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We were so excited to highlight a few of our chamber members including Felts Family Shoe Store, Cherokee Heritage Center, and Threadz Consignment! Felts Family Shoe Store and Cherokee Heritage Center have been chamber members since 1967. Threadz Consignment recently joined the Chamber back in March of this year! The Communications Committee founded Five Star Friday to highlight local businesses who provide outstanding customer service and products. The idea is to spotlight a local business by giving them a positive review on social media outlets such as Facebook, Yelp, Google, etc. Make sure to participate next Friday and give your favorite local business a 5-Star shout out!

SQ 802 Petition Drive Kicks into High Gear



By **JIM BERRY, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT NORTHEASTERN HEALTH SYSTEM and CHAIR-ELECT, TAHLEQUAH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Supporters of SQ 802, the ballot initiative to let voters decide to expand Medicaid in the 2020 election cycle, kicked into high gear in September. To make sure Medicaid expansion is on a 2020 statewide election ballot requires 178,000 signatures of voters turned into the Oklahoma Secretary of State by

Oct. 28. Northeastern Health System is one of the over 100 Oklahoma hospitals actively participating in the signature collection drive.

Medicaid expansion will deliver healthcare to nearly 200,000 Oklahomans. SQ 802, if passed, will help keep rural hospitals viable by bringing more than a billion

of our tax dollars back to Oklahoma hospitals and communities while creating new jobs to boost our local economy. Thirty-six states have already expanded Medicaid and are reaping the benefits of improved health status for their citizens and improved economy for their states by reducing the number of unin-

sured.

To find out more about the SQ 802 effort go to www.YesOn802.org. There is an updated listing of "EVENTS" and great information about the effort. To sign a petition, please contact Jim Berry, Executive VP, Northeastern Health System, jberry@nhs-ok.org or 918-229-1470 for more information!

Holiday in Whoville PARADE

Save the Date for the 2019 Christmas Parade
DEC 13th - 6:30pm - Downtown Tahlequah

Applications are now available at tahlequahchamber.com/events
stop by the TACC office today at 123 E Delaware St. in Tahlequah



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Chamber of Commerce

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see you at

Friday, October 11
8 am- 9 am!



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Member Investor Renewals

Thank you to our member investors for their continued belief and support of the important work of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce. We recognize and thank each member who re-invested in our business association.

BS&G Pawn

Cherokee Heritage Center

Factory Connection

First United Methodist Church

Gary Harrington

Gh2 Architects

Green Country Abstract and Title Co., LLC

JD Young

JoAnn Bradley

Kawi Café

Lowe's

My Place Bar-B-Q

Nasturtium Garden Club

Northeastern Health System Auxiliary Services

Patsi Smith

Sand Tech LLC

Servpro of Muskogee/McIntosh

Counties & Tahlequah

Tahlequah Terrace

Yolette C. Ross



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LEADERSHIP CLASS 23 KICKED OFF ON SEPTEMBER 19



By **DAN MABERY,**
**NORTHEASTERN STATE
UNIVERSITY**

*Chairman of the Leadership
Tahlequah Steering
Committee*

Leadership Tahlequah Class 23 opening session featured keynote speaker Kin Thompson, an Assistant Professor at Northeastern State University and Leadership Tahlequah Class 12 graduate. Kin's presentation of Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People challenged the class to examine their personal leadership journey from independence to interdependence. Having a vision, developing priorities, becoming proactive, and understanding different perspectives were some of the key take-aways.

Diane Walker, North-

eastern State University, led the class through the CliftonStrengths assessment. This assessment allowed the class to identify their top individual strengths and how others may perceive these strengths. Building on each person's strengths, the afternoon session was full of team building and communication exercises. The class wrapped up the day by discussing how they can give back to the community through the service project required for graduation completion. The next class session, History Day, will be led by Beth Herrington on October 24.



Bassmaster Elite Series a big hit

Carl Jocumsen wins his first Bassmaster Elite Series event held at Tahlequah during September. Carl made history by becoming the first Australian to win an Elite Series Championship. An added memorable bonus.....this great moment landed on his very own birthday.



