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Council passes medical marijuana ordinance

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

After six years of wrangling with the issue, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is entering the world of medical cannabis (marijuana). Tribal Council passed an ordinance during the regular session on Thursday, Aug. 5 that establishes law in the Cherokee Code for the regulation of the industry on EBCI tribal lands.

Ord. No. 539, submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed; Jeremy Wilson, EBCI governmental affairs liaison; and Joey Owle, EBCI secretary of agriculture and natural resources; states in part, "...it is in the best interests of the Tribe to continue advancing the policy of allowing responsible access to small amounts of marijuana to be used safely for medicinal and health purposes."

The ordinance was passed by a

weighted vote of 74-26 as follows:

FOR – Wolfstown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown; AGAINST – Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, Vice Chairman David Wolfe, and Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah.

Following passage, Wilson, a former Tribal Council representative who worked on the cannabis issue while in office, told the One Feather, "Today's decision by Tribal Council to pass medical marijuana showcases the progression of leadership and forward vision thinking. I want to sincerely showcase my appreciation for Council for their support and putting the Tribe on a pathway towards real economical diversification, but



Tribal Council passed an ordinance during the regular session on Thursday, Aug. 5 that establishes law in the Cherokee Code for the regulation of the industry on EBCI tribal lands. (Pixabay photo)

also finally providing a solution towards the fight against opioids and giving our people relief without worry of severe side effects or addictions."

He added, "Also a sincere thank you to Chief Sneed for believing in us, and being a level of

support in this effort. Joey (Owle) and I dedicated ourselves to see this through because we understood the opportunity for our tribe and people. We understand the amount of responsibility this will

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MARIJUANA: Council approves medical cannabis legislation, *from front page*

take to ensure this is done effectively and efficiently. Just as we dedicated to make it happen, we will equally dedicate to make it work.”

The legislation details the process for licensing ‘medical cannabis establishments’ as well as ‘medical cannabis establishment agents’. It also establishes detailed regulations for issuing ‘medical cannabis patient cards’ to those who are 21-years-old or older who qualify for the program.

During debate on the issue on Thursday, Chief Sneed called it a “compassion-care issue” and added, “We are sovereign, and if we’re going to be sovereign then we should act like that, exercise our sovereignty. This is what our people are asking for.”

He did comment on the legality of the program stating that tribal members will understand the limitations. “Everybody understands that if you go off-Boundary with it, it’s still illegal. We’re adults – we understand that.” Rep. Rose made the motion to pass the ordinance stating the legislation was “overloaded” with regulations on purpose so that the industry would run smoothly within the Tribe. “It’s not just going to be another revenue-generator

for us. It’s going to help our enrolled members with medical conditions.”

Rob Saunooke, an EBCI tribal member and attorney, said he’s been involved with the cannabis industry for some years now in consultation with other tribes and cautions the EBCI. “I’m trying to find out why we are looking at passing an ordinance to authorize cannabis, which is illegal under federal law currently. If you open up a facility today and you give tribal members cannabis, the Tribe, the members, the people who do it, will be subject to arrest. This is an illegal action, and nothing can change that currently.”

He went on to state, “This is a premature attempt to create an industry that is currently illegal. I think we need to spend our time and efforts elsewhere doing things that are more productive to what our people need right now.”

Saunooke, as well as Rep. Tommye Saunooke who has expressed her support in the past for medicinal cannabis, advocated for the legislation to have been tabled for further discussion.

Secretary Owle spoke next and said, “What a wonderful day to make history – to exercise our sovereignty. If it were an issue for the federal government about cannabis legalization, it would have addressed it with the 36 states, the four territories that allow medicinal cannabis.



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Source: webmd.com

– Brenda Weaver

It would have addressed it with the 18 states, two territories, and the District of Columbia that have legalized it for adult use.”

“We’ve been at this for six years – talking with y’all, advocating for cannabis law reform. And, today the questions that I think are most relevant and pertinent are not about why it’s federally illegal or what those risks are. Those have been asked in the state. They’ve been asked in the Western District Attorney for North Carolina. Today’s questions that should be asked are, ‘why do patients find it useful?’ and ‘how can we get them safe, reliable access to it?’”

The ordinance establishes the EBCI Cannabis Advisory Commission which will be charged with “studying issues related to cannabis and making recommendations

to the EBCI Cannabis Control Board, Tribal Council, and Principal Chief regarding the regulation of medical cannabis and any activity related to cannabis.”

The Commission is the newest incarnation of the idea as a previous Cannabis Commission was approved in December 2019.

The following will serve on the Commission: Principal Chief (or designee), Tribal Council chairperson (or designee), Community Club chairperson (or designee), EBCI secretary of agriculture and natural resources (or designee), EBCI secretary of public health and human services (or designee), chief of Cherokee Indian Police Dept. (or designee), and the chief executive officer of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (or designee).

The legislation also establishes

the EBCI Cannabis Control Board. The Principal Chief will appoint the members to the five-member Board who will be subject to Tribal Council confirmation. Three of the five members are required to be EBCI tribal members or members of another federally recognized tribe.

The Board will consist of a certified public accountant; an expert in investigation, financial auditing, or corporate compliance; a licensed attorney; an expert in the cannabis industry; and a licensed physician.

Ord. No. 593 also amends Cherokee Code Section 105-3 and adds “sales of cannabis made in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 17” with those things being exempt from tribal levy.

This latest legislation was the result of several years of work and

wrangling with various resolutions regarding cannabis. One of the latest was Res. No. 323 (2020) which was passed on Oct. 29, 2020 and directed the EBCI Executive Committee to develop “legislation directed toward allowing the use of medical marijuana on the Qualla Boundary in the most practical, responsible, and lawful way possible”.

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

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CASINO EXPANSION

A grand opening for the expansion project at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is expected in the next two to three months. After exceeding the initial budget by \$80 million, the cost of this project is estimated at \$330 million.

All photos were taken on Thursday, Aug. 5.

Photos by Jonah Lossiah/One Feather



The main lobby will have multiple sitting spaces and a large bar. Adjacent to the lobby are business centers and other amenities for guests.



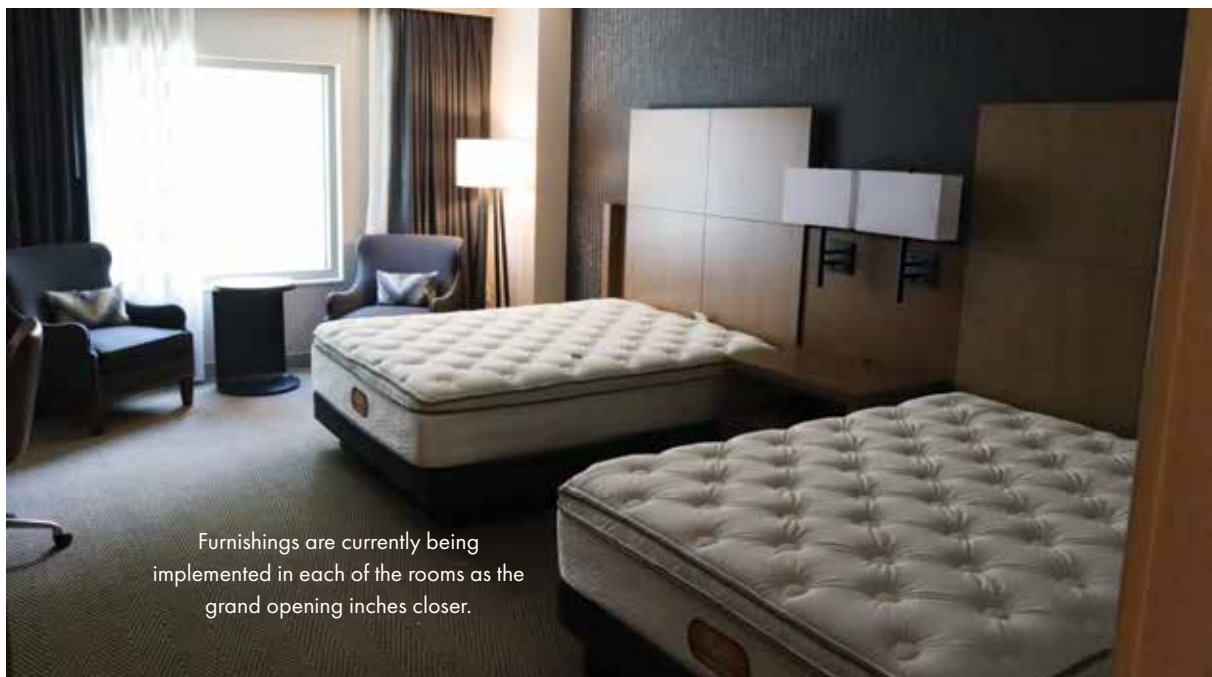
The expansion will feature a restaurant for all meals of the day. The name and/or partner for the restaurant will be announced at a later date.



The convention center and ball room on the second floor will offer 100,000 square feet of conference space. It is currently housing the materials being used to finish the project.



There are three main levels to the convention center, with the 'mezzanine' on the second floor. There are escalators for each level, and the mezzanine looks over the main lobby.



Furnishings are currently being implemented in each of the rooms as the grand opening inches closer.



In between the rooms of the hotel tower and the fitness center, there is a shallow pool that will be of access to guests. The pool was filled the week of the One Feather's visit to the site.



The parking garage has been finished for some time and holds 2,000 parking spaces.

Five more charges dismissed in Cody Long case

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

Following a hearing called on Friday, Aug. 6, Tribal prosecutors have dismissed five of the seven remaining charges against Benjamin Cody Long.

The One Feather had requested that the Court provide public notice of any hearings concerning Long, but in the case of this hearing, the reporter was not notified, so no first-hand observation by the paper was possible. During this meeting, Tribal prosecutors dismissed five counts of misusing Tribal money or property [Cherokee Code Section 14-70.42 (c)(1)]. Charges 20 CR 0466 through 20 CR 0470 were dismissed, leaving Charges 20 CR 0464 and 20 CR 0465.

The hearing held on Monday, Aug. 9 was to a motion to limine by the defense. Attorney Robert Saunooke was the leading voice of the defense on Monday. He argued that evidence involving 'Microsoft Azure logins' used by the prosecutors was incomplete, and therefore was unfit for use in the upcoming trial. He said that the evidence being used was 'cherry picked' from a huge list of possible login information. That ocean of information is now gone.

