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BELOVED: Former Principal Chief Robert S. Youngdeer (seated), shown receiving the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medalion from Gregory Hunt in October 2017, has been given the title of Beloved Man of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

BELOVED LEADER, HERO

Chief Robert S. Youngdeer named Beloved Man

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Former Principal Chief Robert S. Youngdeer has served the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the United States of America for decades. Due to his many sacrifices and service, Chief Youngdeer has been bestowed the title of Beloved Man becoming only the second person to receive such a designation since the early 1800s.

Tribal Council bestowed the title onto Chief Youngdeer with the passage of Res. No. 91 (2018) during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4. The resolution, submitted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, was passed unanimously by those present.

The resolution reads in part, “Those who enjoy the freedom for which this brother paid such a high price, as he laid face down in the dirt, a bullet through his head, his life’s blood draining from his body on a faraway Pacific Island, wish to honor his sacrifice as a Warrior Chief who has dedicated his life in service to his people and to his country.”

Chief Youngdeer served in the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II. He was wounded at Guadalcanal for which he received the Purple Heart. He later became a paratrooper in the U.S. Army which was followed by a career as an
Indian policeman on various reservations. Recently, he was awarded the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion from Gregory Hunt, Marine Corps League Foundation president.

He served as Principal Chief of the Tribe from 1983-87 and later penned his memoirs entitled “The Memoirs of Robert Youngdeer: Marine, Chief, and Proud American”.

Lew Harding, Post 143 Commander, said on Thursday, “I have been privileged to serve the veterans community, here on our Boundary, for over 25 years, and I have known and grown to love and appreciate so many of our men and women who have served. This dear brother, to me, is the most inspirational of all.”

He noted that the resolution was submitted with the unanimous approval of the Post. “We feel that it would be very appropriate for this dear brother, who is still with us, to be so designated.”

Chief Youngdeer was unable to be in attendance, but his son, Merritt Youngdeer, spoke, “I want to thank you very much for this honor for my dad. I couldn’t keep it back from sharing with him. It made him very happy. He’s not able to get around that well anymore, and your days get sort of long when you’re in your easy chair, and its cold, and then he hears some news like this and it makes him feel good.”

He went on to say, “We appreciate this Council. He’s a proud American. He’s a proud member of this Tribe, and this is a very wonderful honor to bestow upon him.”

Russell Townsend, EBCI tribal historic preservation officer, gave a brief history of the title of Beloved Man throughout history in a previous One Feather article, “In 1785 (Treaty of Hopewell), Benjamin Hawkins recorded for Andrew Pickins that the Cherokee showed up in great numbers with their women and children, and they allowed their Beloved Men and Women to speak. Among those Beloved Men and Women who spoke were Corntassel, or Longtassel, and Nancy Ward, Beloved Woman. So, we know in 1785 that the term was used, and it was used throughout the 1700s.”

He further noted, “These were people who were more important than chiefs and more important than headmen of a particular community. They were respected throughout the Cherokee world.”

Jerry Wolfe, a fluent speaker and traditionalist who served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, was given the title of Beloved Man in 2013. According to Barbara Duncan, Museum of the Cherokee Indian education director, the last recorded instance she could find of a Beloved Man was Little Turkey who died in 1801.

APPRECIATION: During a Memorial Day ceremony at the Yellowhill Veterans Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2013, Monique Vignier-Marquet (right), of Niort, France, presents a wooden carved angel to former Principal Chief Robert Youngdeer (left) for his service in World War II as fellow WWII veteran Reuben Taylor looks on.
Council approves investigation following lawsuit settlement

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Seven former employees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have been given a settlement, totaling $698,000, to end a lawsuit filed in December 2015 following their termination. That settlement has led to an investigation regarding Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed’s involvement in said settlement being approved by Tribal Council.

During its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4, Tribal Council approved Res. No. 92 (2018), submitted by Big Cove Rep. Richard French, which states in part, “Tribal Council requests an outside entity to conduct an investigation to ensure Chief Sneed complied with policies, plans, procedures, law, and regulations regarding the Blankenship and others v Lambert settlement.”

The resolution, which was approved unanimously by Tribal Council, calls for several questions to be answered including: Fiscal Management Policy: When was this policy created, updated, and amended?; the line item or items from which the settlements were paid; the dates the settlements were paid; a listing of individuals paid and check dates; and to see what prior precedent has been established in the settlement of lawsuits by the Tribe.

In April 2016, several parts of the lawsuit were dismissed in Cherokee Tribal Court and others were not. The Cherokee Supreme Court advised the parties to seek mediation.

“I’m not saying any wrongdoing was done or anything,” said Rep. French during discussion of the issue on Thursday. “It’s something to move forward with. I heard it here several times today: we can work together.”

He thought Tribal Council should have been included in the discussions regarding the settlement. “There’s 12 Council members, a Chief, and a Vice Chief here. We’re working for the people. If we’re going to work together, then we’ve got to communicate with one another. We can’t wait until we’re in a situation like we’re in again and then start wanting to talk. We’ve got to do it all the time.”

Rep. French noted the investigation is not personal towards anyone including the litigants. “I don’t have anything against any of them. I love all of them. They’re enrolled members. They’re part of this Tribe just like I am. So, I’m here to take care of them and take care of us, but also to get this off the Chief’s back where people are doubting and saying that he did something wrong. I’m looking out for him also and the Vice Chief.”

Chief Sneed commented, “At any time when there is a legal settlement, I don’t know anybody who is a party to a lawsuit who wants that to be something that is public fodder.”

He said opinions abound concerning the settlement. “Everybody’s entitled to their opinion, but at the end of the day, when there is a lawsuit and there is a settlement that’s not something, in my opinion, that we open up to the floor for everyone to come in and have their opinion on it. There are guidelines in place. There is a policy in place. There is a line item in the budget for settlements. It’s there for a reason.”

