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Gordon Ramsay
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By **JONAH LOSSIAH**
One Feather Staff

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with Caesars Entertainment across the U.S. with properties in Las Vegas, Kansas City, Baltimore, and Atlantic City.

"After I visited the area and fell in love with it, I knew there had to be an opportunity with our partners," said Chef Ramsay.

The Food Market will consist of seven different dining options that will serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Dine-in service will be paired with 'market-style options' to offer a varied culinary experience. The dining set-up will include Truffles Pub, Street Burger, Street Pizza, GR Sushi, Fish & Chips, Catch Café & Raw Bar, and GR Bake & Brew.

"Chef Gordon Ramsay brings with him an internationally renowned reputation, world-class talent and unparalleled energy," said Brooks Robinson, regional senior vice president & general manager of Harrah's Cherokee Casinos. "We're incredibly excited to partner with the Ramsay team to bring this concept to life and continue to provide inspired food and beverage offerings to our guests."

This is not Ramsay's first experience in western North Carolina. He came to Cherokee and the neighboring area in 2020 for filming with his National Geo-

graphic show "Uncharted".

"I really fell in love with the area when I came here to shoot 'Uncharted'. I could tell almost immediately that everyone here has such a passion for their craft and the local ingredients. When I spent time with Malia Crowe of the Cherokee tribe and made Hominy with her, I really felt the soul of the region and I couldn't be more excited to open here," said Ramsay.

Malia Crowe, a teacher at Cherokee Centrals Schools, spent her time showing Ramsay traditional Cherokee cooking and some of the language where she could.

"Being up in the mountains with no phone reception in the most beautiful forest in Autumn was really magical and was one of my fondest memories on the show. Grinding the corn and learning how to say, 'help me' (sgisdela) in Cherokee will be something I'll never forget," said Ramsay.

He said on his visit to the mountains that his major takeaways were how well Crowe utilized her ingredients, as well as the history that went into how she cooked.

"I was impressed with hominy and the technique that goes into making it. Not only did Malia teach me this incredible dish, but I got to understand how

important local ingredients are and how vital the land is to Cherokee culture.”

Local is something that Ramsay wants to blend into his unique dining concept. As well as using his classic recipes, he said his team is focused on finding the best regional sources to fuel the restaurants. He also said it was difficult for him to choose his favorite ingredients he picked up on his trip to Appalachia.

“There’s so many. I love the amazing mushrooms that I found with Alan Muskat as well as the pork from The Chop Shop Butchery. Also learning about and making livermush with Matt Helms was a treat ... but I don’t think it’ll be making it on any of our menus in the area,” said Ramsay.

He said that he wants to offer consistency as well as variety to keep customers happy.

“We’ve got some incredible core items at each station that have proven to be crowd favorites, like the HK Burger and classic Fish & Chips. In addition to the mainstays, we’ll lean heavily into the local produce and proteins and have some fun with the menu to celebrate seasons and marquee

holidays,” said Ramsay.

Initial estimates say the Food Market will bring more than 150 jobs to the area. When it comes to those in the kitchen, Ramsay said that he won’t settle on quality.

“The beauty of our partnership with Caesars is they attract some of the best culinary talent around – my team has been working with their team for over a year,

exposing them to the brand, my standards, and developing all the menu items hand in hand. We learned a long time ago you have to grow your own chefs, and you’ve got some great talent in Cherokee.”

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, Gordon Ramsay Food Market will hold a hiring event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Conven-

tion Center at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort. Positions include servers, bartenders, cashiers, and culinary positions.

The Gordon Ramsay Food Market at Harrah’s Cherokee has a planned opening in ‘early 2022’, but an exact date is to be determined. Chef Ramsay also said that he hopes to make it back to the region soon.



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Council passes legislation to limit smoking at Casinos

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Patrons and employees at either of the casino properties owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will no longer be subject to smoking on a large scale. Tribal Council passed Ord. No. 3 (2021) during its regular session on Thursday, Dec. 9 which limits where people can smoke at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort and Harrah's Cherokee Valley River in Murphy.

Following passage, Lavita Hill, author of the legislation, told Council, "I'm so grateful right now. This is amazing. This is huge for the EBCI. This is huge for us, as leaders in Indian Country, and I

want to just thank you all."

Voting on the legislation was as follows: For – Tribal Council Chairman Richard French, Vice Chairman Albert Rose, Wofltown Rep. Bo Crowe, Wofltown Rep. Bill Taylor, Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy; Against – Painttown Rep. Tommy Saunooke, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe, and Yellowhill Rep. TW Saunooke.

"We made a lot of money without cigarettes, pipes, and cigars being lit up in our casino, and I've been told by a lot of the employees up there that they are really grate-

ful for that," Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy said referencing the fact that the casinos have been smoke-free since the COVID-19 pandemic started. "Second-hand smoke is almost as deadly as smoking."

She added, "We've been doing it here with the Tribe (government) for a long, long time, and it's working. It's a national thing that people are paying attention to. You can't smoke in restaurants anymore, airplanes, none of that." Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed agreed wholeheartedly with Rep. McCoy and noted. "I personally like going to the casino now. There's no smoke and that's great."

The legislation was slightly amended prior to passage.

The submitted legislation included the following amendment to Cherokee Code Sec. 130-3503: "Smoking may be permitted inside an enclosed area located on the grounds of Tribal casino gaming Enterprises and which is specifically designated as a 'smoking area'. A designated 'smoking area' must be sufficiently removed from Tribal casino gaming operations so that smoke does not migrate into an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited pursuant to this Part."

Chief Sneed offered an amendment, which was accepted, to add the word "non-smoking" to the first line so it would now read, "Smoking may be permitted

inside an enclosed area located on the grounds of Tribal casino non-smoking gaming Enterprises and which is specifically designated as a 'smoking area'."

He explained the reasoning for the amendment, "That would give the property the ability to create an enclosed smoking room that has machines in it. So, it's a smoking area. The way the language is written now essentially you couldn't smoke around any casino operations."

Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha asked if customer surveys have been done on the subject.

Brooks Robinson, senior vice president and general manager of Harrah's Cherokee, answered, "We haven't done a specific customer survey on this, but we do learn through different surveys and reports called Bird's Eye Reviews across all social media platforms, and that has been a point that we continue to get called out on – not having the ability to smoke and game at the same time."

The legislation states that over 1,000 casinos in the United States, including many tribally-owned facilities, are smoke-free. The Navajo Nation is the latest to issue a smoking ban in public buildings as Navajo Tribal President Jonathan Nez signed legislation to that effect in early November.

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Confirmation Hearing for EBCI Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission pursuant to Cherokee Code Section 117-44.2 and 117-44.3

EBCI Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission Hearing

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022 at 9 a.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.

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The final date for public comment will be Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022.



Fun Facts from the Editor:

* The Western lowland gorilla's scientific name is *Gorilla gorilla gorilla*.

* The average American eats about 200 sandwiches per year.

* The rumbling sound caused by the movement of gas in your stomach and intestines is called borborygmus.

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1/5 – Aarika Shell
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Retail alcohol sales start on Qualla Boundary

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
One Feather Staff

Following passage of a referendum in September approving the practice, a local business is the first to start the retail sale of beer and wine on the Qualla Boundary. Ric's Smokeshop I, located on Casino Trail, started several weeks ago.

"It's going slowly, but I think it's due to the 30 percent that we're paying to the Tribe for it to come in," said Carrie Davis, manager of both locations for Ric's Smokeshop. "So, our prices are a little bit higher than Catamount."

She further noted, "We currently have a 30 percent commission to the ABC board for all alcohol sales. And, that includes whatever we put on there to make a profit for ourselves. Yes. It's really steep. We've been working through it. It's budget here, budget there...I'm constantly watching the bank account. But we're working through it. You can't always bring people the price that they want, but I'm going to bring what they want because that's our job - to make our consumers happy. If we don't do that, then we're doing something wrong."

Cherokee Code Section 18B.111(d) outlines where the fees are used by the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC). "The fees generated by the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for the issuance of retail permits may be retained by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to offset costs of operating the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission."

She added, "We have domestic beer. We have some craft



Beer is shown in coolers at Ric's Smokeshop 1 which is the first retail outlet on the Qualla Boundary to sell beer and wine. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

beer. We just brought wine in. We've got anywhere from Busch, Budweiser, Miller, Native Brews, Sierra Nevada, etc."

Davis said it is going well, but there have been some challenges. "Just getting in touch with some of the companies because right now where not everybody has enough workers, they're behind on things. So, just getting in touch with them was a little bit hard. Finding extra coolers to bring in here to fulfill what we want to bring. And just hour-wise - how long are we going to keep it open? How many of our employees can work for us to keep it open. Because we don't completely have enough staff to cover until two o'clock in the morning."

Davis is very grateful for their customers. "Mainly right now I think it's locals. They really wanted it in here and they've been really supportive. We've been telling them, 'Work with us, we're

trying to get that percent down so it will be more affordable'. And, even if they're just buying a single from us, it's because they support us. They support that it's here and we can finally bring revenue to the reservation instead of giving it to Jackson and Swain Counties."

Following the September referendum which approved alcohol sales for retail establishments, restaurants, hotels, etc., Ric's Smokeshop is the only one to garner a license yet.

Davis commented, "I think that's because that percentage is high - 30 percent is high. This is just a Mom and Pop store, so sometimes you take a chance and that'll put you out of business trying to pay that. Food Lion coming in as a corporation could easily sell it just like that because they can pay that, they can afford it. But, a lot of people around here can't."

She went on to say, "It takes a

lot to be able to get that [alcohol] into your store. We had to do the background checks, the license fee, all that - and that takes a lot to buy extra stuff if you don't have it. A lot of people can't afford it right now and I think, too, that they're waiting on the 30 percent to see if it drops. If it drops, I'm pretty sure there will be more people because it will be more affordable for them."

A brief history of alcohol among the EBCI

In July 2008, the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise (TCGE) submitted a resolution to Tribal Council calling for a tribal-wide referendum vote on whether or not to allow the casino "to permit the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wines, and mixed drinks, within the premises of the Casino and Hotel". That resolution passed on Aug. 7, 2008, and 20 days later,

then-Principal Chief Michell Hicks vetoed the legislation. Tribal Council heard the veto during a special session on Sept. 26, 2008 and failed to override the veto by a vote of 51 to 49 percent.

A Citizen's Committee then got to work garnering petition signatures to hold the referendum, and on Feb. 5, 2009, the Tribal Board of Elections presented the petitions to Tribal Council with a total of 1,562 certified signatures which was 28 more than the 1,534 required.

The next month, on March 5, 2009, Tribal Council approved a resolution confirming the petition and scheduled the referendum for June 4, 2009.

Just prior to the vote, Chief Hicks stated, "I would like to reiterate my promise to the Cherokee people that I will support whatever decision our Cherokee voters make at the polls."

And, he did.

The next week, the voting populace of the Tribe hit the polls and approved the referendum by a vote of 1,847 to 1,301. Snowbird was the only community that didn't vote to approve the measure (109 for, 115 against).

Following that vote, Norma Moss, then-Chairperson of the TCGE Board, commented, "By allowing the sale of alcohol in the casino's restaurants and on the gaming floor, members of the Tribe voted to allow Harrah's Cherokee to operate on a level playing field with other casinos across the nation."

Several months after the referendum vote, the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) was created with the passage of Ord. No. 903 on Aug. 19, 2009 with the authority to administer Tribal ABC laws, issue ABC permits, and act as the distributor



A wine display is shown at Ric's Smokeshop.

of all alcohol on tribal trust lands.

Alcohol sales began at Harrah's Cherokee Casino later that fall.

Several years later, the State of North Carolina added 18B-112 (Tribal alcoholic beverage control) to the state's general statutes which states, "...the tribal alcoholic beverage control commission shall possess the same powers and authority conveyed upon the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission..." The Tribe adopted the same rules into Cherokee Code in Ord. No. 768 (2011) which was passed on July 14, 2011.

The alcohol issue arose again in 2012. Four questions were put to EBCI tribal voters in a referendum held April 12, 2012. Only one of the four measures was approved. The four questions put forth that day included:

Question 1: "To permit a Tribal ABC Store to sell NC authorized alcohol products to the public" (For: 1,005; Against: 1,499)

Question 2: "To permit the on-premises sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, and mixed beverages only in restaurants licensed by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians" (For: 995; Against: 1,498)

Question 3: "To permit the off-premises sale of malt beverages and unfortified wine only in grocery stores licensed by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians" (For: 851; Against: 1,640)

Question 4: "Should each township on the Qualla Boundary have the local option to call for a specially-held referendum in that township to vote out alcohol sales and distribution for their township?" (For: 1,259; Against: 1,220)

A week prior to the referendum being held, a group of over 40 EBCI tribal members entered the Tribal Council Chambers to hand deliver a letter to Chief Hicks asking for a special session of Tribal Council to discuss several legal issues they saw with the scheduled

referendum.

Amy Walker, an EBCI tribal elder, told the One Feather that day, "We want to be heard on the laws that we feel that they are breaking."

She and others referenced Cherokee Code Sec. 161-9 which states, "An issue that has been brought up before the eligible voters and voted upon by referendum/initiative may not be voted upon again until a period of five years have passed."

Bob Blankenship, former TABCC chairperson, stated at the time, "I disagree with the protester's point of view. We have never voted for a Tribal ABC Store. We have never voted for on-premises sales in restaurants outside the casino, and we have never voted for off-premise sales in grocery stores. The issue is not just the subject of alcohol sales, but what type of sales and where."

Peggy Hill, an EBCI tribal elder from the Yellowhill Community, filed a Complaint and Request for Injunctive Relief in Cherokee Tribal Court alleging a violation of Sec. 161-9. The injunction was denied, the request for a Special Council Session was denied, and the referendum vote went forward.

Following the vote, in which only one of the four measures passed, Chief Hicks noted, "Obviously, we're all glad it's over with. There was a lot of anticipation and a lot of opinions on the issue. But, what I am most thankful for is that we have a formal process now."

Debbie Sexton, a member of the Cherokee Church of Christ, told the One Feather, "There are good arguments for both sides of the issue of how alcohol could help boost the economy, but what I do feel good about is that the people

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have stood up to voice their stand that they need to stay true to their elder's beliefs that alcohol will ultimately only cause unhappiness."

Five years after that historic vote, Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor introduced legislation, in Annual Council on Oct. 26, 2017, calling for a referendum vote on sales outside the property of the casino. "I think that our people here are intelligent enough to make decisions on this issue, and we've not been able to vote and our voice has been cut off. So, I think give our people an opportunity to say whether we want alcohol or not in other areas other than the casino like it was voted on."

Much of the discussion on

this legislation has centered on the Blue Ridge law which allows alcohol sales in restaurants located within 1.5 miles of an entrance or exit ramp of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Several businesses in Cherokee, located within that distance, were issued permits in the spring of 2017 based on that provision.

A special night work session was held at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Nov. 6, 2017 to discuss Rep. Taylor's legislation.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed told the crowd, "It's a very emotional issue for a lot of people. There's been a lot of damage that people have sustained in their lives. At the end of the day, the referendum gives the vote to the people. I'm in full support of a referendum vote."

Peggy Hill, a constant voice on this issue, spoke that evening and

said the Tribe should follow the example of Yonaguska (Drowning Bear). "One hundred and eighty-eight (188) years later, alcohol among the Eastern Band is still, for the most part, still unacceptable."

A referendum was held on May 31, 2018 asking the following question: "To allow ABC permits to be issued to allow retail sales of alcoholic beverages on tribal trust land at a tribal-owned package store/ABC store".

