE COURT
 CHEROKEE, NC
 FILE NO.: _CVJ-19-058
 In the Matter of Taylor:
 TO: Marclena Leona Bird and Jaylen Taylor
 TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is termination of parental rights. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than November 23, 2020 said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This is the 6th day of October 2020. Joni Larch-Locust and Cameron Locust
 Shira Hedgepeth
 PO Box 514
 Cullowhee, NC 28723
 N.C.G.S. _1A-1, Rule 4(j1). **10/28**

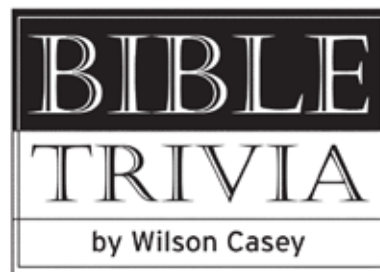
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Cherokee, North Carolina
 Estate File No. 20-078
In the Matter of the Estate of Lorraine Conseen

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

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Yeast; 3) 120; 4) Gilead; 5) Rebekah (Gen 24:47); 6) Gideon



- Duff
- 8.34 pounds
- 13
- Tim Allen
- Athos, Porthose, and Aramis
- Ford Model T
- Sicily
- With their tongues
- Optics
- 140

— King Crossword —
 Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

MAUL	OBI	EGOS
ELSE	PRO	DUPE
OBSIDIAN	WREN	
WAR	ONE	GAUNT
CUE	FIR	
OCCUR	CONDORS	
WOOS	FAX	IDOL
NOSTRUM	CADDY	
OAR	SON	
SHADY	BUD	SPA
HIFI	CANADIAN	
OKRA	AWN	OGRE
PEON	PLY	GNAW

— Weekly SUDOKU —
 Answer

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

Kituwah, LLC is searching for qualified construction professionals to participate in a preferred network of on-call construction service providers. This network will be used by Kituwah Builders for construction sub-contracts, finish work, etc... for residential or commercial projects using Cardinal Home products. While it is not a requirement, professionals with previous or current construction experience with EBCI programs are highly desired. At this time, work will be on-call, as-needed and will not be full time employment.

A list of potential services are below*:
 - General Contractors (NC License required)
 -Roofers
 - Licensed Electrical Contractors (NC License required)

- Siding (Wood, Vinyl, Cement, etc...)
 - Licensed HVAC Contractors (NC License required)
 - Gutter Installer
 - Licensed Plumbing Contractors (NC License required)
 - Landscapers
 - Carpenters
 - Painters
 - Electricians
 - Concrete (Flat work)
 - Plumbers
 - Tile Installers
 - Site Work/Excavation
 - Hardwood Installers
 - Septic Installers
 - Carpet Installers
 - Well Drillers
 - Paving
 - Block/Rock Masons
 - Hydroseeding
 - Poured Concrete Walls
 Other:
 - Drywall

Anyone interested should submit a company profile at the Kituwah, LLC Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday.

*This is not intended to represent an all-inclusive list of services associated with the construction of Cardinal Home Products. **11/4**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Legislative Branch invites qualified individuals or firms to submit CPA services proposals. The proposal's purpose is to contract with a CPA for the EBCI Legislative Branch.

The EBCI Legislative Branch will consider any and all proposals from qualified and experienced individuals or firms to provide CPA services. Applicants must be a Certified Public Accountant and in good standing with their respective State Board at the time of submitting their application for consideration.

Proposal Submission:

The EBCI Legislative Branch invites qualified individuals or firms to submit a proposal that meets the requirements described, please send and email to carowest@nc-chokeee.com for a RFP packet. The proposal must be received no later than 3:00 P.M. Thursday, October 29, 2020. Please submit your inquiry to: carowest@nc-chokeee.com with the subject line: CPA RFP.

This Request for Proposal does not commit EBCI Legislative Branch to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal in response to this request. EBCI Legislative Branch reserves the sole and exclusive right to accept the proposal that it considers to be in its best interest

of the EBCI Legislative Branch and its needs. Selection of the individual or firm is at the sole discretion of the EBCI Legislative Branch. All materials submitted to EBCI Legislative Branch by individuals or firms in response to this RFP become EBCI Legislative Branch's sole property and will be used at its discretion and shall not be returned to any successful or unsuccessful applicant unless the applicant identifies any trademarks or patents that protect products submitted.

Thank you for your interest in working with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Legislative Branch. Adam Wachacha, Chairman, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Council. **10/21**

Request for Qualifications – General Contracting Services

DreamCatcher Hotels, in conjunction with the Sequoyah National Golf Club II LLC, is seeking to engage a qualified General Contractor, that can commit a highly qualified team capable of meeting the Owner's objectives for cost and schedule, for the construction of a hotel at Sequoyah National Golf Course located in Whittier, NC. Please contact Zeke Cooper to receive the full Request for Qualifications at ZCooper@DreamCatcherHotels.com or 828-736-7041.