Chief Sneed noted that there is currently nothing in the Cherokee Code of Ordinances regarding the settlement of lawsuits. “If Tribal Council would like to, moving forward, create a law that spells out a procedure to follow for settlements, then this is the legislative body and this body can do that. But, to date, that hasn’t happened. The only thing that has happened is that Tribal Council’s approved a budget with a line item to settle lawsuits.”

He further said, “In the past, lawsuits have been settled by the Executive Branch. They’ve been settled by the Attorney General’s Office. They’ve been settled by Tribal Council. So, they’ve been settled in various ways.”

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell said he has hated to see this issue brewing in the community. “I think it would be beneficial to those employees that were terminated and also the Court, to the Chief, to the Executive, and everybody involved if we went ahead and investigated this thing now and let it be what it is so we can get on with the work of the Tribe.”

He also addressed the need for law on the matter. “I hope that we use what comes out of this to make some sort of policy or way to deal with this that is clear to Council, clear to Executive, and clear to the public of what is happening here. They want a transparent administration. That word has been used a lot, and I think it is important that we be transparent in all that we do unless it involves minors or something that shouldn’t be public.”

Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle echoed the need for communication between the branches of government on the issue of settlements. “We really need to get together on lawsuits like this. Executive needs to know about it, and we need to know about it. We need to be kept informed on it.”

He added, “We’ve got to treat our employees right. I don’t care who the employee is or what community they’re from or whatever. we’re all one people here.”

Vice Chairman David Wolfe also said law is needed. “We just need to come up with a process that Legislative and Executive and both...
sides know monthly where we are at from a legal basis with suits. I don’t even know how an investigator is going to say ‘is he right’ or that no policies were broken. How are we going to get that answer if it is silent in the Codebook?”

Michael McConnell, EBCI acting attorney general, said this could be a chance for growth. “The Code doesn’t talk about settlements. I think the best thing that comes out of this is that you make clear direction in the Tribal Code about how to deal with settlements. It’s a problem. I will have my legal opinion. Someone else will have a different legal opinion.”

Former Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, who was named in the original lawsuit, said the employee terminations were handled by himself the same as they have been by previous new administrations. “That’s something that’s happened with every administration including the one that you’re currently dealing with. It’s nothing new. It happens all the time.”

His concern was the money amount in the settlement. An original settlement was filed in Tribal Court on Oct. 9, 2017 that called for the plaintiffs to split $525,000. On Nov. 6, a new settlement was filed with the amount being $698,000.

“Where did we come to from $525,000 that was negotiated in fairness with these individuals to a month later the Chief insisting that it go to $700,000? Give every one of them another $25,000 without it even going through the negotiation settlement process with all of the defendants there...there was never another settlement conference.”

Several EBCI tribal members spoke during the Thursday session including Becky Walker, Birdtown Community, who related, “Looking at the circumstances that we’re under here, we just went through an impeachment several months ago. We’re in a different time for our Tribe. The reason you’ve got people calling you and hounding you is because they’re awake and they’re involved. They want to know what’s going on.”

She continued, “There was a time when you didn’t get calls because the Council was doing what it wanted to do and the people allowed that. We’re no longer there anymore. The people are involved in what’s happening.”

Walker said more people need to turn to cultural teachings. “We are an Indigenous community. We have a history that goes back longer than 500 years and white man’s law. We are a community that operated off of consensus and the opinion of the people – that’s who we are.”

In a report to the One Feather on Dec. 15, 2017, Chief Sneed wrote, “The settlement of the lawsuit was reached after a formal mediation conducted by a neutral third-party attorney/mediator. The mediation was attended by the parties and their attorneys, including the attorney for the Tribe’s insurer. Patrick Lambert and his attorney W. Scott Jones were invited to participate in the mediation but chose not to.”

He went on to state, “I authorized the settlement after weighing the risks, costs and discard that come with continued litigation. Among other things, I determined that in view of the recent upheaval in tribal government, the best approach was to promote unity and healing within the Tribe and to settle the lawsuit. The settlement complies with the Tribe’s fiscal management policies and does not require the appropriation of any additional funding from Tribal Council. Nothing in the settlement constitutes an admission of wrongdoing and this settlement resolves all of these claims forever. I believe our employees deserve to be treated with respect. Tribal personnel policies are in place to protect the Tribe and its employees. But, more than that, I think those who use their talents, experience and education to benefit the Tribe are one of our most valuable resources.”

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Cherokee Indian Police Dept. December 2017 stats

Calls for Service: 1,339
Arrests: 145
Citations: 103
Accidents: 39
Total Drugs Seized (street value): $29,430
- Oxycodone: $5,100
- Methamphetamine: $21,180
- Heroin: $2,400
- Cocaine: $600
- Crack Cocaine: $150

- Cherokee Indian Police Dept.
Both Cherokee varsity basketball teams started the new year off right with home wins over rival Swain County on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The Lady Braves improved to 3-4 on the year with a 71-63 win over the Lady Maroon Devils, and the Braves moved over .500 on the season (4-3) with a 65-51 victory.

“We turned the ball over way too many times, especially with them not really putting any pressure on us,” said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. “We’ve just got to get better at handling the ball and doing the little things right and I think we’ll be fine.”

Coach Mintz said the win could easily serve as a catalyst for their season, “It’s always great to beat Swain. There were a lot of people here tonight. We didn’t play our best, but we came out with a win and we just have to keep building off of every game.”

Following a slow start in the first few minutes, the Lady Braves jumped out to a 14-5 lead midway through the first and led 16-11 at the end of the quarter. The Lady Maroon Devils came back and tied the game at 18-18 early in the second, but Cherokee went on a 13-4 run to lead 31-22 at the half.

