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Caesars Southern Indiana Casino: A one year review

By JONAH LOSSIAH
One Feather Reporter

ELIZABETH, Ind. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) formally purchased Caesars Southern Indiana (CSI) Casino on Sept. 3, 2021, and according to tribal officials it is already outperforming projections.

Cory Blankenship, EBCI secretary of treasury, offered a breakdown of where the property is now and what it means for the Tribe after one year. The final purchase price for CSI was \$280 million. This secured the entire ownership of the business. That means management is under the purview of the Tribe, but the Caesars brand

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The outside of Caesars Southern Indiana casino property is shown in this photo from January 2021. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Shown in the photo above is a portion of the gaming floor at Caesars Southern Indiana casino.

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is still attached to the business. Secretary Blankenship said that initial estimates were that CSI would bring \$1.9 million in revenue directly back to the EBCI after year one.

Targets and Profit Dissemination

Secretary Blankenship was happy to report that profits back to the Tribe were actually \$4.1 million, a figure that was 116 percent higher than projections. He explained that the current contract is structured to where only 25 percent of profits from CSI are being directly sent back to the EBCI. The other 75 percent goes to EBCI Holdings, the company crafted by the Tribe in December 2020. Secretary Blankenship also sits on the EBCI Holdings Board.

"I think the other thing that is important to reiterate is that even with that 75/25 split, 100 percent of the profit is owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. 25 percent flows directly to the government, 75 percent is retained by EBCI Holdings. EBCI Holdings is 100 percent owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. There are no other shareholders, there are no other partners in that deal," said Secretary Blankenship.

That means approximately \$12.3 million went to EBCI Holdings in the fiscal year 2022. This structure was developed to satisfy requests made by the Indiana Gaming Commission (IGC). Secretary Blankenship said that the primary reason for such a large percentage being held is for liability. This was the EBCI's first foray into commercial gaming, and EBCI Holdings was established for this business venture. He said that the IGC wanted to play the partnership carefully, and that it will help to lay the foundation as the Tribe continues to investigate commercial gaming opportunities.

"The reason for that split is because that is what is required currently in Indiana. As we move into other jurisdictions, they don't have the same revenue rules that Indiana has. And we've had conversations as a Board to go back to Indiana now that we've closed that first year to say, 'can we get some relief in that? Can we talk about a different revenue split?' But it's important that we share revenues with EBCI Holdings so that EBCI Holdings can grow to a level where it can fund its own deals in the future."

He said that with a profitable year under their belt, the Board feels more confident about going back to IGC to renegotiate that split. Secretary Blankenship said that a good target they are

aiming for is to attain a 50/50 distribution. This would drastically increase distributions to tribal operation while also maintaining the growth of EBCI Holdings. However, this would have to be agreed upon by the IGC.

He said that the Tribe is also relatively unique to the state of Indiana because they operate as a private company.

“Most other companies that operate in Indiana are publicly traded companies. We are one of two privately held companies that operate in Indiana. So, Indiana, from a regulatory perspective, want to see what the revenue flow is because there’s not this level of transparency that you would have with a publicly traded company.”

Secretary Blankenship also offered how the \$4.1 million is fractioned again for distribution within the EBCI.

“There is a split. Tribal council approved a revenue allocation plan for the 4.1 (million dollars). 25 percent goes to Debt Service Sinking Fund. 25 percent goes to Endowment Fund number one. 20 percent goes to the Higher Education Endowment. 20 percent goes to the hospital. 10 percent goes to housing.”

The negotiations being handled directly by EBCI Holdings instead of Tribal leadership is a measured approach, according to Secretary Blankenship. He said that they had to examine the cost and time associated with attaining state gaming licenses. He said that process includes a 50-page application, with his completed and submitted application totaling more than 400 pages.

“When you talk about that task right there. Collecting from 14 individuals, all of that information, applying for them a license, and then a year from now there’s

an election and we have two new council members. Now, I have to take them back through the approval process, and I’ve got to do that every two years. That’s why, when we came in, we said it was important to create some segregation and establish this Board. Which they did. That wasn’t without controversy and that wasn’t without hesitation.”

He said this extends to how the deals are done. The general public isn’t privy to every detail of the process of these acquisitions. Secretary Blankenship said the small details are essential, and it’s often difficult to release anything throughout negotiations. He said that EBCI Holdings and tribal leadership have to be extremely measured due to the speed and sensitivity of these deals.

“You have to be very careful with these deals. Number one, they happen quickly. We can speak to a business partner, and they will literally tell us ‘we have to have a decision in 30 days, we’re ready to close.’ Well, that doesn’t fit nicely in the Tribal Council processes. What we’re very careful not to broadcast are the potential terms of the deal, who we’re talking to, and who the potential players are.”

Commercial Gaming vs. Indian Gaming

CSI has been the EBCI’s first step into commercial gaming, but it certainly won’t be the last. Just this year the Tribe has broken ground on two new ventures. The first came in August with the celebration of a partnership with Caesars for a \$650 million casino in Danville, Va. The second came this past Friday, Oct. 28 with the groundbreaking for ‘Project Thoroughbred’, a move into the Kentucky gaming market. An article detailing Project Thoroughbred is forthcoming.

What sets the CSI investment apart from Danville is management. EBCI Holdings has direct involvement in the decisions made at CSI, this will not be the case for Caesars Virginia.

“In Danville, we are just an equity partner. It’s not a scenario where EBCI Holdings is going to be managing the property. That will be done by Caesars. Caesars will operate that casino and essentially, we contributed equity, and we will get payment back that is equivalent to our equity position in the property (49.5 percent). That’s going to be purely Caesars management.”

Both of these casinos are quite different from Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee and Harrah’s Valley River Casino in Murphy. On top of the deal structure, Secretary Blankenship said the most obvious difference between commercial and Indian gaming is profit margins.

“With commercial gaming you are subject to the regulation of the state where the gaming is occurring. So, each state has a tax structure for their gaming operations. It’s typically 30 percent. When you talk about this top-line gaming revenue, take away a third. That’s going to the state to fund state programs. Much like we use tribal gaming to fund tribal programs. The revenue-generating opportunity on a commercial gaming facility is not the same as it is on a tribal gaming facility.”

He said that a common way to look at commercial gaming operation is to look at the revenue split into thirds. One third goes to the state, one third goes to operating costs of the casino, and the final third is profit. Much of profit will be used to pay off debt and for capital investment. In the case of CSI, that final profit is then subject

to the 75/25 split.

Secretary Blankenship said while profits aren’t immediately as high as tribal gaming, it’s still a tremendously valuable investment. He said that it allows the Tribe to expand its brand, develop revenue across the country, and most importantly diversify that revenue.

“You’ve got the Tribe and tribal gaming. It’s been the goose and the golden egg. There is a need to diversify away from that. When you look at 2023 being 75 percent of casino projection for the upcoming year, that’s important. That’s a huge milestone because we’re slowly pulling back on the Tribe’s overreliance on tribal gaming revenue to support essential governmental services.”

Continued Investment

The Indiana Gaming Commission published its annual report for fiscal year 2022 in September. It shows that Caesars Southern Indiana had a gross total win of \$244,287,795. Of this, \$71.2 went to Indiana state tax. This puts CSI at fifth in the state in total revenue. These figures, as well as monthly reports from each of Indiana’s commercial casino operations, are available at <https://www.in.gov/igc>.

Secretary Blankenship said that the acquiring of CSI was purely a financial play, and therefore the success of the property is based on profit and value of the company. To accurately generate value estimations, they use EBITDA – earning before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization.

“Looking at how casino properties are valued, it’s on a multiple of EBITDA. So, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians paid six and

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Topping-off Ceremony held for new Tribal Foods building

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Five months after ground was broken at the site, a topping-off ceremony was held for the new building that will house the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Tribal Foods Distribution Program and the EBCI Tribal Cannery. The ceremony, which involved attendees signing the final beam on the project, was held on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 27 on the nearly 8,000 square feet building.

The project was funded through a \$5.3 million USDA grant, \$4 million in ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds, and \$1



A topping-off ceremony was held on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 27 for the new building that will house the EBCI Tribal Foods Distribution Program and the EBCI Tribal Cannery. Attendees are shown standing behind the final beam for the building that was signed by all present. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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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 **\$20,000** reward is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed signs the beam in the Cherokee Syllabary.

million from the capital fund of the EBCI. In addition to the new building, the project will see part of an existing building, the former business known as The Cherokees, renovated.

“Tribal foods, what you’ve done with the limited space in the old facility that we have has been nothing short of amazing,” said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed who thanked Frank Dunn Sr., former Tribal Foods representative, for his work in garnering the grant funding. “It’s a huge turnaround from those of us who are old enough to remember when it was just the old USDA commodis in the cardboard box with all the generic packaging. You’ve made the program something for the entire community to be proud of. And I think, probably more importantly, there’s no stigma attached to it. You guys have done just an amaz-

ing job and I think the new facility is going to be state-of-the-art.”

He added, “Once again, the Eastern Band is leading the way in Indian Country. This is food sovereignty. This is making sure that we have the resources on hand in the event of a pandemic, another shutdown, some other unforeseen circumstances that’s yet on the horizon that we’re unaware of. We can be secure in the fact that we have food security and food sovereignty.”

“It’s a big deal. I’m excited about it. I know the program, you guys have got to be excited about it. And I know the community is as well. I know those folks in our community are super excited about it to have a beautiful new facility.”

Glenn Olson, superintendent for Vannoy Construction, commented, “This is a big milestone,



Amelia Owle-Arkansas, Tribal Foods warehouse manager, foreground, and Paint-town Rep. Dike Sneed sign the beam.

when you erect a building like this. The last beam to be erected means we’re done going backwards and we’re starting to move forward. Without the help of our subcontractors...they’re the magicians that made this happen this fast.”

Olson said the final beam, that was signed by all in attendance, will be treated with a clear coat to preserve the signatures and will be left unpainted for all to see.

He went on to say, “We are really excited about this project because of what it’s going to be doing for the community.”

Mike Quillen, business director for EBCI Public Health and Human Services (PHHS), said, “At PHHS, our vision is seven generations of wellness with families strong in mind, body, and spirit and there’s nothing more basic than food to stay healthy. We are

excited to celebrate this project milestone.”

“This new building will be a state-of-the-art building and allow the Tribe to continue to feed the people for years to come. It will allow us to have more food, a larger variety of food, and serve more people.”

Dr. Lilly Bouie, USDA Food & Nutrition Service regional director, attended the groundbreaking ceremony this May and commented at that time, “We know already that it will benefit the families here. As gaps in service are identified, possibly there are more children and families who could benefit from more food. And, with this gap in service being identified, you’re going to fill that gap through the foundation, through the services that you will continue to provide.”



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Cherokee Central Schools approved for \$15 minimum wage

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Reporter

EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Tribal Council unanimously approved a budget increase of \$1,380,000 for Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) during Annual Council on Monday, Oct. 24.

This request will look to increase the minimum wage of CCS employees to 15 dollars per hour and incorporate a scaled living wage adjustment for those already above that minimum. That wage adjustment ranges from three to six percent based on current salary, with those on the lower end getting a higher increase. Res. No. 429 (2022) was submitted by Cherokee Boys Club Finance Director Ashford Smith and CCS Finance Director Howard Wahnetah, who were both present to answer any questions on the proposal.

“I know you just approved the FY 23 last month. The reason why we didn’t ask for this funding on the front end is because, for us, the budget process begins in March. The outlook now is completely different than it was in March when we began these discussions. At every level of the government. When you look at the Federal level, there was the inflation. Which has been a continued story of everyday life for everyone. In March, we were monitoring the Feds response and they were getting aggressive with raising interest rates and everything. However, now that has not helped that much,” said Smith.

Res. 429 states that the minimum wage coming into the school year for CCS was \$12.16 an hour, and that there was nothing in the budget for an additional cost-of-living raise for other employees.

“At the state level, in the state’s FY23 budget, there was a

lot of emphasis on teacher salaries. However, one of the biggest aspects of that budget was raising the minimum wage of the custodial workers, facility workers, security. They raised that minimum wage at the state level to 15 dollars an hour, which we have not done at Cherokee Central Schools yet,” said Smith.

