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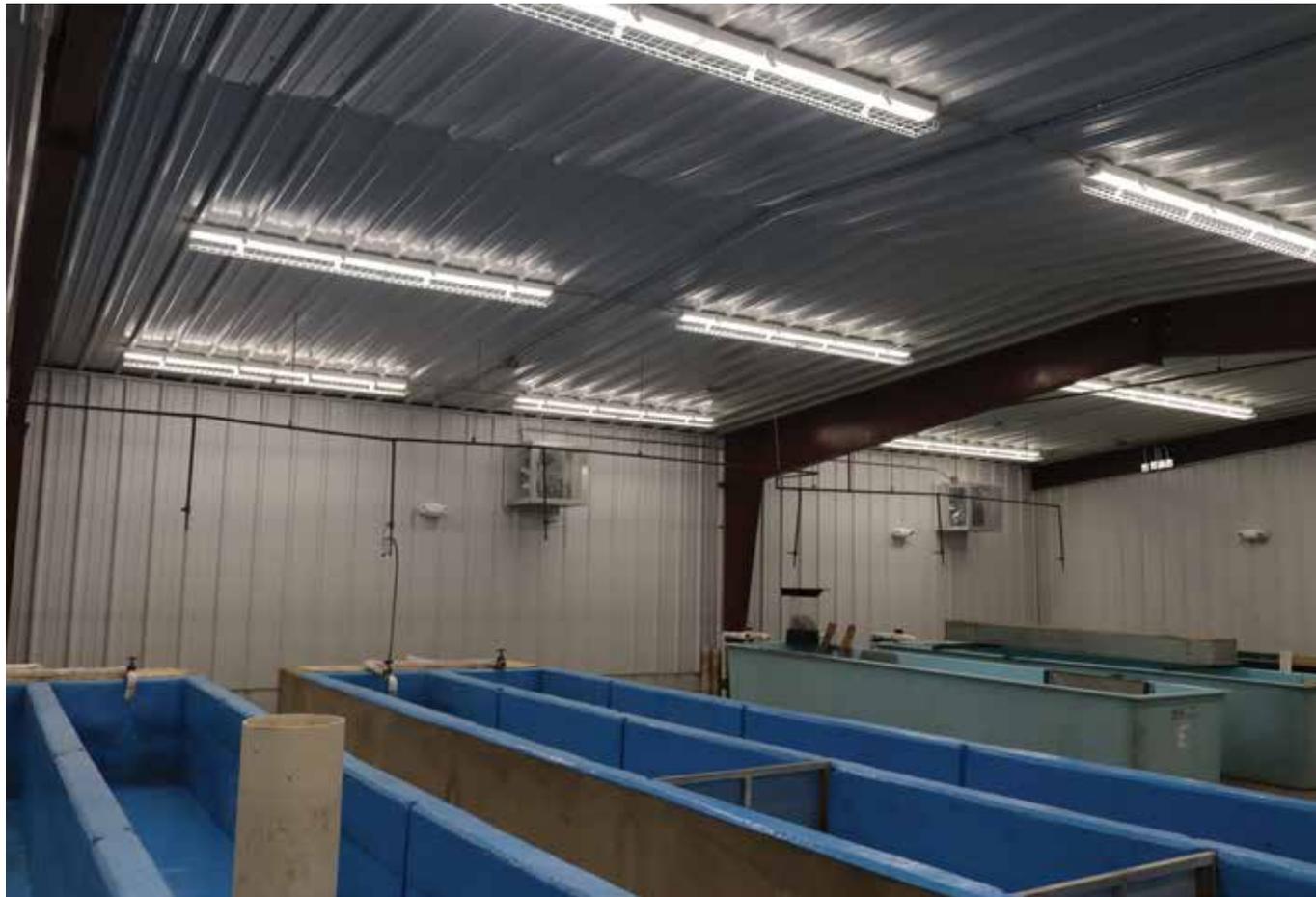
Tribal Trout Hatchery undergoing major renovations

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

The Tribal Trout Hatchery for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is about to complete phase one of renovations that supervisors say is long overdue.

Christopher Greene, manager of Tribal Operations, said that they are planning to turn over the revamped administrative building for the hatchery in the next two weeks. The project adds 2,000 square feet to the building, and completely renovates several aspects of the operation. There is now insulation for the building, a



A view from inside the hatching room where the Tribal Trout Hatchery spawn their trout from eggs. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos)

see **TROUT** next page

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Enhancing the trout raceways will be a focus of stage two of these renovations.

TROUT: Hatchery undergoing renovations and upgrades, *from front page*

new generator, an upgraded lab area, a basic kitchen, and more office spaces. "The existing facilities, from my understanding, was overrun by rats. That was one of the things that really kicked this off, was to protect the rats from getting in there to the fish food, and the building was all infested," said Greene.

"What we ended up doing with the remodel, we basically went all the way down to the skeleton everywhere...we added new skin, new insulation, new everything. So, it all got gutted and it's basically a new building now."

Michael LaVoie, manager of the EBCI department of agriculture and natural resources, said that each of the details of this project are a big step up. He said that the increased space and offices will help with comfort, while other enhancements will be huge assets to the early processes at the hatchery.

"One big point too, the facility includes a hatching room where we bring eggs and produce trout from egg to stockable size. The new setup allows for

more biosecurity. So, we can implement stronger measures, so folks aren't tracking in pathogens on their feet. We can set up areas where folks can decontaminate. Because those early life stages of trout are very sensitive to people bringing in any outside disease or pathogen," said LaVoie.

Greene said that once they turn the building back over to the hatchery, that will be the end of 'phase one' of this overhaul project. 'Phase two' will be a larger endeavor. Greene said that one step is to break ground on a second hatchery, but progress has slowed on that front.

"We're still working on finding land and property that works. We tested some wells on one piece of property. Unfortunately, it didn't give us the flow that we needed," said Greene.

The property mentioned is located on Whitewater Drive, behind the Hungry Bear Exxon. Considering that is no longer an option, LaVoie said they want to continue to work on what they already have.

"Right now, our primary focus is continuing to renovate this facility and ensure we have absolute maximum

production here and produce the highest quality fish that we can. Ideally, we're seeking funding and a new project to renovate our outside raceway system," said LaVoie.

Doug Reed, supervisor of the hatchery, said that he is looking forward to moving into the remodeled facilities. He also said that these renovations were years overdue.

"The feel of the building itself is just so much better inside. It's a lot more functioning...I think we have a good name in the fisheries, it's time to put a good face with that name. And I think this is the first big step towards that," said Reed.

Greene said that the keys to phase two of renovations will be acquiring funding and doing a feasibility study on exactly what

improvements can be implemented.

Joey Owle, secretary of the department of agriculture and natural resources, said that this opportunity could lift the hatchery to new levels.

"When we say feasibility study or assessment for this project, we're looking at what resources we have and then what resources we need to reach our target production goal of 300,000-plus pounds. Once we assess what's coming in for water resources, in addition to the wells that need to be drilled to get the additional water resources to get us up to that capacity, then we can say, 'ok, now we know what we're working with,'" said Owle.

Owle said that they currently produce approximately 215,000 pounds of trout every year. The

goal for the future improvements is to allow for an increase to 325,000 pounds annually. Along with stocking, Owle said that this could open different avenues to explore.

"I put in a grant, and I didn't receive it, but I'd like to go after another grant to look at creating a brand for trout. So that we can take a portion of that new volume of fish production that we'll have and then take five, ten, 15,000 pounds to send a processor. Then we can put a tribally created brand on it and sell it locally," said Owle.

In the next few weeks, employees of the hatchery will be settling into their refurbished facilities. The next steps include reopening the hatchery to the public and laying the groundwork for phase two of improvements.



Part of the project was to purchase a new generator to replace the original one (shown) that has been there for decades.

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Five Tsali Care residents positive for COVID-19

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

A total of five residents of Tsali Care Center have tested positive for COVID-19 marking the first positive results to come out of the facility since the pandemic began last year. Tribal officials, in making the announcement on the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 9, related that the residents who tested positive “are currently isolated” and “are being monitored”.

The EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Public Health and Human Services division said in a release on Monday afternoon, “The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) and Cherokee

Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) are working diligently to mitigate any spread and close contacts, and families have been notified. Tsali Care has restricted all visitation throughout the facility, enacted full protective measures for staff and residents, notified residents, families and staff and will continue to conduct weekly COVID testing for all staff and residents.”

Dr. Winchester, CIHA director of geriatric services told the One Feather on Monday afternoon, ““We have been doing surveillance testing throughout the pandemic. Now that we have employee and staff positives, we have increased the frequency of testing, designated COVID isolation areas within the facility, and have increased monitoring of all residents. The Administrative staff has been working constantly to ensure

adequate staffing, cleaning, and well-being of the residents.”

Dr. Winchester added, “Since 92 percent of our residents are vaccinated, we hope any resident who is positive for COVID will experience mild symptoms or none at all - this is what is occurring so far. Please send positive thoughts and prayers for our staff who continue to work very hard to ensure the safety of our residents and if you are eligible, get vaccinated.”

PHHS officials implored community members to take measures for safety. “Every consideration to the health, safety, and well-being of our community, employees, and their families is being addressed. We advised everyone to help prevent the spread of this virus. Some things you can do to protect yourself and others are:

• Get a COVID-19 vaccine.

- Wear a cloth face mask or home-made face covering in public.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Practice social distancing by staying at least six feet away from others.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.”

