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Recognizing service

Post 143 honors veterans during event at casino

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces were honored during an event at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the Council Fire Ballroom at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. The Veteran's Day event was hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Post 143 and was held on the traditional day of Nov. 11 which represents Armistice Day (Nov. 11, 1918) – the day World War I ended.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, gave the keynote speech. "It is fitting that we are

gathered here today to offer honor, respect, and gratitude for our heroes and heroines – the veterans of the armed forces of these United States. It is fitting because we should not wait until someone has passed away. We have a day for that – Memorial Day. It is fitting that we do so while our heroes and heroines are still with us to offer words of gratitude and acknowledge their life's work. I believe it is more appropriate to acknowledge the extraordinary work of an individual while they're still with us, and for good reason. First and foremost, in this nation today, we need strong, positive role models today. I think we can all agree that it is sorely lacking. From Washington, DC on down, leadership seems to be in short supply."

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After being presented with a Quilt of Valor from the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, Col. Bob Blankenship (U.S. Army Ret.), an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, addresses the crowd at a Veteran's Day Event hosted by the Post in the Council Fire Ballroom at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on the morning of Friday, Nov. 11. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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VETERANS: Post 143 honors Veterans during event on Nov. 11, *from front page*

Chief Sneed spoke of the need for virtues and values and noted, "I firmly believe that if this nation – both the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and these United States – if we are to survive and thrive in the coming days, there must be a return to the values that have brought us through some of the toughest times in our history. The irony of our circumstances is that each generation strives to make life better, easier for their children, easier than we had it, to give them more than we had. The unfortunate outcome is that, generally speaking, this model does not produce the character and virtues that will sustain a nation through difficult times."

He added, "Author G. Michael Hopf summed it up best when he said, 'Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. And weak men create hard

times.'"

Prior to presenting several awards, Lew Harding, Post 143 commander, commented, "We appreciate each and every one of you coming. It's a joy to be here. It's not only a duty, it's a joy. I thank you for coming."

Col. Bob Blankenship (U.S. Army Ret.), an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), was presented with a Quilt of Valor from the Post. In addition, four Post members were named Legionnaires of the Year including: Jeff Marcum, Jack Walkingstick, Jimmy Arch, and Frank Cucumber.

Four esteemed community leaders received the American Legion Women in Leadership, Exemplary Service Award including: Carla Neadeau, Cherokee Indian Police Dept. chief of police; Patsy Ledford, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143 president; Dr. Debora Foerst, Cherokee High School principal; and Sandy Cloer, EBCI Tribal TANF director.

Ledford praised the work of the Aux-



Patsy Ledford, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143 president; Dr. Debora Foerst, Cherokee High School principal; and Sandy Cloer, EBCI Tribal TANF director, all received the American Legion Women in Leadership, Exemplary Service Award.

Auxiliary Unit 143, “They work every day in some aspect to recognize and to honor our veterans. And, that’s what we are about - to serve and honor our veterans. For me to receive this award, I must say, is due to the ladies in the Auxiliary. They keep me going. They give me the lifeline to make me want to do, and it is for you guys, you veterans, and in memory of my

husband that it is such an honor to be here. Thank you all. I love you and I appreciate you. I appreciate the service you performed for the United States of America.”

Several EBCI tribal programs received an American Legion Certificate of Achievement for their service to the community including: Cherokee Indian Police Dept., Cherokee Fire Dept., Cher-



Carla Neadeau, Cherokee Indian Police Dept. chief of police, speaks after being presented with the American Legion Women in Leadership, Exemplary Service Award.

okee EMS, and the Cherokee One Feather.

Gregory Hunt, Post 143 member and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, read the “Veteran’s Anthem”, and Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer and a veteran of three branches of service, read an Army Commendation Medal with “V” device citation for the late Clarence “Les” Murphy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a Vietnam Veteran.

Hunt then read a listing of

all of the EBCI tribal members who have been killed in action as follows:

World War I: Steve Youngdeer (US Army), Joe Kalonaheskie (US Army)

World War II: Boyd Catt (US Army), Jacob Cornsilk (US Army), Adam West Driver (US Marine Corps), James R. Lambert (US Army), Samuel William Otter (US Navy), Blaine Queen (US Army), Mark Rattler (US Marine Corps), Isaac Ross (US Army), Joshua Shell (US Army), Sheridan Smith (US Marine Corps), Vernon George Sneed (US Army), William Taylor (US Navy), Enos Thompson (US Army), Jeremiah Toineeta (US Army), Robert Austin Wahneeta (US Marine Corps)

Korea: Charles Arch (US Marine Corps), Charles George (US Army, Medal of Honor recipient)

Vietnam: John Burgess (US Army), John Edward Oocumma (US Army)

Several musical presentations were included in Friday’s program including Kristi Wheatley who sang “Hallelujah” and Phyllis Shell, a veteran of the U.S. Army, who sang “An Honor to Serve”.

Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 is seeking contact information for active EBCI service men/women to provide aid and support.

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The Capitol Christmas Tree pulls into the old Cherokee Elementary School site in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 6. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

HISTORIC DAY

Capitol Christmas Tree comes to Cherokee; EBCI, U.S. Forest Service sign stewardship agreements

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – This year’s Capitol Christmas came to Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 6, and the event saw the signing of two landmark agreements between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the U.S. Forest Service. The tree itself is a 78-foot red spruce from the Pisgah National Forest and is scheduled to make many stops along the way to being delivered to the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building on Friday, Nov. 18.

“Today is an historic day for Cherokee on two different fronts,” said Principal Chief Rich-



Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, left, shakes hands with Ken Arney, U.S. Forest Service Southern Region regional forester, after they signed a Tribal Forest Protection Act agreement.

ard G. Sneed as he addressed the large crowd gathered for the event. “First, the beautiful U.S. Capitol Christmas tree was harvested from the Pisgah National Forest, a forest that is part of the traditional and aboriginal homelands of the Cherokee Indians. As a tribe, we are honored to be a part of this ceremony and the procession route for the Capitol Christmas tree.”

The EBCI and U.S. Forest Service signed a Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA) agreement which Chief Sneed said will include restoration on 500 to 1,000 acres of tribal trust lands annually from FY23 through FY28 in the forms of controlled burns, treating invasive species, and a targeted 50 acres of treatment for white oak harvesting for basketry.

Chief Sneed said, “This act is a co-stewardship agreement between the Eastern Band and the U.S. Forest Service that will focus on restoring forested ecosystems to be resilient now and for generations to come. Stewardship over natural resources is what our people have always done. As the original people of the region, we have a connection to the land and its resources that goes back to time immemorial. The input and stewardship of our people will ensure that resources like white oak for basketmaking and medicinal plants will be protected, managed, and maintained for use by future generations of Cherokees.”

He added, “This agreement demonstrates what can be accomplished when government agencies work in cooperation with tribal nations to inform best practices while simultaneously respecting the knowledge and ancient traditions of Native people.”

Ken Arney, U.S. Forest Service Southern Region regional forester,



Joey Owle, EBCI secretary of agriculture and natural resources, left, holds the microphone for Catcuce Micco Tiger, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who has been selected to be official lighter of the Capitol Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C.

signed the agreement on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service. “This is really a special time to, first, honor the Capitol Christmas tree, but also recognize the relationship between the U.S. Forest Service and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. In particular, around the Tribal Forest Protection Act proposal and the signing of a Tribal Good Neighbor agreement to carry out the TFPA proposed actions.”

Speaking of the TFPA, he noted it will be the first of its kind in the Southern Region. “The Tribal Forest Protection Act was passed in July 2004 in response to the devastating wildfires that crossed from federal lands onto tribal



Chief Sneed and James Melonas, U.S. Forest Service deputy forest supervisor of the National Forests in North Carolina, sign a Good Neighbor Agreement.

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lands that prior summer. The Act provides a tool for tribes to propose work and enter into contracts and agreements with the Forest Service to reduce threats from the federal lands adjacent to Indian trust lands and Indian communities.”

Arney went on to say, “As a federal agency, the U.S. Forest Service has a responsibility to include and honor contributions of tribal nations to the process every step of the way. As a senior official for the Forest Service, I’m deeply committed to the allyship and friendship that has been crafted between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the U.S. Forest Service personnel.”

“It is engagement and commitment such as this that allows us to manage the landscapes that we’re all so proud of and have mutual responsibility for. I believe we can best serve our obligations by continuing to build lasting relationships through discussions and actions. I look forward to continuing this collaboration and partnership with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

Just after signing the agreement, Chief Sneed said, “Once again, the Eastern Band is leading the way and blazing new trails for other tribal nations to follow, but we could not have done so without the cooperation and support of the U.S. Forest Service.”