Not enough EBCI voters turned out for the referendum vote to be valid per Cherokee Code Section 161-9(c)(4) which requires a 30 percent turn-out. Just over 25 percent (25.6 percent to be exact) voted with 821 voting for and 912 voting against.

Flash forward three years and another alcohol referendum was

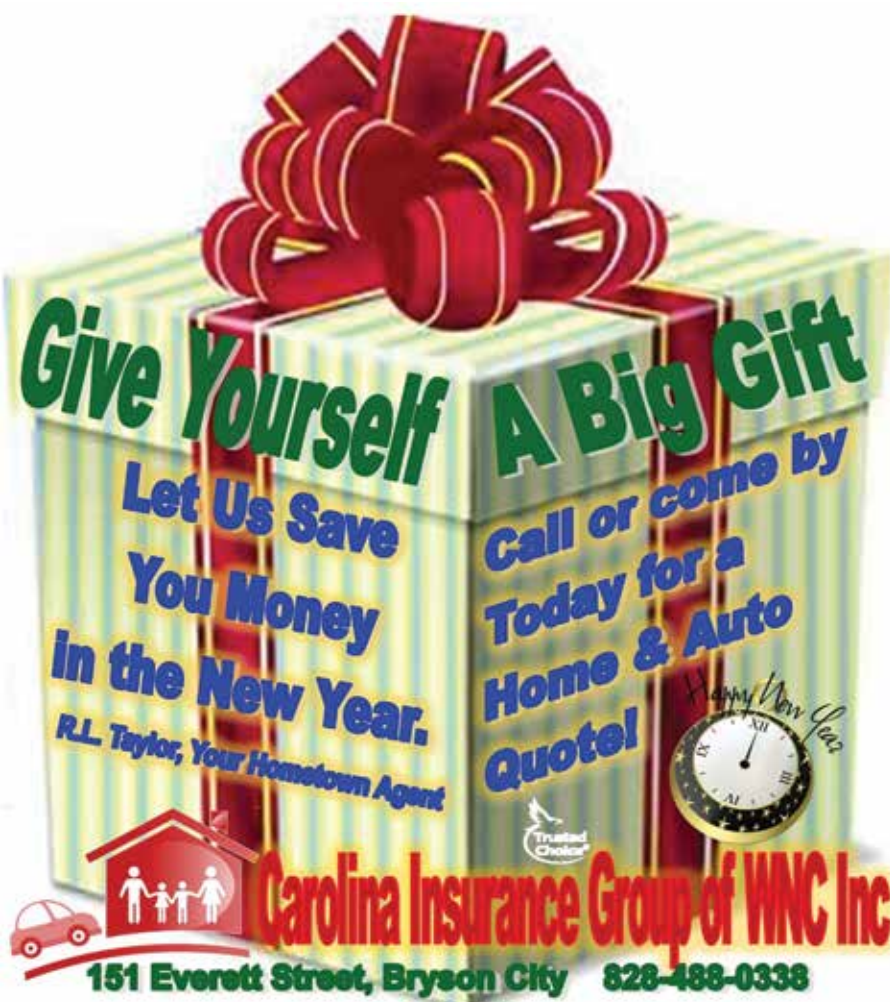
held – this time with the following three questions:

Question #1: Do you support expanding the sales of malt beverages (beer) at retail establishments within the Qualla Boundary? Yes (1,657) No (1,219)

Question #2: Do you support allowing the Tribal ABC Commission to operate an ABC Package Store to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on tribal lands? Yes (1,708) No (1,170)

Question #3: Do you support expanding the sale of malt beverages and wines at restaurants, hotels, and other qualified establishments within the Qualla Boundary? Yes (1,804) No (1,072)

All three referendum items passed, and the TABCC issued its first retail sales permit to Ric's Smokeshop which started service in late November.



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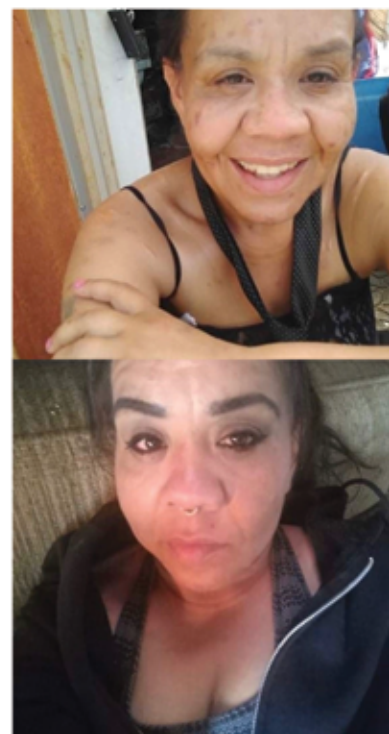
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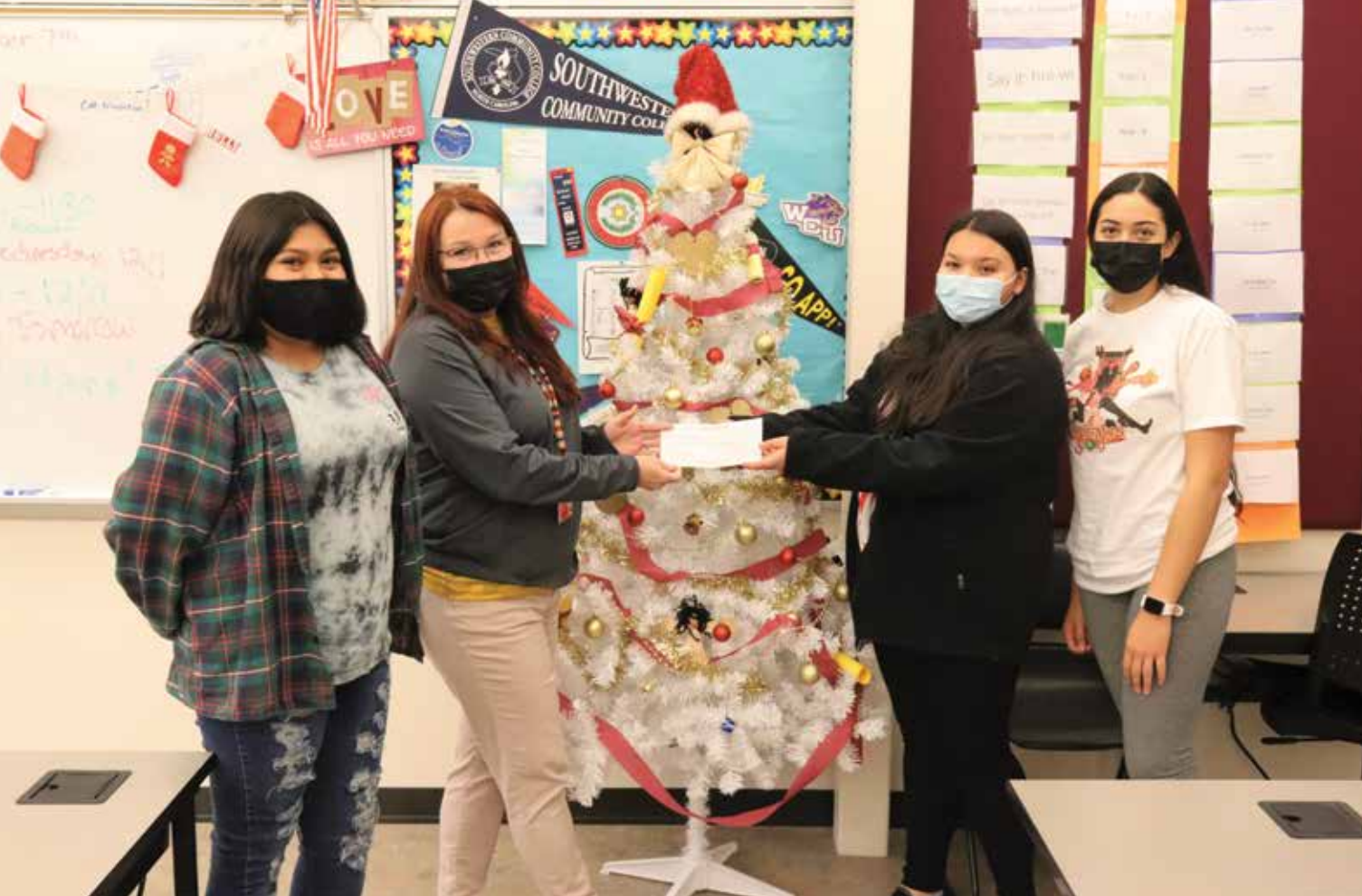
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She has a septum piercing which is the bull nose ring.

Brittaney has not been seen nor heard from since Sept. 5, 2021 at 12:39 p.m. There has been no activity on any of her social media as well since that time. Her last known place was in Fresno, Calif.

If you have any information or know of her current whereabouts, please contact Summer at (330) 432-0934 or the Fresno Police Dept. at (559) 621-7000.

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Cherokee High School (CHS) students present a check of \$1,481 to CHS Principal Dr. Debora Foerst on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 10. The students, from left to right, are Jamice Mora, Caedance Smith, and Idalis Crowe. These students started an initiative to install blue lights in high drug traffic areas of downtown to help prevent drug use. Their class led an effort that raised money via selling meals and hosting a raffle. The class also worked with Tribal Council to pass legislation to fund and install these blue lights in the community. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

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CCS Board partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters, changes meeting structure

By JONAH LOSSIAH

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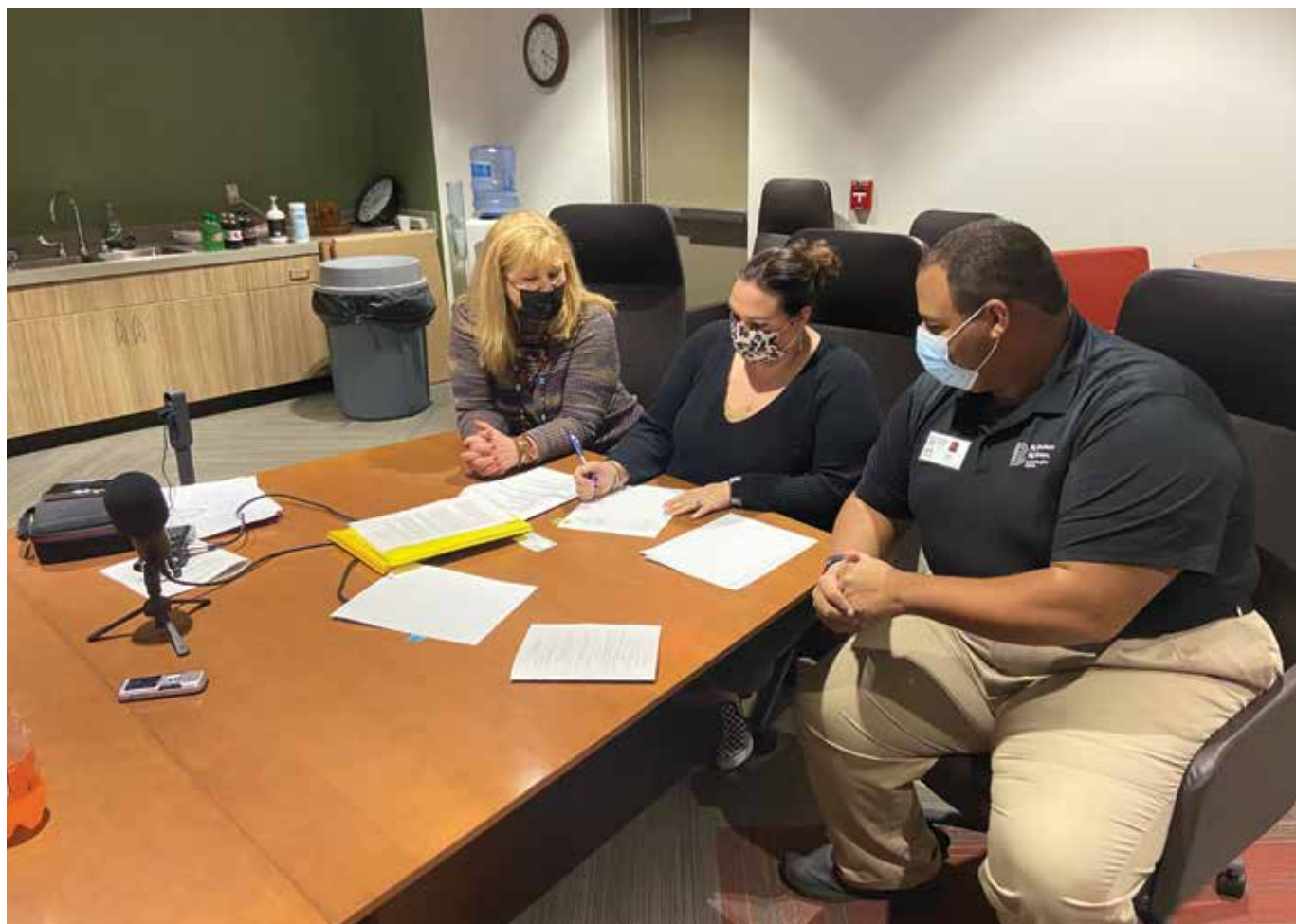
The first guests to the Monday, Dec. 6 meeting of the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education were representatives from Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Western North Carolina.

BBBS has been in communication with Superintendent Michael Murray and the principals of CCS to work on a partnership in the near future. BBBS establishes mentorship programs for communities and schools to offer more support for struggling children. They employ different methods, assigning adult and peer mentors to varying situations. They attach a mentor, or a 'Big', to a 'Little' for these programs. BBBS pride themselves in helping their 'Littles' to more successful lives and reducing dangerous behaviors such as violence and drug use.

The visiting team included Regional Executive Director Lelia Duncan, Recruitment and Development Specialist Dorian Palmer, Swain County Program Coordinator Shelby Hyatt, and Clay County Program Coordinator Chloe Jackson-Pierce.

Duncan said that they have been focused on expanding to further reaching counties in WNC over the last few years, and that they were extremely excited by the prospect of working on the Qualla Boundary. She said that representation and diversity is an important aspect of what BBBS tries to accomplish.

Several Board members had



Chairperson Jennifer Thompson, center, signs the MOA with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina on the evening of Monday, Dec. 6. BBBS Regional Executive Director Lelia Duncan (left) and Recruitment & Development Specialist Dorian Palmer (right) watch alongside. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

input and support for this partnership.

"Our students from the high school need to be mentoring our younger kids. When my son was younger, he went to the Youth Center. I was just mom ... he didn't want my assistance. But a football player on the football team that he had seen every Friday night that got his called across the big speaker, he responded to that differently," said Tara Reed-Cooper.

"This organization has been around for a while. As you can tell from the MOA, they have quite

a few good checks and balances involved. We want to see this as a long-term commitment where we both are growing," said Superintendent Murray.

The Board unanimously approved a partnership between BBBS of WNC and CCS, and Chairperson Thompson signed the agreement with Duncan and Palmer.

The next guest to the meeting was Polly Kelley from the EBCI Investment Committee to provide a quarterly update on the CCS account. She explained that the CCS

Reserve Fund has had to deal with some of the volatility of the market over the last few months. September saw the account lose 415,236 dollars. The account immediately bounced back with an increase of 401,036 dollars in October. As of the Oct. 31 report that Kelley provided, the CCS Reserve Fund sits at just over 16 million dollars.