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Cherokee Water Drum/ Ahuli DFP

This style drum is used mostly for Stomp dances and ball dance songs. It was hollowed out from buckeye. The drum head was made from groundhog skin stretched out and held in place by a wood ring. The drummer needed to be very experienced in being able to keep the head moistened just enough to still keep a beat and not let it get too wet. This water drum was made by Will West Long and is in the Museum Collection.



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Constitution vs. Charter: Article IX

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Proposed Constitution

Article IX – Impeachment of Elected Officials

Any elected or appointed official of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who violates their oath of office or is guilty of any offense making them ineligible to hold said office may be impeached and removed from office by a two-thirds unweighted vote of council.

Section 1. Allegations of Misconduct. Any claims of misconduct by an elected or appointed official shall be referred to the Audit and Ethics Committee who shall meet within thirty (30) days to determine whether any further action is warranted.

Section 2. Drafting of Charges. If further action is warranted, the Audit and Ethics Committee shall investigate and determine whether there is sufficient cause to draft Articles of Impeachment. If there are multiple officials to be charged, separate articles shall be drafted for each official. The Audit and Ethics Committee will present the article (s) to Tribal Council.

Current Charter

Section 22. Any officer of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who violates his oath of office, or is guilty of any offense making him ineligible to hold said office may be impeached by a two-thirds vote of council.

Why 2/3 unweighted vote?

The unweighted two-third vote requirement of Tribal Council ensures that no less than eight members of council will be needed to impeach. It will not matter which communities the council members represent. Rather than playing to only certain members of council, it will be an issue of how each member feels about the information presented in the trial and whether the evidence and articles meet the criteria to impeach.

Why does the Audit & Ethics Committee do the initial investigation of claims?

The Audit and Ethics Committee have the tools and personnel in place to perform needed investigations. If any of the officials to be investigated were a member of Tribal Council, it would be highly suspect to allow them to be part of the investigation. A separation of duties, where an impeachment is concerned, is needed between the trial duties and those of Tribal Council to promote an environment conducive to a fair trial. If the same people are doing the investigation, prosecution, and serving as the judge and jury, how can it be called a fair trial?

Tribal Council's involvement happens after a resolution listing the Articles of Impeachment are presented for council to accept. The listing resolution is not to decide on the validity of the charges. That is what the trial is about. It's about the processes having been followed and everything being in order to begin the impeachment trial. The Audit and Ethics Committee will be there to present information about the resolution and answer questions about the actions they performed for the investigation. They are not there to present evidence or give opinions. That will be done during the trial.

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More on Article IX next week!

Cherokee Indian Housing Division accepting applications for rentals, homeownership, etc.

Submitted by Cherokee Indian Housing Division

Rental Applications

If you are a prospective tenant who turned in a paper application at the Road-To-Soco and have not been contacted concerning your application, please contact Brandy Hicks 359-6908 and leave a message. The online rental application is now available on EBCI.com. When completing the online application, please include your email address for faster processing of your application. Rental properties are at 98 percent capacity currently.

Homeownership Applications

Qualla Housing Services will begin taking applications for homeownership on tribal lands in Graham County, Cherokee County, 3200 Acre Tract, and the Qualla Boundary. The first 25 applications that meet program eligibility guidelines will be accepted. The head of the household or spouse must be an Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) tribal citizen. Applicants must meet income guidelines established by HUD for the NAHASDA funding. This program is funded through Housing & Urban Development's Indian Housing Block Grant.

The waiting list will open at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 1 and will remain open until 25 applications are accepted. You may apply at the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at the old Qualla Housing Authority office on Acquoni Road.

Applicants should bring the

following items to be submitted with the application: EBCI enrollment card, Social Security card for each person in the household 18 years of age or older, a copy of a driver's license or state-issued identification for each person 18 years of age or older, copies of marriage license/divorce decree, proof of income for all people who will be listed as living in the household, any award letter to verify SSA, SSI, or VA letters must be dated within 120 days, and a copy of parcel map with possessory assignment. Proof of income can include two recent check stubs or previous year's tax returns.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted or held for completion. A copy of the application and check list for all documents can be picked up at the CIHD main office. For further information, please contact QHS at the CIHD Acquoni Road office 359-6320.

Off-Boundary Paving Applications

Cherokee Indian Housing Division will begin taking paving applications for EBCI tribal members in Haywood, Graham, Cherokee, Jackson, Macon, Clay, and Swain counties who do not live on tribal trust land.

The waiting list will open at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 1 and close on Sept. 30. You may apply at the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at the old Qualla Housing Authority office on Acquoni Road. Completed applications will be processed on a first-in-first-out basis based on the availability of funding.

Applicants should bring the following items to be submitted with the application: EBCI enrollment card, proof of ownership (deed or mortgage note), and legal description of all rights-of-way if

applicable.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted or held for completion. A copy of the application and check list for all documents can be picked up at the CIHD main office. For further information, please contact QHS at the CIHD Acquoni Road office 359-6908 or 788-6785.

New Construction Retail Prices

Lumber prices per 1,000 board feet peaked at over \$1,700 on May 2 on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (Burnham, 2021). Fortune magazine reported on Aug. 12 that lumber prices have corrected back to 2018 price levels (Lambert, 2021). According to Fortune, the cash market price on Aug. 12 was down to \$463 dollars per board feet (Lambert, 2021). This reflects a 73 percent drop from the May high.

According to Kyle Little, COO at Sherwood Lumber, as reported to Fortune, "We are seeing substantial changes in the selling prices at the retail yards as it pertains to lumber, with panel items soon to follow" (Lambert, 2021).

While the wholesale price of lumber has dropped dramatically, and retail prices are beginning to adjust, these corrections are not being reflected in current contract prices for new home construction. Enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, if possible, should consider postponing new construction pending correction of retail lumber prices. The current market prices reflect lumber contracts purchased at higher wholesale prices over the previous months. The correction in the retail pricing may take several months and should be discussed with your builder or general contractor before entering into a

construction or sales contract. Lambert, L. (2021, August). When to expect the best lumber deals. Fortune.

<https://fortune.com/2021/08/12/lumber-prices-2021-chart-deals-price-of-lumber-wood-stores-august-update/>

Burnham (2021, June 16). After historic highs, lumber prices are finally beginning to drop. The Piscataquis Observer. <https://ovserver-me.com/2021/06/16/news/after-historic-highs-lumber-prices-are-finally-beginning-to-drop>

Good Housekeeping

Chili Steak With Hawaiian Rice

This 20-minute meal is full of flavor, but low on effort. Save leftover cooked white rice for quick week-night meals like this.

- 1½ pounds skirt steak
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1½ teaspoons grated lime peel
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups fresh pineapple, chopped
- 1 cup packed fresh cilantro leaves, finely chopped
- 3 cups cooked white rice

1. Heat outdoor grill on medium-high.
2. Rub skirt steak with chili powder, lime peel and salt. Grill 3 to 4 minutes per side or until desired doneness.

3. Transfer to a cutting board and let stand 5 minutes. Meanwhile, toss pineapple with the cilantro leaves and white rice.

4. Thinly slice the steak and serve with rice. Garnish with lime wedges. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 500 calories, 19g fat (7g saturated), 42g protein, 45g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 430mg sodium.

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CIPD Arrest Report for Aug. 1-8

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.

Ensley, Brooke Lea – age 30
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Controlled Substance

Tolley, Cassandra Marie – age 31
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Not released as of report

date
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Williams, Becky Renee – age 46
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Aug. 3
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree; Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Burton, Joseph Daniel – age 43
Arrested: Aug. 3
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Crowe, Billy Jack – age 36
Arrested: Aug. 3
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Domestic Violence,

Simple Assault, Violation of Court Order

Owl, Joshua Ryan – age 30
Arrested: Aug. 3
Released: Aug. 3
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Pheasant, Philicia Diane – age 30
Arrested: Aug. 3
Released: Aug. 9
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Saine, Angelica Chenise – age 26
Arrested: Aug. 3
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Communicating Threats

Radford, Jake – age 22
Arrested: Aug. 4
Released: Aug. 4
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bird, Stephen Isaiah – age 22
Arrested: Aug. 6
Released: Aug. 6
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Brady, Ashton Kade – age 18
Arrested: Aug. 6
Released: Aug. 6
Charges: Simple Assault

Hickman, Alana Shanell – age 37
Arrested: Aug. 6
Released: Aug. 9
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Hickman, Eric Dewayne – age 40
Arrested: Aug. 6
Released: Aug. 9
Charges: Domestic Violence; Child Abuse in the Second Degree; Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Crowe, Dianah Nore – age 42
Arrested: Aug. 7
Released: Aug. 7
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21-years-old; Driving While Impaired

Grantham, Kyle Steve – age 36
Arrested: Aug. 7
Released: Aug. 7
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Assault on a Government Employee, Resisting Lawful Arrest

Teesateskie, Dennis Fredrick – age 56
Arrested: Aug. 4
Released: Aug. 7
Charges: Domestic Violence

Wooten, Dillon Hawk – age 25
Arrested: Aug. 4
Released: Aug. 4
Charges: Probation Violation

Braun III, Richard Albert – age 50
Arrested: Aug. 5
Released: Aug. 9
Charges: Larceny

Davis, Christian Yvonne – age 30
Arrested: Aug. 5
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions, No Operator's Driver's License

Lossiah, Kashayla Brooke – age 31
Arrested: Aug. 7
Released: Aug. 7
Charges: Larceny

MISSING PERSON

LeAndra Wind Female
Missing Age: 29 Current Age: 30 years
American Indian/Alaska Native
Height: 5' 2" Weight: 115 lbs
Hair: Brown Eyes : Brown
Date of last contact: March 1, 2021
Case created: August 6, 2021
Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma



Circumstances of Disappearance: Possible human trafficking victim.
If you have seen LeAndra Wind, contact Tulsa Police Department, Troy DeWitt, Detective. (918) 596-9143.

