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Tribe completes largest repatriation, reburial to date

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The Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has completed the largest repatriation and reburial of human remains to date. According to the office, a total of 177 sets of human remains and 616 associated funerary objects were reburied recently in Dover, Tenn.

The remains and funerary objects were from eight sites in Kentucky and Tennessee and were being housed previously at the Webb Museum at the University of Kentucky and the McClung Museum at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville.

“This is the largest reburial project that the THPO has conducted thus far, in terms of the number of human remains reburied,” said Miranda Panther, EBCI NAGPRA officer. “The EBCI THPO consulted with the Nashville District and other southeastern tribes throughout the eight years of the project. There are a number of variables to work through during consultation, but it typically proceeds as follows: consultation through emails, teleconferences, and in person; establishment of culturally-affiliated versus culturally-unidentifiable; notices being published; and reburial.”

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was the lead tribe in the repatriation, and Panther noted it was a joint disposition between the EBCI, the Cherokee Nation (Okla.), and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (Okla.).

“The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Nashville District was an invaluable partner on this NAGPRA project,” said Panther. “They allowed us to rebury on their property, in a safe, secure location close to the sites of the original burials.”

She noted that their office received a consultation letter from the USACE on this project in May 2010. “We have been actively consulting with them since that time.”

The burials were conducted by Johi Griffin Jr. and Beau Carroll with the EBCI THPO office.

“I believe that there is no greater honor than having the responsibility of returning our ancestors back to where they belong, in Mother Earth and not on a shelf,” said Griffin. “The planning and scheduling of these events is a long and arduous journey. From start to finish it takes years of planning with various government agencies and educational institutions. I would like to thank Miranda Panther and the Army Corps of Engineers for completion of this NAPRA project.”

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Tribe and region on edge from Hurricane Florence

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While the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and western North Carolina were mostly spared the impact from Hurricane Florence, the remnants dumped large amounts of rain on North Carolina causing flooding, power outages and other damages. Duke Energy, the power provider for the Cherokee Indian Reservation and its lands in the Snowbird Community, predicted 1-3 million power outages across the state. Murphy Power Board and Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, power providers to tribal lands in Cherokee County, also remained on edge, prepared to handle outages.

“This is a very significant event that we’re taking very seriously,” said Duke Energy Spokesperson Bill Norton. “We have 20,000 workers ready to attack the restoration as soon as it’s safe to do so.” As of press time, 18 people died from the storm.

“Surviving this storm will be a test of endurance, teamwork, common sense, and patience. Thank you to those who evacuated and prepared. To anyone still unwilling to take this seriously, let me be clear. You need to get yourself to a safe place now and stay there.”

While Cherokee and its trust lands rest about 400 miles from where the storm made landfall, the storm had its impacts on the region. Tim Doyle, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Morristown, Tenn., said, “The main thing is the rainfall.” There may also be some wind, he said.

Tribal Director of Public Safety Mollie Grant had been briefing the tribal programs that would respond in case of an emergency. “We don’t know how much rain we’re going to get,” she said on Monday, Sept. 10, but there could be flooding.” She said they’re also ready to assist the state if needed. “Our swift water rescue team has been put on standby should the state need them.” The Cherokee Fire Department also sent a four-person crew with a truck to assist in the eastern part of the state.

National Park officials closed roads in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the entire 469-mile Blue Ridge Parkway was closed Friday to prepare for the storm. The potential for flooding, landslides and downed trees was the reason. The parkway was closed to all use, including use by cyclists and pedestrians.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed issued a tribal state of emergency Friday afternoon. Emergency workers and tribal programs met with Grant Friday to discuss readiness for what Florence’s remnants could bring.
Sneed said, “The EBCI takes the stance that we must be prepared, even if there’s just a marginal chance of the Qualla Boundary being affected. We must be a good neighbor. I’m honored to assist our fellow North Carolina residents by sending 15 pallets of bottled water to the Red Cross in Asheville.” He encouraged local businesses to offer discounts to hurricane evacuees. “I encourage everyone to do their best to stay safe and make preparations to reduce the impact this hurricane has on your family. We’re a tribe and there is strength in our unity.”

Members of the Cherokee Nation’s Water Rescue team were deployed from Tahlequah, Okla. to assist with any necessary water rescue. “The Cherokee Nation is not just going to sit idly by and say ‘poor them,'” Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker said in a release Sept. 13. “The Cherokee Nation is fortunate to have the equipment, resources and trained marshals and emergency management staff capable of responding to any Type III FEMA disaster and search and rescue effort. Anytime we can help our family or any citizen, we’re going to pitch in and get there.”

Grant also announced the Code Red emergency notification system, where people can sign up to receive notification by mobile phones.

County emergency managers were on alert but mainly were watching for impacts from increased rainfall. “As far as Cherokee County is concerned, we are maintaining situational awareness,” Cherokee County Emergency Management Director Robin Caldwell said Sept. 10. Larry Hembree, emergency management director for Graham County said, “Right now we’re just monitoring the situation.” Swain County Emergency Management Director David Breedlove said that the Red Cross and social services have reached out to him offering shelter if needed.
National preparedness month kicks off

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

While the coming of Hurricane Florence may have been an unfortunate coincidence, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians kicked off National Preparedness Month on Tuesday, Sept. 11 in conjunction with the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post’s Sept. 11 commemoration of the victims of the terrorist attacks and those who risked and lost their lives trying to save others.

Preparing for what’s predicted to be a rough winter was part of the motivation for the exercise. EBCI Public Safety Director Mollie Grant said the purpose was to get tribal programs, departments, and communities prepared for the winter. “As usual, we have an event where we have to come together as a community and take care of the elders and the homebound. So, we kind of want to get a jump start on that. Today was all about getting the community to come out.”

A proclamation signed by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said, “‘National Preparedness Month’ creates an important opportunity for all residents of the Qualla Boundary and tribal lands to survey, assess and evaluate various needs in their homes, business and communities for emergency situations – either natural or man-made to heighten their readiness levels for potential crises or catastrophic events.”

He said in the past few years, the Tribe has endured some of the most severe weather, including a blizzard, flooding and mud slides. “Individuals, families and communities need to be prepared for any emergency and help people achieve optimum levels of readiness. They are encouraged to join their communities’ free labor groups.”

Chief Sneed urged tribal members to educate themselves and create emergency preparedness plans. “We are proud to join with the Emergency Management program to observe National Preparedness Month and to engage the enrolled members and visitors in emergency preparedness.”

Heather Sneed appointed interim clerk of court

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Cherokee Chief Justice Kirk Saunooke appointed Heather Sneed, the assistant clerk of court, to serve as interim clerk for the Cherokee Tribal Court after the resignation of June Ray. Saunooke wouldn’t comment on the appointment.

In Saunooke’s Sept. 7 order, he said the appointment was necessary, and according to the tribal code, as chief justice, he has the authority to administer the operations of the court.

In his order, Saunooke said, “(Sneed) shall assume all rights and duties associated with this office, which includes sitting as ex-officio judge of probate.” That gives Sneed the authority to determine the validity of wills, and it gives her jurisdiction in administration over decedents’ estates and trust and estate proceedings.

Ray was sworn in as clerk in November 2017. Prior to her tribal service, she was elected clerk of superior court for Haywood County, elected unopposed her entire tenure starting after being appointed to serve the remaining term of Gill Henry in 2002.

Sneed could not be reached for comment by press time.

CLERK: Cherokee Tribal Court Chief Justice Kirk G. Saunooke (right) administers the Oath of Office to June Ray (center) who was sworn-in as the new Cherokee Tribal Clerk of Court in a courtroom in the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 17, 2017. She resigned recently, and Heather Sneed has been appointed to serve as interim clerk.
American Legion honors vets, emergency workers, and 9/11 victims

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Members of the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 paid tribute to the victims of Sept. 11 and to current emergency service workers and veterans on the 17th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. It was a cloudless day in New York, on Sept. 11, 2001, when members of al-Qaida flew hijacked jetliners into the north and south towers of the World Trade Center. Another hijacked plane was flown into the Pentagon in Washington, and a fourth crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pa., intended to hit the White House.

Post 143 Commander Lew Harding recalled the events of that day as they unfolded. “They lost their lives on a day when all they did was come to work to do what they normally did. As a nation, we mourned a terrible loss. But, we are also here to honor and remember those who were so brave.”

