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3688 Warrior Creek Church Road, Gray Court,

WINTER 2021

CHIEF'S CORNER



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Osiyo,

I was hoping that in this newsletter, I would have good news regarding the COVID-19 lockdown but I do not. We are still wearing masks and social distancing. Every person in the world is still being affected one way or another. Events are still being canceled, traveling from one country to another is prohibited, and some schools are still closed. New Covid strains are popping up even while vaccines are being developed and given out.

We will overcome this with the help of the Creator. At times it may seem dark at the end of the tunnel but there will be light. The Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation SC Tribal Grounds are still closed for events until we feel it is safe to start again. We, the tribal council, are thinking of the welfare of our people. We are having virtual meetings and still running the every day business of the tribe.

I do have some sad news. With a heavy heart I have to inform you of my son, **John Ducker (Thunder Bear)** passing. He lost his battle with cancer and crossed over on January 15th. The Creator chose a path that we, his family, had not thought would happen so soon. He is no longer in pain and has joined other family in Heaven. I want to thank all of the tribal members who have sent condolences and for all the prayers in the past five months that he fought this battle.

Please keep us informed of any illnesses and of any COVID that may have touched our members and their families.

I would like to take this time to **Thank Mark Two Blades, Chairperson of the Red Shirts** for all the work that he

and **Vice Chief Yellow Hawk** have really been doing at the tribal grounds for whenever we are able to go back to having our school programs and annual Pow Wow. Many of the Red Shirt Warriors are working on the designated Saturdays when they can. They are practicing mask wearing and distancing themselves from one another. I want to thank all the men who are able to meet and work, especially under the Covid-19 restrictions/guidelines.

May God Bless Each and Every One of You as the Creator Walks By Your Sides !!

Let Your Faith Be Bigger Than Your Fear
(Unknown Author)

Thank all of you !!

WaDo,

Chief Worthy



As we begin our new year I want everyone to know of a change we made in 2020 regarding our mailing address. Since the tribal grounds are located in a rural region of Laurens County, the tribe has made the decision to change our regular mailing address to **PAIA LE Cherokee Nat. SC, P.O. Box 3988, Irmo, SC 29063**. This box will serve as our regular address for fees, donations and other mail activities including membership applications and information relating to tribal affairs. If you send mail to the old address, we will most likely get the letters; however our P.O. Box is a much more secure address to use. If you have changed your mailing address, phone number or email address, we also need to update this so that we can stay in touch with you. If you need help with any of this, please give us a call and we will do our best to assist you in this change. Stay healthy and thank you.

Any change of your address, email address, or phone number please contact us to let us know of the change as soon as possible by calling 864-871-9058 (chief) 864-906-5111 (v. chief) or 864-683-1421 (tribal office) If you have an email address that we may send the newsletter to, our tribe will save almost \$4.00/person per quarter. Contact Chief Worthy @ worthymarylouise@gmail.com.



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UPDATES

Vice Chief Dexter Sharp



On January 6, 2021, we had a meeting on our Tribal Grounds with 3 people from DHEC as well as 3 people from SERCAP. They are working on getting good, clean water to our property along with help from the CMA. We are also looking for other grants for a new building and other things to help our Tribe grow.

We are still working on rebuilding the Living Village. The Red Shirt Warriors are heading that project. I'm sure Mark Two Blades will address that issue.

I am still very interested in changing our membership to citizenship status. This was one of First Chief Norris' many goals we are pursuing. I would also like to see our annual dues go to \$25.00. It is very difficult to maintain the Tribe on \$15.00 a year. That will also help us subsidize our revenue as some elders cannot afford to pay. **PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR 2021 DUES WERE DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2020. When paying your dues put your name and roll number on your check. If you choose to send more and want it to be a donation, please indicate how you would like the money allocated.** We have a **General Fund** that pays the Tribal operating expenses every month. We also have a **Building and Well Fund** to help with getting new bathrooms and a new building for our meetings and gatherings and possibly enable us to have Kids Days when in rains. There is also **the First Chief Gene Norris Memorial Fund**. That money can be used for Elders as well as helping our children with special needs. (see page 10 for remittance form)

This is your Tribe too. Be a part of it. Everyone can help in some way. Think about why you joined. Are you doing your part? Remember there is a place on your application that asks what can you do for the Tribe. What was your answer?