Kelly also said that the Investment Committee and EBCI Finance wanted to work with CCS to spread awareness for the website dedicated to the Minors Trust Fund. The site launched this year

and provides access to the account as well as resources and education materials for kids and parents. Kelley wishes to hold an assembly at the school, and the Board mentioned other ways in which CCS could collaborate for this effort. Online access to the Minors Trust Fund for active members can be found through usicg.com. For any further questions, concerns, or other information you can contact Lavita Hill at 359-7085 or lavi-hill@ebci-nsn.gov.

The final significant piece of business that was handled in Monday's meeting was a debate surrounding attorney involvement in meetings moving forward. Superintendent Murray said that he had been in consistent communication with Campbell Shantley PLLC, the firm that the Board uses for their attorney services.

"I had someone else ask me why we use an outside lawyer. According to our contract with the BIE, we have to follow Tribal Federal law except for when there is none written. Then we follow the state in which we are in. According to the BIE, we have to follow the state guidelines except for the cultural aspect. So, for school attorneys, we have to follow what the School Board Association says as part of our contract to get Federal funding. If we renege on that part of the contract, we run the risk of losing our BIE funding. Which is about three-quarters of our budget," said Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Tribal Council Rep. Bo Crowe had concerns with some of the interactions the Board had leading up to this point.

"When he sat right there, everything the School Board tried to do he said you couldn't do it anyhow. After that day, I went home and wondered 'why even have a

School Board?' Because everything he was asked, 'no you can't do that'. And in my opinion, it's really not his job to tell you what you can and can't do," said Crowe. "If somebody calls you, you're not supposed to talk to them. You're supposed to send it elsewhere ... by the way when he left, it was more that School Board's just a policy board. All you do is come up with the policy that Dr. Murray runs by. And nothing else. I might've understood it different than what most people did, but that's what I got from it."

Kristina Hyatt was in favor of the attorney presence and said that she believed the role of a School Board member has been confused by many in Cherokee.

"As a new Board member, I really appreciated him being here to kind of guide us. Kind of teach us, walk us through the process. When Bo was describing that we were a policy board, from what I learned he described what I thought, how things are supposed to be ran ... I feel like some of us, and even a lot of those out in the community, really don't understand what the School Board is, what we do," said Hyatt.

After deliberating for close to an hour, the Board decided it would be best to have the attorney for all closed sessions moving forward.

The Board approved a new temporary structure to their meetings. They will still meet every first Monday of the month. However, instead of the second meeting being on the third Monday, it will now be held on the fourth Thursday. This is to accommodate the current schedule of their attorney. The move stated that all closed sessions would be shifted to this Thursday meeting and have the presence of the Board's attorney.

These attorney-attended meetings will not be exclusively closed, but any closed session will be held on these dates. This structure will run through the remaining school year and will be reassessed after June. This change will take effect at their next in-person meeting. Due to holiday scheduling, the next meeting is set for Thursday, Jan. 6. This will be a fully open session. The next with their attorney in attendance will be on Thursday, Jan. 27.

The consent agenda consisted of two resolutions and was passed by the Board. It put forth the following:

- Clarence Roberts approved as an assistant coach for the wrestling team.
- Sarah Pascal approved as a part-time custodian.

The Monday, Dec. 6 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Co-Vice Chairs Tara Reed-Cooper and Melanie Lambert; Secretary Kristina Hyatt; Board members Regina Ledford Rosario and Berdie Toineeta; Tribal Council Rep. Bo Crowe; HR Director Heather Driver; and Administrative Assistant Terri Bradley all in attendance. Assistant Superintendent Beverly Payne was an excused absentee from the meeting as she was tending to family.

The next in-person meeting of the School Board is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 6 at 4:45 p.m. If necessary, the Board will have an email poll to handle any business around Dec. 20. Meetings are being held in the conference room of the new administrative building on the CCS campus. These sessions are considered public meetings and are open to public attendance except for closed sessions.

Good Housekeeping

Baked Chocolate Pudding

This easy, yet impressive, dessert can be made in advance and heated when you're ready to serve it, making it the perfect choice when you're hosting a large group. The splash of framboise in the pudding adds an elegant touch.

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted and cooled, plus more for greasing
- 3/4 cup good-quality cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 extra-large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 vanilla bean, split, seeds scraped
- 1 tablespoon framboise liqueur (optional)
- Vanilla ice cream, for serving

1. Preheat oven to 325 F. Lightly butter 2-quart shallow oval baking dish.

2. Into medium bowl, sift together cocoa powder and flour. In large bowl, with mixer on medium-high speed, beat eggs and sugar 5 to 10 minutes or until very thick and light yellow.

3. Reduce speed to low; add vanilla seeds, framboise (if using) and cocoa mixture. Mix just until combined. Slowly pour in butter; mix just until combined.

4. Pour mixture into prepared dish set in larger baking pan. Add hot tap water to pan to come halfway up side of dish.

5. Bake exactly 1 hour. A toothpick inserted 2 inches from side will come out clean. Center will appear very underbaked. Cool completely.

6. Serve with ice cream. Serves 12. TIP: To make ahead, wrap; refrigerate up to 3 days. To serve, bring to room temperature.

• Each serving: About 335 calories, 18g total fat (11g saturated), 110mg cholesterol, 30mg sodium, 40g carbohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 4g protein.

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CIPD seizes over 900 lbs. of marijuana, guns in Cherokee Co. arrests

MURPHY - In the early morning hours of Thursday, Dec. 9, the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) responded to a domestic violence call at Harrah's Valley River Casino. Upon arrival, CIPD Patrol Officer Christopher Harris spoke with a male and female subject on foot near the casino and the casino hotel entrance.

After speaking with both parties, Officer Harris determined an assault occurred and Brandon Thomas Jones, a 27-year-old male from Ten Mile, Tenn. was charged with assault on a female, possession of methamphetamine and paraphernalia.

When the female's ride arrived, it was a U-Haul truck bearing a North Carolina (NC) issued

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) license plate. Officer Harris asked the driver about the license plate and after a brief conversation, the driver gave consent to search the vehicle.

Additional officers arrived on scene to assist with the search, where they located multiple loaded syringes, two firearms, and over 900 pounds of processed marijuana. Daniel Jerry Wiggins, a 28-year-old male from Ten Mile, Tenn., was charged with trafficking a controlled substance, and displaying a fictitious tag.

Cherokee Chief of Police Josh Taylor stated "Our Snowbird/Murphy Division has been applying intense pressure to local law breakers on a daily basis. They work under-staffed every day, yet come up big for us, producing great police work!"

He added, "CIPD's Narcotics great response time and teamwork is greatly appreciated as well as the assistance from the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office and the Murphy Police Department. Sergeant Jeremy Spencer is leading a great team and he is setting the example of great frontline leadership! One team one fight!"

Additional charges are pending. The above-named defendants have only been charged at this time and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

- CIPD release

CIPD Arrest Report for Nov. 28 – Dec. 5

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.

Bradley, Ryan David – age 38

Arrested: Nov. 30

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Simple Possession
Schedule IV Controlled Substance

Flippo, Robert – age 25

Arrested: Nov. 30

Released: Dec. 1

Charges: Called and Failed

Garcia, Jamie Luiz – age 21

Arrested: Nov. 30

Released: Dec. 1

COLD CASE



**The body of
Marie Walkingstick
Pheasant was found
in a burned vehicle
on Old Rock Crusher
Rd., in the
Big Cove Community,
on Dec. 29, 2013.**

The Cherokee Indian Police Dept. reported at the time that "foul play" was suspected. No arrests have been made in this case. A **\$15,000** reward is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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MISSING PERSON

Alicia Mendoza Female

Enrolled Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Age: 15 years

Height: 5' 4" Weight: 190 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: November 28, 2021

Location: Ardmore, Oklahoma



Circumstances of Disappearance: Alicia Mendoza was last seen at residence approximately 1 am. Last seen wearing black shorts sandals, and Ardmore Tigers pullover hoodie. Alicia Mendoza left her cell phone and a note at the residence that stated, "She was leaving now, not sure if she was staying in Ardmore or coming back to go with Aunt back to Texas."

If you have seen Alicia Mendoza, contact Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police (580) 436-1166. Case #2021-25950

Source: Namus.gov

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Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court; Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public; Second Degree Trespass; Aggravated Weapons Offense; Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons Under 21 years old; Providing or Possessing Contraband

Lespier, April Lee – age 39
Arrested: Nov. 30
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failed to Appear on Misdemeanor

Collins, Amanda Lynn – age 33
Arrested: Dec. 1
Released: Dec. 2
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Owle, Lloyd Edward – age 41
Arrested: Dec. 1
Released: Dec. 3
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Felony Larceny, Criminal Mischief to Property

Rose, James Victor – age 32
Arrested: Dec. 1
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Cortez, Miguel Angel – age 29
Arrested: Dec. 2
Released: Dec. 2
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Cucumber, Ariane Alene – age 40
Arrested: Dec. 2
Released: Dec. 2
Charges: Failure to Comply with

Pre-Trial Release

Ensley, Christian – age 23
Arrested: Dec. 2
Released: Dec. 2
Charges: DWI

Rattler, Cornelia Iona – age 23
Arrested: Dec. 2
Released: Dec. 2
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Obstructing Governmental Functions, Larceny

Sneed, Samuel Paul – age 29
Arrested: Dec. 2
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Johnson, Christopher Lee – age 25
Arrested: Dec. 3
Released: Dec. 3

Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Teesateskie, Summer – age 25
Arrested: Dec. 3
Released: Dec. 3
Charges: Failure to Appear

Ward, Tiffany Marie – age 32
Arrested: Dec. 3
Released: Dec. 3
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Powers, Shannon Brent – age 40
Arrested: Dec. 4
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Larceny, First Degree Trespass

Price, Paul Adam – age 51
Arrested: Dec. 4
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Williams, Savetta Rowena – age 32
Arrested: Dec. 4
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Obstructing Governmental Functions, Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts)

PUBLIC NOTICE ON EBCI CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD CONFIRMATIONS

A confirmation hearing for appointees to the EBCI Cannabis Control Board will be held, pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A.

The following hearing will take place on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers, Cherokee, N.C.

This hearing is open to the public. Tribal Council invites public testimony, **only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A**. Anonymous comments will be not be accepted.

Members of the General Public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman, in care of the Tribal Operations Program, **ATTN: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, N.C. 28719**.

Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date. The final date for public comment will be Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021.



Meeting Agenda for Dec. 16

9 a.m. – Call to order by Tribal Council Chairman Richard French Prayer followed by roll call
9 a.m. – **Dr. Michael Kayser**; introduction, questions, and public comments
9:30 a.m. – **Charles Juan Owle**; introduction, questions, and public comments
10 a.m. – **Robert Saunooke**; introduction, questions, and public comments
10:30 a.m. – **David Wijewickrama**; introduction, questions, and public comments
11 a.m. – **William Boyum**; introduction, questions, and public comments

**This is the last issue
of the year.
Pick us up again
with the first issue
in 2022 on
Wednesday,
Jan. 12.**

1,057 Children

Editor's Note: Vickie Bradley, Secretary of Public Health and Human Services spoke at a work session on Indian Child Welfare Act conducted by Tribal Council on October 26, 2021. The following is a transcription of her presentation.

I'm going to talk about why we have 1,057 children that have child abuse reports in the last year. It's a conversation that we avoid in this community. It's about child abuse, neglect, trauma, generational trauma, and parenting skills. If we look at the reports that were screened-in for investigation: drug exposed infants, involve neglect physical abuse, sexual abuse, involved dependency, domestic violence, substance abuse, all kinds of other matters and these are happening in homes across this Boundary.

They're happening, unfortunately, in grandparents' homes. They are happening in fathers' homes; mothers' homes; uncles' homes, aunts' homes, sisters', brothers'. They are our children. The conversation that we need to be having is had we stop perpetration on children in this community. That's the conversation that we must get to.

Our teams work hard. Do we have some issues with some of our employees at times? Yes, we address

those. We have those hard conversations, address behaviors, and expectations.

Out of 1,057 children, some of those are screened in, some are investigated, but of all the children that we place, and we average anywhere from 60 to 100 children in custody at any moment. Right now we have 14 off Boundary but if you drill down into those, those are places... they're off-Boundary because there are services we don't have. And your right. It's a huge umbrella as Hannah mentioned. We have this huge bell curve, and we have those isolated cases of people and children that we can't meet their needs currently because we don't have a pediatric facility. We don't have autism homes on the Boundary. There are number of things that we don't have.

We really don't have as a grassroots effort for people to say we're not going to tolerate this anymore. We're going to stop allowing our children in our homes to be perpetrated, to be sexually abused, to be neglected, to be allowed to be in places where things are happening in our homes that children should never witness and see. Until we can get to that level, we're going to see this and we're going to deal with it for generations.

I appreciate your words, council member Teresa (Big Cove Repre-

sentative McCoy). There are things that children witness...you said this earlier today...in homes they should never witness. Until we are willing to draw a hard line in our own families, until we can stop that generational trauma, we're going to continue to deal with this and there's no way you can find enough facilities to deal with this. There is no way.

We have a number of grants in PHHS. We have the CDC opioid strategy. We are in the 4th year. Our strategic plan is addressing stigma on mental health and seeking mental health. And you talk about first responders and the stories; the things that our team members at Family Safety, Heart to Heart, Domestic Violence (program) even Tribal Home Care Services must see, witness, and report nauseate you honestly and at the hands of family members that should be nurturing and caring.

I appreciate all the commentary and all the concerns about what we do and where we place children. I know that our team exhaust efforts to try to get children placed. We have done a lot (regarding compensation). We have one of the only cost-allocation plans in the country and so we reimbursed every month. I sign tons of purchase orders and some families get as much as almost \$800 a child to be in their home. We subsidized childcare to assist with that in the community and we do kinship placement. Not only do we do that, but we also provide goods and services for those children in foster care; to get clothing they need, to get beds, and equipment for their homes. We do more probably than any other social service agency in the state.

Is it enough? No. It's never enough. We can always do more. What we don't see is people participating and responding because

it's hard conversations to have about the secrets that happen in our community. Until we can stop this cycle of neglect, abuse, and sexual assault on our children, we're never going to have enough services. Our children are not going to grow up healthy, happy, and productive individuals because they have so much trauma in their lives that they can't function, or they function inappropriately. And they're angry. They're sad. They're depressed and they self-inflict harm.

We must get to that deeper conversation and the system can't do that. It's got to be grassroots to help that come from families. If you have thoughts or ideas on how we can help elevate that conversation in the community, we certainly would be open to hearing that as well. Our goal, our vision is seven generations of wellness in body, mind, and spirit. That is our goal for PHHS. That's what we want to do for the community. To get there, we've got to deal with this first generation. We've got to deal with what happens and what's allowed and its conversations that are very hard and very painful. When we start talking, we must have services to help remedy those feelings and know how to deal with those feelings. Right?

I suspect when I hear about bullying in schools that there's a reason a child come to school angry and wanting to hit and lash out to another child. It may be because it's a safe place and it's the only place that they can get out their resentment and anger. I don't know. I'm not a psychiatrist, but we see enough cases and deal with enough cases and hear enough stories from our children that I know that as a health system, it's time that we get to the root of the problem and not just try to keep band-aiding the problem.