Al-Qaida leader at the time Osama bin Laden called for the killing of Americans for the country’s support of Israel. Troop presence in Saudi Arabia and what he claimed was support for oppression of Muslims around the globe. Al-Qaida follows a belief that a Christian-Jewish alliance seeks to destroy Islam, and it often carries out terrorist acts by means of suicide bombings. Prior to Sept. 11, the organization was responsible for bombings of the World Trade Center in 1993, U.S. Embassies in Tanzania and Kenya in 1998 and U.S.S. Cole in 2000. Harding said, “There’s no compromise with an ideology like this. We can only defeat it.”

The attacks killed 2,977 people, including eight children, along with 19 hijackers on a mass murder-suicide mission. They took the lives of then-Tribal Council Chairman Albert Crowe’s brother-in-law Michael Taddonio, who was in the south tower, and Cherokee Nation member Brian Moss, a sailor in the U.S. Navy who was in the Pentagon. Gregory Taylor, a sergeant in the Army at the time, was also in the Pentagon that day, but he was unharmed.

Since the attacks of that day, the U.S. has engaged in military operations in Afghanistan, where bin Laden was being protected by the Taliban government, and Iraq, whose involvement in those attacks was never proven, despite then leader Saddam Hussein’s praise of the attacks. The Taliban fell from power. Bin Laden was gunned down by Navy SEALs at his hideout in Pakistan, and Hussein was executed by Iraq’s new government after he fell from power. The U.S. still maintains military operations in both countries. While al-Qaida has been weakened, it’s still a threat, and others, mainly the Islamic State (ISIS) have emerged and pose threats to security.

Harding said we must remember those who sacrificed and those who were killed. Remember the feelings of helplessness, terror and remember the burn. “Living without freedom is not living at all. Let us also teach our children the lessons learned.”

The attacks killed 343 New York Fire Department firefighters, 37 officers with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, 23 New York Police Department officers, eight EMTs and one patrol with the New York Fire Patrol. American Legion Post 143 Service Officer Warren DuPree paid tribute to veterans and emergency service workers.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed spoke of the impact of that day, which ranks alongside the 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy and 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor. “If you were alive to remember those days, you remember exactly what you were doing. You remember exactly the emotion that came over you. There was a collective suffering of our nation.”

He remembered the sense of unity that resulted from the shared suffering of this nation. “It didn’t matter if you were black, if you were white, if you were native, if you were Christian, if you were Jewish, it didn’t matter. You were American.”

Chief Sneed lamented the political divisions in America today. “I want to encourage and challenge everyone today to remember that we’re human beings first, created in the image of God.” He hoped it wouldn’t take another tragedy to unite the country.
Principal Chief’s Report for Sept. 14

PRINCIPAL CHIEF
RICHARD G. SNEED

I am honored to share a small glimpse of my day-to-day activities with you. I am always happy to answer any questions you may have or give further information regarding specific programs and tribal operations. If you would like to make an appointment with my office, please call (828) 359-7002 to schedule.

September started off with the recognition of Labor Day, celebrating the contributions our labor workers have made to making America what it is today. We could not have made this great country a success without our laborers and furthermore our Tribe would not be successful without our labor force. I am grateful for all our tribal workers, and we all have a part to do which is necessary to keep our Tribe running smoothly.

Upon returning to the office, I presented the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians budget to Tribal Council to be approved. Section 21 of the Cherokee Code calls for the Principal Chief to submit a balanced budget to Tribal Council. I was happy to do so and am very proud of the hard work done by our tribal programs and all the staff in the Treasury Division.

I was thrilled to present a resolution to Tribal Council on Thursday, Sept. 6 recognizing the work and accomplishments of Alexander “Mingo” Hornbuckle, Survey/Forestry technician with the BIA Cherokee Agency. For years, Mingo has worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs helping to educate and bring awareness to the dangers of wildfires and the need for prevention. He provides wildfire education to local schools, community gatherings, public events and tribal programs. I would like to thank Mingo for his dedication and public service.

The Office of the Principal Chief had the opportunity to Feed the Braves on Friday, Sept. 7 prior to their football game. I continue to be amazed at the respect and courtesy instilled in our football team and credit their families, our Cherokee community and the Cherokee Central Schools coaching team for this. Thank you Coach Kent Briggs for all your hard work, and I look forward to seeing what these young men can do this season.

The EBCI Emergency Management Department has been extremely busy this past week. They started the week executing the Cherokee Preparedness Day, in collaboration with my office and various tribal programs. We must all find the time to prepare so when disaster strikes we are able to care for our families and each other. They then wrapped up the week with preparing for the effects of Hurricane Florence. I am very proud of the cooperation shown this past week between emergency and public service programs throughout our community. We are blessed to have so many employees with the expertise and compassion to make sure we are prepared and well taken care of. I would also like to thank the Cherokee Nation for sending their Swift Water Team and Emergency Management staff to assist during our time of need.

Again, please call my office at 828-359-7002 if we may be of assistance to you.
Tribal member covers Florence’s worst

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Journalists often take major risks just to tell their stories and provide us with information. They’ve been in the middle of the worst, from the Civil War through the War on Terror. They were at the World Trade Center when the towers came crumbling down with William Biggart, a photojournalist, losing his life there. Natural disasters are also an area where journalists will be found in the worst of danger to tell their stories.

A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was one of those. Photojournalist Travis Long, son of Harold and Nancy Long, was sent by his employer, Raleigh’s The News & Observer, to Morehead City to take photographs of monster Hurricane Florence as it made landfall Thursday evening. What was a Category 4 storm at one point had downgraded to a Category 1. Florence packed sustained winds of 90 mph with gusts of up to 105 mph, a dangerous storm surge, and it dumped up to 18 inches of rain.

It was Aug. 30 that the paper had sent Long to cover protests, both in support and opposed, to the Silent Sam Confederate monument at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, where he got pepper sprayed by police. About two weeks later, he was off to the coast to document the brunt of Florence. As he waited for landfall Sept. 13, a dangerous storm surger, and it dumped up to 18 inches of rain.

As for how he was doing, “So far, so good. We’re getting about 50 mph wind gusts.”

Long’s parents own Long Family Farms near Murphy, an area that was awaiting heavy rain from Florence. Nancy Long said she and Harold were extremely proud of their son, but they also were anxious with him being in one of the worst possible places to be during a hurricane. “I think it’s one thing to go in the aftermath. It just makes me nervous.”

Scott Sharpe, News & Observer visuals editor, said, “What we aspire to do as photojournalists is to go where the reader can’t go, or shouldn’t go. We help the reader experience what others are going through.”

Long has won numerous awards from the North Carolina Press Association and National Press Photographers Association. “Travis is the guy who craves to be at the very front of what is going on,” said Sharpe. “Sometimes that comes at a cost or putting yourself at risk.”

However, Sharpe emphasized that Long wouldn’t be taking any unnecessary risks. “It’s still bearing down on us.” Long said Friday morning after the storm made landfall. With no power and mobile phone service that would cut in and out, Long said he’s had to navigate around flooded streets. They saw gas pumps toppled and a marina crumpled. Long and News & Observer Reporter Andrew Carter coped with LED lights, cooked on camp stoves, and attempted to sleep through the storm. “My colleague didn’t get much sleep last night.”

While he couldn’t say for certain without having watched weather reports, Long guessed that sustained winds were about 60 mph. Long also had covered Hurricane Matthew in 2016, which after initially landing in Haiti and Cuba, tracked into the Atlantic Ocean, hitting the coasts of South Carolina and North Carolina.

When he spoke to the One Feather Friday, Sept. 14, he said he was headed to New Bern, which was busy with water rescues due to flooded streets. Once again, he was striving to be at the front of the news.

“He’s a story teller,” Sharpe said. “He’s a good one.”
Officials with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park urge caution among visitors and residents as the start of elk breeding season begins. Elk were reintroduced to the park in 2001 after the last elk was believed to have been killed in Tennessee in the mid 1800s. By 1900, the animals were on their way to extinction.

Encounters with wildlife can always pose a risk. Park officials found the body of William Lee Hill, 30, of Louisville, Tenn., on Tuesday, Sept. 11. A bear was near where the body was found and acting aggressively. The bear was later found to have human DNA on him and was euthanized.

Elk are capable of killing or causing injury by goring, trampling or striking someone by charging. Elk are now thriving and often will have interactions with motorists, tourists and residents of the park’s outlying areas, including Cherokee. Adult male elk (bulls) weigh an average of 600-700 pounds. Their bugling calls are made to challenge other bulls or attract females. It’s during breeding season, also known as the rut, that the bulls can be aggressive and dangerous. Park officials urge tourists to stay out of the fields near the Oconaluftee Visitor Center and keep their distance, even if still in their vehicles as bulls can perceive them as a threat and charge.