I realize all of us are getting older. Please get your children, grandchildren and other family members to join and participate. Help us keep this Tribe alive. We are the only State recognized Cherokee Tribe in South Carolina. Help keep our history known and make our Ancestors proud.

TOHIDU (peace of mind and heart)



V. Chief Dexter Yellowhawk meeting with Willie Morgan (Southeast Rural Community Assistance Proj. Inc.) and 3 DHEC officials discuss water management on tribal grounds.





OTHER TRIBAL NEWS

Basketful of Knowledge Museum

Victoria Yellow Rose Norris, Museum Committee Chair, gvnorris@outlook.com



Native American beadwork, like quill work before it, is a decorative art form. Almost as soon as seed beads were available, native women invented techniques for using them: Loom-beading and forms of single-needle weaving (peyote beading), and lazy stitch. They are not adaptations of techniques known to European or other cultures – they are native inventions.

Even though clothing and dwelling styles have changed, and the original needs and certain utensils have vanished, decorative beadwork continues to flourish. Loom Bead weaving on a simple wooden loom is an art that has been practiced for many years. Early weaving was done with a series of threads across a bow made from a tree branch. This evolved into a simple rectangular wooden frame tied together at the corners. It eventually evolved into the modern version used today. Many intricate patterns and designs can be made by using bead looms.

Instead of using a loom for this type of Native American bead-

work, peyote or gourd stitch is worked as a tube or directly around an object like the handle of a basket. Peyote stitch can be used to bead around any circular item, like Smudge Feathers, Earrings, Talking Sticks, even pens! Today, this stitch is used extensively to make keychains, necklaces, and similar small accessories.

The lazy stitch is used by the Native American artists in short lengths of beads; they affix them to the fabric only at the ends. This was frequently used for large patterns such as on moccasins or cradles that had large areas of one color. For example, to fill the yoke of a dress, the craftswoman would repeatedly stitch rows of six to eight beads in tight, neat lines until they got to the next color.



Peyote Stitch – Key chain and Loose Fan and earrings



Rosette



Lazy Stitch – Bow Quiver



Beaded strips made on beading loom.



Beading Loom



Regalia Belt Worn by First Chief Gene Norris

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OTHER TRIBAL NEWS

VICTORIA YELLOW ROSE NORRIS



This headline “**And they don’t live on reservations**” headed an article in the Easley High School newspaper on May 3, 1985. Gene Norris (our First Chief), Johnny Adams (Catawba-Creek adopted member of the PAIALECNCS),

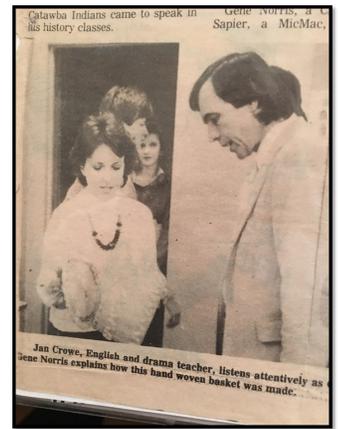
and John Sapier (MicMac) were invited to speak to the history classes at Easley High School to “clear up misconceptions about the American Indian and to help the public understand the education, culture, and crafts,” said Gene Norris. As the article reports “many looked as if they were expecting to see savages dance a rain dance or chant a war song. What they saw were three normal looking men dressed in everyday clothes, except for the jewelry they wore.” After the initial amazement the students started asking questions about each of the men’s culture. None of the three lived on reservations where most of the students thought “real Indians live.” At the time Gene Norris was a graphic artist at Leslie Advertising in Greenville; John Sapier was a carpenter in Spartanburg; and Johnny Adams did body and fender work in Easley.

According to the article “...the Indians said they have had to live in a **white society** all their lives and have encountered roadblocks and prejudice. They are keeping their heritage alive by attending pow wows and talking to groups.” Adams said if he had not found out the information about his family, his Indian heritage would have been lost. Norris said his heritage has played an important role in his life. “I’m Indian from my head to my toes, and it

has given me a great feel for my fellow man.”