Case #2021-012260
Source: Namus.gov





FOOTBALL

Braves play in three-school scrimmage at Franklin

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./
One Feather

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Don Bradley, Braves senior quarterback, finds a seam on a run during a scrimmage game at Franklin High School on the humid evening of Friday, Aug. 13. The Braves open their season on the road at Smoky Mountain on Friday, Aug. 20.



Cherokee's Malakai Fourkiller-Raby tackles Franklin's Daniel Ensley in dramatic fashion during a scrimmage between the two teams at Franklin High School on the evening of Friday, Aug. 13. Andrews High School joined the two teams in the tri-school scrimmage as each prepared for opening day of high school football next Friday in North Carolina.



Braves Head Coach
David Napert

Cherokee foodways shared

When Gordon Ramsay received a lesson from Malia Crowe

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**
One Feather Staff

Malia Crowe found herself in a familiar forest, readying for one of the most nerve-racking opportunities of her life.

Food was prepped, she had practiced her lines, and now it was time to wrangle the butterflies in her stomach. He could be here at any moment. The TV cameras had already been in place for a while, her friends were also waiting patiently. Maybe he had booked an early flight back to Cornwall?

That’s when the tall and extremely present figure stepped into eyesight, with cameras and a no-nonsense director in tow. Gordon Ramsay was actually in Cherokee, North Carolina.

Not only that – he was there to learn. Ramsay is one of the most renowned chefs in the world, yet he knew almost nothing of Cherokee culture and cuisine. Crowe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a teacher at Cherokee High School, was being tasked with his education.

“I thought I was going to puke. I so thought I was going to puke. I needed to take a lot of minutes,” said Crowe. “Wanting to represent our people well, I kept looking back and researching words. Words that I knew. Just like, ‘how do I say that again?’ Just wanting it to be done well, because I think that that is an amazing thing - not only for Gordon Ramsay to come here to North Carolina, but for Gordon Ramsay to seek out Cherokee culture and to want to know more about it and not stop there. But, then to show the world. I think he’s teaching and sharing, and that’s what you have to do. That’s what makes it important, that’s what makes it matter.”

Crowe was on set more than two hours before filming, plenty of time to overthink the process. As soon as Ramsay arrived, it was all systems go. The intro was being shot with large TV cameras and a drone in multiple takes. The screen time with Crowe was over before she knew it.

“Oh, man. It went a lot faster than what I thought. There are times you second guess yourself. Where you’re like, ‘did I say that?’ or ‘did I say that right?’. It was all moving so fast. Because he is extremely energetic and on it. Matching expectations, I’d say it exceeded them,” said Crowe.

Ramsay tasted the three sisters stew and hominy that Crowe had prepared, and he insisted that each member of the crew do the same after



Malia Crowe, left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a teacher at Cherokee Central Schools, teaches Gordon Ramsay a traditional Cherokee grinding technique for corn. (National Geographic/Justin Mandel)

shooting.

“I grew up on baked beans, that was a staple. In a tiny house, with six of us in that household. Malia’s beans - the three sisters - on a different level. The squash, the corn, and the beans. She elevated that dish into something quite luxurious,” said Ramsay.

The Michelin-starred chef said that he came into the day with a goal of focusing on the culture, as well as to see how that history has shaped the cooking process.

“For me, it’s a huge eye-opener in terms of what they constantly continued to use. How that stew is a staple. Even the ash. After that fire had gone out and dried and used to strip the outer shell of that corn...it started to make sense. You can walk through this trail and completely ignore what’s happening on these grounds. But that Cherokee history, mantra is so present today. I need to tap into that. Because if I don’t tap into that, I’m dead meat by the end of the week, trust me. It’s got me thinking,” said Ramsay.

He said that while he had been briefed on several aspects of Cherokee, he was desperate to experience it for himself. Earlier in shooting, Ramsay had spoken with William Dissen, executive chef and owner of The Market Place, a restaurant in Asheville.

“William told me, ‘Slow down, find out what’s going on culturally, or else you’ll trip over.’ And that Cherokee respect and resourcefulness is something that I need to have in the DNA across the final cook. And now, I just got to get up to speed with how good it is, learn the technique, tuck it away, and stay humble,” said Ramsay.

He only had a brief time to learn what he could about Cherokee. Along with the food, he picked a few words to hold onto. The



On set with Gordon Ramsay and Malia Crowe. The filming was held in early fall 2020 on the Qualla Boundary. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

Scotsman ended his camera interview in his classic fashion.

“Sgisdela. It means help, and I need a shit ton of it,” said Ramsay.

Crowe said after filming that it was an intense experience, but that she was happy with how everything panned out given the circumstances.

“Were there other things that I wish we could’ve shared about Cherokee culture? Yes, but there was no time for that. They wanted to see hominy. So, that’s what we want to show them and try to put as much of our culture in there as possible with their allowances. They said to treat him like one of my students. But I don’t know, I think I’m a nice person so it’s hard to be mean or boss somebody around. So, the joking - I can easily cut up and joke with somebody. And that is even more Cherokee culture. That’s what we do,” said Crowe.

She said she treated this as another opportunity to teach. While she was honored to be chosen for

something like this, she simply wanted to represent her people and her family. The knowledge she demonstrated was shown to her by different friends and family members over the years.

“To learn and to share it. I think that’s one of the reasons why I like teaching. Because it’s awesome to become educated. That’s a very important thing. But then once you share what you know. One, you learn it better. And two, you are sending that out into the world. What do they say? An educated Indian is a dangerous Indian? It’s a very good thing. Our people have so much to offer.”

After the whirlwind, Crowe still had a bewildered look in her eyes. As she pieced together the events of the day, she started thinking about the impact of what just happened. She said that, for her, it all goes back to the willingness to learn and to teach those seeking out knowledge.

“When people want to learn, we should do all that we can

accommodate and help them. Because again, it goes back to that support system, to gadugi. That even though he’s some world-renowned chef, thousands of miles away, he’s still a person that lives on planet Earth,” said Crowe.

“I will do everything in my power to get what they need or what they want to learn. I think that this is an amazing opportunity for our area to show people we’re not just the Drama (“Unto These Hills”), we’re not just this and that. Those are all wonderful things, but there’s so much more that we could be doing.”

This filming was for National Geographic’s Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted. The lesson with Crowe was part of season three, episode six: The Great Smoky Mountains, which aired in July of this year. The episode can be found on nationalgeographic.com. The filming in Cherokee was held in September 2020.

OBITUARIES ʝhɪfɹ

Jim A. Bird

Jim A. Bird, 64, of the Snowbird Community, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021. He was born in Swain County on July 8, 1957 to the late William Bird and Ellen Bird who survives him.

Jim spent his career working as a logger and then later in life a truck driver. He was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church. Bird enjoyed spending time with family and good friends. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, as well as sitting on the porch with everyone. He was known for never being late for dinner as well.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by four sisters, Monaka Wachacha (Randy), Peggy Barlow (Greg), Melissa Bird, and Jodie Bird; two sons, James Bird (Veronica) and Jeremiah Bird (Cynthia); 11 grandchildren, Benjamin Wachacha, Aubrie Wachacha, Amara Wachacha, Daegan Bird, Braylan Bird, Barrett Bird, Adam Bird, Amelia Barlow, Jordan Bird, and Jalen Bird; four sisters, Carolyn West, Encie Bird, Lillie Bird, and Hattie Owle; four brothers, John Bird, Jonah Bird, Jarrett Bird, and Ike Bird; a close friend, John Stayathome, and many loved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, he is preceded in death by a sister, Judy Bird; and one granddaughter, Amara Barlow. A service will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 4 at the Little Snowbird Playground with Pastors Coy and Jesse Adams officiating. Burial will follow at the Bird Family Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Crisp funeral home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gracia Lorraine Parra-Rubio

Gracia Lorriane Parra-Rubio,

age 39, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021 at Cherokee Indian Hospital after an extended illness.

Lori, as she was commonly known, leaves behind her husband, Manuel Parra-Rubio; her children, Jullian, Taiya, and Maddox Parra-Rubio; and also Mary Wilnoty, Faithann Catolster, Faralee Rich, Joey Wilnoty, and special friend; Roberta Bird.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayford and Marcella Saine; and brother, Gene Saine.

A funeral service was held on Friday, Aug. 13 at the Cherokee United Methodist Church with John Ferree and Eddie Marrow officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Mark Anthony Honeycutt

CLOVER, S.C. – Mr. Mark Anthony Honeycutt was hatched on Dec. 9, 1967 and took his final flight home on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021.

Raised in Huntersville, N.C., he resided in Clover, S.C. with his “Precious Angel from Above”, Mickie Montgomery Honeycutt. Mark leaves behind his son, Trake Anthony Honeycutt; his daughter, Marquise Ellese Honeycutt and her son, Micheal Edward White; the mother of his children, Teresa Lynn Stacey; brothers, Richard Greenwood, Richard Whiskey Driver; and sisters, Rosie Posie and Mary Wolfe.