“Bull elk, which can weigh nearly 1,000 pounds, are wild animals with unpredictable behavior,” said Park Wildlife Biologist Bill Stiver. “To help ensure your safety, maintain a distance of at least 50 yards from them at all times. Park in a safe location and remain close to your vehicle so that you can get inside if an elk approaches.”

The lure of wildlife to visitors can be tempting, but they still must maintain a safe distance. It’s illegal for them to get closer than 150 feet to a wild animal in the park. Feeding, touching or disturbing wildlife as well as willfully approaching elk or bears, are illegal. Officials urge using binoculars or telephoto lenses to view and photograph wildlife.

“CAUTION: This large bull elk was spotted just off the Oconaluftee River Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the afternoon of Tuesday, Sep. 11. Rut season has begun.”

- Bill Stiver, Great Smoky Mountains National Park wildlife biologist
### Tribal Court Report

**Judgment Summary for Sept. 12**

**BIGWITCH JR., Robert Lee**
14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle – Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

**BRADLEY, Calvin Ray**
14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed on Plea
14-15.5 Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public – Guilty Plea, 18 days jail time suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation, credit for time served (3 days), not to take any impairing substances

**BRADLEY, Walter Andrew**
14-15.5 Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public – Guilty Plea, 90 days jail time suspended, 12 months supervised probation, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, credit for time served (9 days), DARE fine: $1,000
14-25.14 Public Nuisance – Guilty Plea, 90 days jail time suspended, 12 months supervised probation, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, credit for time served (9 days), DARE fine: $1,000

**DECOTEAU, Cody John**
14-5.4 Filing False Emergency Report - Dismissed on Plea
14-25.14 Public Nuisance - Dismissed on Plea
14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, 6 months supervised probation, obtain a mental health assessment within 60 days, not to be on or around Wise Guys Pizza during probation

**FLIPPO, Anita Nicole**
14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

**FRADY, Aaron Lee**
20-138.1(a) Driving While Impaired – Guilty Plea, 60 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation (6 months supervised, 6 months unsupervised), continue to follow Substance Abuse Assessment recommendations, court costs: $190
20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed on Plea

**TEESATUSKIE, Richard**
14-10.60 Larceny – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation, stay off Shoe Show property for length of time of probation, fine: $100, restitution ordered: $13

**WOLFE, Ravecca Nicole**
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed after Investigation

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Searched in Great Smoky Mountain National Park found the body of William Lee Hill Jr., 30, of Louisville, Tenn., on Tuesday, Sept. 11 around 1 pm, off Rich Mountain Road, approximately two miles north of Cades Cove. Park officials were notified on Sunday, Sept. 9 that Hill and a companion, Joshua Morgan, came to the park on Friday to look for ginseng. The two separated during the day and Hill had not been heard from since. Park rangers began searching immediately and worked until after dark Sunday night.

The search continued throughout Monday, focusing on high probability areas such as drainages in the area where Hill was last seen. Hill’s body was found on Tuesday, off-trail, approximately .5 miles from the gravel Rich Mountain Road and less than a mile from a residential area outside the park.

“Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Mr. Hill during such a difficult time,” said Park Superintendent Cassius Cash.

Evidence of wildlife scavenging of the remains over the last several days was visible and an adult male bear remained in the area, showing aggressive behaviors, for many hours, even as rangers worked to recover Hill’s body throughout the evening hours. Wildlife biologists responded to the area, trapped the bear, and recovered human DNA from it. Out of concern for public safety, park officials determined the best course of action would be to humanely euthanize the bear.

“While the cause of Mr. Hill’s death is unknown at this time, after gathering initial evidence, consulting with other wildlife professionals and careful consideration, we made the difficult decision to euthanize this bear out of concern for the safety of park visitors and local residents,” said Superintendent Cash. “This is always one of the hardest decisions a wildlife manager has to make, and is one that we did not take lightly. Over 2 million visitors come to the Cades Cove area annually and there are several residential areas very close to where we found Mr. Hill’s body. We could not take the risk of allowing this bear to approach or show aggression towards other people.”

At approximately 9:45am on Sunday, Sept. 16, Park officials fatally shot the adult male bear associated with the investigation into Hill’s death. The incident remains under investigation and no additional details are available at this time.

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Braves lose to Mustangs in first road game of season

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On the next play, Smoky Mountain had a 54-yard touchdown pass called back for a holding penalty. After that, the Braves shut them down behind two big tackles in a row by Masih Catolster, freshman defensive lineman.

Smoky Mountain took a 14-6 lead into the locker room.

The Mustangs got the ball first in the third quarter and struck quickly as they drove down and Hinson ran for a 1-yard score not even two minutes in. The point after kick was good and the Mustangs led 21-6.

Following punts by both teams, Cherokee got the ball with just over four minutes left in the third. Several plays into the drive and Crowe hit Mintz on a 64-yard touchdown strike. The two point conversion try failed, and Cherokee trailed 21-12 with just over three minutes left in the third quarter.

Several plays later, the Mustangs got on the board again as Will Frady, junior running back, ran through the middle on a 54-yard touchdown run to put the Mustangs up by 16 (28-12) which is how the game would end.

Neither team fumbled the ball in this contest, and each had two interceptions. The Braves were penalized 6 times for 45 yards, and Smoky Mountain had 10 flags for a whole field (100 yards).

Defensive statistics were not available for this game for either team.

Cherokee is back at home against the Gladiator Sports Academy (0-2) on Friday, Sept. 21 which is homecoming for the Braves.

GROUP: Cherokee senior linebackers Damion Blanton (#36) and Kyler Hill (#23) combine on a tackle of a Mustangs running back.
CROSS COUNTRY

Cherokee hosts large meet, CMS teams place second

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

With Hurricane Florence looming and edging its way to western North Carolina, runners from throughout western North Carolina converged on Cherokee High School for the Cherokee XC Invitational. The morning of Saturday, Sept. 15 greeted runners from 18 high schools and 12 middle schools with blue skies and warm conditions.

Cherokee Middle School’s girls and boys teams both placed second in the two-mile middle school events. The CMS Braves team was led by Dalmon King who took second with a time of 11:57.2. They had two other top ten finishers including Oz Swayney (12:34.3) and Dacin Tafoya (12:54.5). The CMS Lady Braves were led by Dvdaya Swimmer who placed fifth with a time of 14:03.6. She was followed by Jaylynne Esquivel who placed sixth (14:07.2).

“There were probably over 400 kids running in all,” said Eddie Swimmer, Cherokee High School and Middle School cross country head coach. “Our meets keep growing and growing. People love it, and we get comments on the trail. I know it’s tough, but it’s a good course. It’s tough, but it’s fast too.”

Swimmer said the Cherokee program takes pride in its runners and the ability to host meets for other schools to come and enjoy. “We’re a unique program, a small program. It goes under the radar a lot, but still it produces some good athletes and students. I have to brag on my kids – they’re all top-knotch students.”

Following are results (top 15 in each race plus all Cherokee runners) per Slipstream Timing:

High School Girls
1 - Sydney Bolyard, Tri-County Early College, 22:24.8
2 - Aynsley Fink, Robbinsville, 23:02.6
3 - Joy Prettyman, North Buncombe, 23:18.8
4 - Dylan Garcia, Franklin, 23:23.1
5 - Alesea Caldwell, Tuscola, 23:51.3
6 - Anna Morgan, Smoky Mountain, 23:56.1
7 - Suzanne Thomas, Asheville Trailblazers, 23:59.9
8 - Zoe Capps, Asheville Trailblazers, 24:12.7
9 - Amelia Sullivan, North Buncombe, 24:31.0
10 - Maetzin Sanchez, Franklin, 24:34.5
11 - Rebecca Fox, Smoky Mountain, 24:37.2
12 - Katherine Seifers, Smoky Mountain, 24:58.9
13 - Macy Fisher, Tuscola, 25:02.4
14 - Anna Riddle, Robbinsville, 24:04.7
15 - Lucy Crayton, Tri-County Early College, 25:14.3
40 - Betty Rossiah, Cherokee, 27:36.8
42 - Dorian Reed, Cherokee, 28:15.0
61 - Makala McGaha, Cherokee, 31:45.9
78 - Abigail Taylor, Cherokee, 38:22.0

Team Scores
1 - Smoky Mountain 61
2 - North Buncombe 70
3 - Franklin 83
*Cherokee was not entered in the team competition

High School Boys
1 - Justin Race, Hayesville, 17:33.2
2 - Yates Hockaday, North Buncombe, 17:55.4
3 - Jackson Burch, Hayesville, 17:58.0
4 - Ryan Jenkins, Swain County, 18:00.7
5 - Tyler Patterson, Smoky Mountain, 18:04.4
6 - Nathan Stamey, Franklin, 18:56.1
7 - Ethan Stamey, Franklin, 18:57.9
8 - Ethan Chandler, North Buncombe, 19:02.3