The discussion for this increase was reignited and discussed at the beginning of the month by the CCS Board of Education. Questions rose around a minimum wage adjustment after the EBCI made the same move for tribal employees, which became effective on Oct. 1.

“At the local level, the EBCI increased their minimum wage to \$15. Now, we’re not trying to create a system that directly competes with EBCI because we realize we’re all one big family. But, at the same time, we now have employ-

ees that are happy at the school. They love working at the school. But now, they have to look at the financial decision in front of them. They might have to say, ‘hey, we might have to move on and work with the Tribe because we’re going to get paid and get the same benefits there’.”

Smith also offered an explanation to how and why this increase would be implemented if approved.

“As far as methodology, we used the same method that the Tribe used in their most recent increase and just applied it to our scale. This does not include elected officials or any coaches’ stipends or anything like that.”

There was no discussion or comment made by Tribal Council, as Wofltown Rep. Bo Crowe and Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke immediately moved to pass. The Council did so unanimously.

Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos seeking participants for Cherokee Dev. Program

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos is seeking members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to participate in the Cherokee Development Program (CDP). Applicants must be 21 years of age, and the application window is open from Nov. 11-24 in the following department tracts: Food & Beverage, Finance, and all areas of the Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River property in Murphy, N.C.

To apply for the program, visit www.Harrahscherokeejobs.com

Leeann Bridges, Harrah’s Cherokee vice president of human resources, describes the

program, “The Cherokee Development Program is designed to assist tribal members interested in leadership positions at Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos. As we celebrate our 25th year in business and begin construction on the expansion at Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River, there are more opportunities than ever for enrolled members to excel.”

There are currently 4,000 employees between Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort and Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River property according to information from Harrah’s Cherokee. Of those, 10 percent are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Bridges added, “Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos is committed to offering in-depth training for CDP participants in key competencies such as leadership, finance, marketing, operations, and hospitality in order to build bench strength for our future.”

Information from Harrah’s Cherokee states, “The Cherokee Development Program

CDP is in place to ensure professional career development for enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation. Participants train in different divisions of Harrah’s Cherokee and focus on developing leadership and critical thinking skills. The Talent department and division leaders work closely to develop specific training programs and objectives to prepare participants to advance and promote into leadership roles.”

It continues, “CDP participants receive one-on-one coaching and mentorship, are assigned special projects and in-depth training opportunities on topics such as leading teams, coaching for success, developing talent, public speaking, diversity and inclusion, as well as core business competencies in finance, marketing, and HR.”

The One Feather requested interviews with current employees who have gone through the CDP, but Harrah’s policies do not allow for this.

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a half times EBITDA for Caesars Southern Indiana. We're seeing regional properties right now trade at nine times, 10 times. We saw a property go for 12 times. We've seen a bid on a property go for 16 times EBITDA. If you take the low end of that valuation, nine times EBITDA would put that property at \$422 million. Which is a \$142 million of positive valuation growth for EBCI. Of course, that just gets bigger and bigger as you go up to 10 times EBITDA or 12 times."

Secretary Blankenship said

that now they have seen early success at CSI, they feel confident in making additional investment into the property to increase the bottom line.

"When we looked at the performance of Caesars Southern Indiana, we set a target of 20 percent revenue growth. As we get in, as we make some changes to the customer experience, as we expand marketing, as we add amenities or upgrade amenities, we think that we can add 20 percent to the bottom line of Caesars Southern Indiana. That's really a three-to-five-year play."

Capital investments have already begun, and Blankenship said

to expect more.

"Things like changing out the old legacy Binion Steakhouse for a Gordon Ramsay Steak, which is going to open later this year. So, I think there are more opportunities for us there to tap into that Louisville market, expand that player database and bring new customers into that property. We've planned some capital improvements on the floor, we've planned some capital improvements to the hotel. The steakhouse is the first big project that is being undertaken. So, I think you'll see more and more of that."

Establishing the Gordon Ramsay Steak required a \$5 million in-

vestment. It will be a 6,000-square foot restaurant, and they are hoping it can bring in new clientele and generate more revenue.

Caesars Southern Indiana Casino is the foundation of EBCI Holdings, which Secretary Blankenship says is already well ahead of schedule. The goal is to continue building a revenue generator that can fuel EBCI Holdings and establish the EBCI as a major player in commercial gaming. CSI will keep growing as the EBCI continues to hunt for more revenue sources throughout the country.

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Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Hatchery supported waters are open	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Midges, BWO, Stones	Rubber legs, pheasant tail, prince nymph, zebra midge, walts worm, soft hackles, adams, elk hair caddis
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery supported waters are open	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Midges, BWO, Stones	Rubber legs, pheasant tail, prince nymph, zebra midge, walts worm, soft hackles, adams, elk hair caddis

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CIPD Arrest Report for Oct. 16-23

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.

Ivey, Bill Edwin – age 32
Arrested: Oct. 17
Released: Oct. 17
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Jones Sr., Tony Gene – age 54
Arrested: Oct. 17
Released: Oct. 18

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Pheasant Jr., Thomas Eugene – age 20

Arrested: Oct. 18
Released: Oct. 20
Charges: Probation Violation

Sneed, Samuel Paul – age 30
Arrested: Oct. 18
Released: Oct. 20
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Contreras, Jose Antonio – age 30
Arrested: Oct. 19
Released: Oct. 19
Charges: Violation of Pre-Trial Release (Poss. Firearm), Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Jaworski, Michelle Therese – age 54

Arrested: Oct. 19
Released: Oct. 19
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Reed, Danielle – age 35
Arrested: Oct. 19
Released: Oct. 25
Charges: Larceny, Second Degree Trespass

Queen Jr., Hugh Nolan – age 32
Arrested: Oct. 20
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 25)
Charges: Probation Violation

Reed II, Gary Lee – age 25
Arrested: Oct. 20
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 25)
Charges: Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Con-

trolled Substance (two counts); Weapons Offense

Toineeta, Victoria Eden – age 32
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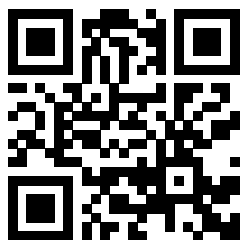
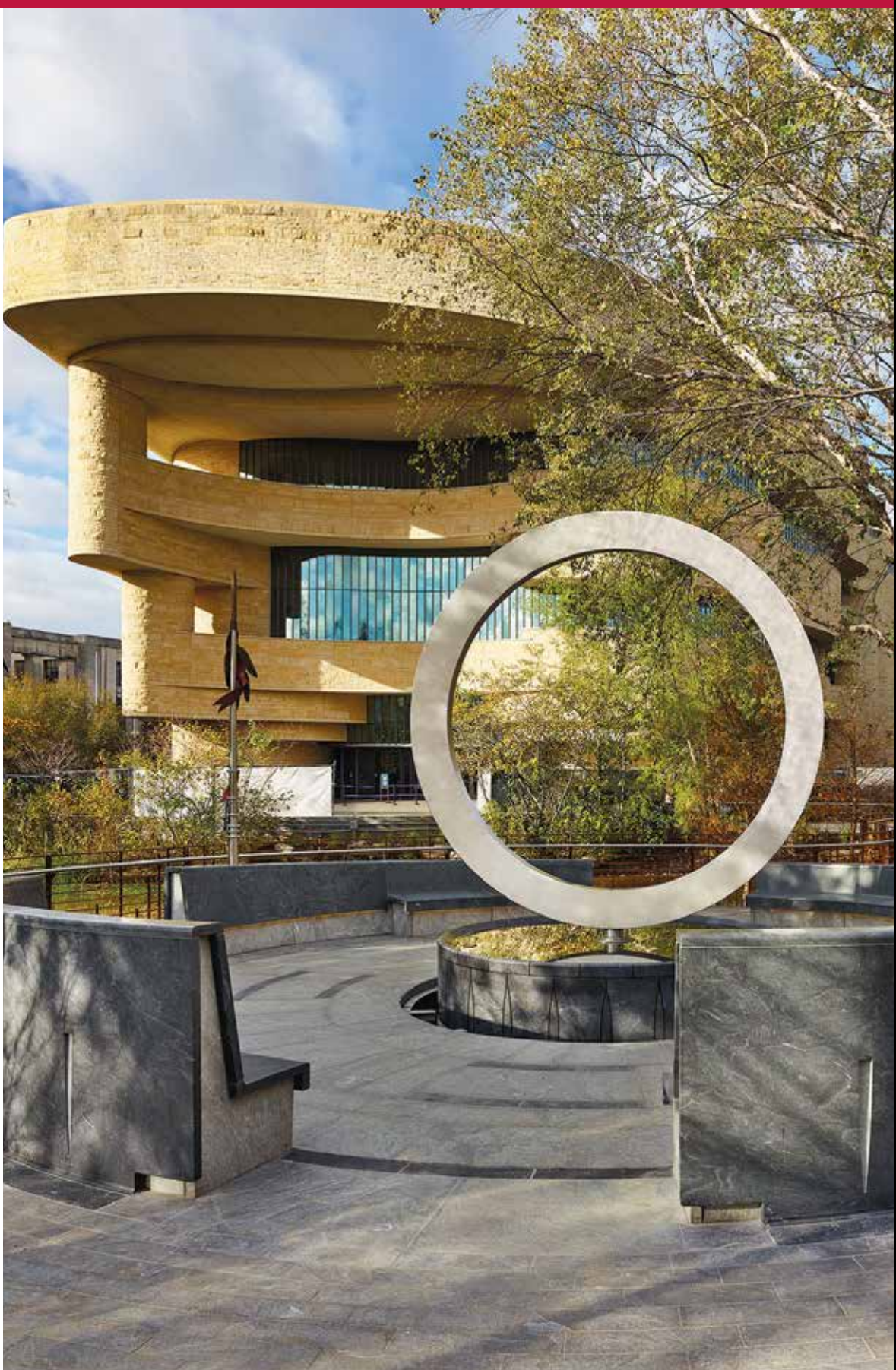


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THIRD QUARTER 2022 REPORT OF THE CHEROKEE TRIBAL COURT Pleas and Sentences July 1 to September 30, 2022 documented in Tribalex (other paper judgements not entered in Tribalex during this time are not listed)

James Toinetta-Pled guilty to Criminal Mischief to Property. Admitted probation violation. Sentence activated, date of release November 25, 2022.

Michael Littlejohn-Pled guilty to Public Intoxication. Sentenced to seven days, date of release September 16, 2022.

Tyler Blankenship-Pled guilty to Domestic Violence; Resisting, delaying or obstructing officers. Sentence deferred, defendant to attend and complete batterers treatment program; if successful, may withdraw guilty plea and have charges dismissed. Pay \$1000 fine pursuant to C.C. 14-96.2.

Wendy Pearl Brady-Pled guilty to Domestic Violence. Admitted probation violation. Sentence activated on probation violation-180 days with 17 days credit. Sentenced 180 days for domestic violence with 24 days credit. Date of release August 5, 2023. Pay \$1000 fine pursuant to C.C. 14-96-2.

Jordan Panther-Pled guilty to Obstructing Justice. Admitted probation violation. Sentenced to 200 days with 171 days credit. Date of release November 16, 2022.

Cheyenne Arneach-Pled guilty to failure to obey a lawful order of the court. Pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 270 days. Serve 180 days on electronic home confinement. 18 months supervised probation.

Caleb Eggen-Pled guilty to injuring telephone wires, wires, or other communication equipment; interfering with emergency communication. Pled guilty to failure to obey a lawful order of the court. Pled guilty to amended charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Pled to child abuse in the second degree. Sentenced to 180 days credit for 103 days served. Sentence suspended 12 months supervised probation. Pay \$500 to Heart to Heart.