Swain County came back again though and chipped away at the Lady Braves’ lead throughout the third, and Cherokee led 49-46 going into the final quarter. Swain County tied the ballgame at 54-54 with 4:44 left, and Tori Teesateskie hit two three-point shots in a row to put Cherokee up 60-54 – a lead they would not relinquish. Those shots sparked the Lady Braves who went on a 17-9 run to end the game and take the win.

Teesateskie led Cherokee with 19 points, including four three-point shots, 10 rebounds, and 4 steals. She was followed by Deante Toineeta 15 points and 3 steals, Timiyah Brown 13 and 3 steals, and Shelby Wolfe with 12 points and 8 rebounds.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Raylen Bark 8, Carla Wolfe 2, and Jamie Lossiah 2.

Stats were unavailable for the Lady Maroon Devils.

The boys game saw both teams starting slowly. Midway through the first quarter, the game was deadlocked...
at 2-2, and the score at the end of the first was 9-7. Neither team shot well in this contest with Cherokee shooting 37.1 percent overall and 27.8 percent from three-point land. Swain County was 39 percent overall and 17 percent on three-point attempts.

“We’re still growing and getting them in the habit of doing things right all the time,” said Aaron Hogner, Braves first-year head coach. “We’re making simple turnovers and just need to start playing consistently and getting rebounds. I think they’re still out-hustling us. There are a lot of things that we need to work on, but it was a big win. We pulled it out so that’s a positive.”

The game stayed close through three quarters with Swain County leading 29-26 at the half and Cherokee leading 43-41 after the third. The Braves came out in the fourth firing on all cylinders and outscored the Maroon Devils 22-10 to take the win.

Tye Mintz led Cherokee with 22 points followed by Justus Day 13 and Tihjah Lossiah 11. Mintz also led with 12 rebounds followed by Sterling Santa Maria with 10. Holden Straughan also contributed in various aspects on the night with 10 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Isaiah Evans 1, Santa Maria 6, and Zak Perez 2.

Gaige Southards led the Maroon Devils with 16 points followed by Bradley Vestal with 11. Other Swain County scorers included: Zeke Bradley 9, Jesse Waldroup 6, Hunter Call 2, and Seth Parker 6.
Cherokee hosts Holidays on the Hardwood tourney

Cherokee High School hosted its annual Holidays on the Hardwood tournament in the Charles George Memorial Arena on Dec. 27-29. A total of six girls teams and eight boys teams came from various states including Georgia, South Carolina, and Ohio.

Northview Academy, from Kodak, Tenn., took first place in the girls tournament followed by Dawson-Bryant from Coal Grove, Ohio. Keenan (SC) took the boys title with a 72-64 win over Dawson-Bryant in the finals.

Due to several teams dropping out on the girls side, their tournament was decided on a point system rather than a championship bracket system.

Both the Braves (3-3 on the season) and Lady Braves (2-4 on the season) went 1-2 in the tournament. Holden Straughan, Braves senior, and Tori Teesateskie, Lady Braves junior, led their respective teams in scoring throughout the tournament and were named to the All-Tournament teams.

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Other first round games included: Boys – Keenan (SC) 67 Northview 44, Dawson County 83 Carolina SA 22, Dawson-Bryant 76 Palmetto 54; Girls – Northview 68 Dawson County 43, Dawson-Bryant 71 Mountain View 61.

The next night, both Cherokee teams didn’t fare as well as the Lady Braves lost to the Mountain View Bears 76-63 and the Braves fell to the Dawson-Bryant Hornets (Coal Grove, Ohio) 72-66.

Other second round games included: Boys – Northview 90 Carolina SA 31, Palmetto 80 Neuse Charter 40, Keenan 61 Dawson County 54; Girls – Dawson County 63 Neuse Charter 38, Northview 50 Dawson-Bryant 44.

In the third round on Friday, Dec. 29, the Lady Braves met eventual champions Northview Academy. While Northview led the entire game, Cherokee kept it to within ten at the half (33-23) and at the end of the third (45-35). The Cougars, however, outscored Cherokee 18-4 in the final quarter to take a 63-39 win.

Earlier in the evening, the Braves played the Dawson County Tigers in the third place game. Dawson County was up for the majority of the game which saw the point differential fluctuate frequently. The Tigers led 23-18 at the end of the first and 47-33 at the half. Dawson County led by as many as 14 points in the third, but Cherokee went on a 13-3 run in the final three minutes to only trail 60-54 going into the fourth period. However, the Tigers outscored the Braves 23-13 in the fourth to take the 83-67 victory.

Other final round scores included: Boys – (5th place game) Palmetto 76 Northview 69, (7th place game) Neuse Charter 77 Carolina SA 36; Girls – Mountain View 60 Neuse Charter 37, Dawson-Bryant 55 Dawson County 53.

HUSTLIN': Tori Teesateskie (#30), Lady Braves junior, moves past Mountain View's Leslie Hodges (#31) during a second round game. Teesateskie scored 15 points in this contest and went on to be named to the All-Tournament team.
ON THE SIDELINES

Post-season honors for Mintz much-deserved

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Legendary Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi once said, “People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses or the problems of modern society.”

That’s exactly what the Cherokee Braves football team did this season, and we all saw the result of their efforts. Winning the school’s first football state championship was the result of teamwork, and every team, every organization, needs a leader. For the Braves, that leader on the field this year was Tye Mintz, senior quarterback.

Statistically speaking, he had an incredible year completing 105 of 178 passes for 2,040 yards and 18 touchdowns and rushing 164 times for 1,704 yards and 33 touchdowns – many of which were in the dirt and grit near the end zone where quarterbacks rarely tread.

For his individual efforts, Mintz received the following accolades: named to the Shrine Bowl, Smoky Mountain All-Conference team, Smoky Mountain Conference Back of the Year, and 1A State Championship Game Most Valuable Player.