His way home had been paved by his loving grandmother, Mary Ivy Honeycutt; his beautiful mother, Shirley Rose McClain Honeycutt; and his father, Clark Montgomery Honeycutt.

Mark was known and will be remembered for his huge, kind heart, the love and joy of helping others and working “old school.”

He enjoyed his 31-year career as a professional truck driver. His love of baseball continued from high school to Triple A Farm League. His passions included bowling, drag racing, riding his Harleys, cruising in his classic cars, bringing home more dogs, Ford trucks and his overalls. He looked forward to doing Ham Bone at Christmas. He enjoyed returning to his family in Cherokee, who always welcomed him home with open arms.

Mark was known and will be remembered for his unmatched work ethic, his selflessness towards others, and his ability to make someone smile. His heart was as big as his voice. He loved his Wheat and Handsome. Mark was dedicated to his wife of ten years, Mickie Montgomery Honeycutt.

“There are two things that you will never have to go into your pockets for: Manners & Respect”

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Vernon Ray “Raybone” McCoy

The family of Vernon Ray “Raybone” McCoy, 57, of the Birdtown Community, is saddened to announce his passing on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his son, Tom McCoy Bradley; his mother, Emily Conseen McCoy; his father, William Thomas McCoy; two brothers, William and Thomas Jay McCoy; one sister, Tommie Ruth McCoy; two nieces, two nephews, and several aunts and uncles.

He is survived by one son, Justin Arch; his brothers, Larry Paul (Jackie) McCoy, Richard McCoy, and Alert McCoy; sisters, Faye McCoy, Mary McCoy, Frances McCoy, Agnes (Herbert) Bradley, Peggy (Moses) Oocumma, Mildred

McCoy, Maxine (Bud) Burgess, all of Cherokee, and Bertha Braddock of Odum, Ga.

He also leaves behind one special daughter, Tpot; his special nephews and HIS BOYS; Roger McCoy, Roy Bradley, Mike Oocumma, Frank Oocumma, Nesta Bradley, Kobe Toineeta, Tyler Pepion, and many other nieces and nephews.

Raybone lived every day his own way, not caring what anyone else thought. A true straight trash talking shooter, who would let you know he was his momma’s baby. He loved his family immensely and knew everyone, as he never met a stranger. He was an avid UNC Basketball fan and you would hear him screaming “Go Tarheels, Puke Sucks”, every basketball season. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and then some.

Graveside services were Thursday, Aug. 12 at the Birdtown Cemetery with Dewayne “Bear” Lambert presiding over services. Pall Bearers were: Roger McCoy, Kobe Toineeta, Roy Bradley, Mike Oocumma, Nesta Bradley, Tyler Pepion, Boge Wilnoty, and Doug McCoy.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Garfield “Ronald” Lambert

Garfield “Ronald” Lambert born June 14, 1939 to the late Herman and Amanda (George) Lambert, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021. Ronald made his way in life as a carpenter. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman. When he was in the water or the woods is where he was his happiest, especially when bear hunting.

Ronald is survived by his

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companion, Betty Durance of the home; a daughter, Amanda Lambert; grandchildren, Erica Lambert, Ashley and Brett Brady; great-grandchildren, Kaiden Lambert, Tristian and Journey Armachain; step-children, Debbie Feather, Jeff Frady, and Michael D. Lambert. Also, many nieces and nephews survive, including special nephew, Steven (Kristi) Lambert.

In addition to his parents, Ronald was preceded in death by two children, Ronald Lambert and Theresa Brady; his four brothers, Michael D. Lambert, Leslie Lambert, Thomas Lambert, and David Lambert; and two sisters, Geraldine Jenkins and Mary Hazel Lambert.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

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Tribal member named to position at Association on American Indian Affairs



The Association on American Indian Affairs, the oldest nonprofit serving Indian Country announced on Tuesday, Aug. 11 that Kimberly Smith, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been selected to serve as its public

affairs and outreach coordinator.

As the public affairs and outreach coordinator, Smith will assist the organization by developing and implementing community outreach, education, and marketing efforts to promote the Association's vision, mission, and goals.

"We are honored that Kimberly is joining the Association leadership," said Association Chief Executive and Attorney Shannon O'Loughlin. "As our 100-year-old organization looks to the future, Kimberly will be an important part of our commitment to creating a world where diverse Native American cultures and values are lived, protected, and respected."

Before joining the Association, Smith spent more than 15 years advocating for Indigenous rights and advancements. Her work includes developing Memoranda

of Agreement with universities and local government regarding the protection and repatriation of ancestral Cherokee lands. She has a wealth of knowledge garnered from her federal government service as a Census Bureau regional partnership specialist and as the editor for the Federally Employed Women organization.

Smith received a bachelor's of arts degree in French and world business and a master's in business administration degree in marketing, entrepreneurship, and nonprofit management from the University of Tennessee.

Smith shared, "It is an incredible honor to join the Association. I thank the Creator for blessing me with numerous opportunities to work on tribal and community projects. I believe they were to prepare me for this role and to serve Indigenous people across Turtle Island. I am excited to tell the Association's 100-year story of resiliency and dedication to Indian Country and its stories going into the next century. I'm truly grateful to the Association for allowing me a chance to be my Ancestors' wildest dreams and to be a part of its ripple effect of change for so many in the generations to come."

- Association of American Indian Affairs

will host complimentary special activities on campus from Friday, Sept. 3, through Sunday, Sept. 5, including free admission to and special recognition during the Catamounts home opener football game against Eastern Kentucky University.

"The members of the Class of 2020 will undoubtedly go down in WCU history as something special, displaying incredible resolve and resiliency to reach their goals," said Marty Ramsey, director of Alumni Engagement. "WCU applauds their achievements under the extenuating circumstances of a global pandemic. And we want to offer our congratulations and welcome them as alumni, safely, in person."

WCU is planning to open the fall semester with close to normal operations, including in-person classes and sporting events.

The Class of 2020 celebration will begin at Innovation Brewing in Cullowhee at Noble Hall that Friday evening with gift bags, complimentary beverage and appetizers, and a hello from Chancellor Kelli Brown; Saturday afternoon has a tailgating party, then reserved seating at E. J. Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field for the game; and concludes Sunday morning with a chancellor's breakfast and a regalia optional commencement-style program.

Class of 2020 alumni should RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 1, by contacting Elizabeth Honbarger, Office of Alumni Engagement, at aehonbarger@wcu.edu or 227-7335.

- Western Carolina University release

WCU plans events celebrating Class of 2020 around home opener football game

CULLOWHEE – Western Carolina University will celebrate its Class of 2020 through a series of live events - including fireworks – for those alumni whose senior year was largely virtual and anything but normal.

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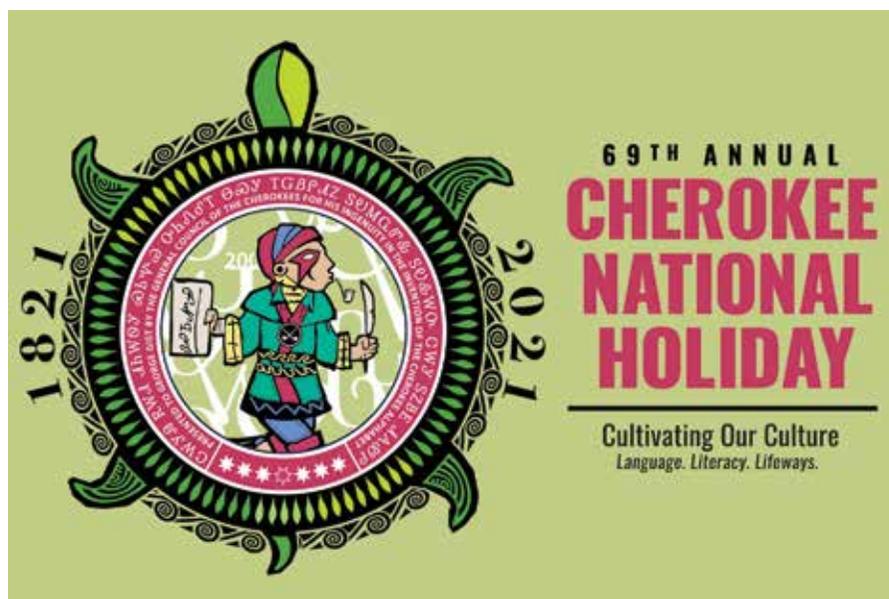
Cherokee Nation shifting to virtual Cherokee National Holiday

Inter-tribal powwow, softball tournament, stickball and car show activities being canceled

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – As a result of the ongoing surge of the highly contagious COVID-19 Delta variant across the Cherokee Nation Reservation and in order to protect Cherokee families and communities, the Cherokee Nation is shifting to virtual activities for the 69th annual Cherokee National Holiday.

The decision to cancel large, in-person events during the annual Cherokee National Holiday celebration over the upcoming Labor Day weekend is in line with guidance from the Cherokee Nation Public Health team and aligns with other regional tribal and non-tribal events being canceled because of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Cherokee Nation cancelations include the Holiday weekend's annual inter-tribal powwow, softball tournament, golf tournament, stickball exhibition, traditional games, car show, and downtown artisan markets.