Information from the USFS states, “Managing fire and white oak are important elements of Cherokee relationships with forests in the southern Appalachians. Settlement, logging, and fire exclusion have altered forests and impacted culturally important forest products and practices.

Integrating artisan and traditional ecological knowledge with silvicultural and fire research will inform forest management. Planned work includes prescribed fire, treating non-native and invasive species, and managing species and places valued by tribal members.”

In addition to the TFPA Agreement, the EBCI and the U.S. Forest Service entered into a Good Neighbor Agreement. James Melonas, U.S. Forest Service deputy forest supervisor of the National Forests in North Carolina, who signed on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service, said, “We are so grateful to have the relationship that we do with the Eastern Band in working together in co-stewardship on these important lands that we have the privilege to manage. The Tribal Forest Protection Act that we signed and then the Good Neighbor Agreement that we’re about to sign are tangible ways that we are working together to do good work on the ground that is important for the restoration of the ecosystem, but more importantly, the connection to the land that people have. There’s no place that has a deeper connection than here with the Eastern Band of Cherokee.”

He further noted, “I’m excited to see where we go with all the good work on the ground. The hard work will be starting now... this will be the first of many things to come with this Good Neighbor Agreement. What that allows us to do is work hand-in-hand with the Tribe to do restoration work on the forest together that is mutually beneficial.”

Joey Owle, EBCI secretary of agriculture and natural resources, told the crowd, “The EBCI and the U.S. Forest Service have strengthened our relationship to new heights over the last several years and include several firsts for the

Southeast. We have executed an inter-agency personnel agreement that provides financial support for one of our very own tribal staff to accomplish mutually beneficial objectives in our National Forest landscape and for our traditional, ecological knowledge practices.”

He said this includes research with the Forest Service Research Station on the harvesting of several traditional Cherokee plants including sochan and ramps.

Owle spoke on the TFPA stating, “This (TFPA) provides a tool for tribes to propose work and enter into contracts and agreements to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land or range land.”

“We are very fortunate to share in this year’s tradition. The cherry on top of all of this is that, for the first time for our community, the youth tree lighter was selected from our community.”

Catuce Micco Tiger, age 9, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Birdtown Community who is in the fourth grade at New Kituwah Academy, has been chosen to be the official lighter of this year’s Capitol Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C.

During Sunday’s event, he told the Cherokee Legend of the Evergreen Trees (in inset).

Tiger concluded by saying, “I hope you enjoyed this story. Thank you for allowing me to share a part of my culture with you. I am honored to be here to represent my tribe, my community, and my family.”

Following the signings and speeches, everyone in attendance was invited to sign a banner traveling with the Capitol Christmas Tree.



Cherokee Legend of the Evergreen Trees

as told by Catuce Micco Tiger

“The forest has two types of trees - the evergreen which keep their leaves and stay green all year long and the deciduous which lose their leaves in the fall. Cherokees explain how this came to be.

When all the trees, plants, and animals were created they were asked to fast and pray for seven nights to honor (Creator). The first night they all stayed awake but the second night, well, some fell asleep. The third night more dropped out so by the seventh night only a few were still awake.

Of the animals, the owl, the panther, and a few others were still awake. These animals were given the power to see and go about in the dark to make prey out of the birds and animals that must sleep at night.

Of the trees, only the spruce - like Ruby - the pine, the cedar, the holly, the hemlock, and the laurel were still awake to the end. (Creator) gave these trees the ability to keep their leaves and stay green all year long and the power to be medicine for the Cherokee people.

Therefore, these trees are sacred and used for medicine by the Cherokee people to this day.”



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Tribe's medical cannabis business gearing up

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

Medical cannabis is in the works for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and will be dispensed in 2023. Qualla is the corporation set up to run the business for the Tribe, and the dispensary will be located at a building known to many on the Qualla Boundary – the old Tribal Bingo Building. “It will be the largest retail center in the world the day we open,” said Forrest Parker, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Qualla Enterprises, LLC general manager.

“We’re not talking about just growing cannabis. We’re talking about growing a large quantity of cannabis. So, that’s a really important piece of this that this company and its partners had to really figure out...there’s a lot of ways to do that.”

He related that all products will be tested and sold in child-proof containers and packaging. The local employment opportunities that are being created with this new enterprise as well are very important to the community. 80 percent of the current cultivation employees are EBCI tribal members. Parker said, “Currently, we are ramping up every month as infrastructure develops, as we build different components of this business cultivation, processing, and retail we are adding resources and manpower. We’re adding skilled positions, we’re adding entry-level



Employees work in a medical cannabis grow facility, operated by Qualla Enterprises, LLC, in the Cooper's Creek area in Cherokee, N.C. The company is set to open a dispensary for medical cannabis in the old Tribal Bingo Building in 2023. (Photos courtesy of Qualla Enterprises, LLC)

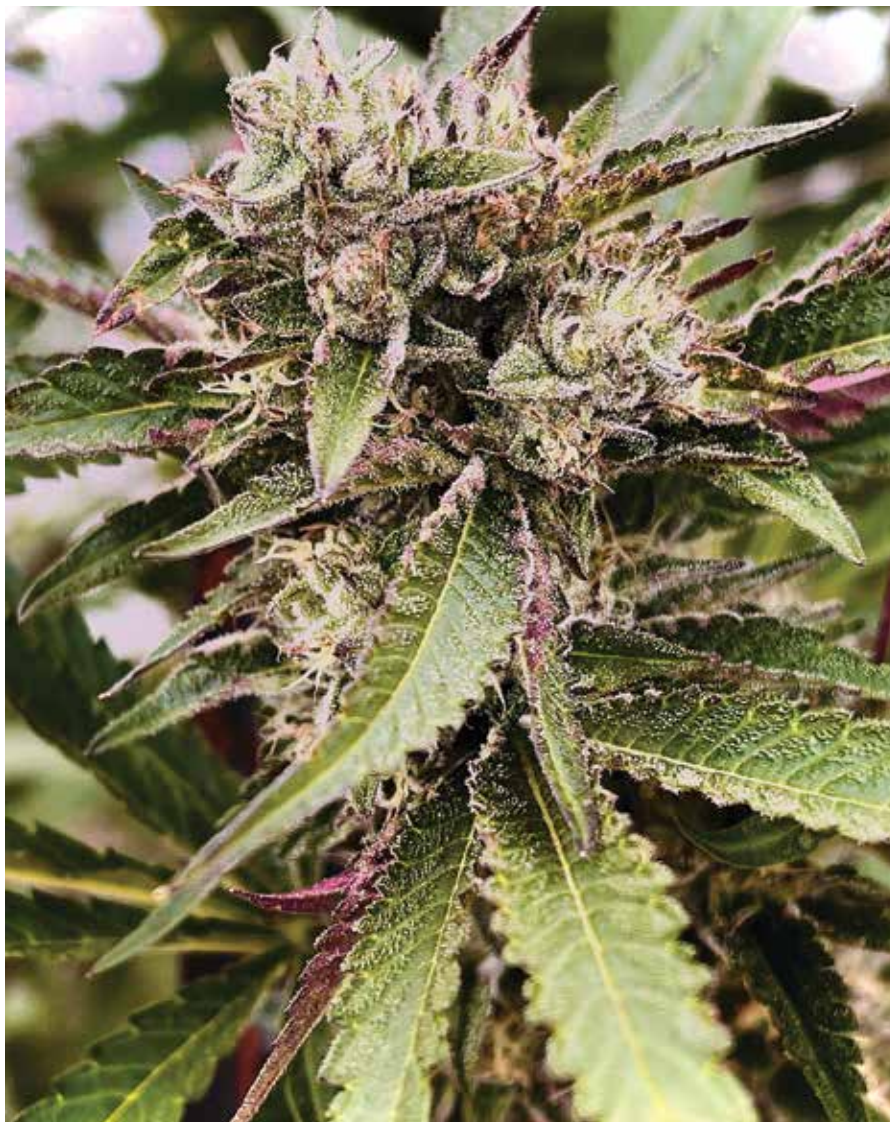
positions. We've got some really amazing folks that are helping us train, helping us set the bar and develop standards and protocols."

He said more employment opportunities will become available as the business grows. "Currently, we have 35-40 (employees). We're actually currently working on these numbers. When the cannabis business is fully operational we will have about 400-500 total jobs. It's a very impactful employment opportunity for this community as well. These employees are learning jobs that will be high paying, skilled jobs in all aspects of cannabis."

For information on available jobs, visit: www.ebcicannabis.com.