According to Saunooke, and confirmed by called witness Doug Chase, Microsoft has a feature that will delete all of this information after 90 days. This has led the defense to question whether the chosen documents should be used as evidence, for there is no more exploring that can be done by either party at this point. Saunooke pointed out that since

his client was initially charged, it has been discovered that there were multiple attempts to log into Cody Long's account when he was in custody. He said that there very well could have been more information that the is now erased that could be used to clear up this case. Saunooke said that the responsibility to acquire and protect this information lies with the Tribe, and that the defense didn't even have access to the information until after the 90-day period had passed and the information was unavailable.

Doug Chase, information security officer for the EBCI Office of Information Technology (OIT), was called to the stand for questioning. While on the stand, he explained how and why he exported the files that were being used as evidence. He also explained that he did not have any direct or consistent contact with the operators of ransomware or Coveware, the company that the Tribe hired to negotiate the ransomware issue. He said those discussions were dealt with by OIT Director Bill Travitz.

After hearing the cases offered, Chief Judge Monty Beck said that there were three pieces that the arguing parties needed to answer through a written briefing. He said that one of them was more or less answered, and that was the authentication of the evidence. He said that he felt that Chase could properly authenticate the pieces involved.

The two issues that he needed most to judge were addressing the Brady Rule and Hearsay evidence. The Brady Rule 'requires prosecutors to disclose materially exculpa-

tory evidence in the government's possession to the defense'. The defense is arguing that by not procuring all of the possible evidence, the prosecution did not address their burden in the case and therefore were not abiding by the Brady Rule.

The third aspect of Hearsay evidence addresses whether the documents provided by the prosecution are official 'business records.' The defense argued that because the Tribe does not own the information provided by Microsoft, nor do they have direct control over the handling of those logs, that they should not be deemed official records. If this was the decision of Judge Beck, the evidence could be considered inadmissible for trial.

Judge Beck set a deadline of Sept. 1 for these briefs to be submitted to him, and he said that he could be offering a decision on Sept. 8.

The defense initially had nine charges brought against them. On

Feb. 17, two felony charges were dismissed. These were 19 CR 4505 Felony Tampering with Public Records (In violation of Section 14-70.12(a)(3)) and 19 CR 4606 Felony Obstructing Government Functions (In violation of Section 14-70.14 (a)(2)).

The hearing of EBCI vs Benjamin Cody Long was set to be begin trial this week. However, one of the 'essential witnesses' for the Tribe's case tested positive for COVID-19. After consideration from the Court, it was deemed that due to a lack of network connectivity the witness could not attend the trial virtually. Because of this, a motion to continue by the Tribe was granted.

The scheduled trial date is now set for Monday, Oct. 11. Judge Beck requested that if either party had any further motions, they should have them submitted and heard by Sept. 8 to ensure they do not impact the trial date further.



CCS weighing COVID decisions before Fall start

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**
One Feather Staff

On Tuesday, Aug. 3 Cherokee Central Schools announced that they would be delaying the start of school from Aug. 9 to Aug. 16.

The decision came after an increase in COVID-19 cases on the Qualla Boundary over the last few weeks. EBCI Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) reported 33 new positive cases on July 28, and these were the numbers that CCS leadership considered before choosing to delay. Since then, there was another surge of 52 new cases reported on Aug. 4. Cherokee is currently suffering its largest spike in COVID-19 cases since January.

The decision to delay was not discussed in Monday's meeting of the CCS Board of Education, but precautions for entering the school year were. CCS will be hosting a vaccination clinic for ages 12 and up on Thursday, Aug. 5 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Superintendent Murray said that the school would be opening with masks required inside of buildings.

A significant piece that has been discussed by the School Board over the last month is the possibility of making COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for staff. At the previous meeting, Murray mentioned that it would be best to have an official statement from the school's attorney before making

such a decision. When it was time to discuss this potential policy on Monday, the Board moved into a closed session. No report was offered on the discussion, and no decisions were made on this topic following the opening of the meeting.

The Board said that safety of the students and staff is paramount. The situation surrounding the pandemic will be monitored closely in the coming weeks as CCS looks to open in August.

The first guest to the meeting was Polly Kelley from the EBCI Investment Committee. She was there to offer a quarterly report on the CCS reserve account. She reported that there has been 17.89 percent increase during this fiscal year, which brings the total account to 15,809,350 dollars. This sum is not used as part of the school's budget, but for emergency use. She said that there was an expectation of a 6-8 percent increase, so these numbers are nearly triple the projections. Kelley also continued by saying that she suspects the market could continue to be volatile with the recent movements of the pandemic. She said that increases in cases and regulations have caused unease in the market, and that patience will be required moving forward.

Next in was Sean Ross, CCS athletic director. He offered a report on the athletic department, particularly focusing on questions he had received regarding uniforms for the different sports at

the school. He showed the evaluation cycle for the respective sports, demonstrating that there is generally a three-year window around full team uniform replacement. He did say that this differs sport-by-sport, with some equipment phasing out quicker than others due to high level of use.

Ross also said that all signs point to sports starting on time, with football being the sport questioned by the Board. He said that they are currently planning to operate at a 50 percent capacity for both inside and outside events. That would allow for 1,750 fans in the football stadium, and 1,500 in the gymnasium. He said that given the attendance records, that should be plenty to accommodate the expected crowds.

The Board moved through the consent agenda with a few amendments. Three resolutions were pulled to discuss personnel in closed session, and the other items were passed unanimously.

Three walk-in resolutions were also passed. The first was a small change to a job description for a licensed professional counselor position that is being funded through ARPA money. The other two were adjustments to pay scales for two employees. It was initially missed by Human Resources that these employees had previously worked at the school and needed to be on the longevity pay scale.

The Board also approved the handbooks for the upcoming school year following some debate.

The primary issue stemmed from concerns of the dress code. Karen French-Browning said that she wants to see the dress code more strictly enforced for both staff and students.

Superintendent Murray said that the school would be running a trial period with student IDs at the high school to begin the school year. He said that they hope to have these ready by the end of the month, and once they see the effectiveness at the high school, they would consider implementing IDs for the other students as well.

The Monday, Aug. 2 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Isaac Long; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; Board members Regina Ledford Rosario and Karen French-Browning; Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray; Asst. Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne; HR Director Heather Driver; and School Board Assistant Terri Bradley all in attendance. Board member Gloria Griffin and Tribal Council Representative Chelsea Saunooke were late to the meeting.

The next meeting of the School Board will take place on Monday, Aug. 16 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings are once again being held in the conference room in the CCS Administrative building. Board of Education meetings are considered public meetings and are open to public attendance except for executive sessions.



COVID HOTLINE
497-3743

CIPD Arrest Report for July 25 to Aug. 1

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

Bigmeat, Natasha Regina – age 29
Arrested: July 25
Released: July 25
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Brady I, James Ralph – age 54
Arrested: July 25
Released: Not released as of report

date
Charges: Arson in the First Degree, Reckless Endangerment, Criminal Mischief to Property

Jones, Dustin Corey – age 29
Arrested: July 26
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts), Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Martin Jr., George David – age 39
Arrested: July 27
Released: July 29
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bushyhead, Deweese Henry – age 42
Arrested: July 26

Released: July 28
Charges: Probation Violation

Ledford, Mitchell James – age 30
Arrested: July 30
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear

Queen, Justin – age 20
Arrested: July 30
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Reyes, Sonia Margarita – age 24
Arrested: July 31
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Domestic Violence

Saine, Angelica Chenise – age 26
Arrested: July 31
Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Communicating Threats, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Hornbuckle, Mary Ann Jumper – age 55
Arrested: Aug. 1
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Public Intoxication

Littlejohn, Julian – age 18
Arrested: Aug. 1
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Elder Abuse and Neglect (two counts), Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Wildcatt, Jacob Bodie – age 26
Arrested: Aug. 1
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

MISSING PERSON

Joseph Samuel Bullis

Male Age: 37 years

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5' 9" Weight: 175 lbs

Hair: Black Eyes : Brown

Date of last contact: June 10, 2021

Location: Peridot, Arizona (Gila County)

Circumstances of Disappearance: Joseph Bullis was last seen in the Bashas parking lot. Tattoo of a triangle below left and right eye; right forearm "Belk"; left side of neck "Lahoma".

If you have seen Joseph Bullis, contact San Carlos Tribal Police Department. (928) 475-2311.

Source: Namus.gov



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Americanisms



“The way I see it, if you
want the rainbow, you gotta
put up with the rain.”
— Dolly Parton

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A vaccine clinic was held at Cherokee Central Schools on Thursday, Aug. 5. The event was hosted with EBCI Public Health and Human Services and allowed for anyone 12-years-old or older to come to the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Several students and teachers were able to get vaccines, as well as other members of the community. In the photo above, Timber Sampson, of the Wolfstown Community, gets his shot. Miles Matter, shown below, of the Big Cove Community, gets vaccinated. (JONAH LOSSIAH/Cherokee One Feather Photos)



Fun Facts from the Editor:

* Banana “trees” are actually a type of flowering herb.

* Foreign Accent Syndrome is an extremely rare disorder that causes sufferers to speak involuntarily in a foreign accent.

* “Eleven plus two” and “twelve plus one” both equal 13 and have 13 letters. In fact, they both have the same 13 letters!

Lavita Hill for School Board



Shiyu KoLaNvYi/ToLeDvYi,

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

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

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

EDUCATED

- ✓ Cherokee High School Graduate (1997)
- ✓ Western Carolina University, B.A. in Business Administration (2002)

LEADER

- ✓ Right Path Leadership Graduate
- ✓ Former Big Cove Community Club Secretary
- ✓ EBCI Minors Trust Fund Administrator

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- ✓ Vice Chairwoman, TERO Commission Council appointee
- ✓ Parent Advisory Committee Member, Cherokee Central Schools
- ✓ Patient & Family Advisory Council Representative, Cherokee Indian Hospital
- ✓ EBCI Investment Committee Liaison

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FISHING FUN

Annual Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby held in Cherokee

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Dwayne Stamper gives his grandson, SJ Stamper, some fishing tips during the annual Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby held at the Oconaluftee Island Park on Saturday, Aug. 7. Both are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).



Rowen Haney, age 11, of Hudson, is all concentration as he fishes in the Oconaluftee River.