The men addressed the many misconceptions expressed by many people about Indians. “Most think they worshipped many gods. Indians believed in one Creator. They had great respect for nature, and learned to use it as natural way of healing. Indians were called “Red Men;” actually their skin is brown. This could have come from the Indians making themselves up with red clay before meeting their visitors. Indians did not start the practice of scalping. Before the French and Indian War, the French officers paid the Indians for killing British settlers and required the scalps as proof. These men are tired of people being uninformed about American Indians and decided to help bring the different cultures together.” Along with giving a brief history of their tribes, the men also showed crafts that they had made in the traditional manner. Some of the crafts included Indian headdresses, hawk feathers, and moccasins.

(Note from writer) All three men were members of the original PAIA. Gene reorganized the PAIA in 1995. Johnny was adopted by the PAIA in 1996 and was called by the Creator in 2008; John Sapier stayed a friend of our tribe and attended our pow wows.



Our Sister Crosses Over...



On August 31st, Joan Dream Catcher Norris Stephens crossed over to meet her Creator. Joan was the eldest sister of our First Chief. I can imagine the joy to meet the Almighty and be joined by her brother and younger sister!

Joan has been a member of the PAIA Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation SC since it’s reorganization in 1995. As you know that First Chief was very artistic and creative, Joan, of course, was also endowed with these gifts from the Creator. First Chief knowing this, taught her how to make dream catchers (as he taught many tribal members). From that moment she made copious dream catchers in all sizes, colors, shapes, materials. They were sold in our craft store; they were so popular, she had a difficult time keeping up with demand. Joan donated her creations to the tribe.

Joan attended our first pow wow in 2007. She came from Franklin, Virginia, to participate in our first gathering of tribal members, Natives, and non-Natives from all over the country. She wanted to see our tribal grounds, Warrior Creek, and bring more dream catchers!

Dream Catcher was not the first Native name that First Chief gave her. He first named her “Woman Who Stands Back.” First Chief named her that because she was the force behind her family. Well, Joan did not like that name! Besides inheriting the Norris/Warren creativity, she also inherited the stubbornness!! Although First Chief tried to explain the significance of the name, she said NO WAY! Subsequently, she was renamed Dream Catcher... a name she embraced.

OTHER TRIBAL NEWS (CONT.)



Teaching Clan- Victoria Yellow Rose Norris

With the present and continuing pandemic and the concern over our kids' safety, the Fall and Spring Chief Howard White Bull Kids' Days with the Cherokees have been cancelled. In the meantime, I am working on the new Social Studies Standards to include our history and culture. Chief Gill, Black Hawk, Raven, Deborah Moon Wolf, Billy Lightwalker, Kim Two Moons, and Carla Warm Bird have joined the Teaching Clan team to help with integrating our program with the new standards. We will be discussing options for teaching Cherokee History and Culture to the schools' children. I am committed in teaching school students about Native People because I don't believe they are getting the "complete" story. This is what propelled our First Chief to travel to schools all over this state, North Carolina, and Virginia along with Earl Many Skins Carter.

There are no plans at this time for a Strong Beaver Kids' Camp for our tribal children.

Education News- For tribal members looking to get their GED, there is funding for testing from the SC Indian Development Council.

Is a GED the same as high school diploma? The technical definition is General Educational Development though many say its Graduate Equivalency Degree. Basically, a GED is a series of tests used to show if you have a high school level education or not. ... Studies say 96% of employers accept a GED as being equal to a diploma. Go to ged.com for answers to questions on GED testing.

Also any tribal member who is interested in attending a community college, technical college or university, there is tuition and/or books assistance available for those who qualify: these grants are need-based. This funding is through S.C. Indian Development Council for those living in SC; members not living in SC are assisted through other state agencies specified through SCIDI. There is also the South Carolina Native American Indian Educational Resource Guide compiled by the S.C. Commission for Minority Affairs, which lists scholarship and grant opportunities for tuition assistance. Email gvnorris@outlook.com; you will be emailed the PDF file.

There is funding through SC Works (WIOA Program). Go to the web site SCworks.org and find a location near you; call the number and find out when they are having an orientation meeting.