Parker added, "So, I think in the inception, everybody really understands the magnitude of this opportunity and what it means to the Tribe and the community, both from the medical side as well as the economic impact side. So, for my charge, and our board's charge, and Qualla, it's not just, 'hey, how do we make sure we can grow some cannabis?'. But it's, how do we grow cannabis in a way that's cost effective so we can make sure the community sees the financial benefits across the board at the maximum level. We feel like that's our responsibility."

In October, President Biden pardoned all prior federal offenses of simple possession of marijuana stating, "As I often said during my campaign for President, no one should be in jail just for using or possessing marijuana. Sending people to prison for possessing marijuana has upended too many lives and incarcerated people for conduct that many states no longer prohibit." He added, "Too many lives have been upended because of our failed approach to marijuana. It's time that we right these



Cannabis being grown at the Qualla Enterprises, LLC facility.

wrongs."

President Biden also, in a substantial shift in federal marijuana policy, requested that the Secretary of Health and Human Services ("HHS") and the Attorney General initiate an administrative process to review marijuana's Scheduled 1 classification under Federal law and the CSA beginning the process of rescheduling marijuana at the federal level.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper says he supports pardoning people convicted of marijuana possession and decriminalizing possession of small amounts of the drug. Following President Biden's announcement, Gov. Cooper spoke to the N.C. Task Force on Racial

Equity and Criminal Justice stating, "Conviction of simple possession can mar people's records for life and maybe even prevent them from getting a job. The General Assembly didn't pass your recommendations on this last session, but I believe they should. North Carolina should take steps to end this stigma."

North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein said in a statement following President Biden's announcement, "President Biden is right. People should not have a federal criminal record for something that is legal in an increasing number of states. I look forward to working with the legislature in the coming months to help move

"If cannabis isn't for you, no problem, but you have to respect the science and you can't say it's not for someone else. I think it's our responsibility to not make it hard for other people who can benefit from using it."

- Forrest Parker, Qualla Enterprises, LLC general manager

North Carolina forward as well. Let's act – and let's get it right. That means decriminalizing adult use, expunging past convictions for simple possession, and including strong protection for kids, no advertising, state-controlled sales, and putting North Carolina farmers first."

With the passage of Ord. No. 539 (2021) on July 8, 2021, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians legalized the allowance of "medicinal use of small amounts of marijuana". That legislation also created the EBCI Cannabis Advisory Commission which was created "for the purposes of studying issues related to cannabis and making recommendations to the EBCI Cannabis Control Board" as well as creating the EBCI Cannabis Control Board itself – a five-member Board.

Tribal Council approved funding for the Cannabis Control Board recently in the form of Res. No. 421 (2022) which allocates a budget for Fiscal Year 2023 of \$984,800 "to be paid from non-net distributable gaming revenues from the Fund Balance of the General Fund as best determined by the EBCI Division of Finance".

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Parker said a lot of work has been put into research and development to maximize the operation. “It’s really hard to think about how you’ve got to grow this much cannabis. How do we do that without just throwing hundreds of millions of dollars at infrastructure, which is often what we see in any project. The R and D (research and development) that took place in the summer really was around how do we produce cannabis with the cheapest infrastructure investments with the lowest monthly cost to develop the most skews regardless of the market - medical, adult use, whatever - where we are able to provide a product to the community in various forms that meets all the needs. We can’t do that with just one style of cultivation. We could, but it doesn’t make sense to fill that whole gap with the most expensive methodology.”

A grow operation is already in place at a site on Cooper’s Creek. Parker noted, “We’re currently working on the plans and funding for a really robust indoor grow. That’s basically the next phase of the project. What that indoor grow will do is it will absolutely provide us with all of the grade A quality indoor flower that we need to then combine with the biomass program to then be able to offer to the community an opening date that says, ‘hey, we can open and we are fully confident that not only do we have the skews and the product selection that we need, but also we have the perpetual harvest ongoing that we won’t run out.’”

Originally, Qualla Enterprises,

LLC was looking at setting up the grow operation at the site of the old Cherokee High School in the Yellowhill Community. Parker said they heard from various community members who opposed that site. “We wanted the community to have that land back. We made the choice ourselves to make sure that the community had it back.”

He went on to say, “That’s how new, in a way, the cannabis industry is. Even though it’s everywhere - as of October 2022, 37 states have legalized the medical use of cannabis to varying degrees and 21 states and the District of Columbia have legalized the adult use of marijuana. Just this week, Missouri and Maryland both voted to legalize adult use. Cherokee still has a very specific proprietary way of doing this and we’re already realizing what that looks like. That is the key to us being able to have the confidence to go back to our community and say, ‘hey, you can have confidence in us that we’re doing this the right way and that we can keep scaling this thing’. That’s a really special spot to be in.”

“The second most important thing that the Tribe did, other than stand this thing up as an independent company, is they brought on a partner,” said Parker. “They brought on a managing partner, very similar to the way Caesar’s operates in relationship to the Tribe. We have that same kind of relationship. This managing partnership, these folks have done this very same thing from seed to sale in a vertical market with tribes in multiple states with nothing but success...we pushed it forward because it’s the right thing to do

for this community and we were smart enough to bring people on that knew more about it than we did.”

“For me, it is an opportunity to come into something that is extremely resourced with knowledge. To have, on all accounts, no matter how you measure it, if you really dig in and look, the people that are involved in this project from the cannabis industry, this is the strongest group of humans combined in one project that you will find anywhere in the cannabis space anywhere, worldwide. That is extremely special and it’s hard to really quantify how important that is for Cherokee.”

When asked when the dispensary will open, Parker said, “The dispensary will open in 2023 when we are confident that we have perpetual harvest in place to continually supply that market. So, that’s dictated by a couple things - resources, developed infrastructure we need to finish out this project development, the regulatory side of it, of course...the economic impact is driven by the number of people who can legally walk in and buy it. So, the economic impact in the medical market is much different than adult use.”

The EBCI’s foray into the cannabis industry has taken multiple attempts with community thoughts on the subject not always being favorable. Parker addressed these concerns, “Everyone has to come about cannabis their own way, that’s what I’ve learned. As a member of this community, I feel like having a pretty decent handle on our community, loving my people and loving this community, we’re feeling nothing but a lot of

support. We’re hearing a lot of great things and it’s very obvious that, even though I know because of my travels and my experiences how special cannabis has been in communities all across the world, especially medical. The things that it brings are so special. The people that don’t understand or may not be pro-cannabis...I’ve got nothing but respect for you. And I want this opportunity and our team to be just a small piece of the pie that helps people understand that cannabis may not be for you, just like Benadryl may not be for you. If you and I get a headache, you may take ibuprofen and I might take Tylenol.”

The Mayo Clinic states, “Studies report that medical cannabis has possible benefit for several conditions.” Some of those include: Alzheimer’s disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), HIV/AIDS, Crohn’s disease, epilepsy and seizures, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis and muscle spasms, severe and chronic pain, and severe nausea or vomiting caused by cancer treatment.

Parker commented on the benefits, “If cannabis isn’t for you, no problem, but you have to respect the science and you can’t say it’s not for someone else. I think it’s our responsibility to not make it hard for other people who can benefit from using it.”

Parker is looking at the big picture for what this business could do for the Tribe. “All of us that are born and raised here, we love our people, we love our community, and we love our Tribe. What could be better for us than being able to benefit those people?”



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School Board discusses SROs and school safety

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Reporter

The Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education met with several guests on Monday, Nov. 7 and covered a number of subjects.

One of the extended topics of discussion was with Cherokee Indian Police Dept. (CIPD) Assistant Chief of Police Josh Taylor, who stepped into that new role last week. Taylor was in attendance to push for revamping policies surrounding the student resource officers (SROs) at CCS, as well as advocating for providing Narcan to CCS.

“It’s time to update policies and procedures with our SROs. It’s

time to start pushing training out where we can actually move from one building to another building and have officers and school staff alike that are educated in what’s going on,” said Taylor.

Taylor said that he wanted to do whatever he could to prepare the school. He said that this was a timely issue and didn’t want to be talking about the same issues this time next year.

“I think if I can dedicate, if we can dedicate time together, I would love to start getting to where we can meet once a week and get it hammered out to where we have something to go off.

[Board attorney Ashley Leonard] would be great to have in the room. Because she knows what we



The Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education met with several guests on Monday, Nov. 7 and covered a number of subjects. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)



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can and can't do."

Another particular issue that Taylor was very passionate about in the meeting was increasing the availability of Narcan throughout the Qualla Boundary, including at CCS. He said that this is about safety for both students and staff.