Carter Driver, age 6, EBCI tribal member of the Yellowhill Community



Mason Goley, age 10, of Marion



Waya Hernandez, age 11, EBCI tribal member from the Birdtown Community



An early morning catch



Carter Nations, an 8-year-old EBCI tribal member, is all smiles holding up his catch.



The Oconaluftee River was full of young fishermen and their parents all through the event.



Elliemae Farmer, age 5, and her mother, Michelle Farmer

OBITUARIES ᏍᏏᏏᏁᏍᏔᏁ

Anthony Ray Toineeta

Anthony Ray Toineeta, 22, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021 in Charlotte. He was born and raised in Cherokee and resided in Lancaster, S.C.

Anthony is survived by the love of his life Ashley Caldwell; parents, Bruce and Sunshine Toineeta; sister, Kendall; brother, Jesse Toineeta; nephews, Easton and Kyler Toineeta; grandmothers, Bessie French and Betty Toineeta; Aunt Tammie Ledford; Uncle Jesse Ben Toineeta; and many, many friends.

He is preceded in death by grandfathers, Jesse Toineeta and Skilly French; and Aunt Monika Toineeta and Uncle John Toineeta.

Anthony was a 2017 graduate of Cherokee High School. He was the 2016 and 2017 1A State Wrestling Champion. Continuing his wrestling career at Queens University, Anthony also came to enjoy playing rugby. He was known for his accomplishments on the field and the mat, but also in the rodeo arena.

"Ant" never met a stranger; he was witty, kind, and very outgoing. He lived by the motto "Every man dies, but not every man lives." Living every day to the fullest, he has left a lasting impression on all those who knew him.

Pall bearers are Corey Stamp-er, Evan Stamper, Jeremy Wolfe,

Travis Hicks, Luke Woodard, Roy Bradley, George Burgess, and Steven Straughan. Honorary Pall bearers include Jake Morris, Benji Hund, Devon McCarthy, and Khali Jefferson. Anthony was a member of Cherokee United Methodist Church. Services will be held Monday, Aug. 9 with visitation starting at 1 p.m., followed by the service at 2 p.m. at Cherokee United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Shell Family Cemetery.

Kina Marie Swimmer

Kina Marie Swimmer, age 69, of Cherokee, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021 at Cherokee Indian Hospital after a brief illness.

She is survived by her brothers, Ben Swimmer, Juggie Swimmer, Dean (Lola) Swimmer, Obie Swimmer, and Sugar; sisters, Bobbi (Russell) George, Anita Thompson, Bonnie (Barney) Youngdeer of Cherokee, Dinah (Jerry) Melton of Paris, Tenn.; special sister, Susie (Bill) Haynes; special friend, Eddie Rodrigues. Bean Komenda and her favorite pet, Jake The Bear; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews also survive. Kina is also survived by all the special needs children who she worked with from 1974 to present.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Isaac D. Swimmer and Dorothy Swimmer; brother, David Swimmer; nephews, Tsani Youngdeer, Richard G. George, Johnny Thompson, and Cayden

Jason Lossie. Girl Baby Two also preceded.

A formal funeral service was held in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home on Friday, Aug. 5 with Pastor Dan Conseen and Joe Wolfe officiating. Burial was in the Isaac Swimmer Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Colby Lossie, Dragon Lossie, Bud Armachain, Sage Dunston, Homer Bradley, and Eddie Crowe. Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Patricia Josephine Brown

Patricia Josephine "Granny Pat" Bigmeat Brown, 85, of the Birdtown Community of Cherokee, journeyed home on Thursday, July 29, 2021 in Cherokee.

Patricia Josephine Bigmeat was born on the Qualla Boundary on Sept. 4, 1935. She was a member of the Rock Springs Baptist Church in her youth and later attended Christ Fellowship and the Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Churches. She graduated high school from Cherokee High School in 1953. Patricia went on to earn a secretarial degree from Blanton's Business School in Asheville. She worked in the BIA Reality Office for many years, was a private business owner and retired from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Patricia was heavily involved in her children's extracurricular activities and served as both a Cub Scout and Girl Scout Leader as well as the PTA. Patricia served

as the chairwoman of the Qualla Housing Board for many years as well. Granny Pat will be remembered for her spicy humor, her love of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and loyalty and devotion to her Bigmeat family and community and also for being an avid Tarheel's Fan.

Patricia is survived by her sons, Mike (Rachel) and Darrell (Sherry) Brown; her daughter, Paula (Paul) Wojtkowski; her grandchildren, Dusty, Adam, Duane and Ally Brown, and Nic Taylor (Chantelle); her great grandchildren, Tyra, Darrin, Elliot, Jurnee, Javia and Jaryn Brown and Auron, Niyah, and Izzy Taylor all of Cherokee. She is also survived by her sister, Nancy Plemons of Cherokee County; very special cousin, Paulette Smart; and best friend, Joyce Dugan of Cherokee.

She is preceded in death by her beloved grandparents, Robert and Charlotte Bigmeat, who raised her; mother and step-father Tiney and Adam Thompson; second mother, Elizabeth Bigmeat Jackson; and infant daughter, Donna.

A celebration of her life was held at Rock Springs Baptist Church on Aug. 3 with Pastor Greg Morgan officiating. Long House Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Per her final wishes, she was cremated and her remains will be interred by her children, in a private ceremony, at a later date.



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Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, center, is presented an American Legion Distinguished Achievement Award by Col. (Ret.) Bob Blankenship during the regular session of Tribal Council on the morning of Thursday, Aug. 5. Rep. Shell, a U.S. Army veteran, is retiring at the end of his term as a tribal legislator at the beginning of October. American Legion Post 143 Commander Lew Harding, left, read the certificate, "Your courage in speaking truth to power in representing our people has benefited us all for decades. Your example of patriotism and love of country has been an example to our veterans and our young people. The enduring significance of your commitment to moral values and dedication to family values, Native American, and American values has been exemplary." (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced on the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 2 that Ramsey Cascade Trail is now open. The trail was closed for several days after a washout, reported after heavy rains came through the area, was discovered. The Park trail crew completed the necessary repairs to re-establish a section of trail through a rocky, steep area. The 4.0 mile Ramsey Cascade trail lies in the Greenbrier Area of the park and provides the only access to the 90' tall Ramsey Cascades. For more information about trail closures, please visit the Park's website at www.nps.gov/grsm or call the Backcountry Information Office at (865) 436-1297. (National Park Service photo)

Canine Distemper is a contagious disease with no cure. Take the steps necessary to protect your pets.

HOW IS CANINE DISTEMPER SPREAD?

- Through airborne exposure (sneezing or coughing) to the virus from an infected dog or contact with a wild animal with the disease.
- Distemper can also be transmitted by shared food, water bowls, and equipment (at home, the dog park, puppy classes, etc.)
- Infected dogs can shed the virus for months
- Mother dogs can pass the virus through the placenta to their puppies

SYMPTOMS

- Watery, pus-like discharge from eyes
- Fever, nasal discharge, coughing, lethargy, reduced appetite, vomiting
- Circling behavior, head tilting, muscle twitches, jaw chewing and salivation, seizures, and partial or complete paralysis
- May also cause footpads to thicken and harden. This virus is often fatal, and dogs that survive usually maintain permanent, irreparable nervous system damage

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

- Through clinical appearance and fair testing
- This disease has no cure, and treatment typically consists of supportive care and efforts to prevent secondary infections
- Vaccination is CRUCIAL to preventing canine distemper

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EBCI General Election information

Voter registration is currently open. EBCI tribal members who will be 18 years of age on the date of or prior to any election may register to vote before the voter logs close.

Aug. 9-13: Early voting, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 16: Absentee ballot by mail ends; ballots postmarked on or before this date will be accepted

Aug. 16-20: Early voting, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 21: Early voting, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 23: Last day of early voting, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 27: Absentee voting in-person ends at 4:30 p.m.; Voter Registration closes for General

Election at 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 2: General Election, polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Community grants available from EBC Community Foundation

The board of advisors of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Community Foundation is accepting grant applications from nonprofits serving needs in the local community.

Funds are available for nonprofit organizations serving tribal members in Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, Graham and Haywood counties. Grants typically range from \$500 to \$1000.

Visit nccommunityfoundation.org for information about applying. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, Aug. 10 at noon.

Grants are not available for

regranting purposes, capital campaigns, capital improvements, out-of-state travel or for individuals. Funds are awarded by the board of advisors of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Community Foundation, an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our nonprofits to expand their impact in our local community," said Carla Jamison, board president. "We are excited to partner with our nonprofit community to continue to support organizations in Qualla Boundary."

For further information, contact Tyran Hill, NCCF program officer, at thill@nccommunityfoundation.org or (828) 772-1886 or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org.

- Eastern Band of the Cherokee Community Foundation

THANK YOU LETTER

Thanks from the family of Patricia Brown

The family of Patricia Brown would like to thank everyone for all the visits, calls, texts and messages and the following for all your support during our mother's illness and passing: Harris Regional ICU Staff, Cherokee Indian Hospital In-Patient Staff, Tsali Care Center Staff, Pastor Greg Morgan and Rock Springs Baptist Church, Nancy Maney and Sew Tsa La Gi, Vice-Chief B. Ensley and Libby Ensley, Zena and Melvin Wolfe and the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