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BASKETBALL

Cherokee sweeps Pisgah



Cherokee's Leilaya McMillan (#1) drives against Pisgah's Chloe Burch during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 7. With 41 points, including eight three-point field goals, McMillan led the Lady Braves to a 84-63 victory of the Lady Bears. SCORING: Cherokee – McMillan 41, Awee Walkingstick 4, Betty Lossiah 4, Lexi Davis 3, AJ Hill 3, Whitney Rogers 11, Creedon Arch 2, Praire Toineeta 2, Lexi Smith 1, Kyla Moore 5, and Kamia Wiggins 8; Pisgah – Emma Deaver 18, Cayce Lovelace 3, Burch 10, Alyssa Smith 5, Dot Mills 14, Lettie Jo Watson 3, Gracie Dorlan 5, and Kristi Shuford 5. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Cherokee's Tso Smith (#15) works against Pisgah's Jake Lowery during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 7. Smith, who lead the team with four three-point field goals, was one of three Braves players with 18 points as Cherokee defeated the Bears 83-61. SCORING: Cherokee – Cameron Sampson 5, Javian Martin 6, Jordan Arkansas 18, Don Bradley 18, Ray Bradley 4, Smith 18, Creighton Bradley 4, and Chunky Reed 10; Pisgah – Macon Haider 8, Logan Free 9, Lowery 4, Sawyer Belue 2, Caden Robinson 10, Payton Hill 12, James Lee 10, and Bailey Stockton 6.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee results from Murphy meet

The Cherokee High School Indoor Track & Field team traveled to Murphy High School for a meet on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Following are the results of CHS athletes:

Boys

Team results

- 1 - Swain County 82
- 2 - Cherokee 49.5
- 3 - Murphy 47.5
- 4 - Robbinsville 15

4x800m Relay (1st place) 9:28.00
55m Dash: Tyler Wolfe (4th place) 7.5; Kade Trantham (8th place) 7.6
55m Hurdles: Dacian Tafoya (2nd place) 12.6
500m Dash: Malakai Fourkiller-Raby (4th place) 1:28.00; Corbin Freeman (6th place) 2:22.20
1000m Run: Eli Bird (4th place) 3:42.10; Gideon Freeman (5th place) 3:58.60
1600m Run: Jaylan Bark (1st place) 5:08.80; Oz Swayney (3rd place) 5:17.20; Dacian Tafoya (4th

place) 5:32.70

3200m Run: Ayden Thompson (2nd place) 12:16.90
4x400m Relay: (1st place) 4:00.90
High Jump: Kade Trantham (2nd place) 5-02
Long Jump: Dalmon King (2nd place) 16-11.75; Gideon Freeman (5th place) 9-07.50
Triple Jump: Anthony Lossiah (2nd place) 36-06
Shot Put: Derek Reynolds (3rd place) 33-10; Davin Broome (4th place) 31-10.75

Girls

Team Results

- 1 - Swain County 62
- 2 – Robbinsville 37
- 3 – Murphy 37
- 4 – Cherokee 18

55m Dash: Naomi Taylor (6th place) 9.1
300m Dash: Naomi Taylor (4th place) 54.4
500m Dash: Letsi Burgos (2nd place) 1:42.50
1600m Run: Izzy Raby (1st place) 6:59.50
3200m Run: Jaylynn Esquivel (1st place) 14:04.80
Shot Put: Sateva Youngdeer (8th place) 19-09.50

Americanisms



“Christmas isn’t a season.
It’s a feeling.”
— *Edna Ferber*

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A strong literary voice

Annette Saunooke
Clapsaddle capitalizing
on momentum

By JONAH LOSSIAH
One Feather Staff

Fresh off winning the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary award, Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle looks to build on her success.

“Even As We Breathe: A Novel” was announced as the winner of this award by The Western North Carolina Historical Association on Dec. 3. The honor has been given annually since 1955, and now comes with a \$2,500 prize and a trophy.

“I was grateful because it’s a nomination process. So, it’s just really nice to know people are nominating the book, and it’s not the legwork that I have to do. Someone else would pick that up and champion it. That’s the most exciting part about it to me, that people took the time to champion the book for the award,” said Clapsaddle.

Clapsaddle had her book published on Sept. 8 of 2020 and has garnered a lot of attention in the region. “Even as We Breathe” was also recently selected by the North Carolina Humanities Council to be part of its ‘North Carolina Reads’ book club, which will get the novel in the hands of a broad audience across the state.

“The staying power for ‘Even As We Breathe’ has been very welcome. Especially because I did release during COVID. So, the ability for it to still hang around, to



“Even As We Breathe: A Novel”, written by Annette Clapsaddle, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was announced as the winner of the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary award by The Western North Carolina Historical Association on Dec. 3. The honor has been given annually since 1955, and now comes with a \$2,500 prize and a trophy. (Photo by Madison Hye Long)

still get invitations to speak places and see that it isn’t relevant to just Cherokee or Asheville or Western North Carolina but different places across the country. That kind of hints to me that it might be in the running for something like Thomas Wolfe or some other literary prizes.”

Clapsaddle said that the publication cycle has been exciting but also daunting. With this being her

first published novel, she’s had to find her footing in two worlds – initial release in a lockdown, and now exploring the country on a proper press run.

“It’s been more travel of course than before because everything was online with COVID before. Then, really trying to focus and find that time for the next book. Because while I try to enjoy every moment of this one, eventually I

have to get another one out. I have to be a little more greedy of my writing time, really starting now.”

On top of the chaos of releasing a popular novel, Clapsaddle’s occupation was hit by the pandemic as hard as anybody. She is a full-time English teacher at Swain High School. With school fully returning to in-person classes this semester, that was yet another thing to juggle.

“I was gone almost every weekend in November, and I purposefully didn’t schedule things in December. It got exhausting because again I have a full-time job and a family. But I don’t want to give up any opportunity that comes about.”

She said that she has had a lot of fun discussing the process with her students, as well as how they talk about the book’s success with her.

“It’s always funny to see their reaction because you’re going to get honest reactions. It’s everything that ranges between students coming in to say, ‘my mom said you wrote a book’ to them wanting to read the book. They got excited about the award. I was actually surprised how many students knew about the award when I came back to school the day after it was announced. That was nice.”

Now that she is traveling the country attending events, has won awards, and is working on another book, does she think of herself more as a writer or a teacher?

“That’s a trick question,” Clapsaddle said with a chuckle.

“I definitely think of myself as both. It really does depend

on context. I guess in my every day, ‘teacher’ would come before ‘writer’. It certainly takes up way more of my time than being a writer does. But they also go hand in hand so well. I’ve learned so much from my process as a writer that I take into the classroom, and so much from the classroom that I put into my writing that they’re kind of one and the same. Because the book is out, I am very clearly a writer. I don’t know that I was always upfront about that describing myself before.”

Clapsaddle said that she hopes more than anything that the momentum for indigenous writers carries on. She said awards like the Thomas Wolfe and recognition from NC Humanities can help with visibility for her peers.

“Especially in North Carolina. We’re the only federally recognized Tribe. To finally have that literature as available and as accessible as other literature from across the state is really important. Because that leads to other discussions. Rarely will I go to an event and just talk about the content of the book. People ask so many questions and I get the opportunity to talk about our sovereignty, our economic development, and our health care. It opens up opportunities to talk about all of those things and then also to connect to other aspects of our culture and the work that other people are doing.”

She said that this mindset was a big influence for how she landed on her focus for her next project. Clapsaddle said that her agent recently read the first 150 pages of the next novel and they are moving forward.

“It is contemporary, based in Cherokee with a female protagonist. It is not historical fiction, but because of the focus on place

I think it’ll be a familiar voice in a lot of ways. I’m excited about it. It’s very close to home because it’s contemporary with a female protagonist. It’s that separation I have to be more aware of actually.” She said that using the voice she has to convey a modern perspective is something she is really excited about.

“One of the things I always want to push back against is the stereotype that native people and native communities are all in past tense. So many of the narratives about Cherokee people have been the Trail of Tears era or pre-contact or early contact. ‘Even As We Breathe’ was a little bit later than that. But I’m excited about writing a contemporary novel that is a reminder of how we function today.”

Clapsaddle said that she is very proud to be Cherokee and will never shy away from that. However, before “Even As We Breathe” hit the shelves Clapsaddle said that she wanted to be a voice of the community, but not for it.

“I still believe in giving people other names when at all possible. To connect them with more expertise, I’m not an expert on everything. But I do know who the experts are. I try to do that. It does become exhausting being the first point of contact for some people. But again, I’ve learned to say no. It depends on what their motive is. I try to help when I can. But I do think it’s important for me to say I’m not a voice for the whole Tribe and you should hear these other voices because they’re incredible.”

As the book and her career has grown, there have been more opportunities to discuss Cherokee culture. Given the nature of curious minds, Clapsaddle said that she has to be patient for anyone that’s interested in Cherokee.

“This is why I’m always a

teacher too. Because you never know when you get in a conversation with someone who’s interested where you’re going to have to start. You kind of take baby steps to see what their level of understanding is ... I’m glad people want to know, and they have questions and they’re willing to listen. So, wherever they’re starting in their understanding, I’m happy to meet them there as long as they’re willing to listen.”

As well as working on her next book, Clapsaddle said that the success of the book as opened different avenues in writing and publishing. She said that another focus of hers is to provide opportunities to others in the area.

“I’ve had some casual conversations with some folks about publications and have been able to connect some people. I’m an editor for a series that my publisher is doing called ‘Appalachian Future Series’ which highlights diverse voices in Appalachia. So, I am able to connect folks with publishing opportunities. Long range, I signed a contract to do an anthology with them. I’m kind of laying the groundwork for that.”

She said that she is humbled by receiving the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary Award and for the support she has received over the last few years.

“I’m extremely grateful for it. With the other finalist and those that have been recognized in the past are voices that I really respect. More so than giving me name recognition I’m glad that it is recognizing an Eastern Band story for the first time ever. Also, I will say, the winner last year was collected Eastern Band stories (“Eastern Cherokee Stories” by Sandra Muse Isaacs). It was not for a novel, but’s actually really heartening to see them recognize

Cherokee work two years in a row. It’s not just like a nod one year to native culture. It’s really recognizing that we’re here to stay in the literary world.”

Good Housekeeping

Seafood Salad Cucumber Cups

Nestle sweet shrimp and crabmeat salad in a refreshing cucumber shell and top with tart, jewel-like pomegranate seeds for an elegant holiday appetizer.

- 6 sprigs fresh dill
- 2 lemons
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 pinch cayenne (ground red) pepper
- Salt
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 ounces (approximately 16-20) shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 2 large (1 pound each) seedless (English) cucumbers
- 8 ounces refrigerated lump crabmeat, picked over
- 2 tablespoons snipped chives
- 1/4 cup pomegranate seeds

1. Separate dill leaves from stems; reserve separately. From lemons, finely grate 1/2 teaspoon peel and squeeze 1/4 cup juice into large bowl. Reserve rinds.

2. To peel and juice, whisk in mustard, cayenne and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Whisk in oil in slow, steady stream, until blended. Dressing can be refrigerated up to 3 days.

3. In 4-quart saucepan, combine dill stems, lemon rinds and 8 cups water. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to maintain gentle simmer. Add shrimp; cook 3 minutes or until just opaque, stirring. Drain. Rinse under cold water until cold; drain. Discard dill and lemon. Coarsely chop shrimp. Shrimp can be refrigerated overnight.

4. Trim cucumbers; cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices. With melon baller, scoop out centers of slices without cutting through bottoms.

5. Finely chop 1 tablespoon dill leaves. Gently fold into dressing along with shrimp, crabmeat and chives.

6. Fill each cucumber cup with 1 tablespoon salad mixture. Garnish with pomegranate and dill. Makes about 36 pieces; serves 12.

• Each serving: About 75 calories, 4g total fat (1g saturated), 42mg cholesterol, 300mg sodium, 3g carbohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 7g protein.

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3rd Annual Braves on Broadway

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Tyruss Thompson sings "Mr. Cellophane" from "Chicago".



Dominyk Arch performs "It Just Wasn't Meant to Happen" from "Calvin Berger the Musical"

Lucian Davis dances in the opening number entitled "We're Back" as the Cherokee Central Schools Dance and Musical Theatre Program presented the 3rd Annual Braves on Broadway show at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the evening of Friday, Dec. 10.



The entire cast ends the show with "I See Stars".



The CHS Dance Class performed "We Remember Their Names", a tribute to MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women).



Gabe Terrell sings "Waving Through a Window" from "Dear Evan Hansen".



Dominyk Arch sings "Santa Fe" from the musical "Newsies". He performed along with Brody Barker and Tyruss Thompson.



Kyleigh Sherman performs "Suffocating".

Museum of the Cherokee Indian announces appointment of new directors

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian (MCI) is expanding its leadership with the appointment of two new directors. Evan Mathis has joined the Museum as its director of collections and exhibitions to manage the care, safety, and security of the MCI's paper and object collections and assist in the scheduling, design, and implementation of exhibitions. Michael Slee has been appointed director of operations to oversee the Museum's day-to-day operations, including facilities, financials, front line, and external affairs.

Mathis comes to the MCI from the supply department of Cherokee Indian Hospital, which he led as Manager. While not an enrolled member, Mathis is an artist of Cherokee descent with close ties to the community. He began creating traditional Cherokee beadwork at age 15 and has traveled throughout the United States to study historic Cherokee beaded objects and material culture. He graduated from University of North Carolina Charlotte with a bachelor of arts degree in history and is currently enrolled in the Museum Studies Certificate Program at the Institute of American Indian Arts. Mathis resides in Whittier where he continues to bead and handcraft moccasins.

Slee arrives at the Museum following a decade at EBCI Transit, where he most recently served as assistant manager. He is a graduate of Western Carolina University and holds a bachelor of science



Evan Mathis - Museum director of collections and exhibitions

degree in business administration and law. A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Slee is a member of the Longhair Clan and a member of both Raven Rock Stomp Grounds and the Walelu Indian Ball Team. He resides in the Birdtown Community of Cherokee with his wife and three children.

"We cast a wide net for these positions as they are vital to us reaching for our vision," says MCI Executive Director Shana Bushyhead Condill. "Evan brings a combination of leadership and collections experience to his position and is also a maker which gives him expertise in the care of Cherokee collections specifically. Michael is a proven leader in operations and an active community member, which gives him a perspective the Museum needs as we continue to build. We are excited to welcome them to the team and have them jump right into our exciting plans for the future."

Both directors share an interest in fostering a welcoming, community-centered environment at the MCI, holding trust and accessibility as core values. "I want this to be a safe space for tribal members to learn about the objects and



Michael Slee - Museum director of operations

archives we are caring for," affirms Mathis.

Slee agrees. "We work for the Cherokee people, preserving our culture and sharing our stories."

"The Museum Board and I are so excited to welcome the new Director of Collections and Exhibitions and Director of Operations," MCI Board President Samantha Ferguson said. "Michael and Evan come to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience sharing our goal of serving the Cherokee people. As our staff continues to grow, I continue to be amazed and grateful for a team with a commitment not only to our mission but to us as a Cherokee community."

Established in 1948, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian is one of the longest operating tribal museums. Recognized for its innovative storytelling, the Museum features exhibits, artwork, and hands-on technology that brings 12,000 years of Cherokee history to life. Located in Cherokee, NC, the Museum is open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Learn more by visiting www.mci.org.

- *Museum of the Cherokee Indian*
release



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Dec. 30, 1803, Francis Lewis, signer of the Declaration of Independence, dies in New York City at age 90. Lewis' patriotism came at a high cost: The British army destroyed his Long Island estate and took his wife prisoner in 1776.

- On Jan. 1, 1863, farmer Daniel Freeman submits the first claim under the new Homestead Act for a property in Nebraska. By the 1890s, many homesteaders found that farming 160 acres of such dry land was nearly impossible, and at least half the original claims were abandoned.

- On Dec. 27, 1944, during World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt gives orders to seize properties belonging to the Montgomery Ward company because it refused to comply with a labor collective bargaining agreement. Roosevelt said strikes in wartime cannot be condoned.