"Take this piece of paper here. Say little Bobby's got his homework. Big Bobby's a heroin addict, which we know kids live with. Next thing you know, heroin's not working anymore so he's turned to fentanyl. He's higher than a kite, then he stashes it somewhere because someone comes in their room. Puts it in little Bobby's backpack. I pull out his homework, a white powdery substance is on it. I dust it off, I don't know what it is. I'm not thinking about dope. Next thing you know, I've inhaled it. I drop out because my body is not going to take it. One Narcan would save my life," said Taylor.

This concept sparked an extended conversation with the Board. One member that was particularly vocal was co-Vice Chairperson Tara Reed-Cooper

"If I'm a parent, I'm not hearing any of this except for what I'm reading in the paper. As a parent, when I first seen it, I'm sitting on the fence of it. Because we're putting it in the reach of the kids, so is that telling the kids it's ok to do it? That it's ok to bring it to school? I didn't think about the side that you're talking about. That's great education, but I think that we need to take that further than just educating the School Board. I think we need to educate the community of why we're doing it," said Reed-Cooper.

The Board also invited EBCI Secretary of Treasury Cory Blankenship to the meeting to follow up on discussions involving the CCS Reserve Fund that is currently

managed by the EBCI Investment Committee. He was invited following the School Board's conversation with Polly Kelley, who was pushing to make the CCS Reserve Fund more active. The Board wanted to hear what Blankenship saw as the best options for proceeding.

"I think probably the more practical thing to do, though, is once you've finished with that year's audit and you have an idea as to where you stand on the financial statements. In terms of 'we allocated this much, we actually only spent this much' so now we have this fund balance sitting out there, let's deposit that into that account and let that grow. I would say it's not even something when you're laying out your budget that you have to think about. It's at the end of the year," said Blankenship.

"It was never our intent, at the very beginning, to create a permanent endowment for Cherokee Central Schools. It was just 'we can make more money in this other vehicle'. If that becomes a goal, to create that permanent endowment for Cherokee Central Schools, you're going to need significantly more resources than what is available to you."

Also in this discussion were Ashford Smith, Cherokee Boys Club finance director, and Howard Wahnetah, CCS finance director. Wahnetah provided the School Board's finance report. Smith said that the school's budget report was delayed following Tribal Council passing the 1.4-million-dollar budget increase. He said that they were implementing the salary increases and that they were hoping to have the first checks to employees out as soon as possible. The Board also wanted to speak with Secretary Blankenship about the water damage at the school.

The final cost of the water damage has not been confirmed, but the Board and Superintendent Murray hinted at a significant bill.

"We're going to have to start [repairs]. So, we're probably going to have another resolution put in to say 'hey, we at least have to start somewhere'. The longer we let it sit, possibly the worse it's going to get. While our legal side is working on things to try to get some of it recouped, so far, we've kind of hit dead ends with litigation and other types of things so far," said Chairperson Thompson.

Secretary Blankenship stated that the Tribe had set aside \$5 million of the ARP funding for the water intrusion damage at the school, but the Board suggested that would not be close to the final total. He said that there might also be chances to get financial assistance through other agencies or grant funding, as well.

The final business handled in open session was reviewing some of the policy amendments that had been presented by Campbell Shatley, PLLC. There were a few changes needed following notes from the Board, but many of the policies were approved.

The School Board then moved into a closed session for the remainder of the meeting.

Earlier in the meeting, the consent agenda was passed unanimously and put forth the following:

- Mary "Rosie" Bryson approved as a child nutrition assistant for Cherokee Central Schools.
- Chazi Blankenship approved as a middle professional counselor/specialist for Cherokee Middle School.

The following walk-in resolutions were also approved:

- Dellissa Swayney approved as a teacher assistant for Cherokee

Elementary School.

- Keisha Lambert approved as a teacher assistant for Cherokee Elementary School.
- Melinda Walkingstick approved as a life skills teacher assistant for Cherokee Elementary School.
- Taran Swimmer approved as a JV girls' basketball assistant coach.
- Logan Teesateskie approved as boys' basketball assistant coach.

The Monday, Nov. 7 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Co-Vice Chairs Tara Reed-Cooper and Melanie Lambert; Secretary Kristina Hyatt; Board members Berdie Toineeta and Regina Ledford Rosario; Superintendent Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Beverley Payne; HR Director Heather Driver; CCS Attorney Ashley Leonard of Campbell Shatley, PLLC; and Administrative Assistant Diane Driver all in attendance. Tribal Council Rep. T.W. Saunooke was present but a few minutes late to the meeting.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education is set for Monday, Nov. 21 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings are being held in the Administrative Offices at Cherokee Central Schools. These meetings are open to the public unless there is a call for an executive session.

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CIPD Arrest Report for Oct. 30 to Nov. 6

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.

Crowe, Kassandra Rene – age 39
 Arrested: Oct. 31
 Released: Nov. 3
 Charges: Domestic Violence

Garcia, German Pallares – age 44
 Arrested: Oct. 31
 Released: Nov. 3
 Charges: Assault with a Deadly

Weapon

Hopkins, Matthew Scott – age 32
 Arrested: Oct. 31
 Released: Nov. 3
 Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions

Penland, Alyson Laraine – age 31
 Arrested: Nov. 1
 Released: Nov. 3
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Wildcatt, John Travis – age 31
 Arrested: Nov. 1
 Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 7)
 Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Domestic Violence (two counts)

Panther, Mark Adam – age 30

Arrested: Nov. 2
 Released: Nov. 3
 Charges: DWI

Taylor, Franklin Terry – age 61
 Arrested: Nov. 2
 Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 7)
 Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Resisting Lawful Arrest, Public Intoxication, Providing or Possessing Contraband, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Bradley, Crystal – age 46
 Arrested: Nov. 3
 Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 7)
 Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

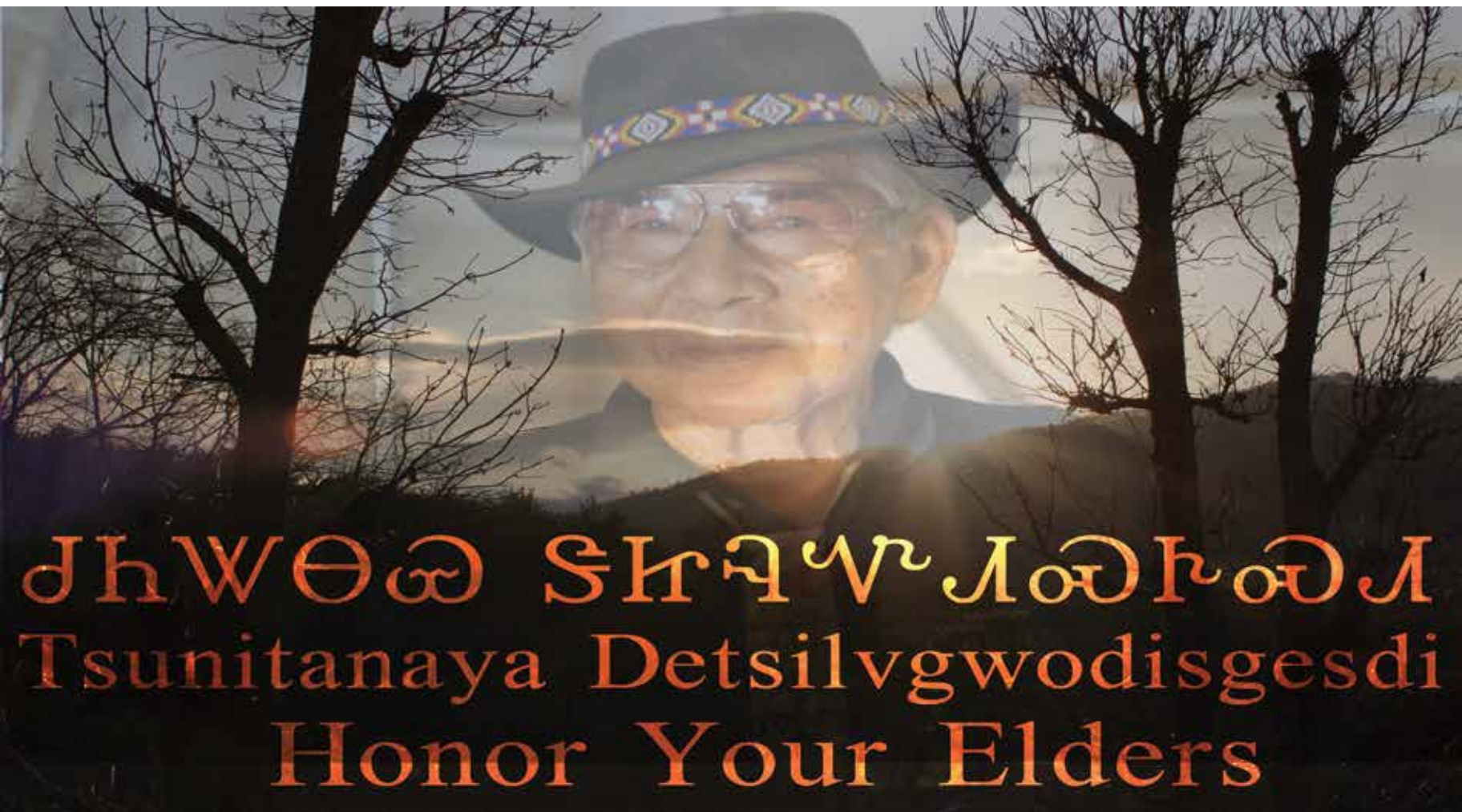
Holder, Shane Christopher – age 31
 Arrested: Nov. 3

Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 7)
 Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Howard, Anthony Lee – age 42
 Arrested: Nov. 3
 Released: Nov. 3
 Charges: Flee-Elude Arrest with a Motor Vehicle, Driving While License Revoked, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Keel, Amber Dawn – age 33
 Arrested: Nov. 3
 Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 7)
 Charges: Non-Compliance with Wellness Court

Lee, Christina Marie – age 21
 Arrested: Nov. 3
 Released: Nov. 3



Charges: DWEI

Vaughn, Eric Daniel – age 39

Arrested: Nov. 3

Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 7)

Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Duran, Sarah Emily – age 32

Arrested: Nov. 4

Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 7)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Mahan, Christopher Allen – age 33

Arrested: Nov. 4

Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 7)

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Second Degree Trespass, Public Intoxication

Watty, Christopher Medina – age 32

Arrested: Nov. 4

Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 7)

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substance (three counts)

Case, Cory – age 33

Arrested: Nov. 5

Released: Nov. 5

Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Crowe, Toby Alexander – age 30

Arrested: Nov. 5

Released: Not released as of report

date (Nov. 7)

Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Reckless Endangerment

Smith, Joshua David – age 42

Arrested: Nov. 5

Released: Nov. 5

Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Reed, Frances Ludell – age 35

Arrested: Nov. 6

Released: Nov. 6

Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Steed, Jay Lee – age 57

Arrested: Nov. 6

Released: Nov. 6

Charges: Impaired Driving



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Robbinsville 39 Cherokee 12

2nd Round NCHSAA 1A Playoffs

Robbinsville, N.C.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

8:10 – ROBBINSVILLE: Cuttler Adams 31-yard run, Bryce Adams two-point run. Robbinsville 8 Cherokee 0

5:59.6 – ROBBINSVILLE: Bryce Adams 18-yard pass to Brock Adams, kick no good. Robbinsville 14 Cherokee 0

2nd Quarter

9:57 – ROBBINSVILLE: Cuttler Adams 9-yard run, two-point failed. Robbinsville 20 Cherokee 0

5:14 – CHEROKEE: Tso Smith 2-yard run, kick no good. Robbinsville 20 Cherokee 6

3rd Quarter

6:05 – ROBBINSVILLE: Kage Williams 1-yard run, two-point failed. Robbinsville 26 Cherokee 6

4:38 – ROBBINSVILLE: Bryce Adams 33-yard pass to Brock Adams, kick no good. Robbinsville 32 Cherokee 6

9:1 – ROBBINSVILLE: Cuttler Adams 40-yard run, Kage Williams kick. Robbinsville 39 Cherokee 6

4th Quarter

3:39.3 – CHEROKEE: Xavier Otter 2-yard run, two-point failed. Robbinsville 39 Cherokee 12

TEAM STATISTICS

Total Plays: Cherokee 46, Robbinsville 59

Total Yards: Cherokee 180, Robbinsville 341

Passing Yards: Cherokee 25, Robbinsville 130

Rushing Yards: Cherokee 155, Robbinsville 211

First Downs: Cherokee 12, Robbinsville 22

Third Downs: Cherokee 3 of 7, Robbinsville 5 of 8

Fourth Downs: Cherokee 0 for 0, Robbinsville 2 of 3

Turnovers: Cherokee 2 (1 fumble, 1 INT), Robbinsville 0

Penalties: Cherokee 0, Robbinsville 6 for 81 yards



Cherokee's Xavier Otter (#35) runs hard during a game at Robbinsville in the second round of the 1A state playoffs on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 10. On the night, he carried the ball 5 times for 22 yards and 1 touchdown. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Passing: Cherokee – Tso Smith 4 of 8 for 25 yards, 1 INT; Robbinsville – Bryce Adams 8 of 9 for 130 yards, 2 TDs

Rushing: Cherokee – Brandon Santiago 13 for 77 yards; Tso Smith 13 for 33 yards, 1 TD; Xavier Otter 5 for 22 yards, 1 TD; Chase Calhoun 4 for 14 yards, Kaden Trantham 2 for 9 yards; Robbinsville – Cuttler Adams 17 for 177 yards, 3 TDs; Kage Williams 13 for 22 yards, 1 TD

Receiving: Cherokee – Josiah Teesateskie 2 for 15 yards, Xavier Otter 2 for 10 yards; Robbins-

ville – Brock Adams 2 for 106 yards, 2 TDs; Zeke Silvers 2 for 24 yards

Defensive: Cherokee – Kaden Trantham 2 (1 solo); Tso Smith 6 (1 solo); Jonathan Saylor 3 (2 solo); Trevor Ogana Ledford 1 assist; Mato Grant 7 (2 solo); Xavier Otter 11 (3 solo); Luke Climbingbear 8 (3 solo), 1 sack; #51 Raines (not on roster) 3 (1 solo); Zac Maney 10 (3 solo); Kenton Tsigwa Hill 7 (3 solo), 1 blocked punt; Luke Smith 3 assists; Kensen Davis 1 assist; Adam Panther 3 (1 solo); Robbinsville – defensive stats not available



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch
497-4131

Cherokee Indian Police Dept.
359-6600

Tribal Fire and Rescue
359-6584

Tribal EMS
359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

Transit Main Line Dispatch
359-6300

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

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Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

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

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

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

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

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

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

EBCI Domestic Violence
359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance
507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic
554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center
497-6866

Snowbird Senior numbers
James Jones, Snowbird site supervisor,
346-6744
Samantha Teesateskie, Senior Services co-ordinator,
346-6745

Tsali Manor main line
359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line
835-9741

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



COMMUNITY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, de-

liverable 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

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Gatlinburg Trail and Twin Creeks Trail reopen

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials reopened 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. While there is no longer a large concentration of bears feeding on acorns in these areas, hikers should remain watchful for bear activity. 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

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ATTENTION WOLFTOWN AND PAINTTOWN CERTIFIED CANDIDATES

The One Feather is offering candidates who have been certified by the Election Board a 1/4 page print advertisement to be run prior to the special election scheduled for December 2022. The space is 4.67 x 5.25 inches and may contain any information about the candidate, including their reason for running and qualifications. The ad must comply with the One Feather's ethical policies, which will be provided upon request. This offer is only open to certified candidates for the December special election in Wolftown and Painttown. To submit an ad or get further information, contact Dawn Arneach, 828-359-6489 or dawnarne@ebci-nsn.gov.

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OBITUARIES ᏊᏏᏏᏏ

Louise Paxton Ashe

Louise Paxton Ashe, 95 of Sylva, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022. She was born on Sept. 23, 1927, in Swain County to the late William "Bill" and Myrtle Crisp Paxton.

Louise worked as a Hairdresser at Tuckasee Beauty Shop, later running her own shop from home. After retirement from hairdressing, she went back to work as a Reading Assistant at Qualla Elementary School and Smokey Mountain Elementary School. Louise enjoyed reading, gardening, and cooking. During her spare time, she loved quilting, basket making, and most of all spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of Scotts Creek Baptist Church.

Louise is survived by her daughter, Donna Ashe Lucas of Boone, N.C.; son, Sheriff Jimmy Ashe

(Lisa); grandchildren, Matt Lucas (Claire), Paxton Ashe, Callie Ashe; sister, Betty Paxton Reid (Del). Several nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to her parents, Louise is preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, J. Don Ashe; brother, Shuford Paxton; sisters, Edna Moore, Irene Parker, Rachel Arrwood, and Maxine Paxton.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, Nov. 10 at Scotts Creek Baptist Church. Rev. JD Grant and Rev. Eddie Stillwell officiated. Burial followed at Fairview Memorial Gardens.

An online registry is available at www.appalachianfuneralservices.com

Allen Edward Reed

Allen Edward Reed, of the Wolfetown Community, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022. He shared the last 14 years of his life

with his loving wife, Anita Reed.