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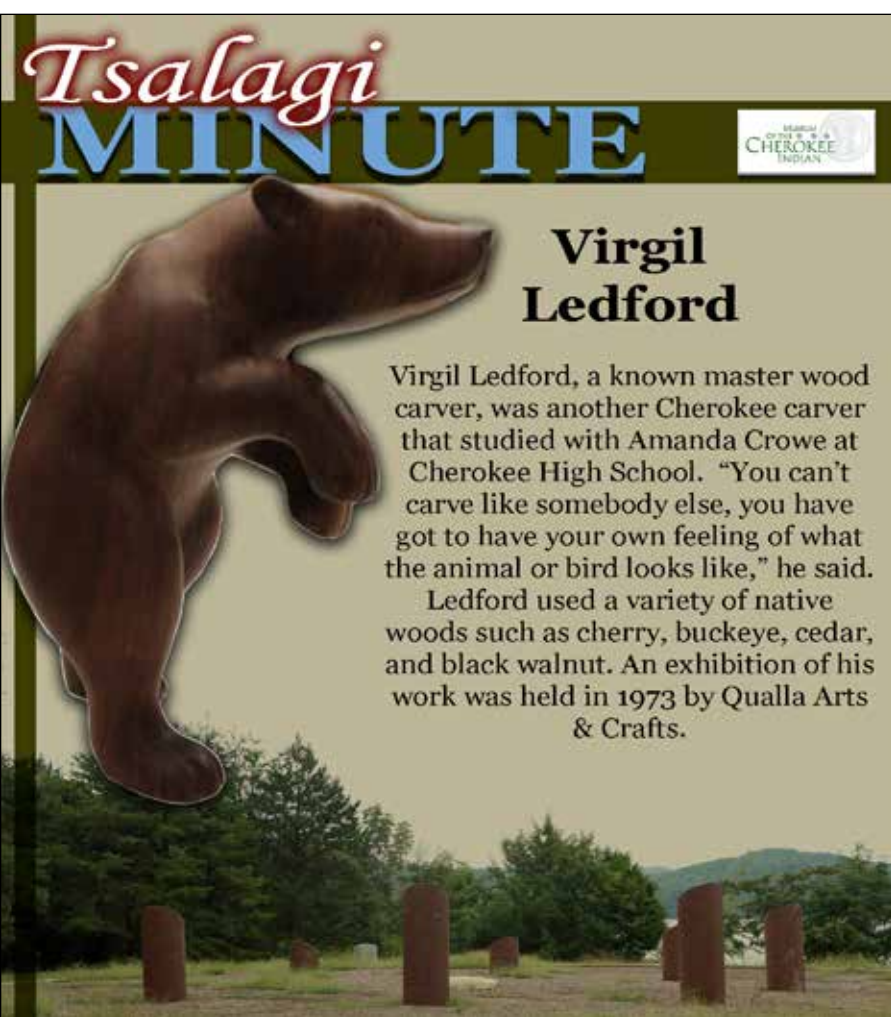
Newfound Gap Road Paving Project resumes Aug. 16

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced on Thursday, Aug. 5 that daytime closures associated with a paving project along an 8-mile section of Newfound Gap Road from Chimneys Picnic Area to Newfound Gap will resume on Monday, Aug. 16. This project, which began in March, should be completed by Nov. 30, though work schedules are subject to revision as needed for inclement weather.

Visitors traveling on Newfound Gap Road should expect weekday, single-lane closures and traffic delays from Aug. 16 through Sept. 30. Lane closures are permitted from 7:00 a.m. on Mondays through 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. The lane closures will be managed with flagging operations and a pilot car to lead traffic through work zones. In addition, some parking areas and pull-offs will be closed intermittently. To better accommodate visitors during periods of high visitation, no daytime lane closures will be allowed on weekends, holidays, or during the month of October.

The Federal Highway Administration awarded the \$8.5 million paving contract to Bryant's Land Development Industries Inc of Burnsville NC. Roadwork will include the application of a pavement preservation treatment along a 6-mile section of the roadway and a full pavement rehabilitation for the remainder. For more information about road conditions, please visit the park website at www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/temproadclose.htm or follow SmokiesRoadsNPS on Twitter.

- National Park Service release



Virgil Ledford

Virgil Ledford, a known master wood carver, was another Cherokee carver that studied with Amanda Crowe at Cherokee High School. "You can't carve like somebody else, you have got to have your own feeling of what the animal or bird looks like," he said.

Ledford used a variety of native woods such as cherry, buckeye, cedar, and black walnut. An exhibition of his work was held in 1973 by Qualla Arts & Crafts.

Good Housekeeping

Jazzed-Up Grilled Chicken

Succulent grilled chicken gets amped-up with an array of summer produce, like juicy nectarines, crisp cucumber and sweet fresh corn.

- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Pepper
- 2 ripe nectarines or peaches
- 1/2 small red onion
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 small Kirby cucumber
- 1/2 cup fresh corn kernels
- 1/2 cup roughly chopped fresh basil

1. Heat grill to medium-high. Clean and lightly oil the grill.

2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the vinegar, 2 tablespoons oil, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Add the nectarines and onion and toss to combine; set aside.

3. Rub the chicken with the remaining tablespoon oil, season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper, and grill until cooked through or the internal temperature reaches 165 F, 4 to 6 minutes per side. Transfer to a platter.

4. Using a vegetable peeler, cut the cucumber into long, thin strips. Fold the cucumber, corn and basil into the nectarine mixture and spoon over the chicken. Serves 4.

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Good Housekeeping

Mock Lemon Meringue Pie

- 3 large lemons
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) margarine or butter
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 4 large egg yolks
- 1 (6-ounce) ready-to-use butter-flavor piecrust
- 1 package vanilla instant pudding and pie filling for 4 servings
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 container (8-ounce) frozen whipped topping, thawed

1. Grate peel from 1 lemon. Squeeze enough juice from lemons to equal 1/2 cup.

2. In 1-quart saucepan over medium-low heat, heat sugar, margarine or butter, cornstarch, lemon peel and lemon juice until smooth and margarine or butter melts.

3. In small bowl, with wire whisk or fork, beat egg yolks slightly. Into yolks, beat small amount of warm lemon mixture; stir egg mixture back into lemon mixture in saucepan. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens, 5 to 10 minutes.

4. Pour lemon mixture into bowl; cover surface with plastic wrap and refrigerate 3 hours or until well-chilled.

5. Spread 1/2 cup chilled lemon mixture in piecrust. In medium bowl, with wire whisk, beat pudding, milk and remaining lemon mixture until blended. Fold half of whipped topping into lemon filling; spoon into crust.

6. Spoon remaining whipped topping over pie, swirling with back of spoon to make attractive top. Chill pie at least 1 hour. Serves 10.

• Each serving: About 350 calories, 19g total fat, 87mg cholesterol, 355mg sodium.

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Residential Schools Awareness Walk held in Cherokee

Special to the One Feather

Amy West, Miss Cherokee 2019-21, organized and hosted a walk on Saturday, July 30 at the Acquoni Expo Center to help make people aware, to remember and honor the children whose bodies have been recovered at the Boarding schools in Canada and the United States.

"I wanted to do something to honor and remember those children who lost their lives, along with bring awareness to this tragedy," said West, a second-grade teacher at Cherokee Elementary School who holds children very near and dear to her heart.

"We first learned of the 215 indigenous children found in a mass unmarked grave at the former Kamloops Residential School in Canada. That number has since grown to over 2,500. Many of these discoveries have not been covered by local or national news leaving many unaware of the tragedy."

She added, "These residential schools were created in order to assimilate Indigenous people - to 'kill the Indian, save the man'. We are all descendants of someone who has attended a residential/boarding school. This walk was organized to make people aware."

West concluded with, "I want to thank everyone who supported me and my efforts - Tribal Council, Chief, Vice-Chief volunteers who came to help in any way, water, snacks and other donations. We had a great turn out and I truly appreciate you all. Let's not forget."

(Photos courtesy of Deb West)



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COMMENTARY

Is it trash or is it a child's toy?

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

I don't know if it is what you would call a result of premature COVID relief, but if you will peep around the parking lots and commonly walked areas of the Qualla Boundary, you can't help but notice that there has been an increase of discarded masks on the ground. I even noted that one child of an inattentive parent thought that a used mask on the ground would be an excellent discovery to pick up and examine. Once the parent stopped daydreaming; she showed the appropriate amount of horror as she noticed her child squishing around a mask filled with whatever the previous wearer might have blown into it.

I have seen littered masks in every lot and on every walkway that I travel over the course of a work week. We need to keep in mind that the mind of a child is typically innocent and uneducated when it comes to biohazards. Remember when you were a kid and took great pleasure and joy in giving your playground friends and siblings the "cooties" with an item of clothing or hair or some other item, chasing them around to touch them with that item so they caught them?

Our kids today are not that much different in mentality. Now add to that fact that we adults have shorter attention spans and, that many of us seem to not have that set of eyes in the back of our heads that our parents and grandparents had, and you could easily see how a child might grab up a colorful



This mask was found discarded on the ground in the back parking lot of the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex on the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 5. (ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather photo)

face masks from the ground and think it would be great fun to try it on or stick in their pockets to save for their next "cootie fight" with someone.

Masks are biohazardous material. People do not just breathe

dish or medium for growth in that mask. And then it gets discarded to the ground, for any critter to deposit what is on its body or leave droppings on it. Add to this the fact that children tend to mimic behavior. If mom, dad, and other

many times that once the virus is under control, we should set up group mask burnings to celebrate our liberation from them. But they are currently a necessary evil, a modified behavior to prevent sickness and save lives. It is also a sign of compassion to your fellow human being, and, for the time being, it is a matter of mandated law. So is taking your mask and littering with it.

Disposal of a mask should, at minimum, be in a trash receptacle and at best in a biohazard box. If you have a condition that requires you to take injected medications, any sane person will not administer that to themselves and then toss their used syringe into a daycare parking lot or playground. The same care should be used with the disposal of masks.

We all need to be respectful and considerate of each other, even when it comes to disposing properly of our masks.

in and out through them. They cough, sneeze, and sweat into them. In other words, they contain your secretions. With a person breathing moist, warm air into cloth or paper matting of a mask, any bacteria or virus that they may be carrying, not just the coronavirus bug, will find a virtual petri

grownups are wearing masks, it is natural behavior for children to see one and think it's okay to put it on.

I know that this is old ground for discussion, but I urge you to pay attention to where you dispose of your mask. We don't like masks; on that we may agree. I have said

Parents and caregivers, because calls to dispose of masks properly will not be heeded by many, it is up to you to be more diligent with children, educating them on the dangers of used masks; that they are not clean and safe to play with. And the community needs to help and support our parents and caregivers. You might even go so far as to carry disposable gloves with you so that you can pick up and discard used masks properly. Whatever your conscience tells you to do. I know it is abhorrent to think about handling someone else's waste, but it is what is before us. Ignoring it could have consequences for our community in a physical, personal way. Parents, caregivers, and the community have a responsibility to deal with discarded masks.

I walked outside to the rear

parking lot of the Ginger Lynn Welch (GLW) Complex to see if masks had been discarded there. Sure enough, there was one in a parking space just 20 feet from the entry. As I looked at that mask, I thought about how many organisms might be growing in it. I thought about the number of vehicles that might have driven over it and left remnants of any roadkill or feces that might have been transferred from those tires. And I thought about some mom or dad meeting their young children in that parking lot, because a Cherokee school bus routinely stops behind the GLW on weekdays. Have the parents educated their children enough to know that there is danger in handling things that have been exposed to other people, animals, and elements? After all, when they are in the stores,

they try on shoes and clothes that have possibly been tried on by others. Why not a mask in a parking lot?