THIRD QUARTER 2022 REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE TRIBAL PROSECUTOR

Between July 1 and September 30, 2022, the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor obtained convictions in connection with 62 incidents of crime. Over 30 law enforcement officers, including Cherokee Indian Police Department, Alcohol Law Enforcement, and the Tribal Prosecutor and three private individuals were responsible for the charges resulting in these convictions. The convictions by each category during this calendar year. The data shows the percentage of convictions the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor had obtained by the conclusion of the third quarter (or the first nine months) of 2022 compared to all 12 months of fiscal year 2021.

Three quarters into the 2022 calendar year, the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor has met or exceeded the number of convictions during the entire preceding fiscal year for crimes involving alcoholic beverages, child victims, property to include takings and trespass, violations against public peace, and weapons offenses.

In the third quarter, the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor resolved over 15 probation violations filed by the Cherokee Marshals. In the month of September, the resolution of probation violations resulted in defendants being ordered to complete substantial sentences in jail totaling in excess of a year of active incarceration.

The Office of the Tribal Prosecutor is in the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. The Tribal Prosecutors report to the Attorney General.

	7/1 to 9/30/2022	1/1- 9/30/22	FY21
Alcoholic Beverages	1	7	4 (175%)
Banishment/Exclusion*	2	6	
Bodily Injury	5	17	25 (68%)
Child Victim	5	21	12 (183%)
Controlled Substances	6	60	69 (87%)
Domestic Violence	6	36	42 (85%)
DWI*	1	7	
Elder Abuse*		5	
Obstruction of Justice	9	39	37 (105%)
Property	20	64	41 (156%)
Public Peace	4	16	5 (320%)
Weapons Offenses	2	4	4 (100%)

*Crimes of this nature were not segregated out into these categories in prior fiscal years. They will be moving forward.



THIRD QUARTER 2022 REPORT OF THE CHEROKEE TRIBAL COURT Service of Warrants, FTAs, and DVPOs by Date Range From Jul-01-2022 To Sep-30-2022



Constitution vs. Charter: Article IX

Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution

Article IX

Section 6. Penalties. A judgment of conviction causing an official to be removed by impeachment rendered by the Tribal Council shall include a disqualification from holding future elected or appointed office of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Clause 1. Reversal of Removal and Penalties. All judgments and penalties determined by Tribal Council regarding impeachment are final and are not subject to review by any other branch of Tribal government.

Clause 2. Criminality. A judgment to remove from office by impeachment shall be final. Civil and criminal charges of the impeached official may be brought forward in a court of law.

Clause 3. Restitution. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians may initiate a civil action in the Judicial Branch to seek restitution of any funds or property misappropriated or wrongfully acquired by an individual removed by impeachment.

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

Why are Tribal Council judgments final in an impeachment trial?

Elected officials are subject to impeachment since they are not employees, however the citizens of the Tribe may vote them out at the next election. The alternative is impeachment through the Constitution as the way elected or appointed officials are held accountable for their actions while in office as it is a political process. As a political function, there is no other political group that can supersede the authority of Tribal Council.

What does criminality mean?

As an example, if someone is impeached on charges of embezzlement in office, it does not protect them from criminal proceedings of the same charge. Impeachment is not a criminal process but political.

What is restitution?

Restitution is the restoration of something stolen. If someone is convicted of impeachment it usually involves money. Even after being impeached, the tribe can still file a claim in Tribal Court to recover funds and/or property that were illegally taken. Being impeached does not stop any civil or criminal cases from occurring including the recovery of monies and/or items.

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CROSS COUNTRY



The Cherokee High School boys cross country team won the 1A West Regional team title, their second consecutive regional title, during a meet held at Kituwah on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 29. With 24 points, Cherokee won convincingly over second place team Christ the King Catholic School who finished with 59. The team is shown, left to right, including - Asst. Coach Taylor Brook, Head Coach Ahli-sha Stephens, Tyce Hogner, Gideon Freeman, Tanin Esquivel, Tanis Esquivel, Jaylan Bark, Aydan Thompson, Eli Bird, Ozfin Swayney, Aizen Bell, Asst. Coach Ty Andrews, and Asst. Coach Jim Oocumma. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

Running hard

Cherokee Braves repeat
as regional team champs;
Swimmer wins girls title

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

KITUWAH – The Cherokee High School (CHS) Braves cross country team won their second consecutive 1A West Regional title during a meet held at Kituwah on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 29. With a score of 24, they outpaced second place finisher Christ the King Catholic School.

Dvdaya Swimmer, a freshman member of the CHS Lady Braves cross country team, won the girls race with a time of 18:52.88.

“We just got complete buy-in from the kids,” Ahli-sha Stephens, CHS head cross country coach, said of the team’s performance

on Saturday. “They set a goal last year and they’ve just been hungry for it all year. They’re dedicated. They work hard, and they just give it their all when they race. On race day, we talk about strategy, we talk about how we want to perform, and we just go out there and run. Afterwards, we discuss where they hit the wall, what we will do to get better. But, I think these kids are peaking at the right time. We kind of hold off on the speed work because we don’t want them to peak early. They’re peaking at the right time.”

Jaylan Bark led the Braves with a second place finishing time of 16:39.89. “It was probably the most eventful race I’ve ever been in so far,” he said following the race. “Really, my thoughts on the race were just, I don’t even know. I didn’t even have thoughts. I was just running until I saw Blake Nicholson and O’Malley Salinas come up next to me and that’s when I knew I had to push it more. It was re-



Dvdaya Swimmer, a freshman member of the CHS Lady Braves cross country team, won the girls race with a time of 18:52.88.

ally exciting. I got to work with O'Malley as we pushed forward past Blake and it was just an amazing race."

Bark's teammate, Tyce Hogner, took fourth place with a time of 16:51.09. "I was really nervous going into it and just really wanted to get it over with and hopefully get first and that's what we did. I was just super excited that I was able to stay where I was. I was trying to beat Blake Nicholson, but that's ok because I helped our team. That's all that really matters is getting our team and our seniors to state since it's their last year and to hopefully win state this year."

He said the team concept that the Braves have worked on since last year's regional title season makes everyone stronger. "It really helps push all of us at once. Just being able to look to the side and know that there's someone that's willing to help you if you have to slow down and being able to push you going forward. We're able to balance it out by the end and get a good point."

Coach Stephens agrees, "I think team chemistry is very important. It's key to anything. These boys, half the team played soccer and even on game days, soccer games, they were coming out to practice before a soccer game. So, they have complete buy-in and they know they're not going to let each other down. They work as brothers."

Swimmer won the girls race by 34 seconds. "I always think to get it over with and to look forward to something else that's happening throughout the day today. When I finished, I felt good. I didn't hit a wall anywhere. I think the coaches helped get us to that point where we can finish strong."

When asked her thoughts on winning a regional title as a freshman, she answered, "I think it's cool, but at the end of the day, I want to win state."

The state meet is scheduled to be held on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Ivey M. Redmon Sports Complex in Kernersville, N.C.

Coach Stephens is readying her team for that challenge. "We really stress hydration, nutrition, and rest because those three things factor into your training. If you don't have those three things and make them important, all the work you do in training will regress. And, they know that. I think they're much wiser than



Jaylan Bark, CHS Braves, finished in second place with a time of 16:36.89. He led his team to their second consecutive regional title.



Amaya Hicks, Swain Co. Lady Maroon Devils, finished fourth in the girls race with a time of 19:31.12. She led her team to their second consecutive regional title.

their age because they do that. They're very strict on their diets. They're getting their sleep and they're following a pretty strict nutrition regimen. It's all about, they have to do things on their own as well to be successful."

Bark said of the upcoming state meet, "The next step we're just really going to have to focus in on our last race. Some of us seniors, this will be our last year to really push ourselves. Hopefully it'll open a new way for new runners to come run, a new sport that people could do."

The top four teams in each division qualify for the state meet. Then, the top seven finishers not affiliated with one of those teams also qualify.

Following are the results, per [nc.milesplit.com](https://www.ncmilesplit.com), showing the top seven finishers and all CHS finishers:

High School Boys

- 1 - O'Malley Salinas, Andrews, 16:30.34
 - 2 - Jaylan Bark, Cherokee, 16:36.89
 - 3 - Blake Nicholson, Christ the King Catholic School, 16:40.68
 - 4 - Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 16:51.09
 - 5 - Logan Ades, Christ the King Catholic School, 16:55.25
 - 6 - Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 17:06.33
 - 7 - Joseph Locke, Christ the King Catholic School, 17:15.73
 - 9 - Tanis Esquivel, Cherokee, 17:21.63
 - 10 - Tanin Esquivel, Cherokee, 17:26.99
 - 40 - Aydan Thompson, Cherokee, 18:41.76
 - 41 - Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 18:45.30
- Team Scores**

- 1 - Cherokee 24
- 2 - Christ the King Catholic School 59
- 3 - Mountain Island Charter School 100
- 4 - Swain County 125
- 5 - Bradford Prep Charter School 128
- 6 - Hayesville 156
- 7 - Avery County 166
- 8 - Langtree Charter Academy 206
- 9 - Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy 211
- 10 - Draughn 213
- 11 - NC School of Science and Math - Morganton 258
- 12 - Robbinsville 333
- 13 - Mountain Heritage 433
- 14 - Tri-County Early College



Dvdaya Swimmer finishes strong.

High School Girls

- 1 - Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 18:52.88
- 2 - Fern Crayton, Tri-County Early College, 19:26.26
- 3 - Nicole Alfars, Christ the King Catholic School, 19:27.26
- 4 - Amaya Hicks, Swain County, 19:31.12
- 5 - Annie Lewis, Swain County, 19:57.56
- 6 - Madeline Hladik, Bradford Prep Charter School, 20:09.40
- 7 - Stella Friedman, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy, 20:34.72
- 18 - Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 21:24.44
- 71 - Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 25:19.66
- 80 - Jaylynn Esquivel, Cherokee, 26:30.76

- 83 - Boie Crowe, Cherokee, 26:48.57

Team Scores

- 1 - Swain County 47
- 2 - Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy 71
- 3 - Bradford Prep Charter School 90
- 4 - Christ the King Catholic School 139
- 5 - Langtree Charter Academy 142
- 6 - Mountain Island Charter School 153
- 7 - Avery County 170
- 8 - Hayesville 187
- 9 - Cherokee 227
- 10 - Mountain Heritage 243
- 11 - Tri-County Early College 307
- 12 - Draughn 320
- 13 - Mitchell 389



Cracker Bowl Champions

The Cherokee Pee Wee Braves team defeated the Jackson Co. Mustangs 36-14 to win the Cracker Bowl held at Smoky Mountain High School on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 29. The Pee Wee Braves finished their season a perfect 9-0. The team is shown, left to right, kneeling - Daxton Littlejohn, Campbell Stamper, John horn-buckle, Cree Williams, Jesse Toineeta, Waylon Arneach, Jamison Lambert, Isaiah Toineeta; standing - Jayven Crowe, Alfred Brady, Kam Saunooke, Zayden Armachain, Augustus Shuler, Jerron Johnson, Kyler Huskey, Arron Beach, Carletoe Maye, Herv Johnson, Keedan Lossie, Dylan Rodriguez, Eldon Crowe; coaches - Cowboy Brady, Elrod Toineeta, David Taylor, and Travis Lossie. (Photo by Leslie Lossiah Sneed)



Soccer: Blue Ridge 3 Cherokee 0

Cherokee's Tyee Lossiah (#14) and Blue Ridge's Miguel Juan-Julian battle for the ball during a match at the Cherokee High School Soccer Field on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 24. The Bobcats defeated the Braves 3-0. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



CROSS COUNTRY: Tribal member running well in Tennessee

Janée Smith, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, achieved her best time (6:47:13) at the Tennessee Regional Elementary School 1-mile Cross Country Championship earlier this month. She competed against the top 378 girls from 14 counties and placed 32nd which qualified her for the Tennessee State Elementary School Cross Country Meet. She ran that on Saturday, Oct. 22 and placed 112th out of 322 runners. She finished her first cross country season ranked 98th in the state and 257th in the country. For each race, Smith picks a person of importance to run for. "I've run for my Nana Nita and my ancestors like my great-great grandmother Ruth Littlejohn, my Nana Fran, and my Uncle John Davis." She ran for her mother, Kimberly Smith, at the state meet. (Photo contributed)

FOOTBALL

Swain 43 Cherokee 40

PHOTOS By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
One Feather Asst. Editor

(Note: An official scoring was not available by press time. The following scoring summary was taken by One Feather staff.)