"The health and safety of our Cherokee people must be at the core of every decision we make," said Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. "Today, unfortunately, the W.W. Hastings Hospital Intensive Care Unit remains full due to the COVID-19 Delta variant, hospitalizations are on the rise, and we grieve over the loss of Cherokee speakers and elders who fell ill at the hands of this virus. Positive cases have rapidly increased across the reservation, causing our health system, and others, to feel overwhelming stresses including a lack of available in-patient beds.



Though we all looked forward to a return to in-person fellowship and celebratory activities for this year's 69th annual Cherokee National Holiday, it is critical that we continue to rely on medical science, facts and compassion as we make these decisions. Relying on the guidance of our Cherokee Nation Public Health team and the crucial data they continue to monitor related to local COVID-19 cases, we believe that large, in-person gatherings during the Cherokee National Holiday weekend – when tens of thousands of visitors would typically visit the reservation to celebrate – present too great a risk to the health and safety of our Cherokee families and communities. While this is disappointing, we must all remember that protecting one another is the Cherokee way. Shifting our focus to virtual activities will provide an extra level of protection and will once again allow Cherokees all around the world to take part in the celebration of our Cherokee heritage, traditions and culture during the Holiday weekend."

The Cherokee Nation health

system recorded 786 new COVID-19 cases the week of Aug. 1, a week-to-week increase of more than 370 percent compared to the first week of July, and the highest recorded number of weekly positive cases since January. This upward trend in cases has continued since June. Approximately 95 percent of new COVID-19 cases in the tribe's health system are among unvaccinated patients. About 90 percent of new cases are from the highly contagious Delta variant.

"Though we will once again miss the in-person fellowship the Cherokee National Holiday provides to the Cherokee people, it remains important that we offer a variety of content virtually so that we can celebrate the great achievements of the Cherokee people and our government and showcase the art, culture, history and language of our great tribe," said Austin Patton, Cherokee National Holiday coordinator. "We look forward to providing a collection of online content and activities to help citizens and non-citizens experience the Cherokee Nation in new and

exciting ways. We also look forward to returning to our traditional in-person gatherings next year."

The annual State of the Nation address by Chief Hoskin will be online Saturday, Sept. 4, at 11:30 a.m. The tribe will also host the Drive-In Movie Nights on Sept. 2-4 at 8 p.m. at One Fire Field west of the Cherokee Nation W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex in Tahlequah. The annual Holiday quilt show and art show will also be broadcast virtually, as will the Miss Cherokee competition, and video demonstrations of traditional Cherokee culture and language. The Drive-In Fireworks Show will take place at Cherokee Springs Plaza on September 5 at 8 p.m.

Visit the official website of the Cherokee National Holiday at www.thecherokeeholiday.com for more information on virtual events. Family-friendly activities and souvenirs are free to download & share on the Downloads page. Connect on the Community page with family and friends, share memories and discuss traditional Cherokee culture and language.

A full list of virtual events will be posted at www.thecherokeeholiday.com.

The Cherokee National Holiday commemorates the signing of the Cherokee Nation Constitution in 1839, which re-established the tribe's government in Indian Territory after forced removal from the Cherokees' original homelands in the Southeast.

For questions about the Holiday, contact Patton (918) 822-2427.

- Cherokee Nation release

Qualla Arts and Crafts turns 75

Special to the One Feather

Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, Inc. will be celebrating its anniversary with an Open Air market, an exhibition, and a new book detailing its history. The day-long celebration will take place on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The year 2021 is the 75th anniversary of the founding of Qualla Arts and Crafts, one of the oldest Native American artisan cooperatives in the U.S.

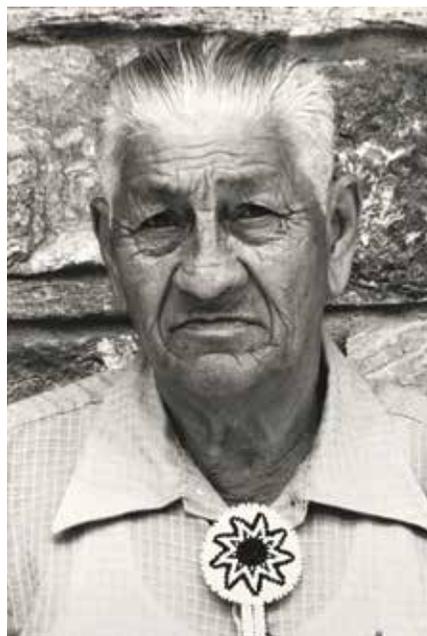
Originally founded as Qualla Arts and Crafts Association, the co-op formed after a series of meetings that brought together Eastern Band Cherokee craftsmen, tribal leaders, and teachers from the Cherokee Boarding School. From the start, the group focused on the economic value of forming an organization that would give artisans a “place for ready sale.” At a meeting held on Aug. 23, 1946, the group signed a Constitution and By-Laws and elected its first officers. A typed list recorded the names of 59 charter members. In 1955, the group incorporated and adopted the name it has today: Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, Inc.

Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual not only saves and preserves valued objects, it likewise encourages and preserves the cultural traditions and processes that make these objects possible. The 20-odd Open Air market is one event that helps these preservation efforts. The market will feature the work of a dozen artisan members who will demonstrate their craft and share their work with the public. All work will be for sale. To become a member, an individual

must be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Applicants turn in an artist statement, family connections, and three samples of their work to be judged by the board of directors. Once past the preliminary round, candidates are required to demonstrate their work in person before the board. Work is judged on elements of authenticity, originality, elements of art, design, knowledge, degree of difficulty, and marketability. Currently, the co-op has over 300 members.

A new exhibit - “Reclaiming our History: Photographs from the National Archives” - features photographs collected as part of a “digital repatriation” project funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation in 2019. The project supported research into the collections of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board preserved by the National Archives and Records Administration in their Atlanta and Washington DC facilities. The project allowed for research into these and other repositories to find images related to EBCI artisans and for copies to be made. These and other rediscovered photographs are now in the archives of Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, Inc. Most have been hidden away in the National Archives for decades and have not been seen before.

Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual commissioned scholar Anna Fariello to write a history of the cooperative. That history, now in print, will be available at the celebration. Fariello worked with the co-op on three previous books documenting Cherokee Basketry, Pottery, and Carving. The author explained her approach to writing the book that



In 1946, McKinley Ross was elected to serve as president of the new Qualla Arts and Crafts Association. Photo courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C.

included as much factual documentation as possible.

“I’ve included many names and dates,” she wrote, “hoping to tell the full story of one of Cherokee’s most significant and cherished cultural institutions.” The book contains a chapter on the co-op’s 59 charter members. With assistance from the EBCI Enrollment Office, staff was able to verify their names, birth and death dates along with their community, and a photograph if one was available. Like the exhibition, the book showcases many of the photographs “found” at the National Archives.

In preparation for the 65th anniversary in 2011, co-op staff pulled down boxes and boxes of old records from the attic where staff found material dating back to the formation of the co-op. In the intervening years, and with grants

from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and Traveling Archivists Program, the co-op organized these records into an archive that has yielded important historical information that shed light on the events leading up to the cooperative and its first years of operation. When planning the 65th anniversary celebration, discussions centered on just what date would be best noted as the actual anniversary date of Qualla Arts and Crafts.

On Aug. 23, 1946, the group met. While Agency Superintendent Joe Jennings still presided, it was at this meeting that the Constitution and By-Laws were read “paragraph by paragraph.” It is interesting to note that, at the time—the mid 20th century—many people still spoke Cherokee as their first language. While the meeting was conducted in English, McKinley Ross translated the entire conversation into Cherokee before taking a vote.

The approved documents were signed and officers elected. Nominated without opposition, the group elected McKinley Ross as its first president. It was a close race for vice president between William Crowe and Bertha Craig, with Crowe receiving the most votes. Craig was then elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

About the co-op, pottery maker Cora Arch Wahnetah said, “It has helped me and helped my people.”

On Aug. 23, 1946, the Qualla Arts and Crafts Association was formally organized. More importantly, it was on this date that the organization came under the direction of the artisans it proposed to represent.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch
497-4131

Cherokee Indian Police Dept.
359-6600

Tribal Fire and Rescue
359-6584

Tribal EMS
359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

Transit Main Line Dispatch
359-6300

Tsali Manor funds passes for Tsali Manor residents and communal lunch attendees. This pass provides unlimited trips within the service area and on shopping trips. Out-of-town shopping trips are currently on hold due to COVID-19.

Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

Tsali Manor - contact is Debbie West
359-6291 or 736-3950

HELP (Handicapped, Elderly Living Program) -
contact is Stephanie Welch
359-6638

HIP (Home Improvement Program) -
contact is Cindi Squirrel
359-5520 or 507-7748

Congregate, Homebound Meals, Supplement - contact is Sherry Welch
359-6290

Heat Assistance/Emergency Assistance - contact is Krisna Ashe
359-6294 or 421-7364

EBCI Home Health/Home Care
497-9163 (ask for nurse on call)

EBCI Domestic Violence
359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance
507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic
554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center
497-6866

Snowbird Senior Center main line
479-9145

Tsali Manor main line
359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line
835-9741

Cherokee Boy's Club Elder Fuel Delivery and Elder Mowing -
contact is Donnie Owle 736-7612

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COMMENTARY

Living under a rock

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

I get it. You are in the river cooling off. You get bored. You see a bunch of cool, smooth, almost symmetrical stone, river rock that has been worn smooth by years of polishing by the rushing waters of the river. First, you pick up one or two, and maybe you try to skip them across the river to see how many times they will “bounce” before their momentum slows, and gravity takes over. Maybe you just grab the biggest one you can find and throw it so you may see the big splash and the “ker-plunk” sound that it makes. And then you get the bright idea of making a tower out of them with a surrounding mote of river rock as protection for your fortress. Soon, you have every rock in sight gathered at your construction site for use in the upbuilding of your kingdom. And soon you are using your college degree to create a blueprint for how this fabulous rock city will unfold (you thought it was children, didn't you)?