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UPDATE

Follow up session with the most current updates to the Oklahoma laws.

- What the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Act currently requires of employers
- Policy, training and best practice compliance steps employers should consider
- Effectively managing medical marijuana issues in recruiting and retention & issues involving existing employees

OCT
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Tuesday, October 22 | 9-11 AM
Tahlequah Campus, Seminar Center
240 CareerTech Way, Tahlequah, OK

Reserve your space!

CONTACT TO REGISTER
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Instructor: Stephanie Duran is an Associate Attorney with the Tulsa firm, GableGordwin. Her practice focuses on helping employers proactively comply with labor and employment laws and defending employers in labor and employment litigation, arbitration, and administrative proceedings. Stephanie also represents clients in criminal defense. **Practice Areas:** Labor and Employment, Litigation (State & Federal), and White Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate. **Education:** J.D., University of Tulsa College of Law (2017), B.A. in History with Honors, University of Idaho (2012), B.A. in International Studies with Honors, Minor in Spanish, University of Idaho (2012), Christ University, Bangalore, India (2010), Florence University of the Arts (2009).

Tourism Update

The month of September has been so busy for everyone in the Tahlequah area! With Medicine Stone, the BassMaster Elite Championship, out of town visitors, planning itineraries....the month was PACKED with activities!

Carl Jocusen won his first Elite Series event right HERE in Tahlequah.....on our very own Lake Tenkiller. Carl made history by becoming the FIRST Australian to win the Elite Series title. Please go to Carl Jocusen's Facebook page to read his inspiring story of his journey to success. He is truly a man to follow.

Medicine Stone was a great success and even



**GENA MCPHAIL,
TOURISM DIRECTOR**

the weather held out this year. The three nights were perfect for a music festival and the crowds proved to be welcoming. There were fans visiting from Ireland, Switzerland and all over the Unit-

ed States. Our Snapchat VIEWS were 60.1k, 806 USES with 104.8% usage percentage.

It was my great honor to receive an award from STIR, a tremendous organization that is tirelessly passionate about the quality of our rivers and lakes. I encourage everyone to follow them on Facebook at Save The Illinois River, STIR. It's an incredible group of people doing great things.

In addition, the Tourism Department received the Arts Supporter of the Year Award this past month for promoting the Tahlequah Arts Council.

Until next month, Tahlequah....Continue Doing Great Things!

Tourism Department Receives Award



The Tahlequah Area Chamber Tourism Department recently received an award as Arts Supporter of the Year from the Arts Council of Tahlequah. This was a great honor to receive this prestigious award from an organization that does so much for our community and the arts. We enjoy supporting their efforts!

Scenes from Women in Business Breakfast

We had a great time at the recent Women In Business breakfast during September. Thanks to all that attended.

Thanks to our program supporter, Cherokee Nation, and Kawi Café for catering the delicious hot breakfast. Many thanks to our featured speakers, Mayor Catron and Councilwoman Bree Long, for providing an interesting update of the City of Tahlequah and presenting helpful insights on balancing your work and personal life. Special thanks to The Cort Spa & Salon for providing the giveaway prizes.



COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

KICK FLIP OVER COLUMBUS TAHLEQUAH SKATE PARK SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH 1-5	THE BIG IDEA OCTOBER 8TH DOORS OPEN 5:30	KIWANIS BBQ @THE VENUE OCTOBER 11TH @12TH CHILI COOK OFF 11AM 6PM BAND STARTS	OKSWAGON FESTIVAL OCTOBER 12TH NORRIS PARK 10AM-2
TIDY UP TENKILLER OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH 8AM-1PM	HELP IN CRISIS MASQUERADE BALL DOORS OPEN AT 6 DINNER 6:45 SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH	MOVIES IN THE PARK ADAMS FAMILY 7 O'CLOCK SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH	FARMERS MARKET EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH OCTOBER 8- NOON



Save the Date!

WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCHEON

December 4, 2019 at 11:30

Location TBD

Upon popular request, our Women In Business Breakfast
has been changed to be a luncheon event!
Stay tuned for information about a fun filled holiday event!