Just like you, I wish this time in our history was over. I don't know of anyone who wears masks, at least this type of mask, that does so for the fun of it. But for now, it is what we must do. And some folks may just be careless with their mask-droppings. They start to get out of the car, or pull it out of their purses or pockets, and fumble it to the ground, sometimes without their knowledge. I would say to all that it only takes a minute to check around where you are to make sure you haven't dropped a mask. And if you did, you should pick it up and throw it away before you grab your backup mask. And if you are leaving them and walking away on pur-

pose, I hope you realize that you are basically leaving your own bodily waste for someone else to have to avoid or deal with. Think about your children or one of your family member's children finding a stranger's mask and playing with it. Hopefully, that will help you have a different perspective and possibly take different actions.

One day, maybe soon, we may have hope that our mask wearing days are behind us. Until that day comes, we all need to be respectful and considerate of each other, even when it comes to disposing properly of our masks. And please feel free to apply the same logic to all the other trash we seem to not be able to hit a trash can with on the Boundary. See you at the mask burning.

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Tribe mourns the loss of a true champion

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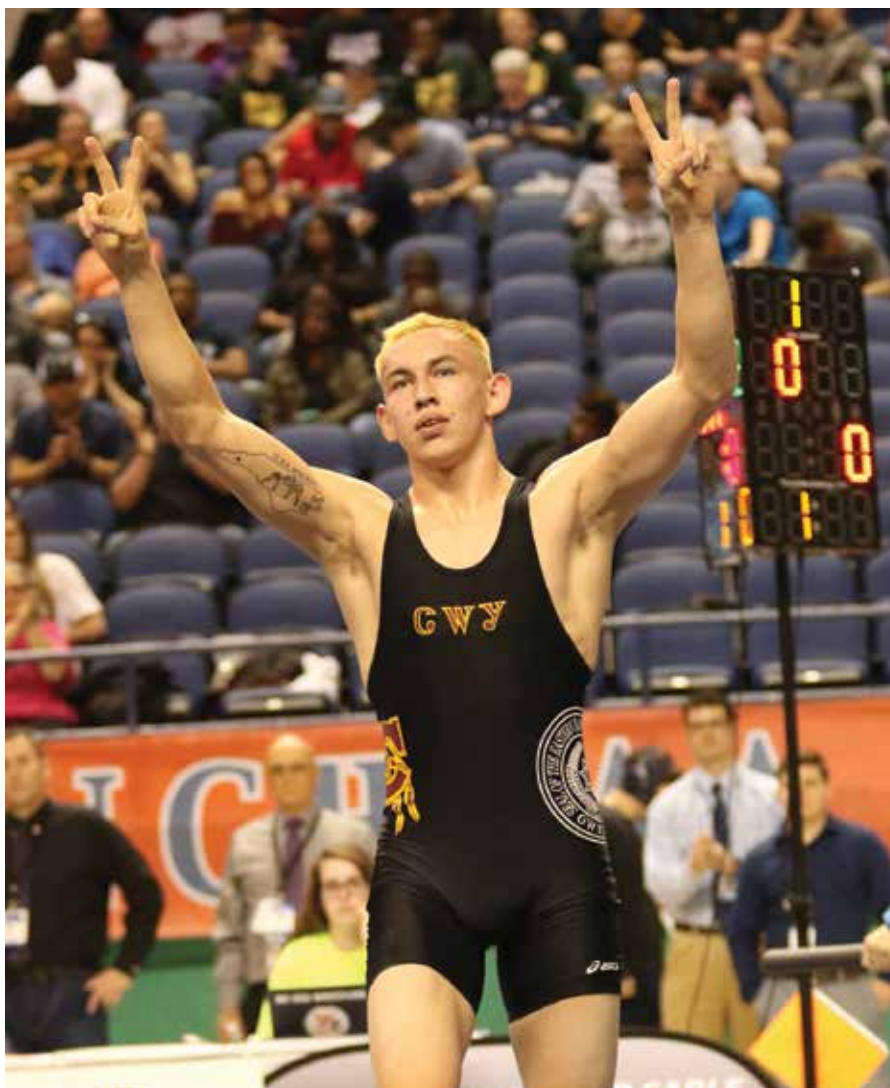
A dark cloud fell over the Qualla Boundary and the entirety of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on Friday morning as word spread about the tragic death of a young tribal member who was a true champion in life. Anthony Ray Toineeta was a two-time wrestling champion here in the state of North Carolina, but more importantly he was a champion in being a good person.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said of Anthony, “I am heartbroken over the loss of one of our very best, Anthony Toineeta. Anthony was a student of mine and he was one of the hardest working students I ever had the honor of teaching. He always had a funny story to tell and he would make me laugh so hard sometimes it hurt. Our tribe has lost a champion.”

Anthony graduated in the Cherokee High School (CHS) Class of 2017. That class’ motto was “Don’t count the days. Make the days count.”

He lived his life in this fashion. Anthony spent countless hours training – an endeavor that paid off well for him in his athletics especially wrestling. But, he also spent countless hours being a good friend, making people laugh, helping others, and being a good role model for younger tribal members to look up to.

The Cherokee Central Schools Athletics Dept. released the following statement, “When you lose someone who is such a big part of your life, your memories, your



Anthony Toineeta celebrates his second state wrestling title in 2017. (Photo by Amble Smoker/The Smoker Agency)

history, and your future, it is difficult to put into words how much that loss is impacting you. This is true for our Braves Nation over the loss of Anthony Toineeta. He was such a big part of Cherokee High School, Cherokee Braves Athletics, and the entire community in general. His passing leaves a huge hole, and this emptiness leaves us without the right words. All we can do is share those amazing memories with each other because Anthony surely left an incredible legacy here at CHS. He led many

roles here as a two-time state Champion in wrestling, a brilliant scholar, a hilarious storyteller, a mischievous trickster, and a helpful and giving human. Anthony Toineeta was larger than life.”

A few weeks prior to his high school graduation, Anthony signed a letter of intent to wrestle at the collegiate level at Queens University in Charlotte. During his signing, he told the One Feather, “I’m looking forward to progressing and getting better with the level of competition and furthering my

academics.”

Progressing – that was how he lived his life. He was always working, always upping his game, progressing.

During his time at CHS, Anthony won numerous athletic and academic awards – always striving for excellence in all aspects of his life. He was a fierce competitor, but he was also a friend to his competitors. He showed respect for people, and that respect was reciprocated.

The Robbinsville High School wrestling program released the following statement, “Anthony was tough, gritty and relentless. He also was a jokester and a prankster. He always had a big smile on his face until it came time to step on the line...and then he was all business. He worked out with our kids at our place often and was a student of the sport. He will be remembered as champ, a hammer, and a good soul.”

Anthony’s impact was felt all throughout the state and will continue.

The late boxing legend Muhammad Ali once said, “Champions aren’t made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them – a desire, a dream, a vision.”

Anthony had all three, and he passed along his desires, his dreams, and his visions for excellence to many others - inspiring them to be the best they can. His impact will be felt for years.

The Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board would like to offer our most sincere, heartfelt condolences to the entire Toineeta family in this time of great sorrow.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Supportive of medical marijuana

I am a journalist born in Laurinburg and I now live in Allentown, Pa. where there is legal medical marijuana. It is grown in the state and provides a lot of jobs.

The pot is sold through dispensary locations. In the state capital, Harrisburg, the Department of Health dispenses pot cards. You can buy vaping inhaler devices. It is illegal to share marijuana.

There are only a few reasons one can obtain a card and my reason is neuropathy from diabetes. It is severe and feels like pins stabbing my feet and legs keeping me up. Other reasons are cancer, depression, and other painful illnesses.

It is a good thing for North Carolina and Americans and high time for a change. Roy Cooper should take the advice of our governor and lieutenant governor John Fetterman. Laws should be changing. I am an Eagle Scout.

Tim Bullard; Allentown, Pa.



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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Is there a hidden mystery inside?

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

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Haggai 1:14; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

“God is looking for men and women in whom to stir up in their spirit their righteousness, holiness, and in stirring up their actions in the things of God. What has been hidden within each believer is now to be unlocked and spilled out, the hidden mystery, the Perfect Wisdom of God, released from inside each believer, by the Spirit of Christ,” explained Pastor Melton.

God has ordained this, for God is coming back very soon. The princes of this world, will come to know what ‘eye has not seen, what ear has not heard,’ are for those that love Him. They are now released as the hidden treasure of God, a mystery, not of the world. They are now released! There is a Glory hidden for you, not from you, in the Church. The Goodness, the Treasure of God, is spreading out on the Earth.

“Lord, put us where we are supposed to be. We can’t finish this in our dreams. We have to do it in real life. What we each need is to be studying God, not theology, that we may know what God has placed within us.”

“In the Old Testament, the Lord told people, ‘All the Glory is Mine.’” In the New Testament, “I give you My Glory, which I’ve hidden in you.” We only know what God has put in us. Move into and live in your spirit life, He is in you from now into eternity. The mystery of the Glory is pointing to the Holy Spirit of Christ as He works in you to look like Him. He supercharges us from our spirit, to spill out into the world what the Holy Spirit has given us. Knowing God, He has revealed them to us by His Spirit, and we can see that faith is not universal. God is coming back soon, but without knowing enough Word, it may not be clearly understood. God is a healer. Each person can fall down and get up different.

We are to start where we can, and as Mike Murdock has stated, “Every problem is a

Wisdom problem.” Let Him work it into you. I take it and give Him back His Glory. The Holy Spirit knows what is freely given, to give Him back the Glory, and to live in the Spirit. God never takes anything, He multiplies it, and gives it all back. One must plant the good seed to get a good harvest. God is a healer. Where you don’t have enough, wisdom, therein lies the problem—faith comes by hearing. Let the Glory move you into more faith.

If the seed to plant isn’t enough for what is needed now, plant it in good ground so it can multiply. The seed knows what to do, if planted. We are starving and want more. We must judge all things. Wherever the disciples went, all were healed. God has already seen every hurt, every frustration, and Glory is due His Name. The Church, where it is seen, the Righteous Judge has ordained what is to happen. For we have the Mind of Christ and we are to rely upon the Spirit of God. We are to be in relationship with each Person of the God-Head. We must give His Glory back to Him. This will change Cherokee in a minute. The

spiritual man receives spiritual things shown him, and He multiplies it! Until the Holy Spirit is revealed, a natural man wants what one has. So put the seed into good ground, plant it and it comes up.