10/21

Advertisement for Proposal PROJECT: TRIBAL FOODS DISTRIBUTION CENTER RELOCATION & ADDITION for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (the "Tribe or EBCI") Project Management Office, is seeking the services of a qualified Construction Manager at Risk to provide pre-construction and construction services for the reloca-



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tion/ addition for the Tribal Foods Distribution Center. The project will include the renovation of an existing 12,000 sf pre-engineered metal building to suit the expanding needs of the Tribal Foods Distribution Center. The proposed scope will include demolition of approximately 4,000 sf of the existing building, and constructing a 3-story, steel framed 12,000 sf addition. The new addition shall include offices, demonstration kitchen, drive-in cooler/ freezers, new entrances, and lobbies. Existing parking lots surrounding the building will need to be improved for required parking and loading dock access. A new drive-thru lane and appropriate canopies for curbside delivery shall be included. A detailed breakdown of the facilities can be reviewed in the Request for Proposal package. The project site is located at 2318 Old Mission Road Whittier, NC 28789

Proposals will be received by: 2:00 pm local time 12th November 2020 at which time and place proposals will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any proposals received after this time will not be considered. Please be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to the proposals and award of this project. It is the responsibility of the construction manager team to insure delivery and receipt by the Project Management Office. Proposals sent by mail should be directed to the attention of:

Program Manager: Chris Greene
Email: chrigree@nc-chokeee.com
Phone: (828) 359-6703
Courier Delivery: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Attn: Monica Lambert, Project

Management Program, 810 Acquoni Road, Suite 118-A, Cherokee, NC 28719

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PACKAGE INFORMATION:**

Project Representative: Johnson Architecture, Inc.

Contact: Joey Staats

Email: jstaats@jainc.com

Complete Request for Proposal and all attachments for this project can be obtained digitally from the Project Representative: Johnson Architecture, Inc. (contact information above). or at the following Plan Rooms:

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Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Designer in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders upon request and without deposit. **10/28**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CHEROKEE WATER PROGRAMS
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
LOWER SOCO CREEK INTERCEPTOR REPLACEMENT**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Lower Soco Creek Interceptor will be received, by Cherokee Water Programs, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, at the office of the 1840 Paint Town Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, until 2:00 PM local time on November 5, 2020, at which time the Bids received will be opened and read.

The Project consists of the installation of approximately 2,800 linear feet (LF) of thirty-six inch (36-inch) gravity sanitary sewer; concrete manhole installations with watertight frames and covers; and other appurtenances as required; abandonment with flowable fill of approximately 500 LF of existing twelve inch (12-inch) sanitary sewer; abandonment of existing sanitary sewer manholes; at least one creek crossing; and one (1) hand-dug tunnel or bore and jack.

The scope of the project will include all bypass pumping, pipe preparation, and any necessary tools or equipment required to complete the jobs according to the specifications.

The allotted time for construction is 150 calendar days.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: S&ME, Inc. 6515 Nightingale Lane, Knoxville, TN 37909 Phone: 865-934-6023; Vickie Wilhite [HYPERLINK "mailto:vwilhite@smeinc.com"](mailto:vwilhite@smeinc.com) vwilhite@smeinc.com Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM local time, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the Cherokee Water Program, on Mondays through Thursdays between the hours of 8:30 – 3:30; and the office of the Engineer, S&ME, Inc., 6515 Nightingale Lane, Knoxville,

TN 37909, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:30 am-4:00 PM local time.

Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "S&ME, Inc." and sent to Attention: Vickie Wilhite 6515 Nightingale Lane, Knoxville, TN 37909. Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above plus a non-refundable shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A Mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on October 21, 2020 2020 at the Cherokee Water Programs, 1840 Paint Town Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders shall proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Cherokee Water Program

By: Ethan Arch

Title: Program Manager

Date: October 12, 2020

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What did the Nun Yunu Wi, the man "dressed in stone", carry with him and what special power did it have?

Re-elect Swain County Commissioner Roger Parsons who:

- Participates in community events and meetings in Bryson City and Cherokee
- Is married to an enrolled member of the EBCI
- Supported the EBCI on the Catawba Casino issue
- Voted for renaming a portion of Hwy. 441 the Dr. Jeremiah Wolfe Highway
- Wants to work in partnership with the Qualla Boundary and Swain County on issues concerning all residents of Swain County
- Hopes for Swain County are to remember our history but look to the future and continue to grow and improve our community
- Will listen to the needs of the people
- To talk with Roger, call 828-736-0496

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One Feather Summer/Fall Nature Photography special

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

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



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