FIREKEEPER

Flames Of Thoughts From The Fire



Hello. I pray all of you are well and happy. I'd like to speak about being a member of a tribe. There are many benefits of being in a Tribe but there are MORE benefits if you participate in the activities your tribe has. Yes, you can learn much about the history and lifestyle of your people; however, I want to talk about a MORE personal connection with the other members of the tribe. My life has been blessed more meeting some of our members I would NOT have met if it wasn't for being in and participating in our tribal activities. Patsy and Gene Durham come to mind. I mean NO disrespect when I say older or elder because these are facts. You will not meet a sweeter couple in your life. Smart, knowledgably, kind and very funny. Respect just comes from them to everyone they meet. They participate in our Tribal functions and are a blessing to our tribe and the world. Mr. Gene Spooone and his sister Ms. Naomi. Two more people I have the utmost respect for. They both work hard for us keeping the grounds cut and looking great. Both have a good, kind spirit about them. If you want to hear funny stories Mr. Spooone can tell them. I respect these two as they show respect to everyone. What great people. Harold Norwood more funny stories and a SKILLED tradesman. Harold can show you how construction should be done while telling you funny stories of things going wrong on his job sites. Funny man and here to shows respect to all. Victoria Norris is a wonderful person whom I think has more knowledge about the Cherokee and OUR tribe than most. I respect her very much. She is a gift to this tribe and we are very lucky to have her. I am telling you about these people and there are MANY more; however, you won't meet them unless you participate in YOUR tribe's events. They don't take their acts on the road. We are blessed to have them in OUR TRIBE! If you have not noticed there is a underlying message here. FUN and RESPECT. We do work hard but we have fun doing it. We can teach you how to prune a grapevine or sharpen an ax. So much worldly knowledge here. There is much to learn here. Life is a lessen. You can learn some of it here in a loving respectable place.

Learn, Teach and Take care of each other.



RSWS—Mark Two Blades Williams

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I pray everyone is well. With it being a new year, we should be happy to see it. Happiness is a choice to be made every day. You must look for the good in all things. The RSWS has been working on many projects to ensure that our grounds and buildings look good and represent our tribe in the best way. The warriors take pride in all we do for our tribe and want everyone to understand this. We take off from work sometimes to make certain things are ready for whatever occasion is coming up at the grounds. We have started rebuilding the "Winter Home" but the rain is working against us. We have finished the "**Memorial Garden**" area and will be working with the Tribal Council on how best to move forward with this. I have moved but I'm still trying to work and do my share at the grounds while setting up a new living location. There are MANY things to be done at the grounds and we need help from MORE members of OUR TRIBE. Everyone has his or her reasons for not being there and I understand this. However, find the reasons why you SHOULD be there helping this year. You wanted to be part of a GREAT tribe and you are if you are a member. Remember WHY you wanted to join. Tribal DUES were due in December so send in your part, please. This is used to run the day-to-day operations of our tribe. Lights, insurance, and office supplies are just a few of the things your contributions help with. We have about 5 acres now (I think) and most of it is grass. It needs to be cut BEFORE any occasion on our grounds comes up. Kids Days, Elders Gathering etc. need to be on nicely cut grounds with good looking buildings. We ALL take pride in everything the Creator has given us. The grounds are NO exception. Take PRIDE in your TRIBE! Do your part to help with everything that we do. We ALWAYS have a great time up there. Being together, laughing, crying, talking, and sharing our love for each other. I can tell you now there is NOT a finer group of men ANYWHERE than the ones I have met being an ACTIVE member of the tribe. So, choose HAPPY, be HAPPY, and come join us at YOUR Tribal Grounds. War Chief



Many hours of hard work goes into the maintenance of our tribal grounds. Photos to the right **RSWS** and **Fire Keeper Mark Two Blades** works on The Winter House and to the left **V. Chief Yellow Hawk** manages to get another log into place.



Craft Store - Beckie Sharp

Welcome to 2021...yay. I hope everyone is well and happy. As you all know there were no craft sales in 2020 with the exception of a few dollars at the Red Shirt yard sale. However, I want to thank those of you who have continued to make and send Crafts. We will be ready and willing to pick up where we left off before everything was brought to a sudden halt. We pray 2021 will be better. I have no plans right now for any Craft Days. Please continue your good work on making crafts if you can and if you need to be reimbursed for any purchases involving materials, please send your receipts to our Treasurer Tommy Sanders. Put your name and date on the receipt. Hope to see you all soon. Thank you **Morning Sun**



Women of the Spirit - Melanie Creeping Fox

The Women of the Spirit are still following the COVID-19 guidelines along with the tribe. So many of our women have underlying medical conditions as do members of their families. I pray that everyone is doing well and staying safe. Please let me know if anyone is having a health problem or dealing with COVID-19. We are here to help each other. If anyone is interested in participating in a virtual/zoom meeting, please let me know. I have faith in the Creator and I am praying that this pandemic will not last much longer .