This loving Father is survived by Kenneth-Smith-Hornbuckle (Vicky), Edward "Scrap" Sherrill (Kira), Mary Ledford (John) all of Cherokee, Kim Smith of Knoxville, Robert James (Leanne) of Clyde, Corey Davis (Michelle) of Cherokee, Jacob James (Brook) of Bethel, Jessica Ochoa (Brandon) of Camp Lejeune, Ceanna Jackson of Cherokee, and Little Daniel Tramer of Cherokee. He has 21 Grandpups that were blessed to have called him Papa, that will forever carry on his legacy. He will also be remembered by his mother, Marion Crowe of Cherokee; aunt, Mary Crowe (Gary) of Georgia, Sonny Crowe of Tennessee, Allen Crowe (Wanda) of Cherokee, and Virgil Crowe of Cherokee.

Among the many blessed to be called family by Allen, Stephanie Arneach (Cutis) of Cherokee, Steve Smith (Steph) of Ela, Elexis Smith of Tennessee, and Wesley Smith of Cherokee.

He was welcomed into Heaven by his father, Lawrence Reed; grandfather, Johnson Reed; grandmother, Dinah Hornbuckle Reed; grandfather, John Henry Crowe; grandmother, Ida Crowe; aunt, Joyce Crowe; son, John Davis; granddaughter, Alayna Ledford; sister-in-law, Millie Smith; mother-in-law, Francis Littlejohn; and father-in-law, Furman Smith. Words can't express the amount of love Allen shared with family and friends. He will forever be missed. Love you Ol 'hound. Semper Fi, Do or Die. OOH-RAH

A formal funeral service was held on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Acquoni Baptist Church with Greg Morgan officiating. Burial was in the Crowe Family Cemetery on Blue Wing Church Rd. Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Melissa Ann Maney

Melissa Ann Maney, age 58, of the Rough Branch Community of Wolfstown, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 at Mission Hospital after an extended illness.

She is survived by her mother, Charlotte Wahyahneetah Maney; children, Anthony Lansing and Jarrett Wildcatt, both of Cherokee; aunt and uncle, Margaret and Gary French; and special family members, Cora Starlin-Altman, Rodney Starlin, and Greg French. Melissa was preceded in death by her father, Norman Maney; brother, Samuel Lee Maney; maternal grandparents, Samuel and Cora Wahyahneetah; and paternal grandparents, Jake and Emma Maney.

Melissa was a longtime member of the Qualla Arts & Crafts Cooperative. She enjoyed making pottery. She was taught by her grandmother, Cora, and her mother, Charlotte. Before her long-term illness, Melissa enjoyed traveling to various art shows in the southeast. Melissa also did woodcarving, shell carving, painting, and drawing. Her work has received many ribbons and awards. She won first place for her pottery at the Cherokee Fall Fair, and first place in the Emerging Artist category at the Giduwah festival in Asheville. She has exhibited her pottery in North Carolina, South Carolina, and at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. She was a devoted mother and friend. She will be sorely missed.

A funeral service took place on Thursday, Nov. 10 in the chapel at Long House Funeral Home. Burial was in the Yellowhill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Greg French, Jimmy Harlan, Dee Dee Martin, Bubba Aguilera, Robert Martens, Ashford Smith, and Jesse Ramirez. Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

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See the "LINKS" button at theonefeather.com and see a listing of website links to various tribal entities and Cherokee-related businesses.

COMMENTARY

Power supply

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

The One Feather was honored by the Steve Youngdeer Post 143 with a Distinguished Public Service Award during the Veterans Day ceremony this year. Anytime these warriors pay tribute to anyone or any organization, it is high praise indeed. We here, at the One Feather, are very grateful for and humbled by the recognition.

During the service, the subjects of sovereignty, transparency,



Lew Harding, right, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 commander, presented an American Legion Distinguished Public Service Award to Robert Jumper, One Feather editor, during the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony held at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on Friday, Nov. 11. Jumper accepted the award on behalf of the One Feather staff. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

COLD CASE



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

The Cherokee Indian Police Dept. reported at the time that "foul play" was suspected. No arrests have been made in this case. A \$20,000 reward is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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and truth were recurring themes. These are also subjects that have been at the forefront of discussion in our community and our government.

We, as a tribe, were already entering the tribal election year when a series of events threw us in the deep end of the pool. One of our beloved Council members passed away while in office and another Council member resigned from their post. Tribal law requires a special election and Tribal Council called for one, which the Election Board has initiated and is slated for next month (December 2022). The candidates have been vetted and certified. We quickly moved from anticipating election season to living it out.

The One Feather surveyed the readership on the question of our tribal sovereignty. The majority of the responses opined that in order to be sovereign, a person or entity would make decisions about its destiny without regard or influence from an outside power. One reader thought the answer was such an obvious “no” that they scolded us and said that we should have looked up the definition of “sovereign” before asking the question.

The question was more about engaging the community in public discussion of the issue than educating the public on what sovereignty is or a learning experience for us (One Feather). But just so we comply with the reader’s wishes...the Miriam-Webster’s Dictionary says sovereignty is (a) supreme power especially over a body politic, (b) freedom from external control: autonomy, (c) controlling influence. Apparently, the dictionary agrees with most of the readers who commented on the survey question. And by those

definitions, it is hard to argue that tribes, including are own, are sovereign in the classical meaning of the word. I guess it all depends on what your own personal definition of “sovereignty” is. But if the clear definition of sovereign is autonomous, how do we explain state compacts and subjection to federal authority? Are we doing those things because we choose to?

Surely, we have a government complete with a legislative and executive branch. We also have a contracted judicial system that we have yet to incorporate as a branch of government. We have a Charter and Governing document that serves as a constitution, but it doesn’t contain much language about the rights of the people. And at least one of the existing civil rights in the Charter, the right of the people to assurance of equitable representation through a census, has been left on the shelf for several elections. Speaking of a constitution, efforts to educate the public for a possible referendum vote on a true constitution have been met with less than enthusiasm. It seems that we like the idea of a constitution as a people, but we have difficulty visualizing it and supporting it.

Lew Harding, Post 143 commander, praised the One Feather for speaking truth to power. We, at the newspaper, believe that the power is our tribal community, the citizens, and members of the Eastern Band Cherokee. Elections are the conduits for the power of the people to be exercised. As we have said together many times, it is your voice and your power to government. I was recently asked if every tribal issue should be put before the people via referendum so that the community had true “say” in how they are governed.

And while I believe that would be the ideal, I understand the impracticality of bringing every item of legislative import to a referendum vote. It would require monthly elections to replace tribal council sessions. I do not believe that there is anything wrong with representative government if the foundation is built by the people who are governed.

Therefore, it is critical that we, as a tribal community, get behind the constitution process. Crafting a true governing document built around the premise that the rights of the people are paramount. A governing document dictates and delegates power. The one we have, the Charter, gives power to the Tribal Council and Executive Committee (similar language appears in the 1875 Loyd Welch document). The Charter wasn’t written by the people, the tribal community. It looks to be a distillation of what is known as the Lloyd Welch constitution, leaving much of the language about civil rights and community guidance out. The Charter was adopted by referendum but looks to have been used to govern months prior to being subjected to referendum vote. It may have been that a change to the governing document needed to be made and at that time it was subjected to a vote of the people.

Transparency is another word that gets much use by those in government. It is another word with a finite definition. Regarding the government, Ballotpedia.com gives the following definition of transparency: “Openness, accountability, and honesty define government transparency. In a free society, transparency is government’s obligation to share information with citizens. It is at the heart of how citizens hold

their public officials accountable. Governments exist to serve the people. Information on how officials conduct business and spend money must be readily available and easily understood. This transparency allows good and just governance.”

Some readers commented recently that when (they named a particular government agency) they want you to know something, they will let you know. They inferred that the right of the people, the community, to be informed should be subject to the approval of the government agency. It is a little frightening to think that our people, or at least some of them, are that willing to give up what most societies believe is a fundamental right of the people to public information for the promise of protection or security. Trading on your right to a transparent government could jeopardize the very protection and security you seek.

Which brings me to the final point, truth. If you want to get an idea of the sovereignty of a people group, examine how transparent they are. How willing is the government to share truth with you? This is not about privileged or confidential information. It is about a change in mindset from that of seeing how much information we can hold from the people to that of seeing how much information we can make available to the people. The difference in a democracy or representative government is that the government is accountable to the community, not the other way around. We as a people, a people striving to be a sovereign people, should insist on truly transparent governance. Knowledge is power and we should insist on a good supply of power from our governors.