The spiritual man wants to spend time with You, Lord, and says, give me more. He takes care to judge all things of the Spirit, but he is to be judged of no man, only by the Righteous Judge. God sees right through us. We can hide nothing from Him, including disappointment or frustration. The Righteous Judge knows we’re the Temple of the Living God. We have the Mind of Christ and He is called the Holy Ghost. We are to rely on Him, for with His help, we can have a relationship with all of God.

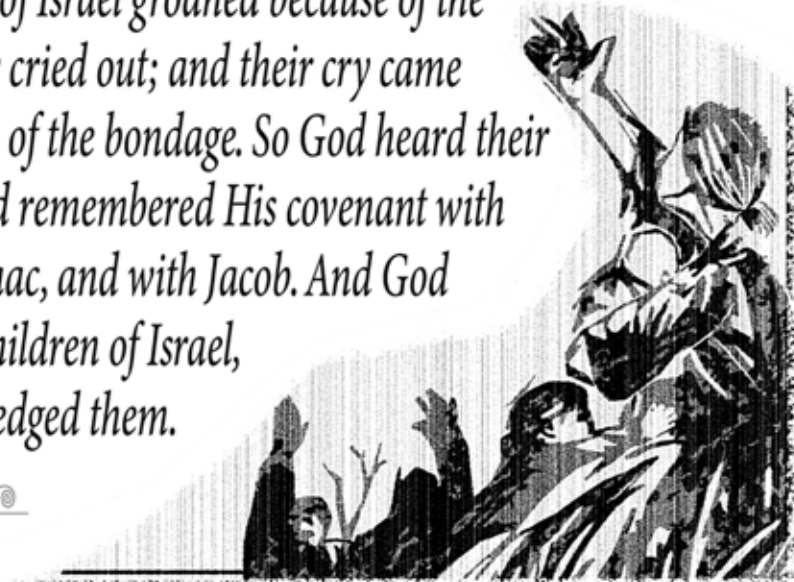
Most people don’t know to rely on God. If we have a relationship with Him, He will lead us, guide us, and we are released to cause Glory to spill out, to teach, to give back to Him the Glory due His Name. He lives on the inside of us, and is the Mind of Christ.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.

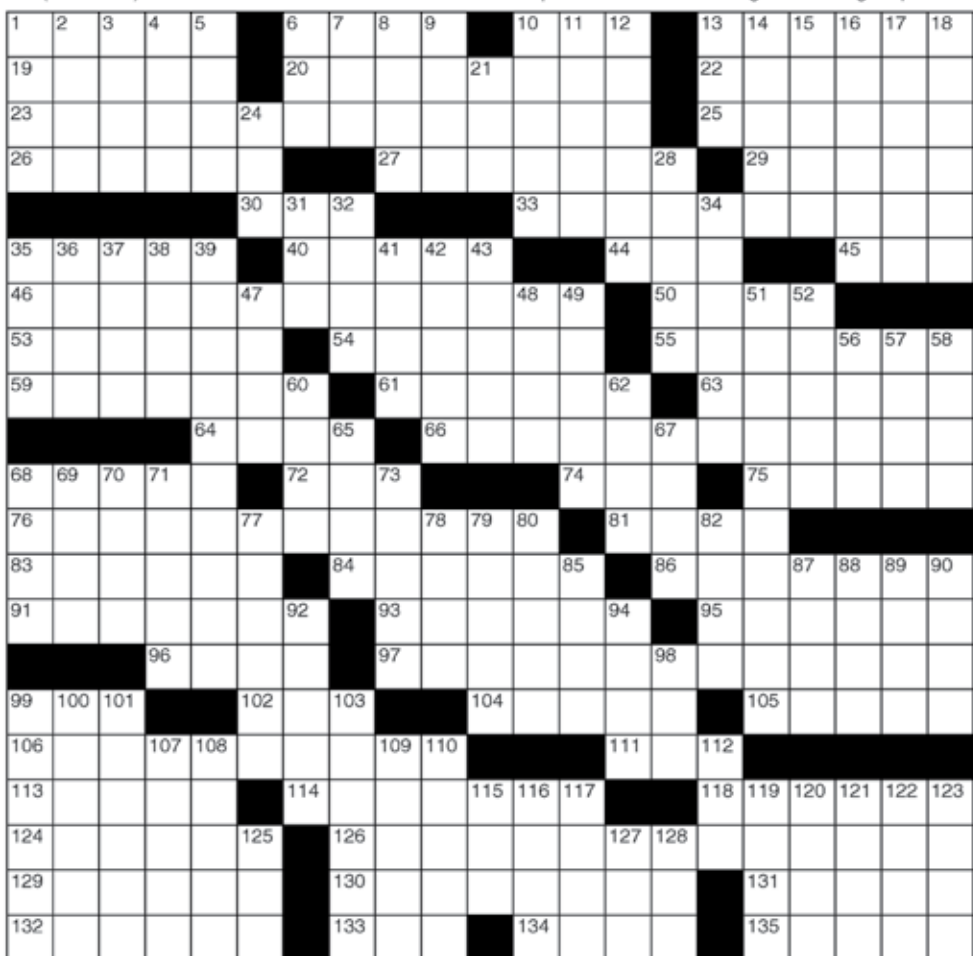
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46 German poet who founded a ketchup company?
50 — Minor (Little Bear)
- 53 Keyless, in music
54 Marilyn of old movies
55 Was a snitch
59 Kindly
61 Shoplifts or embezzles
63 Three-horse wagon
64 Lead-in to byte
66 Cap required to be worn to gain entry?
68 Author Nin
72 Be liable to
74 Big antelope
75 Teal relatives
76 Impudent actress who played Cleo?
81 — bad example
83 Furtive observation
84 Having some replacement parts?
86 Hybrid citrus
91 Perilous stuff to skate on
93 Lethargy
95 Nomadic sort
96 Iraqi, say
97 Walk just beyond a northern Austrian city's border?
99 Pick, with "for"
- 102 Stir-fry tidbit
104 Dumbbells
105 Many-time golf champ Nick
106 Small squirt of a zero-calorie drink?
111 With 37-Down, fin-footed mammal
113 "Tiny Dancer" singer John
114 Road show groups
118 Uncrowded
124 Sadness
126 Classic figure-skating painting?
129 Sculpted torso, maybe
130 White rat's condition
131 Chavez of labor
132 "Plus" qualities
133 Vote "for"
134 The whole nine yards
135 Additional
- 6 Fitting
7 — tail
8 Whizzes
9 Of right mind
10 Wrist or hip
11 Letter after G, spelled out
12 Eye steadily
13 It airs "The Conners"
14 Witch's "vehicle"
15 Bugs is one
16 Lure
17 Watery, as a membrane
18 Unit of lyrics
21 Gp. backing guns
24 Had a bite
28 Heavily built
31 "Better Call Saul" airer
32 Chicago mayor — Emanuel
34 Some low clouds
35 Melville captain
36 Grand party
37 See 111-Across
38 Oscar winner Hathaway
39 Event for artisans selling wares
41 They follow pis
42 Gossip spreader
43 Fathered, as a foal
47 Nastase near a tennis net
48 Chomsky of linguistics
49 1983 Woody Allen role
51 Beef dish in a sour cream sauce
52 Make right
56 Spirit
57 Wrings (out)
58 Astonish
60 Gator cousin
62 IRS form info
65 Spin — (emulate Spider-Man)
67 Raw beef fat
68 Assist in evil
69 Have a bite
70 High peaks, in Italian
71 Menzel who voiced Elsa in "Frozen"
73 Fixes text
77 He drew Li'l Abner
78 Rieter's haul
79 How a loss may be marked
80 Nada
82 Root for poi
85 "Far out!"
87 Grand party
88 Old film actor Jannings
89 Give for a bit
90 Tiny pasta
92 Roger of film review
94 Dull routines
98 Mao — -tung
99 City in west Texas
100 Aviators
101 Aquarium favorites
103 Windpipe
107 Rich dessert
108 Animal nose
109 Actor Peter O'—
110 Fitness program with Latin music
112 Hearth waste
115 — gow (casino game)
116 City of central Sicily
117 Actress Loretta
119 Tempo
120 TV's Trebek
121 Corrode
122 Sky twinkler
123 Biblical prophet
125 Craven of horror films
127 Prefix like "equi-"
128 Celebrity gossip site



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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1. Is the book of Sadducee in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
 2. In Matthew 12:9-14, what does Jesus tell the Pharisees it is lawful to do on the Sabbath? *Tend to sick, Pray out loud, Feast together, Do good (well)*
 3. What did Saul use a couple of times in attempts to kill David? *Poison, Spear, Mallet, Sling*
 4. From Judges 8, which city refused to give food to Gideon's army? *Succoth, Thessalonica, Tarsus, Gaza*
 5. Why did David meet Goliath without armor? *Faith in God, Not used to wearing, Too poor to buy, Size not handy*
 6. Who was the mother of Gad and Asher? *Jezebel, Anna, Rachel, Zilpah*
- "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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1. LITERATURE: Which book series featured a character named Samwise Gamgee?
2. TELEVISION: What was the name of Fred's boss on the animated TV show "The Flintstones"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many cards are in a modern tarot deck?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is Canada's largest island?
5. MOVIES: Which 1990s movie features a character nicknamed "The Dude"?
6. FOOD & DRINK: In which country did tequila originate?
7. ADVERTISING: Which website is advertised in commercials that feature the character Captain Obvious?
8. SCIENCE: What kind of tree produces acorns?
9. HISTORY: When did the United States' first commercial radio station go on the air?
10. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Missouri?

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Cherokee senior citizens fundraiser. Aug. 14 from 7 a.m. until Noon at the Tsali Manor dining room. Breakfast will be \$10 and will include bacon, sausage, biscuit, grits, gravy, eggs, and a drink. There will also be a bake sale. Monies raised will go toward the elders' annual trip.

Turkey Shoot. Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community; sponsored by Dean Hill family. Good fun, good prizes, great benefit.

CULTURAL EVENTS

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spish Splash Shopping Bash.

Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Lunch by Melitia. Lots of local vendors and crafts. Info: Denise Walkinstick 508-2211

Big Y/Wolftown Meet the Candidates. Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Big Y Gym. This question-and-answer session will also be Livestreamed on Facebook.