TEAMWORK: Cherokee Middle School’s Dvdaya Swimmer (left) and Jaylynne Esquivel push each other at the start of the second mile of a race in the Cherokee XC Invitational held on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 15. The CMS Lady Braves took second place overall as Swimmer placed fifth and Esquivel placed sixth.
9 - Jacob Moore, Pisgah, 19:08.7
10 - Kevin Kelly, North Buncombe, 19:10.6
11 - Darius Lambert, Cherokee, 19:20.5
12 - Caleb Jones, Murphy, 19:29.4
13 - Jared Dills, Hiwassee Dam, 19:34.5
14 - Matthew Shaw, North Buncombe, 19:36.8
15 - Ethan Barnett, Robbinsville, 19:56.9
63 - Josiah Lossiah, Cherokee, 23:14.1

Team Scores
1 - North Buncombe 48
2 - Swain County 80
3 - Hayesville 115

Middle School Girls
1 - Arizona Blankenship, Swain County, 13:19.6
2 - Adisyn Westendorf, Summit Charter, 13:27.0
3 - Evan Wilker, Francine Delany, 13:34.9
4 - Kaysen Krieger, Hayesville, 13:50.7
5 - Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 14:03.6
6 - Jaylynne Esquivel, Cherokee, 14:07.2
7 - Gracie Monteith, Swain County, 14:22.5
8 - Emma Beasley, Robbinsville, 14:28.2
9 - Jaaslyn Faisal, Murphy, 14:30.0
10 - Beatrice Bryson, Summit Charter, 14:53.6
11 - Amelia Rogers, Swain County, 15:03.3
12 - Lila Roberts, Hayesville, 15:04.6
13 - Grace Dangelo, Carolina Day, 15:16.0
14 - Erin Weaver, Carolina Day, 15:16.5
15 - Mya Burrows-Kurr, Swain County, 15:21.6
20 - Aaliya Reed, Cherokee, 15:36.4
28 - Marilyn Swayney, Cherokee, 16:44.3
29 - Boie Crowe, Cherokee, 16:46.2
68 - Idalis Crowe, Cherokee, 20:29.8

Team Scores
1 - Swain County 59
2 - Cherokee 88
3 - Summit Charter 93

Middle School Boys
1 - Austin San Souci, Swain County, 11:53.1
2 - Dalmon King, Cherokee, 11:57.2
3 - Connor Brown, Swain County, 12:10.6
4 - Oz Swayney, Cherokee, 12:34.3
5 - Andy Ledford, Swain County, 12:49.3
6 - Dacin Tafoya, Cherokee, 12:54.5
7 - Connor Lambert, Swain County, 13:02.3
8 - Evian Fields, Hayesville, 13:08.5
9 - Ladon Matz, Swain County, 13:21.2
10 - Rider Mattox, Swain County 13:23.4
11 - Kale Stephenson, Swain County, 13:24.9
12 - TR Newnam, Carolina Day, 13:27.3
13 - Owen Craig, Swain County, 13:27.6
14 - Xander Wachacha, Robbinsville, 13:28.9
15 - Cavan Reed, Cherokee, 13:41.7
18 - Tanis Esquivel, Cherokee, 14:03.4
35 - Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 15:26.3
40 - Jaylen Bark, Cherokee, 15:38.4

Team Scores
1 - Swain County 25
2 - Cherokee 43
3 - Hayesville 84

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The Cherokee JV Braves averaged 1 yard per offensive play in a season-opening loss to the Robbinsville JV Black Knights at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 13. Robbinsville won 21-0 and amassed 305 total yards of offense, including 283 on the ground, to Cherokee’s 33 yards on the night.

Kage Williams led Robbinsville with 18 carries, 219 yards, and 2 touchdowns. The Braves were led by Don Bradley, quarterback, who completed 7 of 13 for 25 yards and Maliki Raby who ran 5 times for 15 yards.

The Black Knights had 13 first downs to Cherokee’s 2 and both teams had a turnover in the game. Cherokee was only penalized 4 times for 25 yards while Robbinsville had 11 for 85 yards.

All of the scoring in the game occurred in the first half. The Black Knights got on the board with five seconds left in the first as Dasan Gross, Black Knights quarterback and an EBCI tribal member, ran 3 yards for a score. Cody Cline added the extra point and Robbinsville led 7-0.

The Black Knights would score twice in the second quarter as Williams ran for two long touchdowns (64 yards, 40 yards) and Cline would add two more point-after kicks. Robbinsville led 21-0 at the half which is how the game would end.

James Reed led Cherokee defensively with 7.5 tackles followed by Raby with 4 and six players with 2. Zaccius Watty recovered a fumble in the first quarter. Isaac Wiggins led Robbinsville with 6.5 tackles followed by Haden Key with 3.5.

The JV Braves are back in action on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6pm at Ray Kinsland Stadium as they host the Swain County JV Maroon Devils.

QB: Dasan Gross (#11), JV Black Knights quarterback and an EBCI tribal member, rolls out during a game at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Thursday, Sept. 13. He scored Robbinsville’s first touchdown as the Black Knights won 21-0 over Cherokee.

TACKLE: Cherokee’s Don Bradley (#3) tackles Robbinsville running back Kage Williams during the first half of Thursday’s game.
ON THE SIDELINES

JV is not about the score, it is about the experience

T he Cherokee JV Braves started their season on Thursday, Sept. 13 as they hosted the Robbinsville JV Black Knights. The game didn’t end up the way they wanted to, but the score doesn’t really matter. In junior varsity sports, the score isn’t nearly as important as the experience – that invaluable game experience.

Tennis star Billie Jean King once said, “Champions keep playing until they get it right.”

I’ve written before about the importance of training and practicing hard, and that’s essentially what junior varsity is – training and practice. Sure, they keep score, sell tickets, have real officials, and even have cheerleaders, but the focus should really be allowing those young players to gain playing time.

As I was doing some research for this column, I went back to re-read some of the previous year’s articles I’ve written on the JV Braves football team. The 2014 team in particular is intriguing as it included many of the same boys that are now wearing 2017 state championship rings including: Tye Mintz, Isaiah Evans, Zak Perez, Holden Straughan, Demetryus Bradley, and others.

The 2014 JV team went 5-1 on the season and took second place in the Smoky Mountain Conference. Not too shabby, but it wouldn’t have mattered really if they went 1-5. They were gaining playing time. They were gaining experience. They were gaining training habits that would carry over in their varsity careers.

Chris Mintz was the head coach for the JV Braves 2014 team. Following their win at Andrews on the season finale game, he told me, “It’s been a fun year with these guys. These guys have been really exciting to watch. It’s been fun to watch them grow, and to come from being 0-6 last year and to turn it around and play with confidence has been fun to watch.”

Playing with confidence. Growing. Fun. Those are the tenets of what junior varsity football and sports should be.

There is a pretty familiar story about Michael Jordan that he was cut from his high school team. Actually, he was placed on the JV team his sophomore year so he could get more playing time and further develop his skills. That worked out pretty well.

My favorite coach of all time, Vince Lombardi, once said, “The only place that success comes before work is in the dictionary.”

Student-athletes playing junior varsity sports put in that work and time and gain the experience and composure necessary to be able to play at a higher level and maybe one day try on a ring.

WORK: Isaiah Evans, Braves senior running back, is shown during his junior varsity days running into the end zone on a two-point conversion play during a game at Hayesville on Aug. 29, 2014. He is now one of the top running backs in all of western North Carolina.