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;

Can we each be going to Heaven as wealthy men? Or are we going to be among those who are to be destined to be considered as poor in Heaven? Each person must weigh out their own answer carefully and really should be choosing now. There must be an answer while there is still time on this Earth to build something of value. All has to be finished

before time ends for each person, so the best efforts can be sent on ahead and accounted to them ahead of their leaving. Nothing else of value can leave this Earth with them as they go, not clothes, jewels, gold, glasses or even shoes, much less anything else. Has that question been asked? What will have value there?

There may be those here who haven't walked yet in their anointing. They have been saved, but those who got saved, and haven't done what they were called and anointed or equipped to do, should really be concerned. They should each be asking themselves what they should need to send on ahead for eternity. Perhaps they have not always walked in the "straight and narrow" path they were to walk, or by choices they have made. Perhaps they have told no

one else about Jesus, or simply have chosen not to be a part of the church family on any regular basis. They may have thought they were being prepared to do so and only participated in whatever they thought it would end up being something good or of value to them. They may have chosen to build something, but their decision was to use only some of the temporary materials of wood, hay or stubble, materials which didn't cost them much in time, in study, or in effort.

One question to be asking should be, does what's been done or worked on for so long, does it bring one any closer to Jesus? Isn't this the real question all should be asking themselves. After all, Jesus gave His all for every one of us...

There are also many in this Body of Christ who have been saved, and have said, "I'm going to use my God-given talents for the Lord. I'm going to stay in the prayer closet until I get anointed. I'm going to do what I was called to do, instead of just sitting here in this pew or in this chair. I don't want to be here any longer as I'm ready to get up and do something for Jesus.

Asked Pastor Tim, "Can I tell you this? We are all running out of time.... Time is running out. I believe Jesus is coming back, and soon... Sooner than we think.

"So, get all in order, set each house in order. 'What house?' one asks. I'm talking about whatever one who is with Jesus and is building on His Foundation. Because each one with Jesus is at least building something that will last


for eternity. It won't be built out of wood, hay, or stubble. After all, one can just ask the 'Three Little Pigs' if that would be a bad thing if all that can be built is with wood, hay and stubble for their cabin.... Verse 13 of 1 Corinthians tells us, there will be a fire (of judgement of our workmanship, or proof of lack of such) in Heaven, and everyone having built with those materials, here, will suffer loss, there. So, everyone can know this now and change something—while there is still time to get busy. A house built of hay, could get blown over. One can build a house of wood which would most likely get burned down. One could try to build one with stubble, but that's not really any kind of a home.

Every man's work shall be made manifest... It makes a difference... It shall be revealed by fire. There's going to be a fire in Heaven. The fire shall try every man's work, revealing what sort of work it is.

Verse 14 tells us, "If any man's work abides that he has built upon: if it survives, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned, he will suffer loss, but he, himself shall be saved. What God is saying, "What one does now, makes an eternal difference for your wealth in Heaven."

There will be poor people in Heaven, who sent ahead wood, hay, and stubble, instead of the treasure God really wants to see." "Treasure is each soul who has come back to Him, God, our Father, Creator, and Holy Spirit...in Jesus' Name. Amen."

**Fresh Start - New Beginning
ELECT**



My name is Theodore Michael Bird "Teddy", I am the son of William E. Bird "Bill" and Marion C. Bird, I have resided in the Wolfstown Community for 27 years. I obtained a degree in Information Technology from Southwestern Community College and hold several NC DOT certifications. Professionally I have had the opportunity to serve the people of our tribe in various capacities for 27 years. From Qualla Housing Inspector, Civil Engineer Inspector, with the Cherokee Dept. of Transportation and Information Technology, Computer Specialist.

I believe that I am the Best Candidate for the Wolfstown Community based on the Experience I have obtained working with our Tribal Government. The Major areas of concern that I would like to address if elected as follows: Housing, Health Care Abuse, Substance Rehabilitation, Tribal Services, and having a more Transparent and Accountable Government.

I believe if we come together as a community, we can change anything and I ask that each Wolfstown Voter support me for a Fresh Start & New Direction.

I humbly ask for your support in this upcoming Election!

Theodore M. Bird "Teddy"
for
Big Y/ Wolfstown Council Member

Political AD

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

Indigenous Minute



Indigenous Creatures

During an ABC News broadcast on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, Kyra Phillips introduced a segment about Indigenous creators as “celebrating Native American Heritage Month when we come back and look at Indigenous creatures taking Hollywood and pop culture by storm”.

Brooke Waukau, a member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and founder of Women’s Indigenous Media, recorded the moment and uploaded a clip to her TikTok page (@indigenousdronepilot). The clip went viral sparking memes throughout Indian Country.

As of press time, ABC News has not issued an apology nor a correction.

When ABC News calls you "Indigenous Creatures"



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112TH ANNIVERSARY JUNALUSKA REDEDICATION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

The 112th Anniversary Junaluska Rededication will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 beginning at 10:00am. Junaluska is memorialized by a gravesite monument, placed by the General Joseph Winston Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, in 1910. This event honors Junaluska as a great warrior and leader to the Cherokee people.

Parking for this year’s event is at the Robbinsville Elementary Gym. Shuttle buses will begin at 9:00am to transport attendees to the memorial site. For those unable to walk to the gravesite, assistance will be provided. Lunch will be provided at the Robbinsville Community Building immediately after the event.

In the event of inclement weather the event will be held at the Robbinsville Community Building.

Organizers for this year’s event are: Friends of Junaluska, EBCI Snowbird/Cherokee Cultural Program, Graham Festivals Inc., Robbinsville Tourism Authority and Graham County Travel and Tourism Authority.



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EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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 - Nov. 19 at 3 p.m., Norman Walk-
 ington
 - Nov. 26 at 3 p.m., Gail Panther
 Good food, good fun, great prizes,
 great benefits!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yellowhill Community Club November 2022 Activities:
 • Saturday, Nov. 19 - Gadugi In-
 door Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 2
 p.m.
 • Monday, Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving
 Dinner at 5 p.m.
 Info: Carmaleta 736-9392, Steph-
 anie 735-9001, or Virginia 788-
 8659

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 Hol-
 idays Cooking Demo.** Nov. 18
 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cher-
 okee 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. Pro-
 ceeds will be donated to Cherokee
 High School HOSA. To register
 online, visit: <https://runsignup.com/Cherokee5Kturkeystrut> Info:
 Yolanda Saunooke, yolasaun@

ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6784

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.

**23rd Annual Pahrump Social
 Pow Wow.** Nov. 18-20 at Petrack
 Park in Pahrump, Nev. MC: Mi-
 chael Reifel. Info: Paula Elefante
 (775) 209-3444, [pahrumpow-
 wow@yahoo.com](mailto:pahrumpow-wow@yahoo.com)

**Honoring Our Nation's Vet-
 erans 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 South-
 ern Drum: Wild Band of Coman-
 ches. Info: Lenny Medina (210)
 851-3514, lennythegeek@att.net

**50th Annual Poarch Creek
 Thanksgiving Pow Wow.**
 Nov. 24-25 in Atmore, Ala. MC:
 Juaquin Hamilton. Info: [www.
 poarchcreekindians.org](http://www.poarchcreekindians.org)

**17th Annual Cedar Band of
 Paiutes Thanksgiving Pow
 Wow.** Nov. 25-26 at Gold County
 Fairgrounds in Auburn, Calif. MC:
 David Brown Eagle. Host Drum:
 Indian Hill. Info: Robert Pete Sr.
 at Robertpete58@yahoo.com

**Montana Native American
 Center Pow Wow.** Nov. 26-27 at
 Billings Metra Park Expo Center in
 Billings, Mont. Info: (406) 259-
 0138, [mt.nativeamericancenter1@
 gmail.com](mailto:mt.nativeamericancenter1@gmail.com)

Los Angeles Pow Wow. Dec.

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Will West Long



This photograph was taken at the home of Will West Long (1870-1947) when he was interviewed in December of 1946 by W. N. Fenton and Lester Hargrett. At their request, Long demonstrated the making of a traditional wooden Cherokee dance mask. Afterward, this photograph was taken showing Long dressed for the Cherokee Eagle Dance. Long was born in the remote western North Carolina community of Big Cove. Raised in the traditions of the Cherokee, Long attended Hampton Institute in Virginia when he was 25 years old. He lived off the Qualla Bound-ary until 1904, when he returned to Big Cove, where he remained for the rest of his life. For almost 30 years, Long served on Tribal Council, where he was instrumental in establishing the Cherokee Indian Fair, among other accomplishments. He recorded his knowledge regarding Cherokee medicine, carving, music and dance, and language with the hope of preserving tradition. Long was a consultant for ethnologists, James Mooney, Frank Speck, and Franz Olbrechts. An accomplished mask maker, Long died in 1947.