Cherokee Business Training. Aug. 17-19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex conference room. Cost: \$65, lunch will be provided. Training will include creating a mission statement, laying out business goals, and building a business plan. There is limited seating – reserve your seat online at: <https://bit.ly/Cherokee-BusinessTraining-Aug2021> Info: Sabrina Arch 359-6708

Elder's Bingo in honor of Cherokee Elder's Day. Aug. 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. This event is sponsored by the Offices of the Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and Tribal Council. Lunch will catered by Granny's Kitchen. Must be 59 1/2 years or older – EBCI elders, their spouses, and caregivers only. Info: Celia Smith 359-7008

Mountain Makers Craft Market. Sept. 5 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Haywood Square in downtown Waynesville. This is a free, monthly Indie-art fair designed to cultivate community in western North Carolina. 20+ artisans selling handmade and vintage goods. Info: www.mountainmakersmarket.com

Fireside Sobriety Circle. Sept. 9-12 at the Yogi in the Smokies Campground in Cherokee. NA/AA/AL-Anon speakers, talking circles, meetings, sobriety pow wow, and a sobriety countdown. Pre-registration until Aug. 31 is \$45/person (kids 10 and under are free, ages 11-17 are \$20). Price includes tent and campsite for three nights. Price at the gate is \$50. Info: Herb W. 506-8563, email firesidecircle@gmail.com

Book Reading and Signing with Brad Wagnon, Cherokee Nation author. Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Info: Dawn Arneach at dawn.arneach@mci.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cherokee Cancer Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown Community. A potluck is held at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Life Recovery Meetings hosted

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

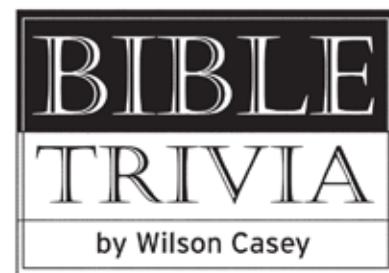
Answers

AWAKE	AMPS	JAG	ABBESS
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ESPIAL	BIONIC	TANGELO	
THINICE	TORPOR	ROAMER	
ARAB	STEPOUT	OFLINZ	
OPT	PEA	DOLTS	FALDO
DIETS	SPRITZ	SEA	
ELTON	TROUPES	SPARSE	
SORROW	WOMAN	WITH	HALUTZ
STATUE	ALBINISM	CESAR	
ASSETS	YEA	ATOZ	EXTRA

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Do good (well); 3) Spear; 4) Succoth; 5) Not used to; 6) Zilpah



Answers

1. "The Lord of the Rings"
2. George Slate
3. 78
4. Baffin Island
5. "The Big Lebowski"
6. Mexico
7. Hotels.com
8. Oak trees
9. 1920, when KDKA went on the air in Pittsburgh.
10. Jefferson City

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by Grace Community Church.
Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Acquoni Baptist Chapel. Life Recovery is a 12-Step addiction recovery program where all 12 steps are rooted in scripture and taught from a Biblical perspective. The meetings are open to anyone, and all materials will be provided. A light lunch will be provided. Info: Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

Analenisgi class schedule

Mondays

MAT

- Early Recovery Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Early Recovery Live, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Early Recovery Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Peer Support
- WRAP Live, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Grief Group Live, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesdays

MAT

- Foundations Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Foundations Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Substance Abuse Therapy (SAT)
- SAT Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Wednesdays

MAT

- Transitions Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Recovery Transitions Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Peer Support
- Healthy Boundaries Live, 8:30

p.m.

Thursdays

MAT

- Long Term Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Long Term Live, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Long Term Virtual, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Peer Support

- MAT Peer Support Group, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Substance Abuse Therapy

- SAT Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Fridays

MAT

- MAT Support Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- MAT Support Group Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Peer Support

- Radical Acceptance Live, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Substance Abuse Therapy

- SAT Group Virtual, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Analenisgi Circle of Support

Groups. Mondays 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., group focused on Substance Abuse.

Thursdays 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., group focused on Mental Health.

Both groups will be located in the Rivercane room located across from the Analenisgi lobby and front desk. Analenisgi is offering groups for friends and family of adult clients.

These groups are focused on providing education and support to our community. Info: Jennifer Holling 497-9163 ext. 7528

Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

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

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

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



VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

All Hands on Deck

The older veterans were arrayed along the back parking lot, watching the construction of two tiny homes for Veterans Village. My mission, which I accepted, was to sidle up to one of them, the very elderly Frank, and see how I thought he was doing.

I reported back to Sarge: "Well, for starters, I couldn't tell you the last time he washed his clothes or took a shower. Looks sad."

Sarge nodded and stabbed numbers into his phone. I overheard his end of the conversation with his granddaughter.

"Baby girl, this is Granddad. You up for a spy mission?" He gave her the particulars, and when she called back 15 minutes later he put her on speaker phone.

"His wife has been in rehab for over a week, chest congestion, not COVID, getting better. Your guy Frank hasn't answered his phone this whole time. She's frantic and nobody at rehab will help."

"Can you jump in?" he asked.

Sarge's lovely granddaughter volunteered at the senior center and knew everybody. Even more valuable, she knew how to wheedle info out of people. Within 24 hours she called back with the sitrep: She'd paid a visit to Frank, and it was all now under control. Frank had been told he couldn't visit his wife due to COVID restrictions. His wife had their only phone charger cord. The water heater had quit, and the repair guy was on vacation. And on and on. Poor Frank.

Sarge's granddaughter took him home for dinner (her mom knew to never be surprised), made a grocery run, put Frank on the phone to his wife in rehab, gave him a spare phone charger and called another plumber.

Today she had a snarling conversation with the director of the rehab place, after which Frank's wife was wheeled out to the sunlit inner courtyard, where she was allowed a socially distant half-hour with Frank. He was heard laughing.

Sarge's granddaughter is 17 years old.

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Heatstroke Almost Killed Her Dog

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I never keep my dog "Alfie" in the car, even on cool days. Last Sunday, I took Alfie to the park to get some exercise. It was hot, and after a short while Alfie came back to me, panting heavily. He was still panting on the drive home and seemed lethargic, so I called his veterinarian, who said to take him to the emergency vet immediately. There, he was diagnosed with heatstroke! They treated him and he's doing much better, but I was shocked at how quickly Alfie developed a heat injury from being outside. Please warn your readers that dogs are very vulnerable to summer heat. — *Chris in Portland, Oregon*

DEAR CHRIS: You are so right! I'm glad Alfie is doing well and that tragedy was averted by your instinct to contact the vet.

Just like humans, dogs need to acclimate to their environment. Sudden weather extremes like excessive heat or freezing cold are very difficult to adjust to. Dogs have far fewer sweat glands than humans; they manage their body temperature in other ways, such as panting when it's hot. So if we're feeling the heat, dogs are feeling it even more!

It's important to watch for signs of heat injury, especially when outdoors. Excessive panting is a key sign, as is lethargy and excessive drooling. Other symptoms include reddened gums, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of coordination and collapse. Immediate treatment is needed to prevent serious injury or death.

Keep plenty of cool water on hand for your dog to drink, both indoors and out. Never leave them in the car, even for a minute. At home, keep the air moving with fans, and cool down the environment with an air conditioner.

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

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The best way to prevent your dog from being exposed to raccoons is to try to keep raccoons out of your yard...

- 1. Do not feed your pets outdoors, but if you do, bring the food in at night.**
- 2. Secure garbage cans or avoid putting food scraps in the garbage until trash day.**
- 3. If you have a compost pile with food scraps, make sure it is covered and secure.**
- 4. Do not feed the raccoons! Yes, they're cute, but they can carry rabies and intestinal parasites and distemper.**

A public service message from Cherokee Animal Control and the Cherokee One Feather.

Constitution vs. Charter: Article VIII Know the difference!

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Article VIII – Oath of Office

The Oath of Office is a solemn promise between the elected or appointed officials and the Cherokee People for whom they are elected or appointed to represent.

Section 1. Agreement to Ethics. All elected or appointed officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, before taking their oath of office, shall agree by signature, to conform their conduct to the Standards of Ethical Conduct as stated by the Audit and Ethics Committee.

Section 2. Oath of Office. All elected or appointed officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians before entering upon the duties of office shall take the following oath before the Chief Justice of the Cherokee Supreme Court, or his/her designee:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of (the elected or appointed officials as applicable) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Constitution of the United States, and laws confirmed and ratified by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not obtained Tribal office by any undue or unlawful means, and that in all measures which may come before me I will so conduct myself in a manner most conducive to the interest and prosperity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians."

CURRENT CHARTER

Section 18. The Principal Chief, Vice-Chief and members of Council before entering on the duties of office shall take the following oath before some officer authorized to administer oaths: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the Eastern Band of Cherokees and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the charter and governing document and laws confirmed and ratified by the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not obtained my election or appointment to Tribal office by bribery or any undue or unlawful means or fraud, and that in all measures which may come before me I will so conduct myself as in my judgment shall appear most conducive to the interest and prosperity of the Eastern Band of Cherokees."

Is there anything in the Cherokee Code that details a tribal ethics policy?

I am glad you asked. For a more comprehensive look at tribal ethics policies, go to Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article IV, Section 45. If you don't have a copy of the Code laying around the house, the internet address for the Cherokee Code may be found at www.municode.com. Keep in mind that the proposed constitution would replace the governing document, which is the Charter. While Cherokee Code might need to be modified based on new language in the constitution, much of the detailed instruction as to execution of the constitution would remain in place via the Cherokee Code.

What good is an oath?

An oath is a promise that is given verbally. The oath is an acknowledgement or evidence of understanding the scope of duty and responsibility that a elected or appointed official of the tribe has accepted. Much like the constitution, the oath of office is a binding contract between the official and those who elected them. They are making a promise to do their job, abide by the Tribal and U.S. Constitutions and follow any laws that are passed.

What does "undue" mean?

The word undue is a synonym for inappropriate. And while "unlawful" is fairly objective, "undue" is subjective. What this means, it's kind of easy to tell if someone is "unlawful" since the laws apply to everyone, and everyone knows what that is. "Undue" is based on someone's moral perspective, their belief system as to what is right and wrong.

If someone steals something, that would be unlawful, and there are laws in place to prevent this from happening and describes what is stealing. But if someone asks you to do something for them in return you may get a favor. It may not be unlawful, but it could be seen as inappropriate by others.