Please keep my **Mother, Chief Worthy**, and my family in your prayers as my brother, **Johnny "Thunder Bear" Ducker** crossed over on January 15th after a long five month battle with cancer.



The Elders Council—Patsy Durham Will be having our yearly Gathering at the tribal grounds on June 5th. Rain date, June 26. This will be a covered dish meal. **Jim Howell** is asking the tribe to keep him in their thoughts and prayers as he is recovering from an injury. I hope you are all doing well. You can contact me at pdgreema@yahoo.com



Pow Wow—Scott Gephart Nothing to report on the Pow Wow committee due to Covid Quarantine

Chicoras Host Local Tribes



V. Chief Dexter Yellowhawk and Fire Keeper Mark Two Blades play the drum for the Chicora tribe in October 2018 as Chicoran Shakori held their first Inter-Tribal gathering in several years. Other distinguished guests were Chief Buster Hatcher of the Waccamaw Indian People and Chief Vernon Thompkins.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jen Ridgill, owner of **Medicine Shell Photography** and daughter of *Mark Two Blades*, was awarded the **Indigenous Business Leaders Award** On November 18, 2020.



Jen commented that she was so honored to be chosen this year. Check out her website at <https://medicineshellphotography.com/>



JOB WELL DONE



Congratulations to **Kimberly Lance** for earning her Boy Scouts of America, Wood Badge after almost 8 months of waiting. On her Facebook page she wrote, "It was great to have the beads awarded and it came with the support of many." She said that her award looks great on the bookshelf beside Wendall's 20 year award from Michelin.

The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

Kimberly is one of our active Young Cherokee tribal members and we look forward to her sharing some of her leadership skills in the days, weeks months ahead. Kimberly is an important part of the tribal craft shop and is known by her fancy shawl dance at Pow Wow's and other tribal functions



PAIA Event Dates 2021

Tribal Council 1/30, 2/30, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 8/21, 10/16,
 RSWS/WOS 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14,
 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11
 Kids Camp TBA

Elders Gathering 6/5 if rain then 6/26
 Pow Wow TBA
 Kids Days Fall TBA
 Christmas Gathering TBA

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST TRIBAL MEMBER

Tammy "Silver Feather" Cashdollar

Welcome to the tribal family Tammy.

PRAYERS

Chief Worthy who lost her son and tribal member, John Ducker after a long illness. 01/21/2021

Gene Spooone, health issues

Jim Howell recovering from a fall

Terry Hawkins health issues

Joan Dream Catcher Norris Stephens Passed 8/31/2020

Pray for our Tribe as we continue to minister to our members and community.



COVID-19

Finding Credible Covid Vaccine Information

Before considering Covid vaccine information on the Internet, check that the information comes from a credible source and is **updated on a regular basis**.

CDC's vaccines and immunization web content is researched, written and approved by subject matter experts, including physicians, researchers, epidemiologists, and analysts. Content is based on peer-reviewed science. CDC leadership makes the final decision on the words, images and links to best serve the information needs of the public as well as healthcare providers, public health professionals, partners, educators, and researchers. Science and public health data are frequently updated. Most pages are reviewed yearly.

If you have an event you want published in the newsletter, send it to us at (PAIA Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation, SC PO Box 3988, Irmo, SC 29063) or email it to sandert@sc.rr.com. Let us know what's happening in your world so that we can share the news with other tribal members. Remember this newsletter is YOUR news!

CHEROKEE WORDS

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 by: Black Hawk
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Mom

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Dad

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 ay doh dah
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Grandma

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 ay doo dah
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I love you!

Gvgeyui
 Guh gay yoo e
 EFGT

"Dedadagohvi"

Vowels and Pronunciation

a = ah e = ay i = ee
 o = oh u = oo v = uh

Covid vaccine websites for other states, locations and times are found at the following links. If you are reading this with hard copy you may want to have a family member to help you finding the times and places to go get your vaccine.