1st Quarter

5:08 - CHEROKEE: Tso Smith 2-yard run, Mato Grant kick.

Cherokee 7 Swain County 0

4:14 - SWAIN COUNTY: #13 74-yard run, #17 kick.

Cherokee 7 Swain County 7

2nd Quarter

9:26 - CHEROKEE: Smith 1-yard run, Grant kick.

Cherokee 14 Swain County 7

7:38 - CHEROKEE: Smith 50-yard run, Grant kick.

Cherokee 21 Swain County 7

6:32 - SWAIN COUNTY: Joshua Collins 10-yard pass to Reese Winchester, kick no good.

Cherokee 21 Swain County 13

1:00 - CHEROKEE: Smith 6-yard run, kick no good.

Cherokee 27 Swain County 13

3rd Quarter

11:50 - CHEROKEE: Chase Calhoun 37-yard run, Grant kick.

Cherokee 34 Swain County 13

6:47 - SWAIN COUNTY: #13 3-yard run, #13 to Collins 2-point conversion good.

Cherokee 34 Swain County 21

53.1 - SWAIN COUNTY: Collins 23-yard pass to Winchester, #17 kick.

Cherokee 34 Swain County 28

4th Quarter

7:51 - CHEROKEE: Smith 16-yard pass to Grant, 2-point conversion no good.

Cherokee 40 Swain County 28

6:01 - SWAIN COUNTY: #13 7-yard run, #17 kick.

Cherokee 40 Swain County 35

2:52 - SWAIN COUNTY: Collins 49-yard pass to #13, Collins to Nathan Bogdanowicz 2-point conversion good.

Swain County 43 Cherokee 40



ABOVE: Tso Smith, Braves senior quarterback, takes a moment to reflect on his last game at Ray Kinsland Stadium during a match-up against Swain Co. on Senior Night - Friday, Oct. 28. On the night he rushed for three touchdowns (2, 1, and 6 yards) and threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Mato Grant. **LEFT:** Chase Calhoun (#8) runs for a gain. He scored on a 37-yard run on the first play from scrimmage in the third quarter.



A host of Braves tackle Swain County's Kelan McCullough. Full defensive stats for Cherokee are as follows:

Kaden Trantham - 3 tackles (2 solo)
Jonathan Saylor - 1 solo tackle
Tso Smith 5 tackles (2 solo)
Tyler Wolfe - 1 pass break-up
Mato Grant - 10 tackles (4 solo), 1 pass break-up
Xavier Otter - 3 tackles (1 solo)
Luke Climbingbear - 12 tackles (3 solo)
Zac Maney - 1 tackle assist
Tsisqwa Hill - 9 tackles (4 solo)
Luke Smith - 5 tackles (2 solo), 1 pass break-up
Kensen Davis - 1 tackle assist, 1 fumble recovery
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Joey Parker Memorial Playground dedicated

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The exuberant spirit of the late Joseph “Joey” Parker was celebrated at an event at Cherokee Central Schools on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 24. Lead by his sisters, Myra Cloer and Kym Parker, the family raised over \$45,000 to construct the Joey Parker Memorial Playground behind the Cherokee Elementary School.

Dr. Michael Murray, Cherokee Central Schools superintendent, spoke first commenting, “He (Joey) knew what it was like to celebrate being a Brave...in spirit he’s with us all the time because he understood what it meant to be a member of this Tribe, something I’ll never understand. And he also understood what it meant to be a Brave, which I have tried to understand. And I will tell you, he is a much-needed example of what everyone should be, and that is pure love. He was a joy to the school system. He was a joy to his family. He certainly, every day, brought joy to people and this playground will do that.”

Of the playground, Dr. Murray said, “This stuff is very expensive, and it took a lot of dedication and work from folks donating to make this happen. So, we’re very honored today to celebrate and to dedicate this playground to Joey Parker...every child that plays on this playground will feel that



Myra Cloer, left, and Kym Parker, sisters of Joey Parker, are shown at the dedication ceremony for the Joey Parker Memorial Playground behind the Cherokee Elementary School on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 24. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

blessing...when you drive by just know that children will be playing here and they’ll see his name and they’re going to know that he was one of the biggest Braves out there and we’re all very proud to be associated with that.”

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, a friend and classmate of Joey’s, noted, “It’s an honor to be here today because myself and Joey went all the way through school together. He always had a lot of good words for everybody.”

He added, “Our whole class, we just thought the world of Joey.

He was one of us...You could ride up Big Cove and if he knew you, he’d holler at you with his pom pom. Just about everybody would stop in and talk to Joey because he was so thought of from everybody.”

Tribal Council Chairman Richard French said, “It’s a great day for this, and it’s an honor to be here at this dedication in memorial of Joey. Thank you to the family for all the time we had with him, for sharing him with everybody.”

Kym Parker thanked everyone in attendance and the entire

community for their support in the fundraising efforts for the project. “There’s not much more I can say except thank you, thank you, thank you. We had so much help from family, from friends, so many donations and time spent went into this...we had a lot of fun doing this.”

She concluded, “This playground is wonderful. He’s been gone six years now, but look at the crowd he still draws. He was a powerful force.”



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New Pastor at Acquoni Baptist Church

Merritt E. Youngdeer, left, has been named the new Pastor at Acquoni Baptist Church. He has served as interim Pastor for the past 11 months. Youngdeer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel on Oct. 3, 1999 at the request and recommendation of Ash Street Missionary Baptist Church in Muskogee, Okla. and has served as Pastor, interim Pastor, and Missionary Church planter at Pryor, Okla.; Albuquerque, N.M., and Cherokee, N.C. He is shown with his wife of 58 years, Lulie, who is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. They have four children, five grandchildren, and one great grandson. Acquoni Baptist Church has services as follows: Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m. (Photo courtesy of Acquoni Baptist Church)



WCU ribbon cutting for new steam plant

Western Carolina University (WCU) held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Oct. 21 for the new \$33 million steam plant that is serving a critical need for the infrastructure of campus. WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown and NC Labor Commissioner Josh Dobson are seen cutting the ribbon. Pictured behind Brown and Dobson are from left to right, Rebecca Brown, WCU Board of Trustees; Tim Haskett, WCU Board of Trustees; Joseph Crocker, WCU Board of Trustees; Mike Byers, Vice Chancellor of Admin and Finance; and Casey Cooper, CEO of the Cherokee Indian Hospital. Second row, left to right: Susan Belcher, former WCU First Lady; Kevin Corbin, NC Rep.; Jim Davis, former NC Rep.; Deanna Ballard, NC Rep.; Ralph Hise, NC Rep.; Mike Clampett, NC Rep.; and Bryant Kinney, WCU Board of Trustees. Back row, center: Brian Turner, NC Rep. (WCU photo)

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Kananesgi Fashion Show slated for Nov. 5

Cherokee, N.C. -After a successful 2021 virtual event, the Annual Kananesgi Fashion Show is slated to return live - this time at Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Resort. This new space will allow for significant event expansions including the Kananesgi Art Market held on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10am-4pm in the Riverwalk Shops. The marketplace will feature 35+ EBCI artists and makers. At 5:30 p.m., models will take to the runway in the Council Fire Ballroom for the Kananesgi Fashion Show, showcasing custom designs by both EBCI designers and special guest designers. This year's event will also include The First Fire Art Competition, which highlights Eastern Band Cherokee artists and makers. \$38,000 in prize money will be awarded in over 11 art categories. The Art Market and Art Show are EBCI exclusive for participants but open to the public for viewing.

The Kananesgi Art Market and Fashion Show is a collaborative venture between the Sequoyah Fund and the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute. It was first launched in 2018 as a platform for artists and designers to express their creativity, receive professional and business development training, increase workforce development, and empower EBCI citizens to learn about and express their unique identity as Cherokee people. Designs feature original and traditional patterns for children and adults alike. They bring a Cherokee twist to contemporary fashion that is comfortable and fashionable. The November event is sponsored by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Harrah's Cherokee Casinos, Cherokee Central Schools, and Harrah's Scholarship Fund.

Kananesgi Committee member, Tonya

Carroll, is excited that, "this event is an opportunity for all Cherokee people to be proud of their unique art and design." She states, "We are humbled and excited to be a small part of this amazing, collaborative showcase of native art and culture."

Kananesgi is the Cherokee word for spider. In Cherokee culture, the spider represents creativity and dexterity. Traditionally, some Cherokees will even run their infant's hands through spider webs to embed this creativity in their children.

- Kananesgi Committee



Golfers enjoy the course at Sequoyah National Golf Club during a recent fundraiser by the North Carolina REALTORS Housing Foundation. (Photo contributed)

North Carolina REALTORS® Housing Foundation helping communities in need

The North Carolina REALTORS® Housing Foundation held a Golf & Give fundraiser on Oct. 19, 2022 at the beautiful Sequoyah National Golf Club nestled in the heart of Cherokee and surrounded by the Great Smokey Mountains.

This annual event raised well over \$36,000 from game participants, NC businesses, Local REALTOR® Associations, and NC REAL-

TORS®. All proceeds from the golf tournament will help communities across the state with disaster relief, down payment assistance and matching grant opportunities. In fact, since 2004 the Foundation has donated \$1.5 million in community investments across the state of North Carolina.

Recognizing that disaster relief is needed outside of NC, the North Carolina REALTORS® Housing Foundation responded by sending \$25,000 to the Florida REALTOR® Association to assist residents affected by Hurricane Ian.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Fred in 2021, North Carolina REALTORS® Housing Foundation donated \$50,000 to neighboring flood victims. The donations supported multiple housing needs, with 75 percent going to United Way of Haywood County to aid in short-term housing needs, and 25 percent going to the Mountain Project for long-term housing needs.

Mark Connor, 2022 President of the North Carolina REALTORS® Housing Foundation, expressed the dedication of the foundation to help those in need. "Whether it's meeting housing needs when disasters strike, helping hard working families reach the dream of homeownership or awarding matching grants to qualifying housing nonprofits, North Carolina REALTORS® Housing Foundation is passionate about helping communities across our great state."

The North Carolina REALTORS® Association held its annual Convention at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino. The meeting drew hundreds of REALTORS® from across the state.

For more information on the foundation or to support disaster relief and affordable housing needs, visit ncrealtorshf.org.

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OBITUARIES JhñfR

Lambert G. Wilson

Lambert G. Wilson, 68, of Bryson City, went home to be with the Lord tragically on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022.

A native of Swain County, he was the son of the late Woodrow and Alda Woodard Wilson.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two brothers, JW Wilson, and Raymond Wilson; one nephew, Benji Baines; great great nephew, Grayson Mazur; and Jenny's mom, Peggy Stiles.

Lambert is survived by his partner, Jenny S. Holland and their two fur babies, Brendle and Wilson; three sisters, Linda Wike and husband Ronnie, Laverne Wilson, and Lorri Wilson; Jenny's siblings, Donald Stiles and wife

Lois, Terry Stiles and Karen Martin; nieces and nephews, Leeann Shuler, Kelly Green, Kevin Wike, Corey Wike, Allyson Barnes, Beau Baines, Garret Head, and Liberty McDowell, and lots of great and great great nieces and nephews and all his children of Swain County.

Lambert graduated from Swain High School in 1972. He attended Western Carolina University earning a Bachelor of Science in Middle Grade Education in 1975, a Masters in Middle Grade Education in 1977, and a Specialist degree in School Administration in 1980. He began his career with Swain County School in 1975 as a teacher at Almond School. In 1980, he became the Principal of the Whittier School and continued serving as Principal until the Whittier School closed in the Spring of

1991. In the fall of 1991, he opened the newly constructed East Elementary School as Principal where he remained until his retirement in August 2006. He served on the Board of Education from December 2008 through November 2020. He was an advocate for "his" children of Swain and Jackson Counties. He was a true example of Matthew 25:40.