Thank you to Threadz Consignment for hosting A.M. Live in September!

Have you attended one yet? You should! It is a great event to reconnect with customers, friends and business acquaintances. A.M. Live is a great networking tool to meet new business owners and new member investors in the area. A.M. Live is held on the 2nd Friday of each month at a Chamber member location. See the A.M. Live ad to find out the upcoming and future locations. You are cordially invited to join us to build your business by connecting with others – Coffee + Conversation = Connections!





UPCOMING A.M. LIVE

OCTOBER 10 | 11 | 2019
Remax Select
405 S Muskogee Ave, Tahlequah, OK 74464

NOVEMBER 11 | 8 | 2019
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DECEMBER 12 | 13 | 2019
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•BancFirst	•Habitat for Humanity	•RAK Axe Throwing
•Cherokee Nation Businesses	•Kattfish Kitchen	•Skin Spa and Boutique
•Cherokee Nation Tribal Council	•Margaret Raymond	•Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce
•Chicken Express	•Meig's Jewelry	•Tonia Weavel
•David Cornsilk	•NSU: The Fit	•The Cort Spa
	•Oasis Health Food	•Walmart
	•Oklahoma Jenks Aquarium	



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131 E. Main St.

Hulbert, OK

NeoHealth Pediatrics

918-207-0773

M - F: 8 AM to 5 PM

1500 E. Downing St. #102,

Tahlequah, OK

Tahlequah Pediatrics

918-456-7700

M - F: 8 AM to 5 PM

Tuesday: 8 AM to 7 PM

Saturday: 8 AM to 12 PM

1310 E. Boone St.

Tahlequah, OK

NeoHealth Women's

Care Center

918-456-2496

M: 7 AM - 7 PM

Tuesday - F: 8 AM - 5 PM

1500 E. Downing St. #208

Tahlequah, OK

Tahlequah Extended Care

918-456-0011

M - F: 7 AM to 7 PM

Saturday: 7 AM to 3 PM

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Tahlequah, OK

Tahlequah Family Practice

918-708-3570

M - F: 8 AM to 5 PM

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Tahlequah Health Center

918-431-0202

M - F: 8 AM to 5 PM

1500 E. Downing St. #214

Tahlequah, OK

NeoHealth Medical Center,

on NSU Campus

(918) 444-2126

M - F: 8 AM to 5 PM

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Tahlequah, OK

NeoHealth Muskogee

918-683-0470

M - F: 8 AM to 5 PM

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Salina Family

Medical Center

918-434-7440

M - F: 8 AM to 5 PM

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RIBBON CUTTING Anthis Brennan Softball Fields



The City of Tahlequah, community leaders and the Chamber Ambassadors and members recently celebrated the official grand opening of the Anthis Brennan Softball Fields. The softball fields are located at W Allen Rd., Tahlequah, OK 74464.

TAHLEQUAH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board of Directors Spotlight



TODD MUTZIG
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Ambassador Spotlight



JUSTIN SMITH
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Chamber Meetings & Events Calendar October 2019

03	Ambassador Meeting/Lunch	12Noon	TBA
04	Five*Star Friday (recommend a business!)		
08	Small Business Development Committee	12Noon	Chamber Office
10	Tourism Council	8:00am	Chamber Office
11	A.M. LIVE	8:00am	Remax Select
11	Five*Star Friday (recommend a business!)		
14	Columbus Day		
15	Leadership Tahlequah Steering Committee	2:00pm	Chamber Office
15	Tourism Marketing Committee	3:30 pm	Chamber Office
16	Tahlequah Industrial Authority	5:30pm	City of Tahlequah
17	Membership Development Committee	12Noon	Chamber Office
17	Leadership Tahlequah - History Session	7:45am	Chamber Office
18	Five*Star Friday (recommend a business!)		
18	Executive Committee	9:00am	Chamber Office
22	Board Meeting	8:00am	Chamber Office
27	Five*Star Friday (recommend a business!)		
31	Halloween		

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