Recently, he was also named to the Associated Press All-State team as an offensive athlete – the only player in all of western North Carolina to receive that honor.

The day before that win, I took photos of the seniors and their mothers in a short photo shoot at Ray Kinsland Stadium. The boys were calm and acted as if the next night was just another game – a perfect way to be. I feel that a large part of the calmness the team exhibited all season long was a result of Mintz’s demeanor.

Now, don’t get me wrong, he gets excited. He jumps in the air following a touchdown. He celebrates a good tackle or sack. But, he never seemed to get rattled. He never seemed to get down. Like he told me that cold night at Mitchell, adversity was present, but he didn’t let it bother him and by proxy, the Braves didn’t let it bother them.

Like I’ve written before, this year’s Braves team was the pinnacle of team unity. Mintz was a large part of that.

John Madden, who won Super Bowl XI as coach of the Oakland Raiders, once said, “Any defensive coordinator is worried about two things: a running quarterback and a deep ball. You know, don’t get beat deep and don’t let the quarterback run because a big part of your defense can’t account for the quarterback as a runner, so he gets a free run.”

Mintz: 18 passing touchdowns, 33 rushing touchdowns...enough said. Great year Braves!

TOP BACK: Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback who was named Most Valuable Player in the state championship game (shown in photo), was named Smoky Mountain Conference Back of the Year as well as being named to the AP All-State team as an offensive athlete. He accounted for 51 total touchdowns this season.
**BLOCK:** Timiyah Brown (#50), Lady Braves senior, blocks a shot by Polk County’s Autumn Owen during a game at Polk County on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 3. Cherokee pulled to 4-4 on the season with an 81-55 win.

**POSITION:** Tye Mintz (#1), Braves senior, and Polk County’s Peyton Dill fight for position following a free throw during a game at Polk County on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 3. Cherokee pulled to 5-3 on the season with a 79-60 win.

**MILESTONE:** Shay Tisho (right), an EBCI tribal member and senior at Smoky Mountain High School, scored the 1,000th point of her high school career on Tuesday, Jan. 2 in a game against Mountain Heritage. Tisho scored 22 points for the Lady Mustangs (11-0) on Tuesday night and, as of that game, has 1,010 total points for her career. This season, she’s averaging 15.2 points and 9.8 rebounds per game.
When you can hold the attention of an audience of children and have them sit in awe, you've accomplished something. Several months ago, Cherokee Central Schools held its annual pow wow in the Charles George Memorial Arena, and I witnessed such an event.

Eddie Swimmer, an EBCI tribal member, performed the hoop dance, and the entire arena full of students sat awestruck as he went through his routine turning the hoops into things we see in nature including a butterfly, an eagle, and even the entire world itself. It's something Eddie has been doing for years – captivating audiences with his dancing and his ever-present smile.

If they ever build a Hoop Dance Hall of Fame, he is sure to be a first-year inductee. He won the inaugural World Hoop Dance Championship in 1991 held at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Ariz. In the past, he has gone back to serve as a judge for the event; something he will do again next month. Through his efforts, he made the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians synonymous with hoop dancing – a legacy that was carried on by fellow tribal member Daniel Tranmer who won several titles at the Heard as well.

Eddie has been dancing for decades. I recently saw a photo of him performing at the 1984 New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque. It is his passion and his demeanor that have carried him so far in this world.

And, he's seen the world. Eddie was one of the original members of the American Indian Dance Theatre which toured the globe in the 1990s and early 2000s. He also performed at the 1996 Olympic Games opening ceremonies in Atlanta, Ga.

After traveling the world, Eddie came home and is making a huge impact on the community through his coaching. He is the head coach of the Cherokee High School cross country and track and field teams.

Eddie's workouts are strenuous. They make me glad I'm a retired runner. He pushes the young athletes to be all they can be and to push themselves.

Several seasons ago, when interviewing him for a pre-season piece I was writing on that year's cross country team, he commented, "I'm really impressed with my team. I see great potential in everyone that has come out."

That statement sums Eddie up as a coach, but more importantly as a human. He does see potential in everyone. He does see potential in the students, in the school, in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in the State of North Carolina, in the United States, and in the world.

In that same interview, he went on to tell me, "I'm excited. Each year, I think it is getting better and better."

Well, Eddie with you at the helm that is true. And, folks, he is excited. His smile, energy, and enthusiasm are boundless.

Whether it is dancing totally engrossed with hoops or encouraging his athletes in the hot August heat or on a chilly March day, Eddie does it with class and style.

John Wooden, legendary UCLA men's basketball coach, once said, "A coach is someone who can give correction without causing resentment."

It was as if he had been talking about Eddie.
**GRAD:** Dustin Barnes, an EBCI tribal member, graduated from the University of Kansas last month with a bachelor’s degree in marketing. He is the son of Esther Barnes and the grandson of Louisa Crowe Barnes.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:** Chavis Wright, of Cherokee, was honored during Southwestern Community College’s medial assisting program pinning ceremony held recently at the Jackson Campus.

**News from the Nations**

**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi to open casino in Indiana**

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, based in Dowagiac, Mich., has reported that their new Four Winds South Bend casino will open in Indiana on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The tribe states in a press release that the casino is located on 166 acres of tribal trust land in northern Indiana and is the first casino in the state to be owned by a federally-recognized tribe.

The 175,000 square foot facility will include 1,800 games, a players lounge, a coffee shop, three bars, a retail outlet, and four restaurants.

“Once operating, it will generate revenue to fund services and programs that will create additional economic opportunities for Pokagon citizens, the city of South Bend, and also fund community projects, local organizations and schools.” John P. Warren, Pokagon chairman, said in a statement. “Our commitment to our tribal citizens, children, and families of this region is our greatest priority.”

The Associated Press reported, “A study for the Casino Association of Indiana estimates the tribal casino will cut Indiana’s tax revenue by more than $350 million in its first five years because it will reduce business at the state’s other casinos and won’t pay state gambling taxes.”