PRACTICE: Don Bradley, JV Braves quarterback, drops back for a pass against Robbinsville on Thursday, Sept. 13. Today’s JV Braves are tomorrow’s Braves and are putting in the work to excel at the varsity level.
Cherokee High School selects 2018 Homecoming Court

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**HOMECOMING: The 2018 Cherokee High School Homecoming Court is shown (left-right) back row - Mackenzie Reed, Maya Cruz, Teja Littlejohn, Ana Gomez, Jade Ledford, Moira George, Emma Stamper, Jalyn Albert, Samantha Salazar, Kim Hendrix; front row - Laila George, attendant.**

**Emma Stamper** - senior, Birdtown Community
Escort: Caden Pheasant, sophomore, Painttown Community

**Ana Gomez** - senior, Wofftown Community
Escort: Zachariah Lossiah, freshman, Wofftown Community

**Moira George** - senior, Big Cove Community
Escort: Tay Lambert, senior, Birdtown Community
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Moira George - senior, Big Cove Community
Escort: Tay Lambert, senior, Birdtown Community

Jalyn Albert - senior, Whittier
Escort: Don Bradley, freshman, Big Cove Community

Jalyn Albert

Samantha Salazar - junior, Wolftown Community
Escort: Marcus Owle, junior, Yellowhill Community

Jade Ledford - junior, Birdtown Community
Escort: Jayden Crowe, senior, Yellowhill Community

Samantha Salazar

Kim Hendrix - junior, Painttown Community
Escort: Cece Lambert, junior, Painttown Community

Teja Littlejohn - sophomore, Big Cove Community
Escort: Chris Hartbarger, junior, Whittier

Maya Cruz - sophomore, Whitier
Escort: Jake Wiggins (not pictured), junior, Painttown Community

Kim Hendrix

Mackenzie Reed - freshman, Wolftown Community
Escort: Malakai Fourkiller-Raby, freshman, Tow String Community

Mackenzie Reed

Laila George and Odie Owle
First Grade Attendants

Laila George and Odie Owle
**Senior Citizens Heating Assistance applications**

The EBCI Senior Citizens Program is now accepting Heating Assistance Applications. Applications will be available at Tsali Manor. If you are applying, bring a current bill and the last four digits of the Social Security number of the individual whose name is on the bill. Also, bring your EBCI enrollment card. Info: Krisna Ashe, Tsali Manor social services supervisor, 359-6294

- EBCI Senior Citizens Program

**H.E.L.P. Fuel and Emergency assistance**

Family Support Services, located at 73 Kaiser Wilnoty Road in the Beloved Women’s and Children’s Building, is taking all applications for individuals who desire and qualify for assistance through the H.E.L.P. program.

Also, all heating applications will be accepted beginning Monday, Oct. 1. Applicant must be a disabled EBCI tribal member under the age of 59 ½ or the parent to a permanently disabled minor child who is an EBCI tribal member and resides in the home. Applicant must bring their disability statement or social security statement as well as EBCI enrollment and social security cards for everyone in the household.

Info: Krisna Ashe, Tsali Manor social services supervisor, 359-6294
- Family Support Services

**Fall Sewing Club**

The EBCI Cooperative Extension Program is hosting a Fall Sewing Club for youth ages 11 and up. All skill levels, beginners welcome. Learn more about sewing, create fun projects, participate in a service activity. Meetings will be held from 5-8pm at the Extension Office on the following dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, and Dec. 11. There will be an optional field trip on Oct. 27 to the Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair at the WNC Ag Center in Fletcher. Info: Sally Dixon, 359-6936 or srdixon@ncsu.edu

- EBCI Cooperative Extension

**THANK YOU LETTER**

Pageant contestant says thank you

Genevieve Raya is a contestant for Little Miss Cherokee this year during our Cherokee Fall Festival. She would like to take a moment to thank her sponsorships and those for donating to help make this experience possible.

Genevieve would like to say thank you to the Tribal Gaming Commission, Cherokee Preservation Foundation, Happy Holiday Campground, Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe, and the What’s Hot Shop. She would also like to say thank you to those who made donations including Alisha Pheasant Bradley, Marsha Hicks, and family and loved ones. Sgi!

**OBITUARIES**

**Jerri Lynn Smith Reed**

Jerri Lynn Smith Reed, 41, of Cherokee, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital following a brief illness.

She is survived by her parents, Jerry Smith and Mona Smith; two sons, Gary Lee Reed II and Austin Lee Reed both of Cherokee; four Grandchildren, Laylin Reed, Kyler Reed, Brooklynn Reed, and Carmen Reed; one sister, Stephanie Hornbuckle; aunts and uncles, Corky, Alice, Janice, Kathleen, Gilbert, Buford, Tom, Angie, Evonda, Dana, and Dee Dee; two nephews, Jacob Smith and Dustin Smith; special friend, Tracy Tiger; and special mom, Corky Swayney.

Jerri was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Lee Reed I; her grandparents, Buford and Eleanor Smith, Charles Green, and Mildred Cloer; and two brothers, Possum Smith and T.J. Smith.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Sept. 13 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastor Charles Ray Ball officiated. Burial followed at the Reed Cemetery on Mink Branch. Pallbearers were Austin Reed, Jacob Smith, Bill Caley, Gary Reed II, Kerry Swayney, and Buford Smith Jr.
OATH: Casey Cooper (left), Cherokee Indian Hospital chief executive officer, takes
the oath of office as the newest member of the Western Carolina University Board
of Trustees on Friday, Sept. 7. He was appointed in July to fill the unexpired term of
former board member Gaithre Keener, who stepped down from the position for med-
ical reasons. Patricia B. Kaemmerling, chief financial officer for Access Computers
Inc. in Norcross, Ga., was re-elected chair during the meeting.
Let that be your last silo.

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

A silo can be a great thing if you are a farmer. Back in the day, silos were tall, slender storage buildings used to hold grain, usually for the winter. It is how you keep your livestock fed. Many farms still have the iconic, cylindrical towers, usually next to a barn. A full silo meant that the livestock had food for the winter. It meant that grain would not waste away in the fields or be carried away by other animals or people. No one or thing could get at the grain and if someone were in need, they would have to come ask you for it.

The term “silo” is also used for the underground launching pad and housing for missiles. A missile silo contains powerful rockets with potentially devastatingly destructive explosives for a payload. These silos are hidden so that their destructive power cannot be tampered with and will be ready to defend the owner or offend his enemy. In this case, silos are used to protect great power from getting into the wrong hands and to contain the power of a missile until the owner is ready to release it.

Which brings us to a third meaning of “silo”. Silo may also mean to “isolate (one’s system, process, department, etc.) from others”. A department, program, or even an individual may create a silo for their expertise, resources, and information. In some cases, silos may be necessary in order to protect individuals from harm. One example is the data that resides in the enrollment office about our Cherokee families. Staff and committee must maintain a barrier to certain information to protect the privacy of our people. Our hospital and health care professionals must secure data to ensure the privacy of patients under their care. The tribal human resources department must have barriers to certain employee information to protect workers and operate within the law. In these cases, silos may be a help.

There are also areas where silo behavior is a hindrance to the betterment of the people. For example, if programs and leadership within those programs are reluctant or not cooperative with other programs when a project or initiative demands it, processes grind to a halt and needed services are delayed or not delivered at all.

For decades, our government has struggled with the conflict of being a massive business entity and a sovereign municipal government. Business and government are very distinctly different in purpose and operation, but it is irresistible for leaders to attempt to bring the efficiencies inherent in successful business into the world of municipal government. For example, managers in the business world are told to “ensure optimal return on investment”. The goal is to earn more than it takes to run the business, to realize profit.

Government managers, on the other hand, are given budgets. Budgets are based on the income of the municipality from taxes, levies, grants, and, in our case, gaming revenue. Each year, budgets are analyzed for use. If more is needed for a program, a chain of requests and authorizations are processed to either increase the budget or eliminate the need for the funding. Similarly, if money in a line item for a process in a program goes unspent in an annual budget, then the governmental leadership may assume that the money is not needed and is typically removes it from the next year’s budget. Once the needs of a government program are assessed and the budget established, the goal of a government manager is to “expend the budget to 0”. He must not exceed the budget for each line item, but he also must not leave any money in line item or the leadership may write those dollars out of his next budget as unneeded.

Since program managers must ensure the resources that they receive are expended to the maximum benefit of the community they serve, they tend to be very protective of those resources, sometimes to the extreme of “siloing” manpower, supplies, and equipment so that they have complete control over what goes on with their portion of a particular project.

So far, so good. It is a good thing for managers
There’s not a single community in the United States that hasn’t been touched by the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Our community was impacted by the event where 19 followers of Osama bin Laden hijacked four civilian airliners to crash into buildings in Washington and New York. Three of those flights hit targets. United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in a field near Pittsburgh after heroic passengers wrestled the plane from terrorist control.

I was editor of this paper on that day, and I remember vividly. I’ll never forget it, nor will I forget how it made me feel, the horror, the sadness, the anger and incredible anxiety as I tried to get in touch with loved ones, including one who worked for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

My uncle, Larry Martin, worked for the Port Authority that day. He witnessed everything. He worked for the ferry system and saw the first plane hit. At that point they thought it was an accident. Then 18 minutes later, the second plane hit. It was a sinking, sickening feeling that we all felt when we knew what we were dealing with. My uncle never seemed the same after that.

Shirley Taylor’s son, Gregory Taylor, was a sergeant in the Army and working in the Pentagon when American Airlines Flight 77 hit. He survived, but his mother told me when I reported on local impacts of the attacks that he didn’t sound like himself. Cherokee Nation member Brian Moss, a sailor in the U.S. Navy, was killed in that same attack.