- On Dec. 29, 1956, the New York Times leaks news that the United States is preparing a major policy statement on the Middle East. The Eisenhower Doctrine would proclaim that the U.S. would use force in the Middle East to contain Soviet aggression.

- On Dec. 31, 1968, the Soviet Union's TU-144 supersonic airliner makes its first flight, months ahead of the Anglo-French Concorde. In 1965, the French had arrested Sergei Pavlov, head of the Paris office of the Soviet airliner Aeroflot, for illegally obtaining classified information about France's supersonic project.

- On Dec. 28, 1973, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's "literary investigation" of the police-state system in the Soviet Union, "The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956," is published in Paris. On Feb. 12, 1974, Solzhenitsyn was arrested, stripped of his citizenship and deported.

- On Jan. 2, 1980, in response to the December 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter asks the Senate to postpone action on the SALT II nuclear weapons treaty. Carter feared that the Soviet invasion could lead to its gaining control over much of the world's oil supplies.

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Tribal member to serve as a delegate to Congress of Future Medical Leaders

RABUN GAP, Ga. – Seshadri Pratama, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a sophomore at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School, is a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders on March 26-27, 2022. The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate, and direct the top students in the country interested in these careers, to stay true to their dreams and, after the event, to provide a path, plan, and resources to help them reach their goal.

Pratama's nomination was signed by Dr. Mario Capecchi, winner of the Nobel Prize in mathematics and the Science Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists, to represent Rabun Gap Nacoochee School based on her academic achievement, leadership potential, and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

During the two-day Congress, Pratama will join students from

across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science winners talk about leading medical research; be given advice from Ivy League and top medical school deans on what to expect in medical school; witness stories told by patients who are living medical miracles; be inspired by fellow teen medical science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists officials noted, "This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially. Focused, bright, and determined students like Seshadri Pratama are our future, and she deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give her."

- *National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists*

WNC Honors given to EBCI communities

ASHEVILLE - The WNC Honors Awards, a program of WNC Communities, is built on a 72-year tradition of recognizing rural community development clubs for

their innovative ideas and grassroots solutions. These centers and clubs are the backbone of community cohesion running through our beloved mountains. The culmination of this year's program occurred via Zoom on Thursday, Dec. 2 with over 100 community leaders and volunteers from 13 western North Carolina Counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Eight EBCI community centers were honored with cash awards and recognition, and seven won Best in Class awards.

Despite COVID shutting down many of the communities' usual activities, the 66 communities participating in this year's program made a \$5.8 million investment of time, talent, money and effort in western North Carolina communities. A total of more than 4,900 volunteers invested 116,400 hours of their time in outreach programs dedicated to feeding people during COVID and other benevolence projects, education, beautification, health, wellness, and economic development.

All participating communities received \$550 to support their efforts. Additionally, communities were assessed across six different competencies and awarded a designation of Trillium, Mountain Laurel, Redbud, or White Oak level according to their demonstrated capacity to lead and serve. These competencies include Good Governance, Leadership Excellence, Financial Stewardship, Volunteer Recruitment and Retention, Community Programs and Civic Engagement, and Collaboration. Big Cove, Big Y, Birdtown, Cherokee Indian Community Club, Snowbird, Towstring, Wolfstown, and Yellowhill were celebrated for achieving the Trillium level. Communities at this level have a solid board of directors, are providing

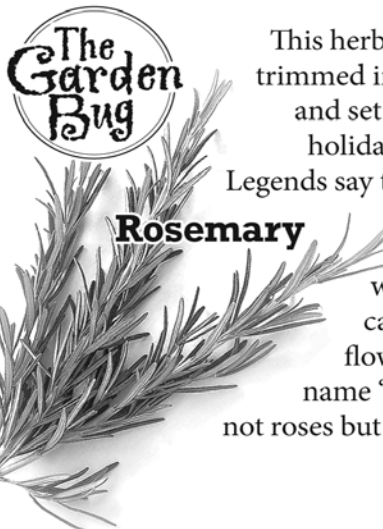
helpful programs to their residents, and collaborating with at least three community partners.

WNC Communities also gives out Best in Class Awards to the stand-out communities at each level. Big Cove, Big Y, Birdtown, Cherokee Indian Community Club, Towstring, Wolfstown, and Yellowhill were all awarded Trillium Best in Class Awards and took home an additional \$250 each.

WNC Communities also awarded the Calico Cat Awards, the new Youth Leadership Award, and the President's Award. Carson Community Development Association in Macon County received the Calico Cat Sr. award and the Caney Fork Community Development Council in Jackson County received the Calico Cat Jr. award for their significant efforts toward the improvement and upkeep of their existing community centers over the past year. The competition for these awards is always strong. Caney Fork Community Development Association's Ryleigh Stevens took home the Youth Leadership Award for spearheading a youth-led effort to purchase and coordinate meat deliveries to families in need in their community. Additionally, Leicester Community Center of Buncombe County received the President's Award for 50 years of participating in the WNC Honors Awards.

Sponsorships from Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Harrah's Valley River Casino & Hotel, Duke Energy, Biltmore Farms, Inc., First Citizens Bank, The McClure Fund, Buncombe County Farm Bureau, New Belgium Brewing, Carolina Farm Credit, and Wells Fargo brought in \$44,800 to award to the 66 community centers and clubs participating in the 2021 WNC Honors Awards.

- *WNC Communities release*



The Garden Bug

This herb has many uses and traditions. When trimmed into the shape of a tiny Christmas tree and set in a festive pot, it is very popular as a holiday table decoration, or to give as a gift.

Legends say that as Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt with the infant Jesus, they sheltered next to this plant. When Mary was washing her linens and threw her blue cape on the bush to dry, its small white flowers turned to blue; thus it gained the name "rose of Mary," though the flowers are not roses but like those of mint, to which this herb is related. - Brenda Weaver

Source: University of Vermont pss.uvm.edu

OBITUARIES Jh̃f̃f̃r

Tosha Lynn McCarter

Tosha Lynn McCarter, 35 of Sevierville, Tenn., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021.

She was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church, Robbinsville, and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. She worked as a CNA and loved helping anyone in need. She loved her husband and her daughters.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Sally Jo Teesateskie; aunt, Angela; cousin, Tashina Welch; and grandfather, Willie Teesateskie.

She is survived by her husband, Justin Michael McCarter; daughters, Kenzy, Taizley, and Brooklynn McCarter; father, Michael Weeks; brother, Michael "Newt" Weeks (Shelby); sisters, Michelle Ventura-Corado (Edwin), Brittany Wooden (Breland), and Summer Thompkins (Chris); and special friend, Cristina Ledwell.

Cremation arrangements have been made by Atchley Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.atchleyfuneralhome.com.

Jim Allison

Jim Allison, 74, of the Wolfetown Community, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Boyce and Sally Allison. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his son, Brad Allison; maternal

grandparents, Rachel Johnson (Edna) and Lloyd Johnson; brother, Jack Allison; and uncle, Sunny "Tolly" Bradley.

Jim is survived by wife, Tad Allison; children, Buddy Driggers, Victoria Littrell, and Christy McHan; grandchildren, Katherine Allison-Kuykendall (Stretch), Cole Allison (Brittany), Callie Littrell (Thomas), Hannah Littrell, Gabe Littrell, Stella Littrell, Alyssa Driggers, Hudson Driggers, and Landon Driggers; great grandchild, Amias King; brothers, Terry "Buddy" Allison, and John Allison; sister, Donna Crowe, and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews from Montana and Oklahoma, and many friends and hunting buddies.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 12 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Revs. Jim Sexton and James (Bo) Brown officiated with burial at the Soco Creek Farm Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Landon Driggers, Gabe Littrell, Cole Allison, Stretch Kuykendall, and Jotti Griffin.

Honorary pallbearers were Lewis Crisp, Rocky Pebbles, Joel Queen, and Robbie Craig.

Anderson Wildcat Jr.

Anderson Wildcat Jr. "Junior", age 32, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021. He was a member of the Wolfetown Stickball Team.

He is survived by his mother, Sara Blackfox Wildcat; children,

Abbygail Wildcat and Jerald Davis; sisters, Patricia Wildcat and Amanda Wildcat; half-brother, Calvin Lossie; uncles, Quincy Wildcat and Wiggins Blackfox; special brother, Terry Wolfe; and special friend, Corie Brady.

Junior was preceded in death by his father, Anderson Wildcat Sr.; brother, Justin Blackfox; his aunt, Nancy and uncle Robert Bigmeat; and uncle, Adam Blackfox.

A formal funeral service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at the Cherokee Church of Christ with Jim Sexton officiating. Burial was in the Ben's Cemetery in Birdtown. Pallbearers were Terry Wolfe, Justin Wildcat, Joshua Wildcat, Wesley Wildcat, Kane Crowe, and John Bigmeat. Honorary Pallbearer was Charlie Blackfox.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Isaac Edward Long Jr.

Isaac Edward Long Jr., age 74, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 at Tsali Care Center, after an extended illness.

He is the son of the late Isaac Edward Long Sr. and Martha Moses Long. Isaac is survived by his children, Isaac Long III and Jeffrey Long; brother, Harold Long; five grandchildren, Cassius Ross, Abigail Long, Jordan Littlejohn, Jada Long, and Phoenix Long; two great-grandchildren, Riot Jett and Taylan Teesateskie; special friends, Charlie Hartline, Timmy Ray Smith, Ray Smith, Rooster

Kazhe, Buford Smith, Bill Taylor, Bo Crowe, and many more.

In addition to his parents, Isaac was preceded in death by his brothers, Charles Long and Floyd Long; sisters, Blanda Smith and Catherine Long Jumper.

Isaac was known as "Buttons" to everyone. He was a Nascar fan. Mark Martin was his favorite driver. He loved his Braves and Lady Braves and would follow them anywhere to cheer them on, no matter what sport. He donated countless hours to the school and Booster Club, anything to help the Braves and Lady Braves.

Buttons loved his family, especially his grandkids and great-grandkids. Sunday was his favorite day, because everyone came over. He enjoyed watching his grandbabies play sports, he never missed a game. He loved talking to the "Big Boss" Riot on the phone. He enjoyed family dinners and spending time with loved ones. We Love You.

A formal funeral service was held on Dec. 14 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Jerry Huntsman officiating. Burial was in the Drama Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charlie Hartline, Timmy Ray Smith, Ray Smith, Travis Long, Rooster Kazhe, and Buford Smith.

Honorary Pallbearers were Bill Taylor and Bo Crowe.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



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Cherokee National Research Center celebrates grand opening

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – Tribal officials celebrated the grand opening of the Cherokee National Research Center in Tahlequah, Okla. on Wednesday, Dec. 8. The state-of-the-art facility is serving as a temporary home to the Nation's foremost collection of historic Cherokee-related documents and cultural artifacts from the 1700s through present day.

Just over a year ago, the items were declared in a state of emergency by the Council of the Cherokee Nation due to aging infrastructure and the need for updated environmental controls necessary for proper preservation. Now, thanks to efforts made through the iconic Cherokee Heritage Act of 2020, the public is invited to plan a visit to the Cherokee National Research Center and experience firsthand some of the tribe's most treasured items.

"Within one year of identifying the threat to our historic archives and records, we stand here today celebrating their safekeeping through this new facility," said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. "Not only are we able to provide safe and secure storage, we're sharing those items with the public in a new and exciting way. I am beyond thankful for the swift action from the Council of the Cherokee Nation, as well as the support from Cherokee Nation Businesses and the Cherokee National Historical Society. Together, we have ensured that our history will be better preserved and shared for generations to come."

The center is safeguarding more than 11,000 historic Cherokee-related documents and cultural artifacts within its 5,000-square-foot, fireproof and storm-resistant vault with



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industry-leading environmental controls. Standout items include a land patent signed by President Martin Van Buren in 1838, which provided Cherokee Nation approximately 14 million acres in Indian Territory, now northeastern Oklahoma; signature furniture owned by Cherokee Chief John Ross from the mid-1800s; and a vast collection of contemporary and historic art from renowned Cherokee artists.

The public can also take advantage of free genealogy services offered by appointment on a first-come, first-served basis, as well as two research rooms for artists, scholars and community members.

"As natural storytellers, the authentic history and culture of

the Cherokee people have traditionally been passed down verbally from generation to generation. For far too long, our history and culture have been misrepresented, inaccurately shared or watered down outside of the tribe," said Travis Owens, vice president of cultural tourism for Cherokee Nation. "Cherokee Nation has taken pride in reclaiming its voice and has dedicated efforts to sharing its history from its own perspective through special projects and exhibits on local, regional and national levels. However, there is something inherently special about seeing that history for yourself and touching it with your own hands. The Cherokee National Research Center is making the history, culture and art of the Chero-

kee people feel as much yours and mine as it was our ancestors."

The Cherokee Heritage Center Act of 2020 was presented by Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. to address the critical needs of the archives and plan for the continued growth and long-term success of the Cherokee Heritage Center. With full support from the Council, Cherokee Nation Businesses and the Cherokee National Historical Society, the historic legislation was signed into effect in September 2020.

The Cherokee National Research Center is located inside Cherokee Springs Plaza in Tahlequah.

- Cherokee Nation release

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Cherokee Bottled Water Holiday Hours. All tribal offices, including the Cherokee Bottled Water program, will be closed Dec. 20-31. Bottled Water will re-open on Monday, Jan. 3 at 7:45 a.m. Contact their office at 359-6719 if you need a special delivery during the holidays.

Local auditions for “Unto These Hills” 2022

“Unto These Hills” is getting ready for its 72nd season this coming summer. Have you ever had the urge to get on stage with the drama? If so, they would love to see you at the local auditions Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022. They are looking for individuals to fill out the 2022 company. Even if you’ve never acted before but want to be a part of the show, come out. They welcome

individuals of all ages and experience levels.

Where: Cherokee Historical Association Main Box Office, 564 Tsali Blvd.

When: Jan. 22, 2022 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Season Dates: First Rehearsal – Friday, May 6, 2022

Opening Night – Saturday, May 28, 2022

Closing Night – Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022

Info: www.cherokeehistorical.org; Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/UntoTheseHills/>

TABCC accepting retail permit applications

The Tribal ABC Commission is now accepting applications for Retail Permits. Applications can be picked up at the TABCC office Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you have any questions,

please contact the TABCC office 788-4261.

- Tribal ABC Commission

Cherokee Bear Harvest

The bear season is now open and will run through Dec. 31.

The following is a message from Cherokee Natural Resources, “Hunters play an essential role in collecting management information for sustainable bear populations. However, we average about three harvest submissions per year and the numbers are not sufficient to inform our management. Please report your take to Cherokee Natural Resources along with the first premolar tooth (or allow us to extract it) to determine age. Please freeze or keep other samples on ice that could decompose. If possible, keep an eraser sized (or bigger) piece of meat frozen for us. We will also wish to collect weight, location,

sex, and the effort it took to harvest (number of hunters in party and hours put in). These data will help us understand how important hunting is to bears and how it keeps damage issues in check. There will be a \$500 draw from those that submit samples and information.”

Submit samples and information to their office at 1840 Paint-town Road, next to Cherokee Bingo. Info: 359-6110 or email ebcifw@gmail.com

- Cherokee Natural Resources release

Senior Citizens Heating Assistance applications

Applications for the 2022 heating season are now available at Tsali Manor. Applications will be available Monday through Friday after 1 p.m. each day.