**Marijuana sales could start in February for S’Klallum Tribe**

The Port Gamble S’Klallum Tribe of Washington, headquartered in Kitsap County, Washington, is in the final stages of approvals to be able to open a marijuana store on their lands reports K5News. The tribe’s compact with the State of Washington has been approved by the Liquor and Cannabis Board and just needs the signature of Gov. Jay Inslee.

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The Port Gamble S’Klallum becomes the fifth tribe in the state to enter into a marijuana compact. K5News reports that their marijuana business will be called High Point LLC and will be overseen by their Noo-Kayet Development Corporation. Chris Palentia, Noo-Kayet chief executive officer, told K5News that construction on the business could start by the end of the year and noted, “It’s definitely on the horizon. Our ultimate goal is to be involved in every aspect of the industry.”

**Osage Nation planning new health center for 2019**

The Osage News reported that the Osage Nation of Oklahoma is in the planning stages for a new health center that could be built in 2019. Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear was quoted by the Osage News as saying, “It’s going to take a lot of money...it’s going to take a lot of planning, it’s going to take a lot of work with (Osage) Congress, banks, my office, and this board. But, to move from a 12,500 square-foot facility to a 30,000 to 40,000 square-foot facility will be significant.”

Referencing a 2010 study conducted by Dr. Joe Conner, Osage tribal member, and his wife Dr. Carol Conner, entitled “Health of a Nation: Reservation at Risk”, Chief Standing Bear told the Osage News, “If you live off reservation and you’re Osage, your life expectancy is 10-15 years longer than an Osage that lives here, and it’s backed by hard evidence.”

**Tri-lingual children’s book includes Ho-Chunk language**

Two thousand copies of “The Ho-Chunk Courting Flute” will be printed, per a tribal grant, which is the first tri-lingual children’s book about the tribe reports the Wisconsin State Journal. The books, translated into Ho-Chunk, English, and Spanish will be donated to all public schools and libraries in Madison, Wisc. and throughout the tribe itself.

“This whole project has been all about how we, as public school teachers, can incorporate First Nation history as more than just a social studies topic,” Emily Schroeder, a teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in Madison, told the State Journal.

The story was told to the students by Bill Quackenbush, Ho-Chunk tribal historic preservation officer. The students at Lincoln translated the story in Spanish and Ho-Chunk students at Niikuusra Community School translated it into their language.

- One Feather staff report
OBITUARIES

Roberta Ann Davis

Roberta Ann Davis, 54, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017 at Mission Hospital in Asheville following a brief illness.

She is survived by her significant other, Maury Lossiah; her children, Samuel Welch (Sheyane), Robert Welch (Natalie), Jennifer Welch (Adrian), and Jeremy Welch (Danielle); grandchildren, Jaden, Dominyk, Avlin, Isaac, Madigan, Jeff, Degan, Ariyana, and Danny; brothers, Nick Davis Jr. (Carol) and Davie Davis (Cheryl); sisters, Lena Walkingstick (Norman) and Brenda French (Walter); and aunts, Ruby, Ethel, Lucille, and Ed.

Roberta was preceded in death by her parents, Nick Davis Sr. and Stella Smith Ball; one brother, Don Davis; one sister, Glenda Arch; Nephews, James Arch Jr. and Charles Welch Jr.; and one niece, Lauren Arch.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 23 at the Rock Springs Baptist Church. Pastors Greg Morgan and Charles Ray Ball officiated. Burial followed at the Davis Cemetery in the Big Cove Community. Pallbearers were among family members.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Davis family.

James (Jim) Clifford Smith

James (Jim) Clifford Smith, 69, of the Birdtown Community, went home to be with the Lord, Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Victor Clifford Smith and Jeannette McCoy Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Patricia G. Smith; one son, Robert Conchola III; one grandchild, Roman Conchola; one sister, Sheila Lambert and husband Bud; one brother, Mack Fowler; one niece, Vickie Lambert Bradley and husband Dallas; and two nephews, Tommy D. Lambert and wife Myra, and Jack A. Lambert and wife Becky.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel.

Joseph Melvin Driver “Junebug”


He is survived by two sons, Melvin Anthony Driver and Joshua Henry Dale Driver; one step-son Allen Theodore Ledford Jr.; one sister, Josephine “Jo Jo” Teesateskie; one nephew, Lloyd Jim “Junior” Teesateskie; and many aunts and uncles also survive.

Junebug was preceded in death by his parents, Jim Driver Jr. and Arbara J. Teesateskie Driver; one nephew, Lloyd Teesateskie III; and one niece, Arbara Joyce Teesateskie.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017 at the Driver Cemetery in the Big Cove Community. Rev. Jack Russell will officiate. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Driver family.

Jack Saunooke

Jack Saunooke, 80, of Whittier, went home to be with the Lord, Thursday evening Jan. 4, 2018. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Cowney Saunooke and Geneva Toineeta Welch. Jack was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Cherokee and was a U.S. Army veteran as well as a member of Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 in Cherokee. An avid Green Bay Packer fan, what Jack enjoyed most was babysitting for his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a son, George Anthony Saunooke; a granddaughter, Anna Saunooke; his second wife, Theresa Curran; and by his two brothers, Jim Bushyhead of Oklahoma and Mody Saunooke.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Mary Ellen Saunooke; two sons, Robert Mark Saunooke of Dillsboro and his mother Maggie (Harmer) Weichel, Timothy Warren Saunooke and his wife Anna Wolverton of Raleigh; two daughters, Toineeta Marie Saunooke Kirkland of Whittier; Samantha Amanda Saunooke of Whittier; seven grandchildren, Anthony Welch Saunooke, Dylan Michael Saunooke, Ellyssa Rose and Riley Theresa Saunooke, Trey Caulkins, Blaykeleigh Victoria Roland, and Davis Cooper Kirkland; and one great grandchild, Kamryn Xain Saunooke.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 9 in the Chapel of Appalachian Funeral Services with the Rev. Everett Fredholm officiating.