Former Tribal Council Chairman Albert Crowe’s brother-in-law Michael Taddonio was on the 107th floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center in New York when United Flight 175 hit. It was the first of the Twin Towers to collapse one hour and two minutes later. Taddonio died.

The late Principal Chief Leon Jones and Tribal Council at that time were also in Washington when it happened. Despite what could’ve easily devolved into chaos, Jones told me then, “The people of Washington acted very admirably. Nobody I saw panicked.”

The attacks killed 2,977 innocent people, among the victims were eight children, one as young as two years old.

Over the years I’ve witnessed the fallout. Included were two wars, both still ongoing in Iraq, whose then leader Saddam Hussein praised the attacks (but responsibility was never proven), and Afghanistan, who was then led by the Taliban, showing cover for bin Laden. It also saw the end for Hussein and bin Laden. Hussein was executed by the new government, and bin Laden was gunned down in Pakistan by U.S. Navy SEALs.

While it brought out the best in Americans by inspiring unity in resolve against terrorism, it also brought out countless ridiculous conspiracy theories about who was responsible or that it even happened. It also brought out the films “United 93” and “World Trade Center,” and I still can’t bring myself to watch either.

After all that has happened since that day, one thing remains constant, especially after trying to contain my emotions when the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post paid tribute to those in the armed services, emergency service workers and those who lost their lives. It still stings as much 17 years later as it did that day and immediately after. Bin Laden’s death hasn’t eased the sting, mainly because his mentality is still very much around. Three things I hope come out of this. Always remember this day for the victims and those who gave their lives trying to save them. Never let something like this happen again, and let’s be good to each other.

We don’t have to agree, but we can respect each other as Americans.
COMMENTARY

Chief Sneed responds to Post article about Lumbees

PRINCIPAL CHIEF
RICHARD G. SNEED

The Washington Post Magazine article, “What Makes Someone Native American? One tribe’s long struggle for full recognition”, misrepresents the views of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on Lumbee claims of being a tribal nation with indigenous members. In short, the Lumbees’ varying and inconsistent claims to tribal ancestry – including Cherokee – demonstrate the dubiousness of their claims to be a tribal nation that preexisted the founding of the United States. Further, the Eastern Band believes that most of the modern Lumbee people cannot demonstrate Native ancestry at all.

Our Cherokee forefathers and foremothers fought to maintain the separateness of our Cherokee lands, language, culture, and government. Our Eastern Band leaders and citizens continue this fight today. We have survived as a separate people because of our willingness to defend our sovereignty—to fight when others have tried to eradicate or appropriate our Cherokee identity, culture, and sovereignty. The Lumbees in North Carolina have been one of the most egregious appropriators of Cherokee identity. The Lumbees have claimed to be a Cherokee tribe and sought federal acknowledgment as a Cherokee tribe for decades. For a time, a school in Robeson County, the home of many Lumbees, was called the “Cherokee Normal School” after the Lumbees claimed to be Indians for the first time. Many groups among the Lumbee continue to claim to be Cherokee tribes. Our leaders and elders fought this attempted appropriation of our Cherokee identity a century ago, and we will continue to protect ourselves from those who would seek to appropriate our Cherokee identity and cloak themselves in it for personal gain.

Our views on Lumbee identity guide our policy position on federal legislation that would recognize the Lumbees as a tribal nation. Our position is that Congress should defer questions of Lumbee tribal identity to the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) in the Department of the Interior. The OFA has the genealogists, historians, and other experts that can evaluate tribal identity based on evidence—not politics, emotion, or one-sided news articles. The Lumbees have studiously sought to avoid a close look at their tribal and indigenous identity in federal legislation. The pending Lumbee acknowledgment bills would prohibit the Department of the Interior from evaluating the genealogies of Lumbees to determine whether present-day Lumbees have Cheraw or other Native ancestors. Third-party experts in genealogy have published works that have evaluated the ancestries of Lumbees’ pre-1900 ancestors and found almost no evidence of Native ancestry.

This article falls into the trap in the middle of the trail when seeking to answer the question of “Who is a Native American?” The writer focuses on appearance, with the mindset of “When I look at them, they look like Indians to me, so their claims to be Indians must be true.”

No doubt, Native people today have many different appearances. But, tribal nationhood is another matter. Decisions on sovereignty and nationhood must go beyond non-Native perceptions of Native identity. Sovereignty and nationhood, and protection of those established tribes and peoples, should not be decided by non-Native perceptions of who Native peoples are or ought to be. Sovereignty is too important.

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Dementia in Indian Country

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The most common question I get asked is, “What is the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia?” Dementia is an umbrella term that includes a lot of different types of dementia: Alzheimer’s is one of the types. There are many others including vascular dementia, Lewy Body dementia (what Robin Williams had), and frontotemporal dementia. Alzheimer’s is the most common followed by vascular dementia. The word “vascular” means relating to or about a blood vessel. So, this dementia occurs because of issues relating to your blood vessels. This can include strokes, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and bleeds in the brain. It is also possible to have mixed dementia, which means you have more than one type.

The most common risk factor for Alzheimer’s disease is age. The number of American Indian/Alaskan Natives (AIANs) 85 years of age and older is projected to increase from 42,000 in 2012 to 300,000 in 2050—a more than sevenfold increase. This means there will be many more tribal elders with Alzheimer’s Disease. One of my areas of focus is dementia in tribal populations. There are many things about dementia care and diagnosis that are different in Indian Country. How does dementia in tribal people compare to other populations? A study done by Mayeda et al in 2016 was the first to examine rates of dementia in AIAN populations. In this study, dementia incidence (the rate or frequency of the disease) was highest in AIANs and African-Americans.

What other things about dementia are different for our communities? There are now 573 Federally-recognized tribes across the country. Our tribes are heterogeneous, meaning we are very diverse in our languages, culture, and traditions. Some tribes do not have a phrase or term that fits with “dementia” because it is a foreign concept. We have to perform brain exercises and ask a lot of questions during a memory evaluation. We have to do this because we don’t have a blood test or x-ray to diagnose dementia like we do for diabetes. But, these tools were not developed for our tribal populations. There is currently a study at the University of Washington evaluating a tool I modified to use in our community. Trying to develop more of these tools will help us do a better job in diagnosing dementia.

There is evidence from a study by Linton & Kim, 2014 that AIANs, along with African-Americans, are more likely to experience traumatic brain injury caused by violence than other populations. This is a risk factor for developing a memory disorder. CDC defines a traumatic brain injury (TBI) as a disruption in the normal function of the brain that can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or penetrating head injury. Everyone is at risk for a TBI, especially children and older adults. We also have more liver disease and this can increase your risk for developing memory disorders because of changes in blood flow, ability for your liver to filter toxins, and abnormal areas/lesions that can develop in the brain because of the liver disease. CDC estimates that AIAN men and women are 2.5 times more likely to be diagnosed with liver disease than Non-Hispanic whites.

For many years AIAN elders life expectancy was much lower than the majority population. Back in the 1940s the life expectancy was 51 years of age. People were dying before they would ever develop a dementia. American Indians and Alaska Natives born today have a life expectancy that is still 4.2 years less than the U.S. all races population (73.5 years vs. 77.7 years, respectively). It is wonderful news that our elders are reaching older ages but this may be a reason that our communities had not heard or experienced Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias until recently. This makes it difficult to “catch up” quickly to what is happening in the rest of the country. I recently gave a presentation to Oneida elders in Wisconsin and before the talk a lady said, “I don’t ever hear about dementia here. I don’t think we have it.”

During the Q/A session, the friend sitting beside her asked me questions about her husband who has Alzheimer’s Disease. Many times we don’t share with others that our family members have memory issues. We assume their issues are related to “gettin’ old” or normal aging, or we don’t want others to know what is happening to our treasured elder family members.

“Why get diagnosed if there is no cure?” This is the second most common question I get asked. Research is still being done on biomarkers and other tests that can be helpful to diagnose memory disorders even before someone has symptoms of memory loss. Those are not widely available or covered by insurance companies yet. It is still important to get an accurate diagnosis as early as you can. Many people have a reversible cause of memory loss and if we can catch it quickly it is much easier to address that. If you have memory issues that do not affect your daily life, you may have mild cognitive impairment (MCI). Not everyone who has MCI gets dementia. The estimate is that 1/3 progress to dementia, 1/3 will stay the same, and 1/3 actually get better. We use this diagnosis, or a diagnosis of early dementia, as an opportunity to look at your overall lifestyle and brain/mind health to see what we can help you do to be in the groups that improve or stay the same. This includes talking about exercise. Exercise is the #1 thing that can help your brain. Period. We also talk about smoking, alcohol use, control of blood pressure, control of sugars in diabetes, liver health, medications that can affect your brain, etc. Other risk factors for dementia include having a close family member (parent or sibling) who has had dementia and having the presence of either of two types of genes. The genes are not routinely tested for yet and are used mostly in research settings. In the future we may be using these for early identification to help with treatment.