SC DHEC <https://scdhec.gov/covid19>

Ga. DPH Covid <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine>

NC. DPH Covid <https://myspot.nc.gov/map-view>

TN. <https://covid19.tn.gov>

AL. <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/index.html>



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**DHEC Launches New COVID-19
Vaccine Information Line,
Increases Call Center Staff to
Nearly 300 as Vaccine Demand
Increases**

COLUMBIA, S.C. — In response to overwhelming call volume to the Care Line, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has added a new phone information line to answer questions about COVID-19 vaccines and to help support people searching for vaccine provider information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line: [1-866-365-8110](tel:1-866-365-8110)

The new vaccine information line launches today with 240 phone operators and is available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. People who have questions about the COVID-19 vaccines or who need help finding vaccine providers and their contact information are asked to call the DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line.

“Many in South Carolina don’t have access to the internet, so offering a dedicated vaccine phone line to help them locate contact information for vaccine providers is essential,” said **Nick Davidson, DHEC Deputy of Public Health**. “This new line helps DHEC offer better customer service that keeps pace with people’s demand for vaccine and vaccine information.”

Care Line: [1-855-472-3432](tel:1-855-472-3432)

DHEC’s Care Line has also increased the number of its operators from 30 to 48 and is actively training additional staff. The Care Line maintains the same hours of operations at the vaccine information line, easily remembered as 7-7-7: available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.]

The Care Line assists people with general questions about COVID-19, testing, or who need to schedule an appointment at a DHEC health department for SC STRONG appointments, family planning, WIC services, HIV/STD screening, and other health department services.

“By offering two well-staffed information lines, we’re reducing wait times and improving people’s experience by quickly getting the help they need,” **Davidson** said. “In the next several weeks, we’ll be adding an additional 200 operators to the vaccine information line. We are encouraged by the number of people who want to be vaccinated in South Carolina. Until our vaccine supply equals our demand, we ask for everyone’s continued patience. Everyone will have a chance to get the vaccine.”

Safe and effective vaccines and following public health guidance are how to win the fight against COVID-19. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, go to scdhec.gov/vaxfacts. For the latest information about COVID-19, go to scdhec.gov/COVID19.

When I was a youngster I remember hearing one of my preachers tell this story. I also read it a few days ago in The Onefeather as Editor Robert Jumper told it. With the Covid vaccine it makes very good sense as you are making the decision as to whether or not to take the vaccine. Sometimes God does not hit us with strong and conscious words. He provides for us when we ask for his help. The story went like this. A man was in his home when it was announced that a terrible storm was going to cause a flood that would engulf his home and authorities said that it was time to evacuate. The winds began to howl, and the rain began to pour. The rescue squad came to his home in a truck and told the man they were there to evacuate him and take him to safety. The man told them that he was trusting in God to save him and that he didn't need to go with them. The truck left and the waters continued to rise. It flooded the first floor, so the man moved up to the second. Then, a rescue boat came to the

man's house and told him that they were there to take him to safety. The man once again refused to accept the help, saying that he was trusting in God for his safety. The rescue boat left, and the water kept rising. Eventually, the man had to stand on the roof of his house to evade the water. A rescue helicopter hovered over his house, telling the man that they were there to take him to safety. The man refused, again saying that he would wait on God to save him. As the helicopter flew away, the man was submerged in the water and drowned. When he got to heaven, he went sadly to God and said, "I am disappointed in you God. I trusted in you to save me from the flood and you didn't save me." God replied, "I sent you a truck, boat, and helicopter, and you refused all of my attempts to save you."

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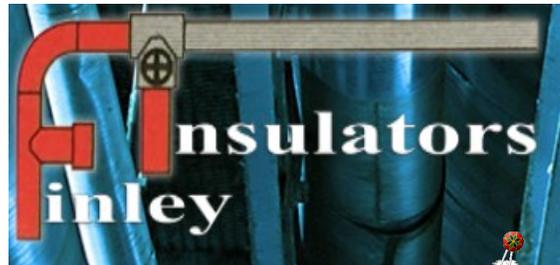
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