Burial was in the Campground Cemetery.

Rory Gunther

After a long and courageous battle with cancer, Rory Gunther, left this world and went into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017 while at Harris Regional Hospital’s Hospice Care program.

Gunther was born in Milwau-kee, Wisc. on Aug. 22, 1953. He was one of six male siblings and was the son of Ross Richard Gunther and Audrey Helen Schmeichel Gunther. Early in his up-bringing, his interest and desire to perform music was apparent. He took up playing the trombone as soon as his arms could hold one. Through-out his school years, he participated in everything from marching band to school orchestra and was eventually honored by being chosen for membership in the Continental Youth Band and performed nationwide.

Following his formative school years, he enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he majored in music. From there, he played professionally in various blues and jazz bands throughout the midwestern and southern United States. While in North Carolina and writing music, he met and married Sandra Kay Locust, his wife of over 20 years. Sadly, Sandra preceded him in death in July 2016.

Being a dedicated and devoted husband, Rory no longer traveled that “lonesome highway” of road musicians but did perform locally with such groups as the Eastern Blue Band and most recently the
THANK YOU LETTERS

UT graduate says thank you

I was so happy and proud to receive my master’s of business administration degree from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville on Dec. 15. It was particularly special to have my dad, Jerry Wolfe, my husband Sean, son Faolan, sister Vangie and nephew Brandon in the audience. Along with other family members, they supported and encouraged me every day throughout the program and I thank each and every one.

The degree would not have been possible without the financial support of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Tribal Education department staff. Many thanks and a special shout out to Brittany Beck and Sheena Bark at Tribal Ed for assisting me through the many months of my program. They were professional, patient, and always prompt.

I also want to thank the Yogi Crowe Scholarship fund again for their financial assistance as well as their continued support throughout the last year. I appreciated every card and note of encouragement!

We are so fortunate to have wonderful people working in our programs providing support to us throughout our educational pursuits. Thank you again for everything!

Gerri Wolfe Grady

A special thank you from the family of Edna Hornbuckle

Thank you Cherokee Hospital and Harris Regional; especially the doctors, nurses, and CNAs who took care of our mom. And, a special thanks to her home health Lori Waldroup. Thank you to all the grave diggers.

Thank you to Pastors Gil Breedlove, Bo Parris, and Eddie Stillwell for visiting with our mom. And, thank you all who sent flowers, food, those that sung, the pall-bearers, and all the kind words, especially the prayers. And, last but not least, thank you to Goose Creek Baptist Church and Crisp Funeral Home.

If we have forgotten to thank anybody else, please forgive us, it wasn’t intentional.

Thank you,
Barb, Jack, Lilly, and John

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Will Hayes Band. He was also very active with the praise and worship team of Christ Fellowship Church and held employment at Harrah’s Cherokee and Con-met in Bryson City.

Gunther is survived by his mother, Audrey Gunther; brothers, Kim, Rick and Guy Gunther, all of the Milwaukee area, and Lyn Gunther of the Springfield area of Missouri; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive as well as his step-daughter, Victoria Cook Duncanson of Lithia Springs, Ga.

A memorial and celebration of life event will be held at Christ Fellowship Church some time after the New Year. Day, date, and time will be announced later.
The war of words

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

I shot an arrow into the air;
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air;
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Oct. 16, 1845

Over the past two years, we have certainly had our share of controversy and harsh words in the community. Passionate people have been vocal about their passions throughout the year 2017.

In 1994, Robert Evans wrote, “There are three sides to every story: your side, my side, and the truth. And no one is lying. Memories shared serve each differently.”

We look at the world based on our beliefs, experiences, and personal situations. As we have discussed before, the truth, as each of us sees it, is usually based on our interpretation of events, individually. Unless you are standing in my shoes, you cannot see what I see and vice versa. If I think you are wrong, it is generally because I have seen a situation or have a different interest than you.

Knowledge is power and individuals are reluctant to give up any power, which makes us more likely to form opinions based on partial or tainted information, and getting to a place of agreement is even more challenging.

When we are trying to convince people of our position on a situation, we are selling a story. When we sell a story, we are prone to share all the points that make our position more attractive to the people we are trying to convince. We will also likely leave out all points that might make people look at our position negatively. So, we have the potential for a story or situation to be seen and shared by different people, each having different, likely opposing, opinions or positions.

Actions have consequences, including voicing of a position. Sometimes, we voice a general opinion, sometimes coming in the form of a criticism. Sometimes, our criticism is directed at an action or situation; other times our criticism is directed at an individual. We judge people based on our assessment of their actions, or the perception of their actions based on their viewpoints.

Our relationships are complex and, therefore, our positions on situations are also complex. Anger, from an action decades ago that may have impacted an ancestor, relative or friend, may impact the decisions we make today. History is filled with famous feuds between individuals, entire families, and even entire nations, based on perceived negative actions toward each other. Generations of hate end up influencing the actions of people and impacting present and future livelihoods and relationships. Over time, these feuds get so convoluted that parties may have violent confrontations and not remember what the causal action was or is. Harsh or hateful words are like an arrow, sharp and piercing. To those who are already predisposed to negative thoughts about us, a hard word will ignite a spirit of aggression or retaliation. It is human nature to gossip, and because we know that knowledge is power, we share when we think the words will benefit us. Some are also prone to embellishment, taking creative license with the truth (or their truth) to make a story more appealing or believable.
We see hateful words and gossip in our personal relationships, courtrooms, politics, and even in the writing of some journalists. The desire to convince others of our opinions is so strong that it is difficult to find unbiased and impartial information. When we speak words of hate or share stories giving only one side or position, we don’t know where or how many people will be affected, even though we may have only one target in mind when we shoot that arrow.