Source: Western Carolina University
 Photo: Museum of the Cherokee Indian

3 at Grand Park in Los Angeles, Calif. MC: Glen Begay. Host Northern Drum: Indian Hill. Host Southern Drum: Hale & Co. Info: Pat Lopez at p505pada@aol.com

All Nations Southwest Inter-tribal Pow Wow. Dec. 14-18 at Chase Field Ball Park in Phoenix, Ariz. Info: Rebecca Herrick at

rk.knoheart@gmail.com

20th Annual New Year's Eve Sobriety Pow Wow. Dec. 31 at Muskogee Civic Center in Muskogee, Okla. MC: Mark Wilson. Head Southern Singer: Hyde Topah. Info: Lorraine Bosin (918)

see **HAPPENINGS** next page



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EBCI Special Election Certified Candidates

Painttown Tribal Council
Sean "Michael" Stamper
Jeff Thompson
Stephanie Maney
Bentley Tahquette
Andre' Brown
Lisa Taylor
Marie Junaluska
Lou Jackson

Wolftown/Big Y Tribal Council
Jess Sneed
Amy Sequoyah Anders
Andrew W. Oocumma
Frank Dunn
Susan Coleen Toineeta (Susan Toineeta)
Chelsea Taylor
Theodore Michael Bird "Teddy"
Sam "Frell" Reed
Mike Parker

Voter registration books close on Friday, Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Special Election will be Thursday, Dec. 15 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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HAPPENINGS: Event listings, from page 25

684-6363, choctaw1865@yahoo.com

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Upcoming Native events at Western Carolina University.

- 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 Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee precinct meeting. Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include evaluating midterm election results and setting priorities for 2023. Join to share your concerns and ideas. For more information or to request the Zoom link, email maryherr2017@gmail.com or call 497-9498

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

[verizon.net](mailto: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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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

Nov. 14-20, 2022

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	Stocking November 2nd & 8th	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Midges, BWO, Stones	Rubber legs, woolly bugger, sculpzilla, pheasant tail, prince nymph, zebra midge, walts worm, soft hackles, adams, elk hair caddis
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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MONDAY, NOV. 14	TUESDAY, NOV. 15	WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16	THURSDAY, NOV. 17	FRIDAY, NOV. 18	SATURDAY, NOV. 19	SUNDAY, NOV. 20
AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
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- Credentialing Certifications Training Education Expenses Provided
- Quarterly Bonuses

• Competitive Fringe Benefits: Annual/Sick Leave Pay, Holiday Pay, Insurance, 401K opportunity and Retirement/Pension opportunity.

Bus: Multiple PT school bus drivers; Multiple FT truck drivers

Construction/facilities: (2) skilled carpenters/mason; (2) carpenter/mason helpers

ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or re-advertise positions without notice.

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Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday or email Kristin Smith at kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com

This position will close November 18, 2022 @ 4:00pm Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. 11/16

LEGAL NOTICES

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 PUBLICATION

Gerena Parker
P.O. Box 910
Dillsboro, NC. 28725
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NOTICE

The EBCI Cannabis Control Board is proposing the adoption of administrative rules pursuant to Cherokee Code (C.C.) 17-30 and 150-4. These initial rules are proposed to complement and accompany the laws for medical cannabis in C.C. Chapter 17. These rules will regulate the medical cannabis industry on tribal lands. Written comments may be mailed to the EBCI CCB at Attn: EBCI CCB, P.O. Box 549, Cherokee NC 28719 or emailed to info@ebci-ccb.org. The period for public comment is 20 days from the publication of this notice. 11/16

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Bids are being accepted for 2023 pageant crowns

2023 Miss Cherokee Crown

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

2023 Teen Miss Cherokee Crown

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

2023 Junior Miss Cherokee Crown

- 6” high, EBCI seal in center (seal

must have all wording)

- Use any colors/design for personal touch
- Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

2023 Little Miss Cherokee Crown

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

Bidders must be prepared to present designs to the Board on Monday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. at the Shawn Blanton Emergency Operations Center. Info: Mollie Grant 359-6430 and Jais Crusenberry 736-7348 or email cherokeepageantboard@gmail.com. 12/7

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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**FRANK DUNN FOR
 WOLFTOWN/BIG Y TRIBAL COUNCIL**

Frank Dunn is a candidate for the Wolfstown/Big Y tribal council election that will be held on December 15, 2022. Frank Dunn a Wolfstown resident wants to work with and vote together with the current council Bo Crowe and make the Wolfstown/Big Y community strong as one. Frank will do this by drawing on his education of a Master's in Business Administration, wide range of experience in successful business ventures, supporting the arts, culture, Cherokee language revitalization, and implementing change for all of our people.

You may know Frank Dunn already through serving as a board of directors for the Manna Food Bank, who serves 16 counties in Western North Carolina and was a key player in bringing the food to Cherokee. Frank serves on the police commission for the Wolfstown/Big Y Community. Frank has served our entire tribe through working jobs in Project Management and Tribal Food Distribution Program. More recently you may have seen a new building being built across from the Bingo Hall. Frank was instrumental in securing over 5 million dollars in grants for the construction of our new tribal foods building. Frank Dunn listened to our people and their needs while working for tribal foods and then when the Covid pandemic happened, he took it as an opportunity to find a way to better serve everyone in our communities.

Frank is proud and thanks the community for entrusting him to serve our communities thus far in the capacity of helping in the construction of buildings, getting more food on the tables for our families, and partnering to make our communities a safer place to live and raise our children for the next 7 generations. "I have seen changes and great things being done, but this is not enough. With passion and a servant's heart, he states that "our ancestors sacrificed a lot for me and our people, in return I have a desire to serve and pay it forward for all our people.

Frank recently heard from an elder that we as a tribe are like a person in a desert who is being sold a glass of water, when there is a waterfall directly behind us. It is time to draw on all of our gifts and talents and Frank believes that his education, experience, and leadership can be paramount in leveraging our assets so we are harvesting the benefits daily "Let's make the waterfall a reality and hang up on the salesman selling us a cup of water. It is time to draw from the everlasting well of water and celebrate our people strengths of what has made Cherokee strong historically and into the future." A Vote for Frank Dunn is a vote for change, because your vote matters and yes Frank will "Git-r-Dunn."

Learn more at: Git-r-Dunn.com

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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
EVS Supervisor \$21.13 - \$23.98
EVS Technician \$15.00 - \$16.77

EXECUTIVE

Credentialing Clerk - \$19.66 - \$22.25

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Training and Development Specialist \$45,512 - \$56,891

OPERATIONS

Clinical Pharmacist – Part Time Intermittent - \$91,542 - \$114,427
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Pharmacy Technician I - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Outpatient Pharmacy Supervisor - \$105,273 - \$131,591
Dental Assistant II \$18.32 - \$20.67
Pedodontist \$157,686 - \$236,529
Optician \$22.76 - \$25.89
System Administrator I - \$45,512 - \$56,891
Optometrist - \$109,504 - \$136,880

MEDICAL

Clinical Dietitian - \$45,512 - \$56,891
Advanced Practice Provide - Emergency Room – Part Time inter-

mittent \$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)

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

Medical Social Worker – Inpatient - \$39,576 - \$49,470

TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Nursing Assistant \$17.12 - \$19.26 ****\$2,000 Hiring Bonus****

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

Maintenance Supervisor - \$24.55 - \$27.99

Tribal Options

Tribal Option Business Analyst - \$60,190 - \$75,238

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4. Elementary Teacher Assistant
5. Elementary School Counselor
6. Middle School Special Education Pathseekers Teacher
7. Math Teacher (High School)
8. Behavior Modification Teacher Assistant (Middle School)
9. Math Teacher (Middle School)

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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1. Data Entry Clerk – Tribal Food Distribution – Public Health and Human Services (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
 2. Maintenance Utility Worker – Qualla Housing – Housing (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 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. Evidence Technician – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
 4. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
 5. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 6. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
 7. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 8. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
 9. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
 10. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$72,342 - \$90,428)
 11. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)
 12. Legislative Executive Financial Director – Tribal Council (L19 \$97,792 - \$130,389)
 13. Tribal Prosecutor II – Criminal Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$72,127 - \$96,169)
 14. Electrician Helper – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
 15. Carpenter (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
 16. Carpenter Helper (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
 17. Maintenance Utility (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
 18. Utility Worker/Operator Assistant – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 19. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
 20. Housekeeper I (Multiple) – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 21. Economic Analyst – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L16 \$64,581 - \$80,727)
 22. 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.

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