What happens if a person violates the oath?

If anyone violates their oath of office, they are subject to discipline that is described in the constitution, subjecting the offender to a possible impeachment. A complaint would need to be submitted to the Audit and Ethics committee. This might be made by any tribal member. It would be the duty of the Audit and Ethics Committee to investigate and substantiate that the official did violate their oath and would make recommendations on next steps. We'll talk more about the process of investigation and consequences in the next section.

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

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Girls Bike (Free), Stihl Weed Eater FS-30 \$80 : 341-5009

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Bar stools, Craftsman arm saw, Cub cadet lawn mower : 828-342-8987



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A troubling situation takes a positive turn and moves toward a resolution that should please you and your supporters. Meanwhile, make time to deal with new domestic issues.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to reassess your goals and consider shifting directions. Remember to keep an open mind and be prepared to make changes as new opportunities arise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rely on your strong Mercury aspect to help you close that communication gap before it becomes too wide to cross. A sibling or other family member has news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're about to get off that emotional roller coaster and start experiencing more stability than you've been used to. This is a good time to let someone new into your life.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Good news: A trusted friend comes through for you. But you still need to shed that last scrap of self-doubt and once more become the cool, confident Cat we all know and love.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Things should be getting back to a less hectic pace. Enjoy the more peaceful atmosphere. You earned it. But don't forget about those still-unresolved issues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A more positive family relationship develops as misunderstandings are explained away. A job situation appears promising, but check it out before you act on it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations. That on-the-job situation is working out as you'd hoped. Now's a good time to relax and to enjoy the company of family and close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might feel as if you're caught in an emotional tug-of-war. But don't be rushed into a decision on either side. Wait for more facts before you act.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Goat's usually high level of self-confidence is brimming over these days. This should help you deal with a situation that you've avoided for far too long. Go for it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Relationships become more intense. But be careful not to be pushed into decisions you're not comfortable with. Remember: You're the one in charge of your life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You need to show more confidence in your ability to reach your goals. Make that long-delayed decision, and avoid floundering around in a sea of self-doubt.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you appear to be strongly opinionated, you can also be open to other ideas — so long as they are presented with logic and clarity.

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Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at <https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or visit: www.ccs-nc.org for more information.

Cherokee Central School is currently taking applications for employment for the following job opportunities, all jobs are open until filled unless otherwise indicated:

1. MTSS Coordinator
2. Special Education Pathseekers Teacher Assistant
3. School Counselor (ARPA Funded)
4. Maintenance Worker I
5. Child Nutrition Assistant - Menu Planner
6. High School Science Teacher
7. Math/Reading Interventionist (Multiple, ARPA Funded)
8. Licensed Professional Counselor (Multiple, ARPA Funded)
9. Middle School Boys Basketball Head Coach
10. Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach
11. Middle School Baseball Assistant Coach
12. Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach
13. CMS Baseball Head Coach
14. Middle School Wrestling Assistant Coach
15. Varsity Football Assistant Coach
16. JV Football Assistant Coach
17. Food Service Worker
18. Substitute Teachers



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

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828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, August 15, 2021

1. Family Safety Social Worker – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
2. Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
3. Domestic Violence Advocate/Shelter Specialist – Domestic Violence – Public Health and Human Services (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
4. Carpenter Helper – Facility Management – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
5. Adult Language Education Coordinator – Kituwah Preservation and Education – Community/Education/Recreation (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
6. Detention Sergeant – Detentions – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

Open Until Filled

1. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
2. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
3. FT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour)
5. Systems Administrator – Information Technology (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
6. Human Services Director – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L18 \$89,580 - \$111,970)

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

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



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

Open Until Filled

Agelink Childcare

FT – Teacher's Aide (2)

FT – Lead Teacher (2)

FT – Custodian

Snowbird Childcare

FT – Teacher's Assistant (2)

FT – Lead Teacher

FT Cook

Children's Home

PT Resident Counselors

Bus & Truck

PT School Bus Drivers

Administrative

Finance Director (CPA Required)

Service Department

FT Detail Technician

Opens 8/3/21, Closes 8/17/21



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, August 12, 2021

Analenisgi Inpatient Registered Nurse

Patient Registration Clerk (Grant Funded)

ACA Insurance Technician

Case Management Support - Cherokee County Clinic

RN Care Manager/Diabetes - Primary Care

Closing Thursday, August 19, 2021

Emergency Hire Patient Registration Clerk

Administrative Assistant PI/Engineering

Registered Nurse - Immediate Care Center

PTI Inpatient Technician - Analenisgi Inpatient

Life Enrichment Assistant - Tsali Care Center

Residential Technician - Kanvwotiyi

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Administrative Assistant - Finance/HR

Billing Technician II

Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse -

Primary Care

CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient (x2)

Cook

Dental Assistant II (x2)

Diabetes Educator

Dietary Services Supervisor

Food Service Worker (x2)

Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center

Masters Level Therapist - Analenisgi Inpatient

Masters Level Therapist - Family Safety

Masters Level Therapist - Kanvwotiyi (Hiring Bonus)

Masters Level Therapist (Child) - Analenisgi

Masters Level Therapist - (Grant Funded) Adult/Analenisgi

Medical Social Worker - Primary Care

Peer Support Specialist - Grant Funded

PTI Radiology Technologist (x2)

PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (x2)

PTI Registered Nurse - Emergency Room

RN Care Manager - Primary Care

Senior Accountant

Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom

Targeted Case Manager - Residential Support

Tsali Care Center

Housekeeper

License Practical Nurse

Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time Regular

Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent

Registered Nurse Supervisor - Part-Time Regular

RN MDS Coordinator

Retention Bonus Eligible Positions

Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time Intermittent/Part-Time Regular (Starting

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Cook Aide (Starting Pay \$15.00/Hr.)

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-057

In the Matter of the Estate of Richard Steve Luther

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Mianna Luther
2250 Wolfetown Road
Cherokee, NC 28719
8/18

EASTERN BAND OF THE
CHEROKEE INDIANS
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
**IN RE: NASH, a minor
juvenile**

FILE NO. CVJ – 21-027
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 as follows:

ADJUDICATION OF A TERMINATION OF PARENTAL

RIGHTS PROCEEDING FOLLOWED BY A DISPOSITION CONSIDERING THE NEEDS OF THE JUVENILE WITH ENTRY OF AN ORDER DESIGNED TO MEET THOSE NEEDS AND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STATE

Filed April 13, 2021, in the Cherokee Court of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Qualla Boundary, Cherokee, North Carolina

TO: MICHAEL NASH

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than 45 days from the date of first publication of this notice and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners, Melody Turner and Joel Turner, seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

If you are indigent you are entitled to appointed counsel. Counsel may be appointed to you by the Court at the first hearing after service. You should contact the Clerk of Court for the Cherokee Court at 828-359-6203 for information regarding how to request and apply for counsel.

A dispositional order or a subsequent order may require certain actions of you or may terminate your parental rights.

Upon service, failure to comply with any order of the Court may cause the Court to issue a show

cause order for contempt. This the 30th day of July, 2021.
Kristy L. Parton
Attorney for Petitioners
PO Box 194
Bryson City, NC 28713
(828) 506-2569
klparton@gmail.com. **8/18**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Proposals
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of Tribal
Construction (TCP)
1840 Painttown Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 269-6169
Safety Boots

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians TCP Office is requesting bids for safety boots. The deadline for submitting Bid Estimates shall be August 13, 2021, at 10a.m.

Please be advised that all TERO regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal regulations shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the proposal requirements through the Tribal Construction Office. If you have any questions, please contact at (828)-269-6169. **8/11**

Request for Proposals General Notice

Qualla Housing Services (Q.H.S.) is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for services and labor for Q.H.S. properties, including rental units on the Cherokee Indian Reservation (Swain, Jackson, Gra-



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 * Tree Removal Services
 * Pest Control
 * Propane
 * Lawn Care Maintenance
 * New Construction HVAC System Installs
 * HVAC On-Call

These bid packages can be picked up at the Qualla Housing Services Warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. The Warehouse is open Monday-Thursday, from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All bids/proposals

must be submitted in a sealed envelope. The deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on 08/31/2021. Proposals received after this time and date will be rejected. Please be advised Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of all contracts. Masks must be worn when inside the building. **8/25**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Water and Sewer O&M Program
 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Project Title: Engineering
 Services: Utilities Infrastructure
 Improvements
 The EBCI is requesting pro-

posals from qualified engineering firms to provide planning, design, permitting, bidding assistance, and construction administration for projects related to development of infrastructure improvements including expansion, replacement, upgrade, or improvement of existing treatment and distribution/collection systems. Firms wishing to request a proposal package should contact Ethan Arch, at (828)359-6106 or by email at ethaarch@nc-choke.com or Ken Green, at (828) 359-6120 or by email at kengree@nc-choke.com.

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the

instructions included in the RFP to Ethan Arch, EBCI Water and Sewer O&M Program. Proposals must be received by 09/08/2021@11:00 AM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal procedures. Any proposal received after this time will not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to this solicitation and award of this contract.

If you have any questions or comments, you may address them to Ethan Arch or Ken Green. **8/18**

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

AUGUST 9-15, 2021

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseegee River	Hatchery Supported	Morning and evening.	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rock Bass and Smallmouth Bass.	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, Crane Flies, Midges, Terrestrials	Yellow Bodied Dry Flies, Stone Flies, Woolly Buggers, Prince Nymphs.
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Follow posted regulations. Wild Trout.	Morning and evening.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, Crane Flies, Midges, Terrestrials	Yellow Bodied Dry Flies, Stone Flies, Inchworms, Pheasant Tail Nymphs, Hare's Ear Nymphs.
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow Posted Regulations - Wild Trout	Morning & Evening	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, Crane Flies, Midges, Terrestrials	Yellow Bodied Dry Flies, Parachute Adams, Stone Flies, Inchworms, Pheasant Tail Nymphs, Hare's Ear Nymphs.

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1:18 AM-3:18 AM 1:43 PM-3:43 PM	2:08 AM-4:08 AM 2:32 PM-4:32 PM	2:55 AM-4:55 AM 3:19 PM-5:19 PM	3:43 AM-5:43 AM 4:06 PM-6:06 PM	4:30 AM-6:30 AM 4:55 PM-6:55 PM	5:19 AM-7:19 AM 5:45 PM-7:45 PM	6:11 AM-8:11 AM 6:38 PM-8:38 PM

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