We may also choose to speak to each other with courtesy and honesty, as Longfellow suggested with the metaphor of song, making sure that we provide our argument in support of our position while respecting the opposing view. The problem with longstanding disagreements is that hatred of a position may easily turn into hatred of a person or people holding that position.

There used to be an axiom in customer service; you never win an argument with a customer. If you are “in the wrong” and refuse to acknowledge it, you will lose the customer. If you are “in the right”, you may prove it to the customer, but in the process, you will lose the customer, because you have insulted and belittled the customer by disproving his position. And, in losing the customer, you lose the argument.

Consider the words written in the book of James taken from the Holy Bible. In the third chapter, verses 1-12, the writer talks about the power of the tongue. He says, “When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body...Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing.” The writer expresses that this should not be; that our speech should not expose a double mind, and specifically a negative or evil mind.

When seeking the truth, not my truth or your truth, it is important to remember that anyone may be biased. When a person comes to me and makes an accusation against someone who I have longstanding friendship, my position may immediately be to question what I am hearing. By the same token, if I hear good things about someone of who I have a bad opinion, I will have an immediate position about those allegations. In both cases, the only immediate evidence I have is the word of the person making the allegation. For some, that is enough to make a judgement.

As we begin 2018, let’s commit to being kinder to each other. I doubt that we will ever end the war of words in our community or in the nation. It is far too important to us to be “right” and the only way we can be legitimized is through using our words to sell our respective positions. But, maybe, we can learn again to respect each other in the battle, to sing songs instead of shooting arrows.

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2 SETS ON THE SOUNDBYTES STAGE

1:00PM — 5:00PM

EVENT PACKAGE $12.95

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JENNIFER KNAPP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

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Benefits/Fundraisers

Benefit for Eddie and Christine Bradley family. Jan. 12 from 10:30am – 1pm at Yellow-hill Community Building. NDN Taco with drink - $8; Frybread and Chili dinner with drink - $7. Walk-ins are welcome or delivery available upon request (four or more orders). Place all orders by Jan. 12 at 9am. Info: Lou Johnson 788-2853, leave message or text if no answer.

Jennifer Knapp Benefit Concert and Bowling Package. Jan. 13 at 1pm at Harrah’s Cherokee UltraStar Multi-Tainment Center. The concert is free to attend and general admission only. Packages ($12.95) include: two hours of bowling, two hours of non-redemption arcade play, and meet and greet opportunities with Jennifer Knapp. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Cherokee Chamber Singers trip to Carnegie Hall in March. Info: 497-8249

General Events

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting. Jan. 15 at 11am at Guayabitos Mexican Restaurant in Bryson City. Dutch treat lunch meeting; all are welcome to join in commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and making plans for 2018. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. Jan. 16 at 6pm at Swain County Senior Center at 125 Brendle Street in Bryson City. All are welcome. Agenda includes: meeting place change, update on Swain County Democratic Party listening sessions and planning for 2018. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Jackson County Democratic Party meeting. Jan. 16 at 6:30pm at party headquarters located at 500 Mill Street in Sylva. The meeting is open to all Democrats. Monthly meetings include all precinct officers and party executive officers, as well as representatives of auxiliary organizations (Men’s Club, Democratic Women, Young Dems). Info: www.jacksondems.com

Snowbird Day School Reunion kick-off event. Jan. 27 from 6-7:30pm at Snowbird Youth Center. Bring your Snowbird Day School photos and other memorabilia. Food and refreshments will be provided. Info: Gilliam Jackson (828) 269-7030

Cherokee Business Training “A Native American Journey into Small Business”. Tuesdays (starting Jan. 30) from 6-9 pm. This five-week course costs $65. To register, call 359-6708 or visit www.bit.ly/CBT-Winter-2018

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com.
Upcoming Pow Wows for Jan. 12-14

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.

14th Annual Honoring Traditions Eastern Woodland Native American Celebration. Jan. 13-14 at Fairfield County Fairgrounds AAA Building in Lancaster, Ohio. MC: Jamie Oxendine. Info: Kevin Everhart (740) 304-9720, lonewolfcreations@hotmail.com


Community Club Meetings

Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call Bunsey Crowe, president, 497-6339 or 788-4879. Rent is $60/day for gym and community room with $25 returnable clean-up fee.

Big Cove Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Info: Chairman Butch Hill 497-7309, Vice Chairman Joe Red Cloud 269-6130, Secretary Lavita Hill 736-3126, or Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. To reserve the building for your special occasion, call Faye McCoy, treasurer, 226-5194 ($50 fee with $20 key deposit).

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Painttown Gym. Info: Lula Jackson 736-1511, Lois Dunston 736-3230, Abe Queen (Free Labor) 269-8110, Jennifer Jackson (building rental) 269-7702

Snowbird Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Info: Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 361-3278, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

Wolftown Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

Yellowhill Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month unless it’s a holiday. If anybody would like to teach an art or craft call Reuben 497-2043 to be scheduled.

Community Groups

Big Y Archery Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Big Y Community Club Building. Indoor targets and 3D game targets available. This is free of charge to all and everyone is welcome. Instruction is available.

Support Groups/Meetings

Cherokee Diabetes Talking Circle. This group for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at Tsali Manor at the Thursday of each month from 12-1pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org

AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room. Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH ence room

Analenisgi Recovery Center
weekly schedule for Fall/Winter 2017/18
NOTE: All classes/groups are open to all Analenisgi clients. Support groups marked with ** are open to the community.