Fuel applications will be handed out at the drive-thru. Please stay in your car, and the applications will be brought out to you. They can be returned Monday through Friday after 1 p.m.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2022. If you will be 59 ½ by March 31, 2022, you are eligible for services upon turning 59 ½. If you are applying for electric heating assistance, please attach a current billing statement. The heating season ends on April 30, 2022.

If you have further question, call 359-6860.

- Tsali Manor release

EBCI Economic and planning survey

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is asking for your assistance in completing an important economic and planning survey for the community. The information gathered from this survey will assist in planning efforts for the development and diversification of the

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

DEC. 13-19, 2021

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	N/A	Mid-day.	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Midges, Golden Stonefly, Light Cahill, Terrestrials, BWO.	Streamers, eggs, hares ears, pheasant tails, Woolly Buggers.
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Follow posted regulations. Wild Trout.	Mid-day.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Midges, Golden Stonefly, Light Cahill, Terrestrials, BWO.	Black, Grey & Olive Midges, Adams, Light Cahill, Royal Wull, Royal Coachman, Elk Hair Caddis.
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow Posted Regulations - Wild Trout	Mid-day.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	Midges, Golden Stonefly, Light Cahill, BWO.	Black, Grey & Olive Midges, Adams, Light Cahill, Royal Wull, Royal Coachman, BWO, Elk Hair Caddis.

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MONDAY, DEC. 13 AVERAGE+	TUESDAY, DEC. 14 AVERAGE	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15 AVERAGE	THURSDAY, DEC. 16 BETTER	FRIDAY, DEC. 17 BETTER	SATURDAY, DEC. 18 BEST	SUNDAY, DEC. 19 BEST
7:25 AM-9:25 AM 7:45 PM-9:45 PM	8:06 AM-10:06 AM 8:27 PM-10:27 PM	8:48 AM-10:48 AM 9:10 PM-11:10 PM	9:32 AM-11:32 AM 9:55 PM-11:55 PM	10:19 AM-12:19 PM 10:43 PM-12:43 AM	11:07 AM-1:07 PM N/A	11:57 AM-1:57 PM N/A

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Cherokee economy.

A number of potential concepts will be presented at the end of the survey for review and comment. Your responses and feedback are greatly appreciated.

Go to the Following Link for the Survey: <https://selfserve.decipherinc.com/survey/self-serve/5d1/210905?list=2>.

THANK YOU LETTER

Thank you from the Rinda Bradley family

Our family wishes to convey our sincerest appreciation for your prayers and support during Rinda Lee Bradley's passing. We are grateful for the friendship that we share and blessed to have friends like you. Thank you for all that you've done for the family. We would like to say a special thank you to Tribal Construction. Specifically, Uriah Maney's crew for placing the canopy at the burial site and repairing the road to the cemetery. May God Bless You!

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Public invited to comment on a statement of findings for wetlands and floodplains near Park Headquarters

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is seeking public input on a Statement of Findings for Wetlands and Floodplains in the Sugarlands area near Park Headquarters. The study was completed to assess potential impacts associated with a proposal to construct new administrative, operational, and maintenance facilities in the area. The deadline to submit comments is Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022.

The park proposes to construct a new Park Headquarters Annex to address workspace deficiencies in the historic Park Headquarters building and the Little River Ranger Station. A new Sugarlands Operations and Maintenance Complex is also proposed to replace outmoded and inadequate facilities within the existing Sugarlands Maintenance Area. All proposed construction would be

within the footprint of the existing Sugarlands Maintenance Area, which consists of about 10 acres of developed and previously disturbed land, preventing the need for any additional development on undisturbed lands. Existing, outmoded buildings would be removed to accommodate the new construction.

The Statement of Findings acknowledges the proposed project would affect a small wetland (0.004 acres) and the West Prong Little Pigeon River floodplain. The Statement of Findings documents compliance with the National Park Service's Director's Order 77-1: Wetland Protection, Procedural Manual 77-1: Wetland Protection, Director's Order 77-2: Floodplain Management, and Procedural Manual 77-2: Floodplain Management. The document identifies mitigation measures for unavoidable adverse effects to the small wetland and mitigation measures to reduce flood risks to human health and safety, property, and floodplain values.

For more details and to access the Statement of Findings, please visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/SugarlandsConstruction>. Comments may be submitted online or by postal mail:

- Online (the preferred method) at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/SugarlandsConstruction>. Select "Open for Comment" on the left menu bar, open the Sugarlands Wetlands and Floodplains Statement of Findings folder, and click on the green "Comment Now" button to access the online commenting form; or
- By Postal Mail at:
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Sugarlands Wetlands and Floodplains Statement of Findings
107 Park Headquarters Rd.

• Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Written comments on the proposed projects must be submitted online or postmarked by Jan. 9, 2022 to be considered.

- National Park Service release

Post 143 seeking contact
information for
active EBCI service men/women

Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657

David McQueen 736-9572



COMMENTARY

You should be able to see through it.

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

As we wrap up another calendar year at the One Feather, we first remind ourselves how grateful we are to be living and working in a community that supports the concept of a free and unfettered press, particularly, tribal press. We could not carry out our mission, as stated in the Cherokee Code, if it were not for a community and governing body that, by and large, supports the Cherokee One Feather.

There have been good and bad days for the Cherokee press this year. While our Tribal Council and Executive Office have verbally supported the idea of transparency in government, everyone seems to have a different definition of the word “transparent”.

I learned something new last week, or at least it hasn’t had my attention in the past year. Tribal Council has the ability to shut off the broadcast of Council sessions (Tribal Council, Budget Council, work sessions, board and committee meetings) without going into closed session. Actually, it was pointed out to me in an email correspondence between the One Feather and the Attorney General’s office back in March that, according to Code section 117-13 (c) “Tribal Council may discuss issues in open session without public broadcast over the Tribal television system or other broadcast system if it determines that prohibiting the broadcast is in the best interest of the Tribe or an individual member of the Tribe.”

In the Dec. 9 Tribal Council session, a resolution (Resolution 97) was introduced by the Attorney General’s office on behalf of Tribal Bingo. In the middle of the English Clerk reading the resolution into the record, the Attorney General interrupted the reading and requested that the video and audio be turned off, but the doors to the chamber “could be left open”. The Council voted, the majority if not all of Council approved taking the discussion off-air (it was hard to see who voted and who did not and the only way we would know for sure is if the Council provided a vote count).

In my opinion, this is not transparency. This was an emergency resolution that was not on the agenda and had not been presented to the public in the fashion that typically occurs with resolution submission. So, the community did not have any opportunity to read the resolution for themselves via the standard processes that occur prior to a Council session.

Now, here’s where we, the One Feather, were found, as the old saying goes, “with our britches down”. It has been our standard practice to monitor the meetings of Tribal Council via the live stream and cable broadcasts from our offices to provide you with what is going on at these meetings. It is part of our charge and direction in Chapter 75 of the Cherokee Code. We assumed all that was for public consumption would be aired and we could, in turn, provide the public our normal recap of the workings of Council. We knew that, should they go into

closed session on any item, we would not be allowed to stay in the chamber anyway.

As I watched this session live and saw what was happening with the blanking of the cameras, I made an inquiry as to what was discussed and requested a copy of the resolution. The response from the Attorney General was immediate and I was promptly given a copy of the resolution. Don’t get me wrong. I do have great respect for our Attorney General, and I know that his job is rarely an easy one. This is not the first issue that we have disagreed on, and I doubt it will be the last. Our disagreement this round regards the existence and use of 117-13 (C).

While it may look innocuous on the surface, it has some pretty nasty implications for the community and the health of our tribal nation.

We already have a very liberal law in Code to permit Tribal Council to operate in closed session to discuss business that we do not want the “outside world” to know. After all, we are an economic driver for the Qualla Boundary, state of North Carolina, and we have far-reaching impact into the region. We have considerable financial and political influence, so we will have more than the occasional business or political opponent sniffing around for opportunities to steal our thunder. I can totally understand why our Attorney General, Tribal Council, and Executive Office, among others, would need a tool in governmental procedures to allow for the work of negotiation and privileged information to

take place in a secure, confidential environment.

However, along with the need for confidentiality comes the responsibility to the constituency for transparency. Like it or not, all of us are human. And humans are subject to temptation. And even if we don’t succumb to temptation, we better have documentation or witnesses to verify we are innocent, because the community and constituency are going to infer the worst, especially if bad things happen. It is ethical and proper for our leaders to have arbitrary accountability measures in place when doing the business of the people.

When the remainder of Resolution 97 was read, it was done in the absence of audio and video broadcast. When Resolution 97 was discussed, there were only a few tribal members in the chamber. If anyone had wanted to hear and speak on it, they would have had to suspend what they were doing (if they could, because some of us do not have the luxury of jumping out of a job or a “call any time” babysitter so that we can afford ourselves the opportunity of being involved in these snap proceedings) and make their way to the chamber. When Resolution 97 was voted on, it was done in front of those few who happened to be in the chamber when this emergency resolution was presented to the Tribal Council and, again, out of the view of nearly the entire tribal population. Regardless of the expressed intent to protect the Tribe, should the community allow the government to shield informa-

tion from the public that doesn't expressly need to be shielded? What sensitive information would have been leaked or released by turning the cameras back on to allow tribal members to see the vote on Resolution 97? Who motioned and seconded its passage? Who voted for or against? When the cameras were turned back on, the Chairman didn't mention Resolution 97 at all and went straight to announcements before adjourning.

I have no idea how much our government has spent on the technology that allows the airing of the workings of our government. I will just guess that it was a pretty penny (that means a lot of money, for you younger folks). Council and the Executive Office did not

approve spending thousands of dollars of the people's money with the intent of turning the cameras off. Their intent was to provide their constituency with a window into the process, a way of educating us on the passing of law that affects us, personally.

To be clear, the Attorney General and Tribal Council were perfectly within the law to do what they did. The question is an ethical one. Should there be a provision in law that allows for the termination of the audio and video without going into closed session?

One Feather will change the way it covers these sessions moving forward. When I asked if reporters would have been allowed to remain in the chamber during the discussion of Resolution 97, I

was told that the issue had been discussed and they had decided that we would be allowed to remain after the cameras were shut down. Why? If the goal is to suppress the information going out publicly, would it not be counterproductive to allow media to remain in the chamber? It is the job of tribal media, namely the One Feather, to disseminate information. In my mind, leaving the One Feather in the chamber is just like leaving the cameras on. The One Feather's media reach far exceeds that of the tribal livestream and social media.

As we have talked about before, our closed session laws need an overhaul and there needs to be some documentation and arbitration, for the sake of the

community and our governmental officials alike. They do not have to be necessarily "public records" but there does need to be attention to protocol in those meetings and some way of settling disputes when stories conflict coming from our government officials. And the community definitely needs to weigh-in on the issue of the audio and video livestreams and recordings during open session of Council meetings. More structure needs to be applied so that the people will be offered the opportunity to come to the chamber if there is an item that will take the session off-air. Tactics of good governance should not include the element of surprise.



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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

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UNC-Chapel Hill and Henry Owl – Let’s celebrate our steps but not forget the history

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

Earlier this month, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) announced they would be adding two new names to buildings on campus. They chose two trailblazers at the school. Hortense McClinton was the first Black professor at UNC. Henry Owl, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), was the first American Indian student to attend the university. Owl graduated with a master’s degree in history in 1929, and the next year testified in front of the United States Congress to pass a landmark law that guaranteed enfranchisement for the EBCI.

Being an enrolled member of the EBCI and an alumnus of UNC-Chapel Hill, I was thrilled by these choices. Last year, I wrote a letter to Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz on this exact issue, offering my perspective on why the Owl Building should become a reality sooner rather than later.

I would like to highlight Theda Perdue, professor emerita of history at UNC. In July of 2020, she submitted a letter to the editor for the Cherokee One Feather calling for this action to be taken. Perdue has had a focus on Native American history and is well-versed in Cherokee history, specifically. It is extremely important to have knowledgeable and passionate allies when fighting for equality and visibility.

The naming of the Henry Owl Building is an important step,

but it’s just that - a step. As much as I appreciate the move by the university, we can’t act as though everything is hunky dory regarding our racial history at UNC. The Owl Building is only possible because the school stripped the names from four buildings last year. These being the halls honoring Charles Aycock, Julian Carr, Josephus Daniels, and Thomas Ruffin, Sr.

Owl’s name replaces that of Carr. Julian Carr was a supporter of the Ku Klux Klan, a confederate cavalryman, and speaker of one of the most infamous speeches in UNC-Chapel Hill history. In the dedication and unveiling of the now removed confederate monument that stood in McCorkle Place for more than a century, Carr stated the following: “100 yards from where we stand, less than 90 days perhaps after my return from Appomattox, I horse-whipped a negro wench, until her skirts hung in shreds, because upon the streets of this quiet village she had publicly insulted and maligned a Southern lady.”

This language was used consistently against the statue known as ‘Silent Sam’ up until it was torn down and removed in 2018. For those more attuned to the history of the area, Julian Carr’s name is also the namesake of the neighboring town of Carrboro. Many of the townsfolk have presented the idea that a name change should be considered there as well.

This history is important. It cannot and should not be erased. Progress is extremely necessary,

but it is vital that people understand where we are progressing from. It’s not as simple as etching names off buildings and waiting for the voices to die down. When we ignore the significance of our history, we become complacent. While we should take our time and celebrate Henry Owl, let us not forget that this university revered Carr for well over 100 years.

This is not all to chastise my school. I am proud of my education and forever thankful for the opportunities it offered me and for the people that I met. For those that take off their Carolina blue tinted glasses, however, there is an understanding of its dark past. Like almost every major university, there have been shady handlings and scandals. Obviously, the first to come to mind for most is the 2014 academic-athletic scandal that shook students, administrators, and fans. North Carolina University, as it was named for 174 years, was chartered in 1789 and was significantly built through slave labor. Racial inequality is woven into the fabric of an institution like this. It is part of the reason that civil rights leaders have brought such a lasting impact on the area over the last century. It is a tremendously liberal area, but it is often easy to look passed the atrocities.

As a student at the school, I’m not sure how much support I really felt. The majority of my security and sense of place came not from the university, but from my fellow students. I took part in a peer minority program that attached

me to an older American Indian student. While I was excited by the prospect, it did not feel thoroughly constructed.

My first year on campus I only knew one other Cherokee student, and it wasn’t my peer advisor. I was assigned a sophomore who is of the Lumbee Tribe. Though we became friends, and it was nice to have someone a little older looking out for me, it felt somewhat forced. We never connected because of our minority status or discussions of Tribal relations, and honestly it made me have second thoughts on what my school thought about me being Native American.

I’m not trying to dig too far into my school stories, but from my experience I realized there is so much untapped potential. Truly, Cherokee could be a pipeline for UNC. Tribal Education has funded a position in the Carolina Advisor program, assisting enrolled members in college applications and preparation for the next step. The EBCI is the only federally recognized tribe in North Carolina. The Tribe is willing to expend a stream of resources to give its children an upper hand. There just needs to be more communication.

Individually, the EBCI and UNC have shown interest in each other and have worked in small partnerships. But there is not much representation in Chapel Hill. While it’s understandable that UNC wants to take a diplomatic approach and include a safe space for all Native American stu-

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LETTER

Museum executive director gives updates

Thank you to the One Feather and its readers for allowing me the space to write to you. I am the (relatively new) executive director of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, having started in May 2021. When I was hired, the Museum Board tasked me with updating our permanent exhibit. This exhibit was part of an innovative project done in 1998. And while it was a leader in the representation of Native people, its timeline currently ends at about 1920 - leaving over 100 years of our story untold.