About this time last year, reporter Scott McKie Brings Plenty wrote an amazing commentary about the damage people do when they move rocks in our streams and rivers. He said it this way, ‘Many of those species’ environments can be altered greatly by the actions of those moving rocks. When people purposefully move rocks in the waterways, to create dams, channels, and rock piles, these changes can harm the sensitive species that live there, espe-

cially while they are nesting,’ said Neeley (Jessie Snow Neeley, Great Smoky Mountains National Park executive assistant). ‘For example, the large hellbender salamander lays its eggs under rocks during this time of year. Therefore, they are especially sensitive to rock movement right now and can lose a whole season of reproduction if their nests are damaged from rock movements. Therefore, we ask the public to be gentle while they play and leave rocks where they lay!’

“This practice is illegal in the park per Code of Federal Regulations 2.1(a)(1), ‘...the following is prohibited: (1) Possessing, destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, digging, or disturbing from its natural state: (i) Living or dead wildlife or fish, or the parts or products thereof, such as antlers or nests.’

“Moving rocks disturbs the nests of various species.

“Caleb Hickman, EBCI supervisory biologist, and the team at EBCI Natural Resources have been working for several years to educate the public on the effects of moving rocks to the area’s aquatic ecosystems. ‘It has the potential to remove habitat for a variety of organisms- including directly influencing fish and indirectly our trout industry through their food source (aquatic insects). Lifting or moving larger rocks could influence hellbender (waterdog) habitat during a critical time right now- they are starting to breed and need rocks for protecting eggs. After they hatch, the hellbender babies will be using smaller rocks to hide from fish predators in a few months from now and be pretty vulnerable for a couple of years.’”

Part of what we, as Cherokee people and as Appalachian resi-

dents, cherish about our community is that we get to experience an environment mostly untouched by human hands. Visitors from all over the world come here to experience the same. It literally takes years to undo the damage done when we go to a pristine area of our Boundary and start flipping rocks over. And once you move it, you can’t un-move it. The delicate biosphere that exists is destroyed by even a momentary disturbance like lifting the rock and then trying to put it back.

Ecosystems are delicate things, there is a chain or circle of life, if you will. Each link, each plant or animal, plays a part in a healthy ecosystem. Damage or destroy one part, and the entire ecosystem may be jeopardized.

I was talking with friends the other day and I mentioned how much of an old softy I was getting to be in my later years. In my early days, I wouldn’t give a second thought to crushing a bug or killing a spider. Now, I am given to pause at the thought of killing just about anything. I consider options like relocating the offender, or relocating myself, if possible, for even the smallest of life forms. To be honest, I even have trouble trashing unwanted plant life. It may be that as you age, you come to a better appreciation of the value of living things, all of them. Oh, I will still dispatch a mosquito that is sucking the life’s blood out of me or rid my home of a destructive ant colony (actually, we have a guy that does that), but indiscriminate, thoughtless destruction of life doesn’t happen much anymore in my life. I try to think before I act. Killing something because it is in the way of a good time for me just isn’t worth it.

Drop by the Oconaluftee

Island Park sometime when you have a few minutes to walk and meditate. You will see a gallery of that thoughtless digging up and moving of river rock that happens pretty much daily in the spring and summer months. We, the Tribe, even do it when we want to have a “special event”. I am not saying we have to give up all of our pastimes for the sake of the environment. I am just saying we should think and be selective about when we do it. We should weigh the cost to the environment versus the benefit to our sense of wellbeing. We may find that our wellbeing might be better served if we preserve the environment.

Teach your kids, yes, even your college-age kids, the value of leaving nature be. Most of the people who come here and experience nature in all its glory, say they want to come back to it as soon as they can. Well, the chances of it being here when you get back depend on how you treat it while you are here. We don’t have to act like we live under a rock, but for some species, living under a rock is life or death.

Good Housekeeping

Smoky Grilled Vegetables

For an irresistible side dish, cut up summer vegetables (onions, peppers, squash, corn, eggplant, plum tomatoes) and toss with olive oil and a clove of crushed garlic. Grill until tender and browned, turning occasionally. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, and serve with lemon wedges.

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

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One Feather Question of the Week:

Are you for or against a mask mandate? If you are in favor, how far should it go?

Lizzie McCoy Bernal: I will continue to wear my mask, and I support the mask mandate. I have lost too many family members and friends to COVID. I would also support having the Boundary closed again and having a curfew as well. This virus is already spreading like wildfire again.

Sharon Leigh Queen: Wear the masks. 42 percent of the local population is fully vaccinated according to the most recent update. The majority has zero protection from vaccines so of course there is a large percentage of people at risk, most of them children. 12 of the 66 cases in our community over the last seven days were children under 12. They've been enough over the last year, put on the masks and let's do our best to protect our most vulnerable. They depend on us.

Kyle Pete: I'm for it. A bit of an odd question, What is too far? Wearing a mask doesn't take away any rights. If we're talking about going into a store that has a mask mandate, its no different than "no shoes, no shirt". I'm tired of this notion that anti-masker and anti-vaxxer arguments hold the same weight as those that are for masks and vaccines. They don't hold the same weight and they never will.

Bonita Sue French: Mandated

Gloria Punkin Griffin: I do believe we should wear our mask. I have been vaccinated, but I still wear my mask to keep all the kids safe. The shot does not protect you

from getting covid the symptoms will be less harsh and in some cases you may not know you have it therefore infecting others. I want to keep the kids, elders and myself COVID free.

Pamela Stroud: My choice – no mask.

Richard R. Grffin: With 66 new positive cases yesterday alone, yes we need to have a mask mandate for all in every single business on the Boundary until further notice. It doesn't seem like COVID is going anywhere soon. So protect yourself, your family, and everyone around you out of respect!

Mil Ann McCoy: Wear your mask.

Charmane DuPree: Wearing a mask is to protect other people and I expect the same consideration from others.

John Ayers: I am against a mask mandate unless you're going to be around a high-risk group, such as those inpatient in the hospital or around elders. I mean a cloth mask truly cannot stop a virus. I have been fully vaccinated myself. So, again, unless I have to be around a high-risk group I do not believe I should be required to wear a mask. A lot of this mask mandate to me is a fear tactic to control us, and that is a game I refuse to play.

Stacie Alexander: I don't think the mask or the vaccines are doing any good. People still catching it everywhere.

Judy Brown: I believe it should be a choice. I say no mask. Masks don't work people.

Connie Welch: I wear my mask out of respect for others. I want others to show the same respect to me. No mask – no entry. It's as simple as that.

Caine Lambert: Definitely for it. I wish Caddo County, Okla. would implement one.

Jarrett Grey Wildcatt: It's really not that bad. Just remember there are medical professionals that wear them for 8+ hours a day. It won't kill you to wear them when you go into the grocery store for 30 minutes. And, if you have a "medical condition" that prevents you from wearing it, then you should probably stay at home away from people. The masks are necessary in protecting the health of our loved ones, some being our elders that are language speakers, that wield cultural wisdom.

Ray Smith: Wear the mask.

Lindsey Palmer: My face, my choice; your business, your choice. If I've made an informed personal choice to not wear a mask cool, that's a right that I have! If you as a business owner have made an informed choice to require patrons to wear a mask cool, that's your right! I can either mask up and go into the business asking or I can choose not to go in. Not everything has to be a fight. I think this should be an individual decision and that the businesses should be allowed to make their decisions. I don't agree with mass mandating.

Desirae Abella: For the mask mandate. You never know who is immunocompromised. I am fully vaccinated and still contracted COVID. I didn't know for several days that it was Covid and not a general cold. I came into contact

with people unable to get vaccinated and spent the next week worried that they had it. It's not worth the stress. Wear a mask, if not for you, for others.

Mary Pat Smith: Masks really don't stop the virus, but it does help for those who refuse to cover their mouth when they cough. They wear their own saliva spit. Truly COVID is scary.

Kathy Burgess: Yes, I am willing to wear a mask as long as it takes for the numbers to go back down and people to get vaccinated.

Faye McCoy: Wear the mask. I don't understand why folks act like that is a horrible thing to ask of them.

Lavinia Ani Nvda: Against a mask mandate! Stop living in fear! Stop letting the media control you. The masks don't work! How long did we have to wear the mask and it did not rid the world of this germ. It only made it mutate. Wake up people. If you live in fear, then wear the mask just don't force others to live in your fears!

Bambi Lapage: I'm for it in Nebraska. I didn't protect others and my family for nothing. Please be respectful of others and wear the mask. I would like to keep my family healthy.

Susan Sterchi: I am a concerned individual who is willing to wear a mask for the benefit of my community.

Angie Sherrill: It's just a mask people – not going to hurt you to put one on.

Johnny Williams: People need to quit being political and see the

danger we are facing. Wearing a mask is for safety, (it's) not intended to take away one's freedom. We will never know it works or not because not everyone is wearing it.