So, during this World Alzheimer’s Month I encourage you to think about yourself, friends or family members who may show one or more of the 10 signs of Alzheimer’s Disease and consider seeing your provider to gather more information about what could be causing the problem.
Opioids kill the **PAIN**...
and the **JOY**
and the **HOPE**
and the **BODY**
And the **BRAIN**
And finally the **SOUL**.

HELP STOP OPIOID USE ON THE
QUALLA BOUNDARY
CALL 497-9163 FOR HELP
If you are a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and your name is not listed on the granite memorial located in the Cherokee Veterans Park, or if you have a deceased family member who was a veteran and their name is not on the monument, contact the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

**Warren Dupree 508-2657**
**David McQueen 736-9572**
Benefits and Fundraisers

Turkey Shoot. Sept. 22 at 5pm at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Benefit for the Hill family. Good prizes, good fun, good benefits. All are welcome.

Rebel Cruise-In commemorating The Rebel Restaurant. Sept. 30 from 2 – 4pm at Mark Watson Park in Sylva. The event will conclude with a police-escorted cruise from Mark Watson Park through Sylva on Main Street to the Sylva Plaza where The Rebel once stood. Classic cars and trucks, rat rods, and muscle cars are welcome. Registration fee is $20 per vehicle. This is an annual fundraiser for the Jackson County Genealogical Society. T-shirt and poster sales, a food truck, and a 50-50 raffle. Info: (828) 226-3798 or 506-9241

Church and Religious Events

Annual Men’s Bible Conference. Sept. 28-29 at Camp Living Water in Bryson City. $40 per person. Info: 488-6012 or director@CampLivingWater.com

Cultural Events

Qualla Boundary Historical Society meeting. Sept. 25 at 6pm in the Ken Blankenship Education Wing of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Cherokee storyteller Kathi Littlejohn will present her project “Cherokee History and Stories: What happened here?” This project, funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation with assistance from the EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office, focuses on the history of significant Cherokee sites and the stories associated with them. Littlejohn will present each video from the project and share stories all the episodes involved in the YouTube series she created. Info: Robin Swayney 554-0477
the Eastern Band of Cherokee in the Twentieth Century”. This event is free and open to the public. Info: UNC Asheville History Department (828) 251-6415, history@unca.edu

WCU’s Outdoor Economy Conference. Oct. 5 from 8am – 5:30pm at WCU’s A.K. Hinds University Center. Western North Carolina’s flourishing outdoor industry will be the focus of a conference at Western Carolina University that will bring together area business owners, entrepreneurs, service providers and industry leaders to discuss topics such as product development, workforce development, marketing, financing and stewardship of natural resources. Early registration for the conference is available for a reduced cost of $99 through Friday, Aug. 31, and registration is $159 thereafter. Students can attend the conference for $39. Info: www.outdoor.wcu.edu or contact Arthur Salido, WCU’s executive director of community and economic engagement and innovations. (828) 227-2587 or salido@wcu.edu.

Health and Sports Events

Archery at Big Y Gym. Each Tuesday at 6pm. All shooters are welcome. Deino and Allen, both certified instructors, will be assisting.

Community Opioid Panel Discussion. Sept. 20 at 5:30pm at Jackson County Library. Panel will include: Dr. Jacob Mills, Swain Pain Management; Kallup McCoy, Rez Hope; Beth Young, WCU Substance Abuse Studies Program coordinator; and Amber Frost, Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Swain County. Everyone is invited to this interactive discussion.

9th Annual Rooted in the Mountains Symposium. Sept. 27-28 at WCU in the Blue Ridge conference room. This year, Western Carolina University’s Culturally Based Native Health Program has collaborated with the Native Controlling Hypertension and Risk through Technology and the American Indian and Alaska Native Diabetes Translation Research Southeast Satellite Center. Together, they will bring together an interesting group of local, regional, and national speakers to discuss theme-related topics. Registration is $75.00, with students and tribal elders admitted free. Info: Pam Myers (828) 227-2893 or pjmyers@wcu.edu, or visit www.rootedinthemountains.com

Kick the Butts (quitting smoking) program. Sept. 27 from 5 – 6:30pm at Tsalagi Public Health/Home Health conference room in the Beloved Women’s and Children’s Building. Door prizes will be given, and refreshments will be served. Info: Venita Wolfe 359-6192

“What Can I Eat?” program for those with Type 2 diabetes. Starts Oct. 10 from 12 – 1:30pm in Demo Kitchen at Cherokee Indian Hospital. This four-week session will meet on Wednesdays and will help those with type 2 diabetes on a path to eat healthier, lose weight, lower blood sugar, feel better, have more energy, and move easier. This community-based program is for those with type 2 diabetes and their families and was created by the American Diabetes Association. Info: Nilofer Couture, RD, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459

Cherokee Cancer Support Group 20th Year Anniversary. Oct. 11 at 5:30pm at Betty’s Place at 40 Goose Creek Road. Cancer survivors and their families are invited to enjoy a catered dinner at 5:30pm. RSVP by Sept. 15 to 497-0788. If no answer, please leave a message.

WCU Catamount EBCI Appreciation Day. Oct. 13 at 3:30pm (kick-off) at EJ Whitmire Stadium. Food and fun available for all EBCI Western Carolina University alumni at the Gate 6 Hospitality Tent beginning at 1pm. Pre-game traditional Cherokee stickball across the river on the Intramural Field at 2pm – game by the Kolanvy Indian Ball Family. $10 tickets for the event; tribal discount tickets only available at the WCU Cherokee Center until Oct. 11 at 4pm. Info: Sky Sampson 497-7920, snsampson@wcu.edu

Upcoming Pow Wows for Sept. 21-23

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.


Gathering of Veterans Pow Wow. Sept. 21-23 in Edwards, Ill. Info: Butch McCamy (309) 241-7487, butchmccamy@yahoo.com


37th Annual Mt. Juliet Pow Wow. Sept. 22-23 at Mundy Park in Mt. Juliet, Tenn. Info: (615) 443-1537, mtjulietpowwow@gmail.com


Socorro County Community Alternatives Recovery Pow Wow. Sept. 22 at The Plaza in
Socorro, NM. Info: Jason Frame (575) 838-0998, jframe@co.socorro.nm.us


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.

Constitution Committee meets on Monday from 6-8pm at the Shawn Blanton EOC Building in the IT Conference room. All are welcome to attend. Info: Lloyd Arneach 269-6498, Bo Lossiah 508-1781

Support Groups
Cherokee Living Well and Diabetes Talking Circle. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at Tsali Manor on the third 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 conference room.

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule
Monday:
Finding Tohi: 10 - 11am
Cherokee Culture: 11am - 12:30pm
Step by Step: 1:30 - 2:30pm
The 12 Steps of Yoga (located at Cherokee Choices): 2:30 - 4pm
Recovery Support: 4:30 - 6pm
Tuesday:
Emotions: 9 - 11am
Employment Skills: 11am - 12pm
Life Recovery: 3 - 4pm
Wednesday:
Wrap: 9 - 10am
Wild Wednesday: 10am - 12pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1 - 2pm
Native Plants: 2 - 3:30pm
Staff Meetings: 3:30 - 4:30pm
Two Spirit: 4:30 - 6pm
Peacemaking Support Circle: 5 - 6pm
Thursday:
Life Recovery: 8:30 - 9:30am
Connections: 11am - 12pm
Creative Writing: 1 - 3pm
Mentoring Men: 3 - 4pm
Friday:
Wrap: 9 - 10am
Creative Recovery: 9:30am - 12pm
Fit for Recovery: 12:45 - 2:15pm
Cherokee Language & Culture: 2:30 - 4pm

All classes are open to clients of Analenisgi. The only classes that are open to the public are: Life Recovery, Recovery Support, Two Spirit and Peacemaking Support Circle. Info: 497-6892.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups meet every second Tuesday of the month at Snowbird Library from 11am – 12pm (Chrystal Frank) and every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm in the Soco Gap Training Room. Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. – Nilofer Couture 497-9163 ext. 6459, Linda Johnson ext. 6317, Chrystal Frank ext. 6806, or Jean Walborn ext. 7569

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 M - F 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Cherokee Alzheimer’s Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 – 6:30pm at Tsali Manor. This group is presented by The Alzheimer’s Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860

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**PARADE:** Faith Long rides in last year’s Cherokee Indian Fair Parade on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017. Later that night, she was crowned Miss Cherokee 2017-18. This year’s Fair kicks off with the Parade on Tuesday, Oct. 2.
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YARD SALES
Garage Sale - Galbraith Cr. Rd., on old 19 towards Bryson City, rain or shine. Lots of old albums, lamps, vintage and antique things, household items, etc. 10/4

Huge Yard Sale at 154 Elsie Rattler Rd. September 14 and 15, starts at 9am. Furniture, craft supplies, misc.