Lambert served on the SCC Board of Trustees for the last 13 years; the last three as Chair of the Board. He was currently on the Board of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian.

After retirement, he owned and operated the Drama Inn and El Camino Motels.

In October of 2021, he fulfilled his dream of owning a Native American Art Gallery when he opened the Queen House Gallery in Cherokee. He wanted to encourage young Native American artists as well as feature renowned artists. He was well respected throughout the Native American art community all across the United States. He judged several national art competitions. We will continue to honor his legacy by continuing to support Native American Artists through the gallery.

Lambert was a gentlemen and a gentle man. He never gave up on anyone. He fed the hungry and housed the homeless. He would have given anyone the shirt off of his back, and he did

A celebration of Lambert's life was held on Saturday, Oct. 29 at

Myers Auditorium on the campus of Southwestern Community College. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lambert G. Wilson Scholarship Fund at Southwestern Community College 447 College Drive Sylva, NC 28779.

Davis Welch

Davis Welch, 78, of the Big Cove Community, passed away Monday, Oct. 24, 2022 after an extended illness.

A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Simpson and Agnes Welch. He was a fluent native speaker. He did carvings, fish buckets, and he loved hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Tommy, Jesse, Sam Welch; and one sister, Freida A. Panther. Davis is survived by his wife, Carol "Doolie" Welch; daughter, Jamie Welch; two sisters, Maidena, Sharon "Pat"; brothers, Abraham, Charlie "Ute" and wife Pat, James, Joe and wife Rose, Mickey; several nieces, nephews; special nephews, Dom, Jogeta; and special friend, Eva Hill.

The family received friends Friday in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Burial was in the Welch Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Justin, Jr., Christopher, Squeak, Joe and Robert. Honorary pallbearers were Jonah Jeremiah Bird and Mark.



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Frell Owl Award nominations being accepted

2022 marks the 35th year that the Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors will publicly recognize a person or persons with the Frell Owl Award.

The Frell Owl Award is given to those who best exemplify the character and accomplishments of the late Mr. Frell Owl, Cherokee educator and civic leader, and to those who have significantly contributed to the welfare of Cherokee children and families.

Past recipients of this award are: John Crowe, Stella Kanott, the Crowe Family, Ray Kinsland, Pearl and John Reagan, Betty Crisp, Jerri Kinsland, Mary Chiltoskey, Dora Reed, Marie Junaluska, Sharon and David Crowe, Ernestine Walkingstick, Jody Adams, Gary Maney, Mary Sneed, Mary Mantooth, David McCoy, Glenda Crowe, Denise Ballard, David McQueen, Skooter McCoy, Johnson "Booger" Arch, Kathy Wolfe, Carmaleta Monteith, Roy Lambert, Sandi Owle, Lana Lambert, Catherine Blythe-Sanders, Will Poolaw, Lou Johnson, Wilbur Paul, Alan and Mary Jane Smith, Isaac "Ike" Long, Michael Yannette, and Mianna "Peaches" Squirrel.

Anyone may submit a nomination. Any person or persons may be nominated with the exception of current Cherokee Boys Club Board Members.

The closing date for receiving nominations is Thursday, Nov. 10. You may pick up a nomination form from the receptionist at the Boys Club Information Window. Please return the nomination for and any support documents (Marked Confidential) to Benny Graves, Cherokee Boys Club, PO Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719 or deliver to the Chero-



Book signing

Lawrence Thackston, seated, is shown at a book signing event held at Bearmeat's Indian Den on Saturday, Oct. 29 for his new work, "Spearfinger". David Smith, owner of Bearmeat's is shown standing. Thackston has published three other novels including "Devils Courthouse", "Tidal Pools", and "Carolina Cruel". He started writing in 2010, and his latest novel, "Spearfinger", takes place in and around Cherokee, N.C. (DAWN ARNEACH/One Feather photo)

Cherokee Boys Club at 52 Cherokee Boys Club Loop, Cherokee, NC 28719. If you have any questions, please call Jackie Bradley at 828-359-5508.

- Cherokee Boys Club

Yellowhill Community Club seeking input on events

- Are you interested in learning how to make vests or ribbon skirts? Yellowhill Community Club will be sponsoring this sewing event in the near future, but they need input and interest level to continue in planning. Call Stephanie 735-9001 or Virginia 788-8659 for details.
- A guided-tour of historical spots of the Qualla Boundary is being planned for November. To complete planning, Yellowhill Community Club needs your interest. On the guided-tour, there are seats available, and they are planning on the first 11 to call. Call Virginia 788-8659 if interested

Senior Citizens Heating Assistance program

Applications for the 2023 heating season are now available at

Tsali Manor. Applications will be available Monday through Friday after 1 p.m. each day, and they can be returned Monday through Friday after 1 p.m. each day.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2023.

If you are or will be 59 ½ by March 31, 2023, you are eligible for services upon turning 59 ½. If you are applying for Electric Heating Assistance, please attach a current billing statement. If you do not use the contract companies, it is your and your company's responsibility to get your delivery invoices to the Assistance program as soon as possible. This year's heating season will end on April 30, 2023.

Info: 359-6860

- Tsali Manor

EBCI Heating Assistance Program (low income and disabled persons) for 2022-23 season

Applications for the 2023 heating season for low income and disabled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)

are now being taken at Tsali Manor. Priority application period entire month of October for households with children under the age of 6, disabled, elderly, working class and/or those with high energy burdens. All others apply Nov. 1. Restricted to residents within the PHHS Service Area. Heating Season ends March 31, 2023.

You may apply in person at the office of EBCI Family Support Services located in the Beloved Women and Children's Building at 73 Kaiser Wilnoty Rd. in Cherokee. Applicants do not need to make appointments. Applicants of Cherokee and Graham counties must apply at Snowbird Office for Family Services.

Low Income Applications must be submitted along with income verification, copy of electric bill, deliverable fuel bill (where applicable) and enrollment cards for all EBCI members of the home. Additional documentation may be required. You must resubmit any past documentation.

Disabled Applications must be submitted along with current award letter and heating bill.

- EBCI Family Support Services
release

THANK YOU LETTERS Thanks for coordinators of 110TH Cherokee Elders Day 2022

We would like to take this time to send our appreciation out to all the Tribal Programs who made and donated the gifts baskets, Cherokee Boys club for transporting our elders to and from the convention center, Transit for taking the elders where they needed to go, Tribal program information booths, PHHS, The Chief's office for the awesome chairs, Heath Brown-Convention services Manager, Cherokee Life Recreation-for hosting the corn

hole tournament, all the volunteers who took the time to help serve and clean up, Granny's Kitchen for the amazing food and service, Commerce, and the Welcome Center staff who is always there to get the job done. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Veronica Bradley or Cherise Parker, 359-6490. Again, thank you for making this Elder's Day a success.

**Veronica Bradley,
Cherise Parker**

Cherokee Elders Day Coordinators

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Park issues a FONSI for Balsam Mountain Campground and Heintooga Picnic Area Water and Wastewater Environmental Assessment

The National Park Service (NPS) issued a Finding of No Significant Impact for Balsam Mountain Campground and Heintooga Picnic Area Water and Wastewater Environmental Assessment (EA). Potential impacts associated with water and wastewater system repairs were reviewed and the preferred Alternative 2 was selected. The FONSI and EA are available on the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

Under the selected alternative, the water and wastewater systems serving the campground and picnic area will be rehabilitated by replacing water lines, sewer lines, well pump, water storage tank, and installing two new conventional septic systems and a 0.25-mile gravel access road. The improvements will support visitor services in this remote location by continuing to provide safe drinking water and proper wastewater treatment and disposal, while reducing system

maintenance requirements.

Located on the North Carolina side of the park at about 5,300 feet in elevation, the campground and picnic area are open seasonally, typically mid-May through mid-October. To minimize inconvenience to visitors and campers, most construction will be scheduled while the campground and picnic area are seasonally closed.

- National Park Service release

Park temporarily closes trails in the Gatlinburg area due to bear activity

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials temporarily closed the Gatlinburg Trail between Gatlinburg and Sugarlands Visitor Center, and also the Twin Creeks Trail between Gatlinburg and the Twin Creeks Science and Education Center. Both trails are closed due to a large concentration of black bears feeding on acorns. The trails will remain closed until further notice for the safety of visitors and to allow bears to feed undisturbed on natural foods.

Bears depend on fall foods such as acorns and grapes to store fat reserves that enable them to survive winter. Bears move around a lot during the fall looking for acorns, with some traveling more than 30 miles to feed in a particular stand of oak trees. Generally bears are solitary, however, during the fall, several bears may be seen feeding in close proximity. They will often feed for more than 12 hours a day and can be concentrated in areas where abundant food sources are found. During this time period, normally wary bears, may act aggressively to defend these areas.

For more information on what to do if you encounter a bear while hiking, please visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/naturescience/black-bears.htm>.

- National Park Service release

Park plans prescribed burns in Cades Cove

Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Appalachian Piedmont Coastal Fire Management Zone staff plan to burn approximately 1,200 acres of fields in Cades Cove. Weather permitting, burn operations will occur between Tuesday, Nov. 1 and Tuesday, Nov. 22. These seasonal controlled burns help perpetuate native herbaceous species that provide high quality cover and foraging opportunities for a diversity of wildlife including deer, turkeys, and ground nesting birds.

"Appalachian Piedmont Coastal Zone Fire Staff are excited to lead prescribed burn operations in Cades Cove this year to meet field restoration goals in the Smokies," said Fire Management Officer Brian Tonihka. "Notably, we will be using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in ignition operations for the burns, which will be a first for the National Park Service in the Southeast region. This new technology provides a great opportunity to improve efficiency and operational safety."

Over the last 20 years, park managers have conducted burns during the spring and fall under specific prescription parameters to safely reduce fuels, restore meadow habitats, and maintain the historic landscape of Cades Cove. Park staff closely monitor fire weather conditions including vegetation and soil moisture, wind speed and direction, temperature, and relative humidity to ensure that conditions meet the burn plan objectives for the site. Forecasted precipitation in the East Tennessee area over the next few weeks will improve the opportunity for prescription parameters to be met.

Visitors should expect to see

firefighters and equipment along Sparks Lane, Hyatt Lane, and the Cades Cove Loop Road. The closure of Sparks Lane and the access road and trailhead for the Abrams Falls Trail may be necessary during certain operational periods. The loop road and historic structures will remain open to visitor use, but brief delays and temporary closures may occur to ensure public safety during burn operations. Specifically, the crew plans to burn the following units labeled on the attached map: Cable House, 97 acres; Cemetery Marsh, 291 acres; Tipton Oliver, 257 acres; Maple Branch, 377 acres; Sparks, 164 acres; and Martha's Branch, 17 acres. The map can be downloaded to a cell phone using the QR code.

Visitors should expect to see fire activity and smoke during prescribed burn operations. Fire managers ask that motorists reduce speed in work zones, but refrain from stopping in the roadways. If smoke is present, motorists should roll up windows and turn on headlights.

For more information on the use of prescribed burns in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/nature/wildlandfire.htm>.

- National Park Service release

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COMMENTARY

Support gaining to reclaim Kuwohi name for Clingman's Dome area; as it should

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
One Feather Asst. Editor

KUWOHI – Two Cherokee women are leading the fight to reclaim the original name for an area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park currently known as Clingman's Dome. For thousands of years, that area was known as Kuwohi ("mulberry place"), and Lavita Hill and Mary "Missy" Crowe want to see it restored – a movement that many others are getting behind; as they should.

First and foremost, the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians passed a resolution unanimously on July 14 advocating for the change.

In August, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution in support of the effort stating, "Buncombe County is committed to creating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity and ensures all residents have equitable opportunities to lead healthy, peaceful, safe, and sustainable lives." The resolution continues, "...this Board declares its support of any and all efforts of the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to restore the name Kuwohi to the mountain presently known as 'Clingman's Dome'."

Other county and city governments in western North Carolina have since followed suit including Swain County Commissioners, Asheville City Council, and the Town of Murphy.