Mondays
Safety WRAP: 9-10am

Cherokee Culture: 11:15am - 12:30pm
Still Waters: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm

Tuesdays
Native Plants: 8:30-10:30am
Employment Skills: (second and fourth Tuesdays 11am-12pm)
Taming Salolis (Squirrels): 11am – 12pm
Emotions: 1-2pm
**Self-esteem: 2-3pm
**Life Recovery: 3-4pm

Wednesdays
Safety WRAP: 9-10am
Strong Hearts Women’s Group: 11am – 12pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm
Creative Writing: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm
**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm
**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

Thursdays
**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am
Connections (Brene’ Brown): 10:30-11:45am
Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm
Uncle Skills Men’s Group: 3-4pm

Fridays
Creative Recovery: 9:30am - 12pm
Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm
Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm
Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups meet every second Thursday of the month at Snowbird Clinic from 11am – 12pm (Chrstyal Frank) and every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm (Nilofer Couture) and 4:30-5:30pm (Linda Johnson). Groups are led by registered dieticians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. 497-9163 ext. 6459

Cherokee Cancer Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty’s Place at 40 Goose Creek Road. A pot luck is held at 5:30pm, and the meeting is open to all. Betty’s Place is also open Monday – Friday 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788
FOR RENT
2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/background check required. $450/month, $450/deposit. 488-8752.
UFN

FOR SALE
Feather series knife collection. Turquoise handles, scrolled bolsters, brass backstrap. Each knife has a series of dots that represents the different seasons of the year. In hand-carved jade boxes. $1,000. (828) 341-5552. 1/11

Violins, four by four in size, pink or black. (828) 341-5552. 1/11

LAND FOR SALE – Blackrock Creek Community: Great home sites and acreage available 15 minutes from Harrah’s casino. 1.6 to 9 acre tracts just outside the Reservation in Jackson County, NC. Seller financing available at great terms. Contact Bruce Nelson (954) 232-8375. 2/8pd

SERVICES
Law Office of Shira Hedgepeth, Tribal Legal Advocate. For representation, call 828.585.5044 or email shira@legal-decisions.com. Find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/legaldecisions. 2/1pd

YARD SALES
Indoor Gloyne/Wachacha/Tiger Family Flea Market. Jan. 12-13 from 10am – 5pm at former Episcopal Church Parsonage (behind Cherokee Baptist Church and Econo Lodge) at 80 Old River Road in Cherokee. Rain or shine. Clothes of all sizes, some furniture, piano, appliances, and household items.

Indoor Yard Sale. Jan. 13 at Yellowhill Activity Center. $10 per table. Info: Reuben 497-2043 for information or to reserve a table.
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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 3, 2018
CLOSING DATE: January 17, 2018
At 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: FT Concession Attendant
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening
SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year cashier/cash handling experience required. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE, AN ENTERPRISE CREATED BY THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYMENT IS SUBJECT TO THOSE TERMS WHICH THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE DEEM APPROPRIATE. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS. 1/11pd

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 3, 2018
CLOSING DATE: January 17, 2018
At 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: PT Cashier
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening
SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 3, 2018
CLOSING DATE: January 17, 2018
At 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: Paper Room Controller
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1
SHIFT: Evening
SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

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CLOSING DATE: January 17, 2018
At 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: FT Cashier
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening
SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. Knowledge of purchasing and inventory preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL

AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
Hospitalist - Inpatient
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center
Mid-Level (PA/FNP/NP) – Emergency Room
Part – Time Mid-Level (PA/FNP/NP) –...
In the Matter of the Estate of
Lucetta Hill Ward
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
Melissa Queen, P.O. Box 1017, Cherokee, NC 28719. 1/18pd

In the Matter of the Estate of
Doris West Catt
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
Consuela Girty, P.O. Box 898, Cherokee, NC 28719. 1/11pd

In the Matter of the Estate of
Judith Kay Biello
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
Jennifer S. Nelson, 2800 Summit Hill Court, Norman, OK 73071. 1/25pd

In the Matter of the Estate of
Arnessa Littlejohn Wilnoty
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
Frances L. Littlejohn, P.O. Box 33, Cherokee, NC. 2/1pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-76

In the Matter of the Estate of
David Lamar Wachacha
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
Gail Wachacha, P.O. Box 1028, Cherokee, NC. 2/1pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-74

In the Matter of the Estate of
Joseph Saunooke Sr.
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
Joseph Saunooke Sr., P.O. Box 847, Cherokee, NC 28719. 2/1pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-078

In the Matter of the Estate of
Ronald Garfield Lambert

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

Garfield Burnett Lambert, P.O. Box 150, Cherokee, NC. 2/1pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals
The EBCI Office of the Attorney General seeks competitive proposals for a Grant Project Manager on a contractual basis.

This project requires: (1) the development of an integrated, data-driven, results-based accountability or outcome-driven framework for two stakeholder (multi-agency) groups and analysis for software solutions to achieve data-driven management for outcomes for domestic violence and child abuse cases; and (2) the training and implementation of trauma-informed systems to enhance victim safety and increase offender accountability. Consultants will require expertise in integrated approaches to social systems and project management to design multi-system performance measures, and provide technical support and training for the initial operation of the Integrated Domestic Violence Intervention Program and the child victim MDT, federal grant reporting, and coordination of the training of tribal staff.

Qualifications include:
• Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master’s Degree or higher degree in either Law; Counseling; Social Work; Psychology; or other behavioral science and three (3) years of paid, professional post-graduate experience in social/behavioral services.
• Experience: Previous experience managing grant projects effectively, including all required grant reporting and deliverables. Must have experience designing performance measures and data collection for multi-agency systems. Specific experience with domestic violence and child abuse systems preferred.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following information:
• Name and contact information
• Copies of certifications
• Relevant work experience

Proposals due by January 20, 2018.

Please email proposals to Bonnie Claxton, Manager of the EBCI Legal Assistance Office, bonnclax@nc-cherokee.com.

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Classified listings under $25,000 are FREE of charge. The deadline for submission is Friday at 12pm.
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