We're fortunate to be one of the oldest tribal museums in the country - created in

1948. Many people have dedicated their time, knowledge, and expertise to make the Museum a wonderful community asset for many years.

We have been focused on serving our visitors who come to the Museum to learn our Cherokee story - which is so important - but, I am also interested in making sure we serve our Cherokee community, no matter where they currently live. To achieve that goal, we have some ambitious plans.

I've mentioned updating the permanent exhibit, and that will be a piece of our overall strategic plan. We are dedicated to the protection and care of our collections and our story, so updating aging infrastructure and increasing security are urgent priorities. We're very excited about our planning, and are doing ground-work now - but, this is where I need you all. Over the next year, we will be soliciting your

help and input. We will have advisory groups, a survey, and a section on our website for you to submit comments, thoughts, and ideas. I'm so looking forward to hearing more from you about the story we want to tell.

As we move into 2022, we will be sharing our foundational work--building on the work done before, for our children seven generations yet to come. You will be able to see the values that are guiding us in these efforts. This matters to the deepest part of our core, and I know it does to you as well. I'm grateful to be able to do this work together.

With deepest gratitude; sgi,
Shana Bushyhead Condill
Museum of the Cherokee Indian
executive director

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wish you happy holidays!
As a community, insist on
governance by the People, for
the People!**

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WHAT DID I GET FOR CHRISTMAS?

A CHAIN IN THE BACKYARD.



Cats and dogs
require a 10- to
20-year financial
and emotional
commitment.

Please, don't buy animals as presents.

Christmas Message

By NOAH CROWE

Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-6

Many times because of the divide between a Biblical and the worldly approach to Christmas, questions are raised as to what Christmas is all about.

Well to be honest, even the real Biblical story of what happened that first “Christmas” raises some questions too. I mean, if God really did come and come the way He did and for the purpose He said He came, I guess I wonder some things about the way the story goes.

I mean WHY would Jesus be sent into the world at BETHLEHEM? It’s a fairly indistinguishable place. Nothing special or spectacular. But the answer is simple, to fulfill prophecy. God sent Jesus into the world in Bethlehem because He said He would. In Matthew 2, it was the prophecy of Micah 5:2 that was given in answer to the wisemen who came searching for “He that is born King of the Jews.” Jesus was born in Bethlehem to fulfill prophecy, because God always keeps His word.

But, I have another question, WHY would Jesus come into the world as a BABY? I mean, couldn’t God have taken a shortcut or two? If Jesus were born to die, couldn’t He have come into the world as a grown man, ready to go straight to the cross? Well like before, God did it this way because He said He would, check Isaiah 7:14. But more than that, He came as a baby to reveal God to us.

John 1:1,14 tell us that “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” Jesus, the Word, settled down and made Himself at home among us. Up close and personal. So that Jesus could say in John 14:9, “he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.” He came as a baby to reveal God to us, so that we could relate to Him. Not as some distant, holy God Who cannot be approached, but as a baby so that we all can relate.

But finally, WHY would the baby Jesus be born Bethlehem, come into the world in a

BARN? Well the obvious answer is in Luke 2:7, He was laid in a manger (a feeding trough, typically and most always found in a stall or a barn) “because there was no room for them in the inn.”

That means it was the only place made available. But of far greater significance is the question raised in answer to Jesus’ birth in a barn: Where else should a Lamb be born?

Jesus’ birth as a baby in a barn in Bethlehem is more than meets the eye. If you think about a lamb in relationship to God through the Bible, here’s what you find: in Genesis, Cain brought vegetables, while Abel brought a lamb. One lamb for one person. In Exodus 12, when God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, Moses told each family to smear the blood of a lamb over the doorposts. One lamb for one family. But in John 1:29, John the Baptist proclaims Jesus, “the Lamb of God, which taketh

away the sin of the world.” One Lamb for the whole world! Where else would the Lamb of God be born but in a barn?

All of which helps us to understand, whatever questions we may have about Christmas, about life, about marriage, about family, work or even death- God has an answer for you! The answer is found in His Son Jesus. Think about John 14:6- if you need to be saved, Jesus says, “I am the Way, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” If you need to be sure, Jesus says, “I am the Truth.” If you need to be satisfied, Jesus says, “I am the Life!” Don’t let your questions this Christmas keep you from experiencing Christmas God’s way. Jesus is the Answer.

Crowe is the pastor at Peachtree Memorial Baptist over in Cherokee County.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

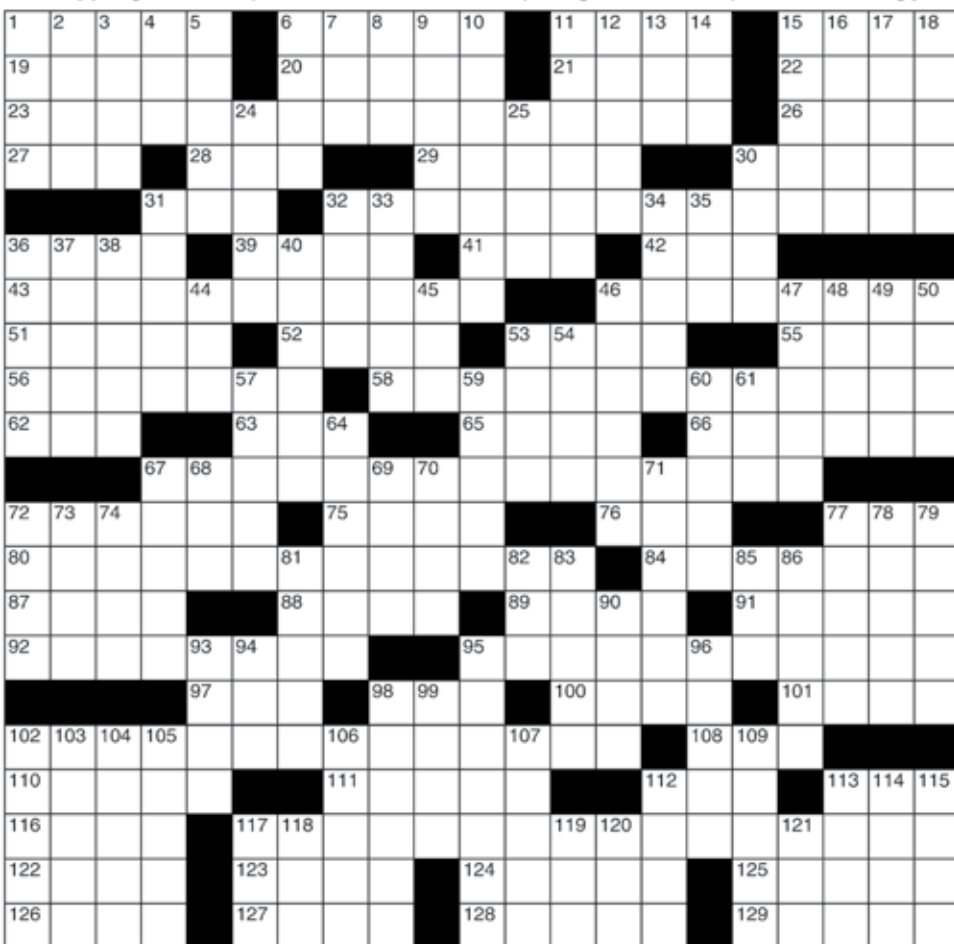


Biblische Geschichte, Germany (1859)

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. LUKE 2:4-7

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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- The main Christmas story about the birth of Jesus is paraphrased from what two New Testament books? *Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, Jude/Revelation*
 - Approximately how old was Jesus when the wise men (Magi) arrived with their gifts? *1 day, 2 weeks, 2 months, 2 years*
 - Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary, saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? *Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi*
 - How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? *Zero, 1, 2, 7*
 - In what city of Judaea was Jesus born? *Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gezer*
 - Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus? *Archelaus, Herod, Pontius Pilot, Caesar Augustus*
- "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

- SCIENCE: How long does it take for light to travel from the Sun to Earth?
- TELEVISION: Which comedian used the catchphrase "one ringie dingie, two ringie dingies" in a TV character sketch?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many centimeters are equivalent to 100 inches?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to serve nonconsecutive terms?
- LANGUAGE: How many languages are spoken in the world today?
- GOVERNMENT: Which branch of U.S. government is responsible for making laws?
- SPORTS: Which famous baseball pitcher's nickname is "The Chairman of the Board"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What type of food do the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles love?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which ocean does Bermuda lie in?
- MATH: What is a prime number?

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HAPPENINGS

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov.

EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Dec. 17 at 3 p.m., for the Big Cove Free Labor Group. Good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

Totsuwa Walk and Read

event. Dec. 19 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Kituwah. This event will allow families to exercise and read a children's book at the same time. Pages of the book will be printed and spaced out so participants

can read a page of the book, walk a little, then read another page until they are done. Hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies will also be provided. This event is free of charge.

SPORTS EVENTS

Cherokee Fitness Complex 24-hour plans

The Cherokee Fitness Complex is open 24 hours a day. Business hours are Monday – Thursday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 5 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Stop by during those normal business

hours to purchase your plan call for membership rates. Normal hours of operation (business hours) are free for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; however, 24-hour access is \$25/month with a one-time \$20 initiation fee. There are discounts for 6-month (one month free) and yearly (3 months free) plans. For non-enrolled members, 24-hour access is available for same rate of their current membership plan plus an extra \$25/month with a one-time initiation fee. Info: 359-6494 or follow Cherokee Fitness Complex on Facebook.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cherokee Cancer Support Group

meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose

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

Life Recovery Meetings hosted 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

Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

The One Feather is developing a list of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists and craftspeople to help get your name out there for potential buyers. If you would like to be included, please send your name, contact information (phone, email, etc.), and what mediums you are selling to: Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or message us on our Facebook page.

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

Let's all go.
hidena

I am going.
dagesi

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

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Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/Luke; 2) 2 years; 3) Nazareth; 4) Zero; 5) Bethlehem; 6) Herod

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

- Eight minutes, 20 seconds
- Lily Tomlin, as telephone operator Ernestine
- 254
- Grover Cleveland
- More than 7,000
- The legislative branch — U.S. House and Senate
- Whitey Ford
- Pizza
- Atlantic
- A number that is only divisible by itself and 1

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Museum of the Cherokee Indian announces new lecture series

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian has announced its debut Winter Lecture Series, a free and exclusively virtual program held on select Wednesdays in December 2021, January 2022, and February 2022. Under the theme of Cultural and Language Preservation and Revitalization, the series features panelists from the EBCI and Cherokee Nation communities exploring the necessity of cultural and language preservation and revitalization.

"This subject is of the utmost importance," says Jenn Wilson, Aniyu-wiyahi Community Program Coordinator at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. "If we can encourage a greater interest and enthusiasm for it, then we can make headway in pursuing the preservation and revitalization of our language and culture amongst our tribal community members. It is our goal through this endeavor to foster a closer relationship with our community at large and to become a safe space for them to research, learn, and create."

The series kicks off on Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. with Miss Cherokee 2021-22 Tyra Maney, sharing her platform through an interactive live Q&A session. The Q&A continues Dec. 15 as Teen Miss Cherokee Tsini McCoy, Junior Miss Cherokee Makaula Lambert, and Little Miss Cherokee Trinnity Jackson discuss their own pageant platforms. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance to Jenn Wilson at jenn.wilson@mci.org.

All events are free of charge and hosted virtually on Airmeeet. Space is limited, and attendees may register for each panel they would like to attend via the links below. Additional information, including panelist bios, can be found at <https://mci.org/learn/programming>.

Dec. 15 at 3p.m.: Live Q&A with 2021-2022 EBCI Royalty

Panelists: Teen Miss Cherokee: Tsini McCoy, Junior Miss Cherokee: Makaula Lambert, Little Miss Cherokee: Trinnity Jackson

Join 2021-2022 EBCI royalty as they discuss their pageant platforms. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance to Jenn Wilson at jenn.wilson@mci.org.

Jan. 12 at 3 p.m.: Language & Identity: Methods of Revitalization

Panelists: Landon French, David Jumper, Kelly Murphy

Join Cherokee language instructors as they consider methods for revitalization—and the urgent need to put those methods into practice.

Jan. 26 at 3 p.m.: Art, Language, & Culture

Panelists: Roy Boney, Jeff Edwards, John Henry Gloyne, Keli Gonzalez
How can language influence art? Award-winning Cherokee Nation and EBCI visual artists share how the Cherokee language and syllabary inform and inspire their work.

Feb. 16 at 3 p.m.: Cultural Preservation

Panelists to be announced

What is culture? Speakers discuss historic cultural aspects, methods of preservation and revitalization, and how Cherokee culture appears today.

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian release



by Freddy Groves

Veterans Village Opens

We were all there the day Veterans Village officially opened: Sarge, the older veterans brought out in a van borrowed from the senior center, the dormitory crew and even the mayor came, along with a few members of the press and a photographer.

The gravel road had been smoothed, several lots had been cleared and two tiny homes had been installed, complete with a few shrubs and potted flowers next to the steps of both homes. A communal brick barbecue grill, surrounded by a concrete patio and lawn chairs, had been inaugurated into its first service to cook piles of burgers and hot dogs. Voluntary Services up at the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital had sent baskets of household stuff like dinnerware and detergent to get the two veterans started. And Sarge's granddaughter had skipped school to be there and to sing "America the Beautiful" as part of the opening ceremony.

And it was a ceremony. Short speeches were given by those who had never done any of the work, but David, the homeless veteran whose idea Veterans Village had been, gave the shortest speech of all. He merely turned to the two veterans who would now live there and said, "Welcome home."

With input from social services in town, a list of other interested veterans had quickly grown, leaving Sarge and David to wonder just how many homeless veterans there were in town.

"This could end up being pretty big, almost beyond my capabilities," David said later, looking around the acreage, his voice shaky until he felt Sarge's hand on his shoulder.

David took a deep breath and let it out. "OK, I guess I better hustle up a few more homes," he said, pulling a folded site plan out of his back pocket and a pencil from behind his ear.

Sarge smiled, patted David's shoulder and sauntered over to the grill to grab a burger before they were all gone.

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Visiting Yap Dog Ruins Holidays

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My sister-in-law insists on bringing her yappy, ill-tempered lap dog, "Mitsi," to our house every Christmas through New Year's. Mitsi gets along with no one but her owner, frightens our two cats and barks at everyone in the house during dinner, nonstop. I love having my brother and his wife over, but Mitsi is making things hellish. How can I politely ask her to leave Mitsi in a kennel during visits?
— Barked Out in Birmingham

DEAR BARKED OUT: I don't know that there's a way to tell your sister-in-law to leave her dog at home that would be taken well. Mitsi clearly is a full member of their family and travels with her.

Can a compromise be reached instead? Ask her if Mitsi can be placed in a separate room during mealtimes while they are visiting. She'll probably still bark, but at least it won't be right in your ear.

You also need to discuss how Mitsi is stressing out the cats. Sometimes people think it's funny when a visiting dog chases the family pets around, but it's not fun for those pets. It's like having a schoolyard bully walk right into your home. Try to keep the discussion civil.

Ultimately, you'll have to decide what level of compromise to ask for in order to keep peace in your house, and you'll have to be firm. Your sister-in-law takes her relationship with her dog seriously; she should respect your concerns as well. That discussion probably won't be comfortable, but if Mitsi's barking and bullying are making the holidays a living hell, you need to speak up.