The Kuwohi effort is a prime example of a process known as Place Name Repatriation. And it is exactly what it sounds like – a return to the original, Indigenous names of places all around the world.

Dr. Derek Alderman, a University of Tennessee geography professor, was quoted in a recent WATE News 6 report about the importance of the Kuwohi effort, "...it refers back to their spiritual, historical connection to the mountain. That spiritual-historical connection should be recognized, and it should be restored



Lavita Hill and Mary "Missy" Crowe are shown outside the Tribal Council House immediately following Tribal Council's passage of their resolution on Thursday, July 14 that gives support from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for their idea to change the name of Clingman's Dome to Kuwohi – the original Cherokee term for the place. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

to public recognition."

Crowe spoke to that spiritual connection when her and Hill introduced their legislation to Tribal Council in July stating, "In understanding who we are, knowing that not only is this spiritual, it's historic and it's a fact today when we have our sister tribe, the United Keetoowah Band that comes from this. What I had always heard in the stories is that they picked up the fire from medicine men up at what they referred to as Kuwohi."

I firmly believe that this effort is going as well as it is because of the way Crowe and Hill are tackling the situation. They're working for; not against. They're working for the name to be restored as Kuwohi; not fighting against the legacy of Confederate General Thomas Lanier Clingman.

And they're not just getting support for the name repatriation. They're educating the public on the history of the area and the region

and reminding the public that Cherokee people are still in these mountains. Way beyond the name repatriation, the educational components Crowe and Hill are adding to their meetings and presentations are invaluable.

Hill summed up their efforts when she told Tribal Council in July, "Here's our chance to honor our ancestors. Maybe we can't take the land back, but we're going to put the language out there and we're going to put education out there and more people are going to know that this was Cherokee homeland. Let's honor them. Let's give them this name. Let's respect them in that regard."

It's great seeing all the support for this name repatriation, and I fully expect that this will occur in 2023 and we'll all be up there for the official naming event. I wonder if they'll have a ribbon cutting on an area that's existing since time immemorial?

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Mechelen
Cooper, age 4,
as 'Big' from
"Reservation
Dogs"
Painttown
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2022 SPECIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022	Candidacy filing Begins (filing fees are non-refundable and shall be paid at finance by cash, cashier's check, electronic payment, or money order). (7:45am-4:30pm)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022	Candidacy filing Ends
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022	All Candidates notified of certification decision.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022	VOTER REGISTRATION BOOKS CLOSE AT 4:30PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022	SPECIAL ELECTION DAY (6:00AM-6:00PM)

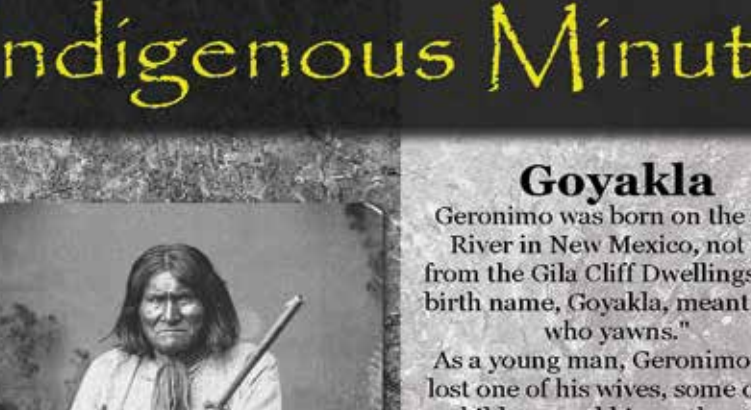


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Goyakla

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As a young man, Geronimo had lost one of his wives, some of his children, and his mother to a massacre carried out by Mexican soldiers. He would never forgive the Mexican people for this nor forget his hate for them.

Geronimo was not a chief, but a medicine man of the Bedonkohe band of the Chiricahua Apache.

He would eventually become their leader because he believed, like Cochise before him, that his people deserved freedom. Geronimo had been one of Cochise's most devout warriors. He would go on to become a brilliant war leader.

Source: nps.gov
Photo: Ben Wittick, 1887

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Upcoming Cherokee Choices programming

For more information on Cherokee Choices or Nurse Family Partnership check out the EBCI Public Health & Human Services website at <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/>

Tai Chi

Tai Chi will be in-person at Cherokee Choices Yoga Room on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Fridays 10-11am starting November, 2022. For more info, contact Keahana Lambert 359-6193 keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov or Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784 yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

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Nurse Family Partnership

A FREE program for expectant mothers (must be less than 28 weeks of pregnancy & meet eligibility requirements) Get support and information needed throughout pregnancy and after you have your baby. Are you pregnant or have a baby? Join us for the NFP Community Baby Shower at Birdtown Gym, November 15th 2-6pm -Education, Food & Raffle Prizes: Diapers, strollers, pack & plays, gift cards & more! Call: (828)359-6250 Text: (828)788-4401

Gloves on Fire

Women's boxing focusing on mind, body, and spirit

Tuesday's 5-6pm and Thursday's 6am-7am

Attend Six consecutive classes - reusable cup, Attend 12 consecutive classes - t-shirt

Last Tuesday class is December 6 and Last Thursday class is December 8

Contact keahana to sign up Keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6193

Free Cooking classes

Healthy Holiday Cooking Demos. Learn how to make delicious and healthy versions of your favorite holiday goodies.

Friday November 18th and Friday December 9th from noon to 1pm in the Cherokee Choices Community Room. Free and Open to all.

Contact April to sign up apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6201.

Turkey Strut 5k

Cherokee Choices Annual 5k. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Cherokee High School's HOSA program. Saturday November 19, 2022. Registration is at 11am and the race begins at 12pm. To register online visit: <https://runsignup.com/herokee5kturkeystrut>
For more info contact Yolanda Saunooke at 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

Resources for Resiliency

Learn about stress and trauma and how it affects the brain and body. Learn new tools that help provide relief when every day stressors arise. 2-day in person training
November 16 & 17, 2022 9am- 3:30pm with a scheduled lunch break.

Must commit to both classes.

Contact Shelby for more info or to sign up (828)-359-6783 shelpark@ebci-nsn.gov

Teen Book Club

November 16th, Dec 7th, Jan 11th, Feb 15th, March 15th, and April 19th 3pm - 5pm

Contact Keahana to sign up Keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6193



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Nov 21st & 22nd - Hips & Psoas Release

Nov 28th & 29th – Burn the Turkey & Core Integration

To get more info or to sign-up with Robin 828-359-6785, robibail@ebci-nsn.gov



SPEAKING OF FAITH

Rich or poor, eternity is forever

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Luke 16:19-31; 1 Corinthians 3:11-16

Pastor Melton's Prayer: "Father, I pray You'd give me the Unction of the Holy Ghost. Father, pour Your Word inside of me that I may pour it out, so all hearers hear. I pray, God, You would cause revelation to break forth out of this pulpit today changing lives and behaviors of those whom You have called and whom You Love. Father, I thank You, there are some are listening to this message causing them to awaken from their slumber by realizing Heaven is real, hell is real, and God is real. Lord, thank You for calling them even as I speak. We thank You for this amazing day You have made. Father, we praise You and Love You, in the Name of Jesus, the Name above every name. Amen."

As a young boy, I had a friend whose father was extremely wealthy. They had a gate at the front of their property. One would talk to a servant on the inside before they would open the gate. The maid would cook meals and clean the house and in fact, the house was so big you

could literally get lost in it. Several times, I was invited to come to my friend's house who lived on one side of the house and had the entire side of the house to himself. He had computers before we even really knew what they were.

I remember one time; his daddy went out of town, and he just got a 'wild hair' and bought a brand-new car out of his allowance. To this day I've never seen anybody else able to do as he did. I realized that I didn't want to live in poverty all the days of my life and wanted, not millions of dollars, but I did want not to have to check my wallet before going out to eat on a Sunday afternoon. I came to the realization that poverty is not the condition of your wallet or of your bank account, but poverty is a mentality and a mindset.

So, as I looked into this historical account, I began to see some things. It's a mindset, if you will, and I want to share these with you today.

We see this story as one of a rich man and a poor man. We see two distinct people going through life at the same place, but each in a different set of circumstances. I see a rich man who lived in a fine house, a house with a gate. I see a rich man who wore the finest of clothing, even wearing purple, meaning rich indeed. I see a man with plenty of food on his table. So much so, that when there was a poor man, Lazarus, sitting outside hoping some abundance would roll down off his table, cross the floor, out the door and into the sore hand of the

poor man.

It's needful for you to really understand it's the 'poor' man Lazarus, who was sitting at the table and it's the 'rich' man who was settled at the gate. Those who are 'rich' in this earth aren't those who have money in their pocket and money in the bank, but only those who really have the Lord in their heart are 'rich'.

I also see that there was a short period of time where the circumstances of the one we call 'poor' was miserable. He lived with sores over his body, the dogs came and licked him to clean him up, while the 'rich' man sat at his table. It was the 'poor' man, who in this lifetime, which the Bible calls a "Vapor" which usually means "here today and gone tomorrow." He said, life is like a blade of grass that comes up in spring and is burned up before the summer is over. He declares, "the life of a man born of woman is short and full of trouble." I'm here to tell you the same thing, but adding, "eternity is forever. Eternity is forever."

What I see now is the 'rich' man, according to the standards of the world, and the 'poor' man, according to the standards of the world. However, now in reversal, when one looks through the eyes of God, through the Spirit of God, I can see a very 'rich' man Lazarus now sitting at the table and a very, 'poor' man now sitting at the gate.

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POC: Gregory Hunt (828) 342-2024**





HAPPENINGS

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

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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

- Nov. 5 at 3 p.m., Brothers in the Wind Turkey Shoot
- Nov. 12 at 3 p.m., Cherokee Mavericks Turkey Shoot
Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yellowhill Community Club November 2022 Activities:

- Tuesday, Nov. 8 - Qualla Boundary Guided-Tour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Recognition, home visitation delivering hams, around 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19 - Gadugi Indoor Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving Dinner at 5 p.m.

Info: Carmaleta 736-9392, Stephanie 735-9001, or Virginia 788-8659

Pumpkin Patch Market. Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Shopping, food, and fun. Lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

Food Truck Boot Camp. Nov. 7-10 in Cherokee. Everything you need to know about starting and growing a food truck business. Info: Laura Lauffer 359-6926 or lwlauffe@ncsu.edu

Veteran's Day Ceremony. Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Council Fire Ballroom. This event is hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143. Info: Gregory Hunt 342-2024

Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources (RTCAR) Listening Session. Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m. at EBCI Cooperative Extension office. Info: Adam Griffith 359-6935 or adamgriff@ebci-nsn.gov

Cherokee Choices Health Holidays Cooking Demo. Nov. 18 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cherokee Choices Community Room. To sign-up, contact April 359-6201 or apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov

NAIWA Christmas Sale. Dec. 2-3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Native American crafts. Friday - Indian Dinners at 11 a.m. Tables available for \$20/day or \$30/both

days. Info: Lucille Wolfe 736-5285 or email Carmaleta Monteith at Carmaleta@msn.com

Cherokee Central Schools

Indian Market. Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cherokee Elementary gym. Chili and fry bread will be for sale. This is the CCS Cultural Dept. fundraiser for their scholarship program. Info or to reserve a table: Laura or Melissa at 554-5004

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Cherokee Choices Turkey Strut 5K. Nov. 19 at Kituwah Mound. Registration begins at 11 a.m., race begins at 12 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to Cherokee High School HOSA. To register online, visit: <https://runsignup.com/cherokee5kturkeystrut> Info:

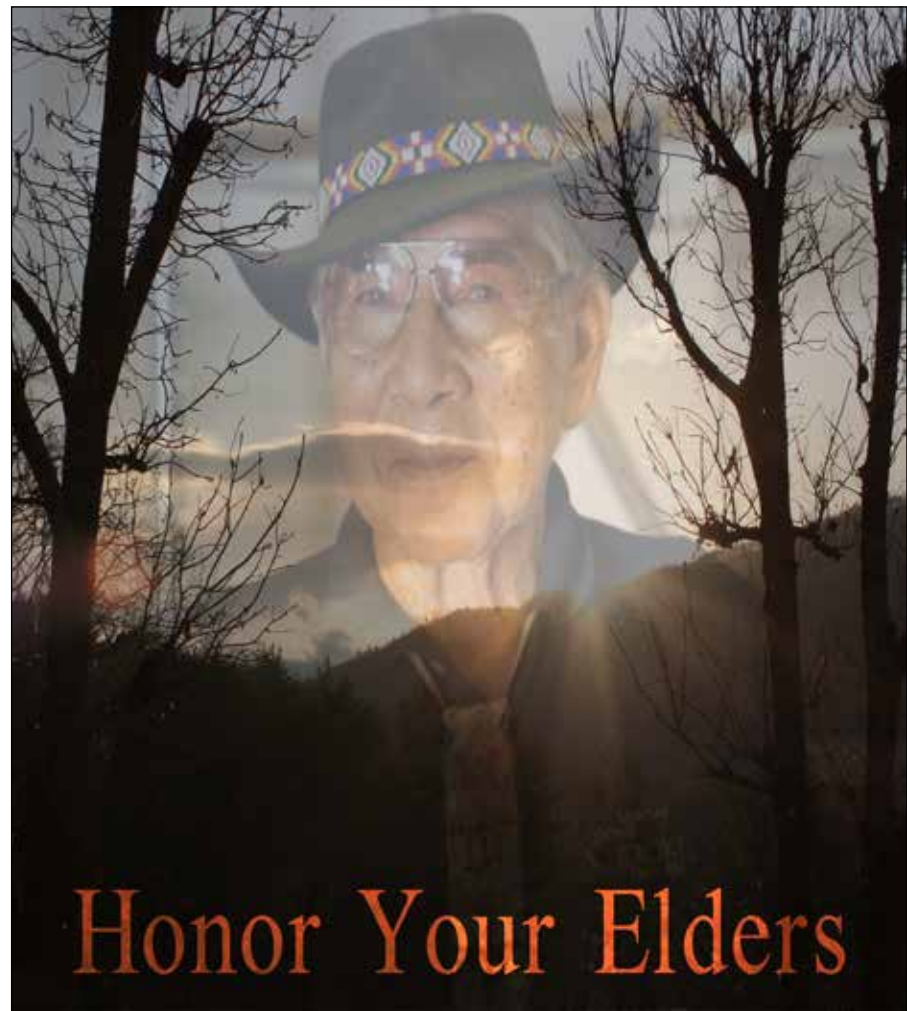
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UPCOMING POW WOWS

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

Choctaw Pow Wow. Nov. 4-6 in Durant, Okla. Info: powwow@choctawnation.com

2nd Annual Onslow Veterans Pow Wow. Nov. 5-6 at American Legion Post 265 in Jacksonville, N.C. Info: Raquel Painter at onslowpowwow@gmail.com



December 2022 Per Capita Announcement

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\$7,686.00

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\$202

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**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

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Honor Your Elders

Spirit Bear (formerly Red Hoop) Pow Wow. Nov. 6 at Shepherd University Wellness Center in Shepherdstown, W.V. MC: Reed Brown Jr. Host Drums: Medicine Horse, Gray Cloud. Info: Katherine Hutson (304) 433-1450, bearandhawk@gmail.com

San Carlos Veteran's Pow Wow. Nov. 11-12 at San Carlos High School Football Field in Peridot, Ariz. MC: Erny Zah. Host Drums: Cozad, War Paint. Info: Kodee Goseyun (928) 475-1794, kodee.goseyun@scat-nsn.gov

Austin Pow Wow. Nov. 12 at Travis County Expo Center in Austin, Texas. MC: Juaquin Hamilton. Host Northern Drum: Plainz Drifterz. Host Southern Drum: Otter Trail. Info: Robert Bass (512) 371-0628, robert@austinpowwow.net

NTL 3rd Annual Pow Wow. Nov. 12 at NSU Collins Pavilion and Practice Field in Natchitoches, La. MC: Herb "Chickdog" Johnson. Host Drum: AC Woodland Singers. Info: Belinda Smith (281) 924-0635, trichelfam@gmail.com

26th Annual Harvest Pow Wow. Nov. 12-13 at Dupage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Ill. MC: Leonard Malatare. Host Drums: Little Thunder, Wind Eagle, Iron Bear. Info: Joseph Schranz (773) 585-8613, Msf@midwestsoaring.org

Spirit of the Veteran and Warrior Pow Wow. Nov. 12-13 in Dayton, Tenn. MC: Joey Pierce. Info: Richard DeArk (423) 503-1407, hoahbuiltaark@yahoo.com

Kent State University Native American Pow Wow. Nov. 12 at Kent State University Ballroom in

Kent, Ohio. Info: smc@kent.edu

23rd Annual Pahrump Social Pow Wow. Nov. 18-20 at Petrack Park in Pahrump, Nev. MC: Michael Reifel. Info: Paula Elefante (775) 209-3444, pahrumpowwow@yahoo.com

Honoring Our Nation's Veterans Pow Wow. Nov. 19-20 at Cibolo Multi-Event Center in Cibolo, Texas. Emcees: Larry Liles, Al Santos. Host Northern Drum: Young Buffalo Horse. Host Southern Drum: Wild Band of Comanches. Info: Lenny Medina (210) 851-3514, lennythegeek@att.net

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

"We Will Not Be Silenced: Standing for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women" exhibit reception. Nov. 2 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bardo Arts Center at 199 Centennial Drive in Cullowhee, N.C. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served at the reception. The exhibition, open now through Dec. 9, aims to raise awareness about the astonishingly high rates of violence experienced by Indigenous women in the United States and Canada. Developed by the WCU Cherokee Center in partnership with the WCU Fine Museum, this exhibition features artwork by six Indigenous artists—Ashley Tyler Evans, Dylan Rose, Moe Hernandez, R.A. Johnson, Chi Myriah Shipman, and Jaime Black—who are amplifying the voices of those seeking to end this violence. Info: www.arts.wcu.edu/wwnbs or call 227-ARTS

Upcoming Native events at Western Carolina University.

see **HAPPENINGS** next page

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- Wear Red Day. Nov. 1. Wear red on this day in honor of the start of Native American Heritage Month and to honor the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women's Movement.
- Multicultural Mental Health Showcase. Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the UC Grandroom. A showcase of various cultural mental health challenges, tips, trades, and solutions.
- Rock Your Mocs Walk. Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet in the lobby of the Cherokee Tower at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. Participants will walk the length of the casino. T-shirts will be available for purchase.

Info: WCU Cherokee Center 497-7920 or www.facebook.com/

wcucherokee

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. Peter Koch will give a presentation entitled "Migration of The Scots-Irish to Western North Carolina". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

Art Walk. Nov. 4 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Murphy, N.C. This event is promoted by the Murphy Art Center. There will be artists on the sidewalks all throughout the downtown area. Info: Valley River Arts Guild 360-3038, vraginc@gmail.com

In-person book launch by Louise Morgan Runyon. Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. Runyon is releasing her fifth poetry book entitled "Where Is Our Prague Spring?". The book examines Runyon's deep love for the mountains of western North Carolina. Attendees are required to wear masks. Info: City Lights Bookstore 586-9499, more@citylightsnc.com

Spruce Grove Baptist Church Revival. Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. Sermons by Pastors Sam McMahan and Justin Ledford. Special singers are: One Accord Trio, Will Howell, Smoky Mountain Gospel Singers, Lane Crisp, Turning Home, Shuler Family. Info: Roger Roland 736-9606

Swain County Democratic

Party meeting. Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Technology and Training Center at 45 E. Ridge Drive in Bryson City, N.C. Please wear a mask. The meeting will also be conducted via Zoom. Call 488-1234 for a link to join the meeting. All are welcome

Creating with Pine Needles class. Nov. 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C. Make a beautiful ornament. Learn the techniques of coiling and applying beads. Info: Carmen Haynes 557-3400, carmenhaynes444@gmail.com

Let's Decorate a Tree event. Dec. 3 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center in downtown Murphy, N.C. Decorations and stand are provided. Info: Barbara McMillan 557-5881 or bmcmillan0927@gmail.com

Preschool Art Exploration. Dec. 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C. Activities include: tissue paper wreath, painted Christmas tree, jingle bell painting, and a handprint ornament. A parent or guardian must stay for the class. Info: Carolyn Garrison (813) 466-4014, cgarrison5@verizon.net

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

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Cherokee River Cane Baskets

According to an article in the Cherokee Phoenix entitled "Double-weave basket making knowledge shared", "A double-weave basket is two baskets inside the other, woven together at the rim. The weaver begins at the base of the inside basket and works upward to the rim. At the rim, the cane is bent downward, and the outside is woven from the top to the base, which makes the basket sturdier."

The double weave rivercane basket is woven so tightly it can hold water.

In a November 2018 Cherokee One Feather article entitled "Kananegsi Basket & Carving Festival highlights a proud tradition", Mary Thompson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, stated that river cane double-weave baskets are her favorite to make. "Once you get it woven, it's finished. You don't have to go back and rim it or anything...I like the challenge of river cane. I've been busting cane all week, and I've got callouses, cuts, and bruises...I just like it and, plus, you get so many different patterns out of the cane. In the river cane baskets, the splints are side-by-side and very close together."

Source: Cherokee One Feather, Cherokee Phoenix
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River cane baskets by Gabriel Crow won several ribbons at the 2022 Cherokee Indian Fair.

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listing of website links to
various tribal entities and
Cherokee-related businesses.

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

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

1. Elementary Teacher (Multiple)
2. Elementary Teacher Assistant
3. Elementary School Counselor
4. Middle School Special Education Pathseekeers Teacher
5. Math Teacher (High School)
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EMPLOYMENT

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The successful candidate must have:

- BA/BS or higher in the following fields: Accounting, Business Management, Finance, or related field with at least 5 years of government contracting accounting related experience.
- Experience with DCAA/DCMA audits
- Experience with pricing federal contracts
- Prior experience with Deltek Costpoint or similar enterprise system is a plus
- Experience with multiple subsidiary group
- Prior experience developing EXCEL spreadsheets.
- Experience supporting a DoD, DOI, DOE, NASA and other federal contracts preferred
- Familiarity with govern-

ment reporting, including ICE reports preferred

- Ability to successfully pass a pre-employment physical and drug test.
- Ability to obtain and maintain a Government Security Clearance.

KG3 is proudly owned and operated by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. **11/2**

Kituwah Builders, LLC has the following job available:
Senior Construction Manager

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Friday. This position will close Friday, November 11th, at 4pm. Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted.

Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. **11/9**

TGC – Human Resource Officer (Main Office)

Finance Officer Annual Pay: \$64,581.30

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Four (4) year accredited college degree in Human Resources or related field from an accredited educational institution required.
2. Five (5) years of related experience required. Experience to include working in multiple HR functional areas and disciplines, to include HR, benefits, employee administration, and strong customer service skills.
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*Hiring standards observed in accordance with Tribal Ordinance. *Closing Date: November 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Cherokee Tribal Gaming Commission Hiring Manager
Melissa Smith 154 Stillwell Branch Road Cherokee, NC 28719 Phone: (828) 554-1372. **11/9**

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SWAIN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the ESTATE OF THRESIA DARLENE EATON, deceased, late of Swain County, North Carolina, notifies all persons having claims against

said estate to present them to the undersigned c/o Lisa M. Rothman at McGuire, Wood & Bissette, P.A., PO Box 3180, Asheville, NC 28802, on or before January 12, 2023, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of October, 2022.
RACHEL KAY NATIONS,
ADMINISTRATRIX
ESTATE OF THRESIA DARLENE EATON
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 22-105
In the Matter of the Estate of
VILLAREAL WEST
All persons, firms and corpo-

rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

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

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

Christian West
16 Alfred West Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA;
SWAIN COUNTY

22-E-75

In the Superior Court for Swain
County, before the Clerk

Estate of Chase Crowe, Deceased.
To Jallen Calhoun, Ataliana Calhoun, and any other unknown heir at law of Chase Crowe; and to Myra Calhoun or any other person having custody of Jallen Calhoun, Ataliana Calhoun, or any other unknown minor heir at law of Chase Crowe, take notice that a pleading seeking to determine the heirs of Chase Crowe has been filed in the above-entitled proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Petitioner seeks a court order identifying the heirs at law of Chase Crowe.