Sydney Grant: They don't work. That being said if it is mandated there should be fines for leaving them on the ground in a parking lot outside of a store where people going in can carry whatever else on the mask into said store which makes the entire practice pointless. Masks littering the ground seems like more of a bio-hazard than the actual purpose of the masks.

Eden Bordelon: What's the point? Bacteria and viruses are so small they can get through the material. If you use a paint sprayer, the paint still gets under the mask. So, it is literally the most pointless mandate ever. That being said, out of respect for the people that can't/won't understand this, I wear a stupid mask.

Del W. Crawford: Against! For the same reason I don't appreciate working my tail off at my job to support others who won't get a job – personal choices and personal responsibility!

Sarah Bruneel: Wear the mask! (It) helps protect you and others especially the high-risk and elders. People should stop being selfish.

Rodney Williams: If your mask works, then why should I wear one? If your mask don't work, then why should I wear one?

Whitney Kreiling: I am for it. We have to do everything we can to halt COVID before a new variant appears. Masks have been proven to protect and prevent

infection.

Kevin M. Reese: If my local health officials deem it necessary, I'm all for it. I'll wear my mask to protect others.

Joyce Woodham: Masks do nothing but increase a person's own health problems. The only way is to increase your own immune system. We should all be using our natural products for that!

Janice Owle: I'm for it.

Jaime Lossiah: I am for it! Require them by both vaccinated and unvaccinated until the pandemic is over, over!

Redbird Sequoyah: The real question is 'do masks really work?'

Barry Craig: If you're in a store and everyone is wearing a mask, it feels good to be with people who care about me and everyone else. Mandate or not, there will always be someone not wearing one. Enforcement has and will continue to be the problem. That's why we are back to this same problem.

Carolyn Panther: As long as it takes to keep our people safe, safer, safest.

Charlotte Reed Pierce: I have been vaccinated and wear my mask in public places. However, I will not condemn those who choose not to wear one. It is their choice.

Pam Belson: It should be a choice – never forced. I personally choose to wear one. Why? Because I have lost three family members and three friends. That's six people lost to this virus...that's

six too many in my opinion.

Jackie Ellis: I think you should wear one in a crowd especially if you have not been vaccinated.

Tara Harrison Toney: I think it should be a choice. If you want to wear one, fine; if not, fine. Social distance and keep rolling.

Teddy Bird: Go get a shot and forget your mask, or risk the consequences – either death or suffering the rest of your life with issues caused by COVID-19!

Drew Pruitt: If wearing a mask makes you feel safe and like you're doing the right thing, wear one. And for those that choose not to wear a mask because they feel as it isn't effective and you are wearing yours then you should be fine! I think we should have a choice to do as we feel is right. My body, my choice right? But, for real, I don't wanna wear a mask. But, if you do, I respect that and if I go in somewhere and the ask me to put one on i either will or I'll go somewhere else. I think it should be optional. And, honestly 95 percent of the people you see with a mask on have it pulled down below their nose. So, it's definitely not doing any good or protecting you from anything anyways!

Aaron Lewis: People who are under the impression that wearing a mask will prevent you from getting the virus haven't been educated properly. Also, the people who believe that they're being asked to wear a mask to protect themselves from getting the virus are also not properly educated. The primary reason you are asked to wear a mask is to protect others around you from possibly getting infected with whatever you may have. I

wear my mask to protect you and your family, not myself. So I, like so many others would like the same respect.

Tina Bates: I have my shots, but I also wear a mask.

Altha Pulliam Wimberly: Mask up I would say!

Joe Dills: Masks should not be a mandate. If you want to wear one – go for it. If not, it's cool too. I personally believe masks don't protect you.

Pamela Tavel Clark: Masks! I hate wearing them, but they are needed.

Canyon Woodward: We should have mask mandates in accordance with the recommendations of the CDC and our communicable disease experts.

Debi Stamper: I wear my mask for my elders and my grandbabies because they can't be vaccinated yet.

Anna Wolfe: I'm totally for it!

Driver Blythe: I don't know man, it's hard to choose. One side, you have: majority of medical professionals, epidemiologists, microbiologists, immunologists, and other scientifically backed professionals that have dedicated their lives to help combat diseases like this.

On the other side: you have people who barely passed a high school science class and listen to conspiracy/false information YouTube videos. So hard to choose. I think I'll stick with the masks.

SPEAKING OF FAITH

When sensing his presence, it's his power felt

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

(Transcribed by Myra Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read 2 Peter 1:3; 1 John 4:4-11

How many of you have felt, at times, what you thought was an overwhelming sense of His Presence? I came to an understanding in my personal time with the Lord, this week, when His Presence became so strong, I said, "I want to thank You for Your Presence here today."

He answered me, "Son, I'm always with you. What you're feeling is My Power."

"Something isn't quite working with me, I had to respond, and continued, because I wanted to really understand. What He revealed is what we may have always considered before as being His Presence, when this is really His Power! He revealed this to me, so I could make a language correction, and add to my revelation knowledge of Him. "Right now, you are feeling My Power," He had said and clarified for me.

"This has changed my thinking and it has shaken me," said Pastor Melton. "It is not a singing time when we feel His Power. We must lift up our hands and worship Him. I'm having to correct my language. It changes our whole perspective. All Christians are in that Power. Quickening, 'making us alive' with His Power, we also have His Holy Spirit residing within us. Through the knowledge we gain from Holy Spirit, we walk in Spirit with Him, relying on Him in the Spirit Realm where devils flee, and He is in you every minute."

In singing Praise and Worship this morning, He came with Power! We haven't known it sometimes. He is always with us (individually). When we sang His Name this morning and declared His Power, it transformed our worship in a moment.

The Church hungers, "I need to know Him." This Glory and Virtue, there are places, the Deep Places in God, where He's crying out for us to join Him. The Deep calls to deep. We join with Him in His "exceeding Great Prom-

ises." (For even His disciples, those who did not choose so were left out, but were never left behind.)

"Healing and Deliverance are in My Nature," said God.

"To keep and protect, brings us His Glory and Virtue, and through these, His Divine Nature, His Power shows up," explained Pastor Melton.

Pastor Melton continued, "Give all diligence to 1 John 4:4-8 and push through to fruitfulness.

This is revelation knowledge. I got excited as I realized that is when we should begin declaring 'His Power is in the House', or the Promises of God for my life, "my body's healed," "I believe for this" or "I claim the promises of God." He didn't just show up. He showed up in Power! Hallelujah! When His Power is in the House, declare the Promises of God over your life. Sin begins to break off. Pray for lost loved ones. Begin speaking to devils trying to take your life apart. It takes time in the Presence and Power and hearing the Voice of the Holy Spirit.

Can I go one step deeper? The Holy Spirit is not God, Jr. He is God. The Holy Spirit is always with you, in you, begin to feel His Power. You become powerful because He's in you. The Church must rise up and declare change into

the atmosphere.

According to Divine Power calling in life and godliness, there is enough Power for all to walk in godliness. Jesus was and is fully God and fully man. It is by the Power of the Holy Spirit living in Him, is how He did the miracles that were seen. We, having Him inside of us, with the Righteousness He gave us, so we could all also be empowered.

He created them in the same Spirit that now quickens our mortal bodies with the Power of God. 1 John 4:4, "by the same Spirit" we are walking in the Spirit through the Knowledge of Him and can live "powerful" like God in the Earth. "Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world." How to walk in the Spirit through the knowledge, so deeper, so grander, the body that has no limits, where every devil knows you, How do we get there now?

I want to be so hungry; I need to know Him! There are places in Him never seen. Deep inside you. A place in Him of Who He is the exceeding great promises so we can be partakers of the Divine Nature through Faith. It is in His Nature to give life, to bless you, to keep you, to protect you through the Divine Knowledge of Who He is with Glory and Virtue and to make our calling and election sure. Spend time with Him.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the Lord standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

 1 CHRONICLES 21:16



Detail of "Joshua Before the Angel with a Sword" by Marc Chagall, 1956

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HAPPENINGS

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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.

Hospice Promise Foundation Charity Golf Tournament. Sept. 25 at Sequoyah National Golf Club. Registration at 7:30 a.m.; Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$90/player or \$360/foursome and includes range balls, green fees, golf cart, drink ticket (non-alcoholic drink), and beverage cart on course. This is a benefit for Hospice Promise Foundation. Info: Angela Toomey 356-4985, angela.toomey@lhc-group.com

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

Indivisible Swain County meeting. Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. WCU Professor Chris Cooper will do a presentation on voting trends and redistricting. All are welcome to join and share your concerns and ideas. If you are interested in attending, email maryherr2017@gmail.com for a link or call 497-9498

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

Glenville Area Historical Society annual meeting. Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Glenville Community Center. The meeting agenda includes a brief business meeting to elect a Board of Directors and hear a view of the 2020-21 year. Each meeting has an historical topic and this year's is 'Remembering Glenville's Historic Buildings and Homes'. Info: 507-0322 or email historicalsocietyglenvillearea@yahoo.com

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

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

Super Crossword

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

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

G.W.V. O.V.L.C.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test by F&S Holdings

1. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Kansas?
2. ANATOMY: Where is the pine located in the human body?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the English name for the country called Sverige by its people?
4. PSYCHOLOGY: What law is represented in the condition called bipolarity?
5. MOVIES: Which two films had the most Academy Award nominations without missing any of them?
6. TELEVISION: How many sons did King George have at "Beverly Hills Cop"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the most popular topping on a pizza?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many girls does the average prairie chicken have?
9. HISTORY: Which principal countries made up the Axis powers in World War II?
10. LITERATURE: What is the name of the wizard book in the "Harry Potter" series?