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

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FOR SALE

2020 Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road 4x4. Black. Excellent condition. 38,500 miles. Predator bars. Factory aluminum wheels. One owner, no dents. 736-1882. \$42,500. 12/15

3BR, 1 bath 1981 mobile home located in Ela. Asking \$3,000. It does need to be moved. Good shape. Info: 507-0962. 12/15

German Shepherd puppy, 8-weeks-old. Has shots and de-wormed, female. \$500. Dog Crate, metal, large size, like new. \$100/each with floor pan. 341-5552

Folding wood Clothes Dryer, big nice, sturdy, not junk asking \$25. Call (828) 507-1061, leave message. 12/15



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into reality.

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Employment Opportunities

Position: Massage Therapist

Full-Time* - Part-Time* -
SIGNING BONUS UP TO \$2500*

Job Description: The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. The massage therapist must provide excellent guest care and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

Applicants must possess a current NC massage license. Required to have open availability, weekends, and holidays. Background Check/Drug Testing, EEOC

For questions, please contact:
Angie Hill, Spa Operations Manager 828-497-8550
angieh@mandaraspa.com

Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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

(Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

1. Special Education Teacher Assistant - Pathseekers - High School
2. Special Education Teacher - Pathseekers - Middle School
3. Special Education Teacher Lifeskills - High School
4. Speech Language Pathologist
5. Elementary Teacher Assistant
6. Maintenance Worker I
7. Cherokee Language Instructor
8. Child Nutrition Assistant - Menu Planner
9. Food Service Worker- Part Time
10. Food Service Worker - Full Time (30 hours)
11. Science Teacher - High School
12. Math Teacher - High School
13. Social Studies Teacher - High School
14. Math/Reading Interventionist (High School)
15. Middle School Baseball Assistant Coach
16. Middle School Baseball Head Coach
17. Custodian
18. Substitute Teachers



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 Lead Teacher

FT School Age Group Leader

FT Custodian

Snowbird Childcare

FT Lead Teacher

Children's Home

FT Residential Counselor (3)

PT Residential Counselor (3)

FT Administrative Assistant

Bus & Truck

FT Truck Drivers (1)

PT School Bus Drivers (6)

Construction & Facilities

FT Carpenter/Mason (2)

Closing Nov. 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Administration Dept.

FT Receptionist/ Switchboard Operator

Closes Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Service Dept.

FT Body Shop Technician



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Open Positions

Administrative Assistant – PI/Engineering
Advanced Practice Provider PTI (PA/FNP) –
Emergency Room

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician

Assistant Member Services Manager

Behavioral Health Data Analyst

Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi (2 Positions) PTI

Behavioral Health LPN – Analenisgi

Billing Technician II (3 positions)

Case Management Support – Primary Care (4 Positions)

Certified Coder – Medical Records

Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Pediatrics

Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care

Clinical Informaticist

Clinical Dietitian

Dental Assistant II (3 Positions)

Dentist

Dentist: Dentures & Partials

Dietary Services Supervisor

Durable Medical Equipment Specialist

Grant Coordinator – Analenisgi (Half-Time Position)

Hospitalist

Integrated Class Skill Builder

LPN – MAT Clinic (Analenisgi)

Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded)

Adult/Analenisgi

Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety (2 Positions)

Masters Level Therapist – Integrated Classroom

Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwotiyi (Hiring Bonus)

Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Analenisgi (1 Positions)

Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Juvenile Justice

Medical Laboratory Technician- Part Time Intermittent

Optician

Optometric Assistant

PA or NP – Analenisgi Inpatient

Payroll Officer - Accounting

Pedodontist

Peer Support Specialist – Grant Funded

Pharmacy Technician I

Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient

PTI Radiology Technologist

PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient (2 Positions)

PTI Registered Nurse – Emergency Room

PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient

Registered Nurse - Inpatient

Registered Nurse – Wound Care

Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi (2 position)

Respiratory Therapist – 3 Emergency Hire PTI

RN Care Manager – Primary Care (3 positions)

RN Care Manager Float – Primary Care

Sterile Processing Technician

Supply Warehouse Technician

Telemetry Nursing Assistant (2 Positions)

Tsali Care Center

Cook Aide

CNA Full Time

CNA PTI

License Practical Nurse

Life Enrichment Assistant PTI

Medication Aide

Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time

Regular Without Benefits

Personal Care Assistant/CNA – Regular Full Time

Registered Nurse – Full Time

Retention Bonus Eligible Positions

Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time Intermittent/Part-Time Regular (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)

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

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



FOOD & BEVERAGE & BONUSES. ALL AT ONE HOLIDAY HIRING EVENT.

Join us for a December Food & Beverage Hiring Event. It's happening December 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Harrah's Cherokee Convention Center. We're hiring for all F&B positions, with bonuses up to \$3,000. Apply at HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com.

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Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2021, Caesars License Company, LLC.

EMPLOYMENT

The Family Safety Program is seeking proposals to fill several contracted roles for Project Gadugi. Project Gadugi is a 5-year project funded by the Administration for Children and Families via the Improving Child Welfare through Investing in Families Grant. One Implementation Specialist, that will assist with implementing all facets of the project, networking with community stakeholders, coordinating data, and other related tasks, will be contracted with on a full time basis. The Family Safety Program is also seeking two (2) Family Group Decision Making Coordinators, who will work within families to coordinate meetings with support systems and facilitate the implementation of a culturally adapted

rendering of Family Group Decision Making. For more information on any of these positions, and for a full Request for Proposal Document, contact Meghan Arnold at megarn@ebci-nsn.gov or 828-359-1542. **12/15**

RNs and LPNs for Pediatric Home Care

Bonus Offered for New Hires

A New Hope Home Care is looking for RNs and LPNs to care for a pediatric client in Cherokee. 8 - 12 hour shifts, Day and Night, Weekday and Weekend Needs. Please call us to learn more. 828-255-4446 or email: info@anewhohomecare.com . Learn more at www.anewhohomecare.com **1/19**

Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission has the follow-

ing job available: Full time & Part Time Inventory Control Store Clerk

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Amanda Younce at the Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday. This position will close December 27, 2021 at 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current Job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be Accepted in lieu of TABCC application. **12/15**

Position Title: Substitute Teacher

Primary Function: Provides educational services consistently on a day-by-day basis according to Head Start/Early Head Start performance standards and HS/EHS policies and procedures. Ensures classroom

activities, equipment, materials, and supplies are age and developmentally appropriate and that all areas of child development are addressed including social/emotional, physical, cognitive, self-help, and speech/language. Maintains a safe and health environment for all children.

- Minimum Required - Level 1 Childhood Development Associates Credential (CDA)

- Preferred level 2 - Associate's Degree

- Preferred level 3 - Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field.

- Valid NC drivers license required

Hiring Range \$15.99-\$23.98 per hour based on experience.

Please submit a resume to Olivia Blankenship, Education Manager at olivblan@nc-chokeee.com or Tina Saunooke, Early Education



Tribal Employment Rights Office

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:45am-4:30pm

Please note The TERO Office will be closed Monday, December 20, 2021, through Friday, December 31, 2021. We will be back to regular schedule starting on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Now Available – TERO's Local Job Listing for December 2021

The Tribal Employment Rights Office ("TERO") is pleased to provide a monthly job listing for the Cherokee area. Please visit TERO's website at this link: [WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - EBCI TERO \(ebci-tero.com\)](http://WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - EBCI TERO (ebci-tero.com)) or stop by the TERO Office to receive the job list for November. The TERO Office is located at 756 Acquoni Rd in Cherokee, NC.

If you are (1) an enrolled member of the EBCI, (2) spouse of EBCI enrolled member or parent of minor EBCI enrolled member, (3) or an enrolled member of another federally recognized tribe, and you are interested in enrolling in TERO's Job Bank for job referrals, please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy at the email or telephone numbers below.

Hillary Norville – TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6422
hillnorv@ebci-nsn.gov

Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6478
dougmcoco@ebci-nsn.gov



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Closing Sunday, December 19, 2021

1. Sergeant Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
2. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L11 \$48,162 - \$60,202)
3. Recreation Aide (Multiple) – Cherokee Life – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
4. Laborer – H.E.I.P. – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
5. Field Technician – Water and Sewer – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
6. Housekeeper I Light Duty – Housekeeping – Operations (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
7. PT Paramedic – Cherokee Tribal EMS – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
8. Deputy Marshal – Cherokee Tribal Court (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
9. Bailiff (Multiple) – Tribal Court (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

Open Until Filled

1. Evidence Technician I – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
3. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour)
5. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
6. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
7. Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
8. Cultural Resource and Archive Officer – Kituwah Preservation Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
9. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
10. Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head-Start/Early Head-Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
11. Telecommunicator – Public Safety – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
12. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Tribal Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
13. Adult Language Education Coordinator – Kituwah Preservation and Education – Community/Education/Recreation (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)

**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.

Director at tinasaur@nc-chokeee.com.

Full job description is on Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start Facebook page.

For additional information or to request a job description for this position contact William Maney, Human Resources and Office Administrator, willmane@nc-chokeee.com. **12/15**

LEGAL NOTICES

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management Program
Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg.
810 Acquoni Road, Suite 117
P.O. Box 1328
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
Ph. (828) 359-6700

Project Title: Master Planning for Mountain Bike and Mixed-Use Trails at Shut-In Creek and Black Rock

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (the "Tribe" or "EBCI") is seeking a qualified professional firm to provide services for creating a master planning document for a mountain bikes and mixed-use trail system on a parcel called 'Shut-In Creek' and Blackrock. The two parcels, 470 and 441 acres respectively, was purchased with a mix of state, private, and tribal funds for purpose of conserving the water resources on the property. The EBCI owns Shut-In Creek, and the Town of Sylva ("ToS") owns Blackrock. There is a conservation easement maintained by NC Land & Water Trust on both pieces of property, which dictates certain allowable activities related to existing features and future use, such as trail development.

In partnership with Mainspring

Conservation Fund ("MCF"), the Tribe and the ToS purchased the property with the intent of preserving the landscapes natural features and conserving the water resources that flow from the property. The two parcels are located in Jackson County, adjacent to EBCI Tribal trust to the north and Pinnacle Park to the south.

The goal of this project is to generate a master plan, with associated construction, bidding, permitting documents, for both Shut-In Creek and Black collectively, but in separate packages to allow for each entity to pursue the construction phase at their own pace.

To request a package, ask questions about the project, or provide comments, contact Chris Greene by email at chrigree@ebci-nsn.gov.

Qualifications, fee structure and statement of availability must be submitted to Mr. Greene in accordance with the instructions and must be received by 11:00 a.m., January 24th at which time submittals will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any submittals received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of this contract. **12/15**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management Program
Project Title: Master Plan Development and Due Diligence Services

The EBCI Project Management Program is seeking the services of a planning and design team to assist the program in master planning, site assessment, and preliminary design for a wide array of projects to be initiated with the next three

years. Firms or teams wishing to request a proposal package should contact Mr. Chris Greene, at (828)359-6703 or by email at chrigree@nc-chokeee.com.

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Chris Greene, Project Management Program. Proposals must be received by 01/20/2022@11:00 AM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal procedures. Any proposal received after that time will not be considered.

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

If you have any questions or comments, you may address them to Chris Greene at the email or phone above. **12/15**

In the General Court of Justice in Jackson County, District Court

Division: File Number 21 JT
In the matter of Toineeta, a minor child for Termination of Parental Rights
Petitioners: Cheryl Colleen Franks and Kayla Nicole Cogdill
Respondents: Taryn Krista Elizabeth Toineeta and Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. and Any Unknown Father
Petitioners' attorney: Shira Hedgepeth, PO Box 514, Cullowhee, NC 28723, Phone 828-585-5044
Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. or any Unknown Father must enter a defense to the pleadings within 40 days of this notice. If Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. or any Unknown father fails to make a defense within the time required, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the project entitled GRANDVIEW AT CHEROKEE INDIAN DIVISION OF HOUSING will be received by CHEROKEE INDIAN DIVISION OF HOUSING at 2:00 PM local time DECEMBER 22nd at their office located at 678 ACQUONI RD. CHEROKEE, NC 28719 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

THE PROJECT GENERALLY CONSISTS OF Erosion control, clearing, grubbing, earthwork, site demolition, installation of water system, sewer system, stone base, gravel roads, asphalt paving, and segmental block retaining walls. Contractor to pay special consideration to the preservation and protection of the existing property features that are designated to be preserved.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Civil Design Concepts (CDC)
168 Patton Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, Civil Design Concepts, P.A. located at 168 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC 28801.

Bidders and other interested parties should note that prequalification of equipment manufacturers by the Engineer prior to the bid opening may be required for this project. Equipment prequalification requirements, if any, are described in the Contract Documents.

A certified check or cashiers check payable to the Owner, or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds in the amount equal to five percent of the total of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for

employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

CHEROKEE INDIAN DIVISION OF HOUSING (Owner) reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals and to waive any informalities.

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish separate, 100 percent Performance and Payment Bonds in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-129 and of Article 3 of Chapter 44A. The Performance Bond shall be in full force and effect for one (1) year after the date of final acceptance of the project by the Owner.

The bid deposit shall be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract or fails to provide the required bonds, as stated above, within ten (10) days after award of the contract.

Each bidder must be appropriately licensed as a Contractor in the State of North Carolina as provided in General Statutes Chapter 87. Each bidder must have a North Carolina Contractor's License. Each bidder shall make positive

efforts to use small and minority owned business enterprises on this project.

Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

The OWNER may make such investigations as he deems necessary to determine the ability of the BIDDER to perform the WORK, and the BIDDER shall furnish to the OWNER all such information and data for this purpose as the OWNER may request. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any BID if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such BIDDER fails to satisfy the OWNER that such BIDDER is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the WORK contemplated therein.

A conditional or qualified BID will not be accepted.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout.

Each BIDDER is responsible for inspecting the site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with

the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure or omission of any BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any BIDDER from any obligation in respect to his BID.

A Pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 AM local time on December 14th at the Project Site at 33 Owl Branch Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719.

The ENGINEER is Civil Design Concepts, P.A. His address is 168 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC 28801. Bunsey Crowe
Owner's Representative
12/15

Bids are being accepted for 2022 Teen, Junior and Little Miss Cherokee Crowns

- Teen Miss "7", Junior Miss "5" and Little Miss "3" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)
- Use any colors/design for personal touch
- Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

• 4 - 4" Beaded Tribal Seals
Bidders must be prepared to present designs to the Board on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, at 5 p.m. at the Shawn Blanton Emergency Operations Center. Info: Yona Wade 554-5032, Mollie Grant at 359-6430 or email cherokeepageantboard@gmail.com.
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Bids are being accepted for 2022 Miss Cherokee Crown

- 9" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)
- Use any colors/design for personal touch
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OWL: UNC re-names building in honor of EBCI tribal member, *from page 28*

...ents, it just feels like it's falling short of offering that to anybody. It is my opinion that UNC needs to make a more concerted effort to offer a voice to the Tribes they serve. Each has its own traditions and history – lumping them together just isn't cutting it. The

idea of unifying the nations in one space is wonderful, and something like the Carolina Indian Circle could be a great asset for students and faculty. However, I felt isolated during my first year on campus, and I doubt I'm alone in that. Luckily, the school took another step when I was in school and allowed Cherokee to be taken as my language credit. Taught by another

enrolled member of the EBCI, Dr. Benjamin Frey, it allowed me to have that sense of place I had been seeking. These are the types of effort I love to see and that I would strongly encourage moving forward. I am proud that my school now has one of its most important alumni represented on a building. Henry Owl was a hero for Cherokee

civil rights and is a symbol of courage. I am excited by the prospect of a stronger relationship between the EBCI and UNC-Chapel Hill. There is a lot of work to be done, and I'm hopeful that this is not simply an instance of short-term appeasement.

Thanks for a great year!

Look for the first issue of 2022 on Wednesday, Jan. 22



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