You are required to file an answer to such pleading not later than December 2, 2022 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

Take notice that a hearing on

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is in place to ensure professional career development for enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.



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this matter will be held on December 8, 2022 at 10:00 AM before the Swain County Clerk of Superior Court, at the Swain County Court House. **11/2**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 22-113
In The Matter of the Estate of
Virginia Lee "Tommye" Bradley Saunooke

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-

TION
Gerena Parker
P.O. Box 910
Dillsboro, NC. 28725
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BIDs, RFPs, etc.

RFQ

Kituwah LLC is seeking qualified commercial contractors to provide qualifications for assessing the HVAC system located at the Cherokee Cinemas and More. The facility is a 6-plex theater with approximately 24,431 sq ft of private and public spaces located at 91 Sequoyah Trail, Cherokee, North Carolina, 28719. The RFQ will assess qualified contractors on experience and expertise in the HVAC industry, including electrical and mechanical work. If the contractor qualifies for the request and is se-

lected, they will provide a proposal to Kituwah to assess and replace any faulty HVAC equipment at the theater facility. Firms THAT DO NOT SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, NO EXCEPTIONS. Proposals must be received by November 4, 2022, 11:00am EST. Please email Cameron Cooper for a complete RFQ or any questions at ccooper@kituwahllc.com **11/2**

Request for Proposals for the Owner's Representative Services for the Museum of the Cherokee Indian

Project Description

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian (MCI), a 501c3 organization, is planning to construct a new storage facility on tribal lands located near Galbreath Creek Road in Bryson City, NC for the purpose

of collecting, storing, and managing historical artifacts related to the history of the Cherokee Indians.

MCI is also planning a renovation of the current Museum public facility, on the existing footprint at 589 Tsalagi Blvd Cherokee, NC. This project has the potential to be a complete rebuild. The purpose of this building is for MCI's permanent and changing exhibitions, public programming, and community engagement.

Scope of Services

The selected Owner's Representative Firm will work with MCI to provide a full range of Owner's Representative services related to the oversight of the design, construction, and project closeout of a specialized artifact collection and storage facility and the museum renovation.

MISSING PERSON

William Largo Collins Nickname: Will

Male Navajo Nation Age: 45

Height: 5' 11" Weight: 225 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes : Brown

Date of last contact: October 11, 2022

Last Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Circumstances of Disappearance: Collins was last seen on 10/11/22 in Albuquerque, NM. Eyes are very light brown. Tattoos: Sleeve tattoos on both arms; eagle on left leg; Red Hot Chili Peppers Sun on back. Last seen wearing grey Nike shoes.

If you have seen William Collins, contact Detective Daniel Torggrimson, Albuquerque Police Department at (505) 768-2020.

Source: namus.gov



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Submittals must be received by 5:00 PM on November 11th, 2022. Electronic submissions are preferable. Learn more at mci.org/employment. **11/9**

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at Cherokee Water & Sewer Department 1840 Paint Town Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 up to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday November 17, 2022 and at which time they will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment entering into the construction of Acquoni Road Water & Sewer Replacement Project as associated with the replacement of water and gravity sewer lines. Complete plans, specifications and contract documents will be open for inspection in the office of Cherokee Water & Sewer Department and in the offices of Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, in Asheville & Sylva, North Carolina, in the offices of the Associated General Contractors, Carolinas Branch, Charlotte, North Carolina, or may be obtained by those qualified and who will make a bid, PDF plans are available free of charge or hard copies are available upon deposit of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) in cash or certified check. Plans & specification will be available no later than October 28, 2022. A pre-bid conference will be held on November 7, 2022 at 11:00 am at the Cherokee Water & Sewer Department 1840 Paint Town Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. Emailed bids may be submitted to Ethan Arch at ethaarch@ebci-nsn.gov. The EBCI firewall has been blocked bid documents in the past. It is the bidder's responsibility to confirm that emailed bids

have been received prior to the deadline.

A single prime bid for all work will be received for the project. All proposals shall be unit price bid.

All contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper license under the state laws governing their respective trades.

General contractors are notified that Chapter 87, Article 1, General Statutes of North Carolina, will be observed in receiving and awarding general contracts.

Davis-Bacon Wage Determination and Reporting- This project is partly funded by federal grant(s) and as such, the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Wage Act apply.

A performance bond and a payment bond will be required for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

Payment will be made on the basis of ninety percent (90%) of monthly estimates and final payment made upon completion and acceptance of work.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of 90 days.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

Ethan Arch
Cherokee Water Programs
Designer: Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers
40 Colonial Square
Sylva, North Carolina 28779
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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Architectural / Conceptual Designer

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Request

For Qualifications is to establish an Architectural / Conceptual Design pool for up to two (2) years for the future housing developments of the Cherokee Indian Housing Division of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking statements of qualifications in the form of portfolios / resumes from qualified Contractors to serve as the Architectural / Conceptual Designer, providing architectural and conceptual design services for future housing developments near Cherokee, N.C. Interested parties should contact Nathaniel Crowe, (CIHD) Housing Production Manager at buncrow@ebci-nsn.gov for any questions. Deadline for submittals will be 11/10/2022. Respondents will be evaluated based on qualifications and other factors. This is a request for qualifications, not an offer to contract. Portfolios / resumes need to be turned in to Nathaniel Crowe, (CIHD) Housing Production Manager, at 687 Acquoni Road (Housing Office) or email to buncrow@ebci-nsn.gov by 11/10/2022 @12:00 pm.

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Request For Qualifications is to establish a Construction Manager At Risk pool for up to two (2) years for the future housing developments of the Cherokee Indian Housing Division of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking statements of qualifications in the

form of portfolios / resumes from qualified General Contractors to serve as the Construction Manager at Risk, providing preconstruction and construction period services for future housing developments near Cherokee, N.C. Interested parties should contact Nathaniel Crowe, (CIHD) Housing Production Manager at buncrow@ebci-nsn.gov for any questions. Deadline for submittals will be 11/10/2022. Respondents will be evaluated based on qualifications and other factors. This is a request for qualifications, not an offer to contract. Portfolios / resumes need to be turned in to Nathaniel Crowe, (CIHD) Housing Production Manager, at 687 Acquoni Road (Housing Office) or email to buncrow@ebci-nsn.gov by 11/10/2022 @ 12:00 PM.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOUNDATIONS

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking competitive proposals for several foundations. Houses are being constructed by Qualla Housing Services utilizing Cares Act Funding. All foundations will be awarded as a project to one contractor. Foundation packets can be picked up from Robb Welch at the Qualla Housing Warehouse located on Mission Road. Deadline to submit bids will be November 11, 2022 at 4:00 pm. Bids should include footers, block work, vents, seal plate, scuttle hole door, porch footings and stub out for water & sewer. Final bid should include cost per foundation and total project bid. For additional Information contact Robb Welch at (828) 788-0856.

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCE:

Patient Access Specialist - Part Time Intermittent \$17.12 - \$19.26

Billing Analyst II \$19.66 - \$22.25

ENGINEERING:

Dietary Manager - \$52,339 - \$65,424

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Credentialing Clerk - \$19.66 - \$22.25

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Master Level Therapist - Adult & Child positions available - \$56,891 - \$68,269 ****\$3,000 Hiring Bonus**

Targeted Case Manager - Family Safety \$39,576 - \$49,470

Targeted Case Manager - Women's Home \$39,576 - \$49,470

Residential Technician (Female) - Kanvwotiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay) ****\$3,000 Hiring Bonus**

Beauty for Ashes Cultural Advisor - \$39,576 - \$49,470

Beauty for Ashes Program Manager - \$52,339 - \$65,424

Residential Technician (Female) - Women's Home - \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay)

OPERATIONS:

Clinical Pharmacist - Part Time Intermittent \$91,542 - \$114,427

Dental Assistant II \$18.32 - \$20.67

Pedodontist \$157,686 - \$236,529

Optician \$22.76 - \$25.89

Ultrasound Technologist - Part Time Intermittent \$24.55 - \$27.99

System Administrator I - \$45,512 - \$56,891

Optometrist - \$109,504 - \$136,880

Phlebotomist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

MEDICAL:

Clinical Dietitian - \$45,512 - \$56,891

Advanced Practice Provide - Emergency Room \$80,863 -

\$101,079

FNP/PA - ICC \$80,863 - \$101,079

MAT Clinic - PA/FNP \$80,863 - \$101,079

Physician - Primary Care \$139,732 - \$174,665

Physician/Hospitalist - Inpatient - Full Time / Part Time Regular - \$139,732 - \$174,665

NURSING:

Acupuncturist - \$60,190 - \$75,238

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician - Part Time Intermittent \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay)

Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient \$33.68 - \$38.72

Care Manager (IDD/TBI) - Primary Care \$31.06 - \$35.64

Chiropractor \$69,219 - \$86,523

Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Massage Therapist \$45,512 - \$56,891

Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64 ****\$3,000 Hiring Bonus** (Night shift)

Registered Nurse - Inpatient - Part Time Intermittent \$31.06 - \$35.64

Telemetry Nursing Assistant - Inpatient - \$19.66 - \$22.25

TSALI CARE CENTER:

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Certified Nursing Assistant - Part Time Intermittent \$17.12 - \$19.26

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 ****\$3,000 Hiring Bonus****

Cook \$16.01 - \$17.95

Housekeeper \$15.00 - \$16.77

Tribal Options

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If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.

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Christmas Time Is Coming

Family Support will begin taking applications for the Annual Christmas Store beginning Tuesday, November 1, through Wednesday, November 30. Keep in mind that your shopping day and time is determined by the date you submit your application. Early Elves get best pick

Did You Know?

Family Support Services provides frivolous memory making wishes to members of the Eastern Band. The program is officially called the **Phillip Raymond Owle Jr. Program** aka Make a Wish. Applicant must provide a statement regarding the prognosis of their terminal illness and detailed information of requested wish.



Closing Sunday, November 6, 2022

1. Family Safety Grants Coordinator – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
2. Early Head Start Supervisor – QB HS/EHS – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
3. Housekeeper II Heavy Duty (Multiple) – Housekeeping – Operations (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Administrative Assistant – Snowbird/Cherokee County H.E.L.P. – Snowbird/Cherokee County (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
5. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$22.86 - \$28.58 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

Open Until Filled

1. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
6. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
8. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
9. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$72,342 - \$90,428)
10. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)
11. Legislative Executive Financial Director – Tribal Council (L9 \$97,792 - \$130,389)
12. Tribal Prosecutor II – Criminal Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$72,127 - \$96,169)
13. Electrician Helper – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
14. Carpenter (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
15. Carpenter Helper (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
16. Maintenance Utility (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
17. Utility Worker/Operator Assistant – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
19. Housekeeper I (Multiple) – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
20. Economic Analyst – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L16 \$64,581 - \$80,727)
21. Law Clerk – Tribal Court – Judicial Branch (L13 \$47,552 - \$59,440)

**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.

Rick Buchanan for Sheriff

A Sheriff is more than just
someone in a public office.

A Sheriff must be
a leader, a listener,
a person of trust,
a motivator,
and most of all,
a humble servant to the
people of Jackson County.



A Community Moving Forward Together

I appreciate your vote!

Early Voting is Open and Election Day is November 8.

Filed for by the Committee to Elect Rick Buchanan



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RECOGNIZES NOVEMBER AS
**NATIONAL
NATIVE
AMERICAN**
HERITAGE MONTH

Four Seasons is honored to provide Serious Illness and Hospice Care within the Qualla Boundary and *we are awed by the perseverance of this resilient indigenous community.*

We are proud to collaborate with the **Cherokee Indian Hospital** and are committed to health equity by approaching every interaction with cultural humility and a focus on learning.



The Care You Trust

If you or a loved one needs Serious Illness or Hospice Care Call
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