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's trivia site at www.patriotictrivia.com

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Life Recovery Meetings hosted 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

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. 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.



by Freddy Groves

Exposure Presumptives for Particulate Matter

The Department of Veterans Affairs has created a list of three presumptive conditions related to particulate matter exposure. Specifically, it will now cover asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis, but only if you served in a covered area and had one of those conditions within 10 years of leaving the military.

Locations and dates of service are specific: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War, from Sept. 19, 2001 to the present; or the Southwest Asia theater of operations, from Aug. 2, 1990 to the present. It covers Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, Red Sea and the airspace above these locations.

With particulate matter exposure, they're talking about the open burn pits, in which there might have been petroleum, munitions, plastics, metal, chemicals, medical and human waste and more. In some cases, however, the exposure was sand, sand and more sand, or smoke from oil-well fires, aircraft exhaust, dust, fuel ... the list goes on. Your exposure, of course, depends on the amount of time you spent there, wind direction and the types of waste.

Check the Burn Pits page (www.publihealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits) and the Exposures page: (www.publihealth.va.gov/exposures).

It's said that if you already have a claim in for one of those illnesses, you don't have to do a thing. You'll hear back about a decision. I vote for not waiting. Don't take a chance that somebody will misplace your claim, especially if you have a claim for other conditions as well. Make a call. Or use VA Form 21-526EZ for first claims.

If you ever signed up on the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR), check to see that you're still on the list. Print out a copy and use that to submit with your claim.

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Dog's Begging Spirals Out of Control

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Our dog "Boadicea" is a sweetheart, but when she wants a treat she turns into a little monster. She drools on my arm, chews on my roommate's shoe (with his foot in it), barks loudly, yips ... whatever it takes. We eventually break down and give her a treat. This happens several times a day. How can we stop this behavior? —Darren in Manchester, New Hampshire

DEAR DARREN: There are two steps I'd recommend to curb this behavior, because you know the downside of Boadicea's begging: spiraling behavioral problems, future digestive issues and potential obesity.

First, reinforce her basic obedience training. Work with her at least once a day on the "sit," "stay," "lie down," "leave it" and "come here" commands. I recommend not working with her during the time that you're normally relaxing in the living room with your roommate, because you want to try to reinforce that certain places and times are for training, play or treats.

Obedience training alone won't resolve the problem, though, because she's developed a habit of begging whenever you're trying to relax or socialize. So, you'll need to employ the "ignore and divert" strategy as well.

Ignore her attention-seeking behavior for a specific amount of time ... say, five minutes. Next, command her to either sit or lie down, and give her a chew toy. When she inevitably gets up to beg again, repeat the process. Don't give her a treat at all. This will take time, but eventually she will get it.

Many dog owners add a structured treat time to the day. For example, after your dinner and dishes are done, she can have her treat. This will help reinforce when and where she gets treats, and how she is supposed to behave.

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

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A beautiful rainbow comes from behind a mountain in the Painttown Community on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 14. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photo)

VOTE ON THE TRIBAL ALCOHOL REFERENDUM.

Voting ends September 2.

Make sure your voice is heard regarding expanded alcohol sales on the Qualla Boundary. You can vote in person or by absentee ballot. Just vote by General Election Day, September 2. Visit VoteCherokee.com to explore the issue, the referendum, and all the ways you can participate.



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Do you have questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine or COVID-19 in general?

Tsalagi Public Health is available for you!

Call 828-359-6240 to schedule a visit for your questions!

*The team is ready to assist
and speak with you about
any questions or concerns
you may have.*

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related to getting a
COVID-19 vaccine?
Give us a call!*



FOR SALE

4.94 acres, commercial or residential, access to state-paved road, great neighborhood. 4 miles west of Bryson City. \$250,000. (828) 341-0482. 9/1

Items for Sale, call 788-5655:

- 94 Jaguar, original paint job, light blue. Factory mag wheels, new fuel injection and gaskets. \$4,000. Best Offer
- Collectable, fixer-upper '63 Ford Fairlane, two-door. Rebuilt motor and transmission, new floor boards, make offer can't refuse – have to be moved out of garage.
- Electric scooter wheelchair made by Mega Motion. Paid \$1,200, like new, hardly used, make offer.
- For garage, one-arm lift, Bend Pak, model PL600 OX, voltage 208-230.
- Long bedroom dresser and night stand, good condition.
- Dinette set, light pine color. Good condition.
- Various furniture pieces and rugs.
- White kitchen cabinets.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A more harmonious aspect favors all relationships. Family ties with mates and children are strengthened. Libra is Cupid's choice to win the amorous Aries' heart.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bull is ready to take on fresh challenges. Expect some opposition as you plow new ground — but supporters will outnumber detractors.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An upcoming job change could mean uprooting your family to a far-distant location. Weigh all considerations carefully before making a decision one way or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A long-standing problem is resolved by a mutually agreed upon compromise. You can now focus on getting the facts you'll need for a decision you'll soon be asked to make.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat needs to be wary of what appears to be a golden investment opportunity. That "sure thing" could turn out to be nothing more than a sack of Kitty Glitter.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You give of yourself generously to help others, but right now you must allow people to help you. Confide your problems to family and trusted friends.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Relationships benefit from a strong harmonious aspect. Things go more smoothly at work. Someone you thought you'd never see again asks for a reconciliation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A minor distraction interferes with travel plans, but the delay is temporary. Meanwhile, expect to play peacemaker once again for feuding family members.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Keep that positive momentum going on the home front. Arrange your schedule to spend more time with your family. You'll soon have news about that job change.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Control that possessive tendency that sometimes goads you into an unnecessary display of jealousy. You could be creating problems where none currently exist.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new project holds some challenges you hadn't expected. But don't be discouraged; you'll find you're more prepared to deal with them than you realized.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Yours is the sign of the celestial Chemist, so don't be surprised if you experience a pleasant "chemistry" betwixt yourself and that new Leo in your life.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy being fussed over, as befits your "royal" Leonine nature. You also have a strong loyalty to family and friends.

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, August 22, 2021

1. Rental Occupancy Specialist – Infrastructure – Housing (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
2. Housing Intake Specialist – Housing and Community Development – Housing (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
3. Project Coordinator – Infrastructure – Housing (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
4. Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment Plant – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
5. Operator and Maintenance Mechanic (Multiple) – Waste Water – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
6. Mechanic – Motor Pool – Operations (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
7. Housekeeper I Light Duty (Multiple) – Housekeeping – Operations (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
8. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
9. Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary Head-Start/Early Head-Start – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
10. Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

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)

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 19, 2021

Emergency Hire Patient Registration Clerk
Administrative Assistant PI/Engineering
PTI Inpatient Technician – Analenisgi Inpatient
Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi
Certified Medical Assistant – Analenisgi
Professional Writer-Editor/Tribal Option

Closing Thursday, August 26, 2021

Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient
PTI Physicain/Hospitalist – Inpatient

Open Until Filled

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
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
Retention Bonus Eligible Positions
Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time Intermittent/Part-Time Regular
(Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)
Cook (Starting Pay \$17.00/Hr.)
Cook Aide (Starting Pay \$15.00/Hr.)
Ward Clerk (Starting Pay \$15.00/Hr.)



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

LEGAL NOTICES

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**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-086

**In the Matter of the Estate of
STACY BESSIE WELCH**

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
Valorie Welch

PO Box 1772
Cherokee, NC 28719
9/8pd

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

**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, Graham, and Cherokee Counties). Q.H.A. Construction bid packages include:

- * Fire Sprinkler Monitoring/Maintenance
- * 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

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Weekdays

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Project Title: Engineering
 Services: Utilities Infrastructure
 Improvements

The EBCI is requesting proposals 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 Ethan Arch or Ken Green. **8/18**

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for

two (2) Guardian ad Litem Attorney Advocates. The GAL Attorney Advocates will assure the protection of a child's legal rights by taking all action necessary to zealously represent the child's best interest. This service will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following:

1. Name and Contact Information
2. Copies of Certificates and Licenses
3. Relevant Work Experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before September 10, 2021, will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or email propos-

als to:
 Amber Shuler, Court Administrator
 Cherokee Tribal Court
 PO Box 1629
 Cherokee, NC 28719
 ambeshul@ebci-nsn.gov

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received.

**One Feather
 deadline
 Fridays
 at 12 p.m.**

THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

**WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL
 WEEKLY FISHING REPORT**

AUGUST 16-22, 2021

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee 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.

COURTESY OF ALEX BELL/AB'S FLY FISHING

BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, AUG. 16	TUESDAY, AUG. 17	WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18	THURSDAY, AUG. 19	FRIDAY, AUG. 20	SATURDAY, AUG. 21	SUNDAY, AUG. 22
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BETTER++	BEST	SEASON'S BEST
7:06 AM-9:06 AM 7:35 PM-9:35 PM	8:05 AM-10:05 AM 8:35 PM-10:35 PM	9:06 AM-11:06 AM 9:37 PM-11:37 PM	10:08 AM-12:08 PM 10:38 PM-12:38 AM	N/A 11:07 AM-1:07 PM	N/A 12:03 PM-2:03 PM	12:30 AM-2:30 AM 12:55 PM-2:55 PM

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