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Closing Monday, September 17, 2018

1. Paramedic (Full-Time) - EMS – Public Safety (LHI $3,311 - $4,264)
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5. Law Clerk – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (LHI $4,018 - $5,273)
7. Recreation Aide (Part-Time) – Cherokee Life Recreation – CERS (LHI $3,330 - $12.91 per hour)

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1. Senior Auditor – Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (LHI $54,900 - $73,453)
2. Web Application Developer – GIS – Realty – (LHI $40,200 - $61,500)
3. Medical Social Worker – Tribal In Home Care Services – PHHS (LHI $41,082 - $53,355)
4. Telecommunicator (Multiple) – Public Safety – Communications Center – Public Safety (LHI $31,078 - $38,848)
5. Patrol Officer – CIPD – Public Safety (LHI $34,112 - $42,640)
7. Detention Officer – Corrections – Public Safety (LHI $31,978 - $38,848)
8. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – PHHS (LHI $23,516 - $29,520)
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- Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (11 Positions)
- CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
- RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
- RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center
- Driver/Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center
- Ward Clerk – Tsali Care Center (3 Positions)
- Housekeeper I – Tsali Care Center
- Cook – Tsali Care Center
- Cook Aide – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close September 27, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. 9/27pd

Mandara Spa Position

Cosmetologist

Job Description:

To provide high quality, professional hair and nail services to clients. Educate the guest regarding home maintenance and the benefit of additional services.

Applicants must be self motivated and responsible. Required to work evenings, weekends, and holidays. Able to maintain a professional appearance at all times. Able to maintain work station in accordance with North Carolina State Board sanitation/sterilization procedures. Must have a current NC cosmetology license. We are currently offering a sign on bonus for this position.

For more information, contact Bruce Taylor, Spa Director 828-497-8550. 9/20pd

Phoenix Theatres Cherokee 6:

General Manager

Summary of Position

Phoenix Theatres Entertainment is looking for a highly motivated individual to operate our Cherokee, NC location. The General Manager is responsible for managing all aspects of the facility, including guest services, the safety of our guests, staff, property management, and overseeing the quality and consistency of our food and beverage, as well as proper on screen presentation. The General Manager is also responsible for achieving operational goals, as set forth by the Phoenix Corporate office.

Requirements

- A minimum one year experience as a General Manager
- A minimum one year experience in a customer service environment
- Theatre management and knowledge experience a plus
- Knowledge of digital projection equipment

Phoenix Theatres Cherokee 6:

Assistant Manager

Summary of Position

Position Responsibilities: - Monitoring of theatre staff and guest experience - Daily Opening & closing operational duties - Ensuring quality film & facility presentation - Offering fresh, appealing and quick food & beverage service - Maintaining a clean, safe and comfortable environment for theatre guests

Requirements

- Capable of handling multiple tasks and following through on theatre, management or corporate directives in a timely manner
- Comfortable reviewing financial and performance information to adjust operational needs accordingly
- Positive attitude and excellent guest service skills
- Effective written and oral communication skills to guests, supervisors, co-workers, staff and vendors
- Basic computer skills and applicable work experience
- Nights/weekends availability needed

Please email your resume to employment@phoenixtheatres.com or mail to the address below. For email submittals, only PDF files will be accepted.

Phoenix Theatres Entertainment, 9111 Cross Park Drive Suite E275, Knoxville, TN 37923, Attention: HR Department. 9/20pd

Kituwah Economic Development Board

Office Administrator

Kituwah Economic Development Board (KEDB), A Tribal Development Limited Liability Company is an enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. KEDB is looking for a highly motivated and responsible individual to operate our Cherokee, NC location. The Office Administrator is responsible for managing all aspects of the facility, including guest services, the safety of our guests, staff, property management, and overseeing the quality and consistency of our food and beverage, as well as proper on screen presentation. The Office Administrator is also responsible for achieving operational goals, as set forth by the Phoenix Corporate office.

Requirements

- A minimum one year experience as an Office Administrator
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- Theatre management and knowledge experience a plus
- Knowledge of digital projection equipment

A minimum one year experience as a General Manager
- A minimum one year experience in a customer service environment
- Theatre management and knowledge experience a plus
- Knowledge of digital projection equipment

Strong oral and written communications skills
- Basic computer skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent decision making and problem solving skills
- Strong hospitality and guest service skills
- Ability to lead, train and produce a strong support team
- Detailed oriented individual

Compensation

$45,000-$55,000

Company Contact / Resume Submittals

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KEDB, LLC Summary

KEDB, LLC (the “Company”) is a recently formed limited liability company wholly owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (“Tribe”). The Company is wholly owned by the Tribe and is chartered under Tribal Law. The Company is governed by a Kituwah Economic Development (KEDB) Board of Directors (“Board”), which is appointed by the Principal Chief and confirmed Tribal Council. The Board hires a Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”). The KEDB is an entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and operates through subsidiary corporations. Qualifications: Education and/or Experience

• Bachelor’s Degree from a four-year accredited college or university required and five to seven years related experience in office administration required.

• Experience in office administration required.

• Experience in Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint. Access required

• Knowledge of EBCI operations and systems preferred.

• Preferred knowledge and experience working in a Native American business environment.

• This position will report directly to the CEO.

• Proven track record of working collaboratively to ensure resources are allocated appropriately to achieve results.

Confidential Data

Has access to all personnel files, and budgetary information, this information must remain confidential at all times.

Mental /Visual/Physical Effort:

Subject to frequent interruptions (phone and in person) requiring varied responses. While performing the duties of this job, standing, walking, sitting, reaching and bending are required. Must have manual dexterity, visual acuity and be able to speak and hear.

Environment: Works in a normal office environment.

Responsibility for Accuracy: A high degree of accuracy is required in typing correspondence and memos. Accuracy is also needed in phone discussions, in receiving and relaying messages. Proofreading and editing would detect most errors. Revision of conversion sheets is done, if not correct, regarding salary, grade, I-9s, signatures, etc. Undetected errors could result in confusion and damage relations with other departments.

Resourcefulness & Initiative:

Follows well defined office and tribal procedures and guidelines. Initiative is required to maintain accuracy, establish work priorities, and meet schedule time frames.

The KEDB is an entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and preference will be granted to members of the EBCI under the Tribal Preference Ordinance.

Salary commensurate with experience - $45,000+

Open until filled

Please submit resume & salary requirements to:

Kituwah Economic Development Board, c/o Paula J. Wojtkowski, Secretary of Commerce, PO Box 460, Cherokee, NC 28719

9/20pd

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. EST 18-067

In the Matter of the Estate of
Fredrick Lee McCoy

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

Sharon B. McCoy, 10 Copperhead Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719, 10/11pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing and Community Development is seeking Requests for Qualifications from qualified firms who can demonstrate experience and expertise in Architectural and Engineering Design of Housing Developments. Work will be completed on the Qualla Boundary in Swain County, N.C. A copy of RFP documents can be obtained from the EBCI Housing & Community Development office at 756 Acquoni Road Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Questions regarding RFQ requirements or scope of services may be directed to: Thomas (T.W.) Saunooke, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Housing Production Manager, Office: 828-359-6903, Cell: 828-788-4824, thomsaun@nc-cherokee.com.

9/20pd

RFP for Sequoyah National Golf Course Hotel Development Agreement and Management Agreement for Hotel

The Sequoyah National Golf Club LLC is seeking Requests for Proposals from experienced developers who can be responsible for all aspects of building and managing a 125-200 room hotel on the Sequoyah National Golf Course property. Respondents will be asked to write a detailed scope for developing and managing pursuant to the requirements as outlined in a detailed Request for Proposal available upon request.

For a detailed copy of the complete proposal, please contact:
Request for Proposal

The Cherokee Tribal Gaming Commission seeks competitive proposals for a Law Firm. This service will be paid on a contractual basis by the Cherokee Tribal Gaming Commission. Firms interested shall email rgrasty@cherokeetgc.com to receive the Request for Proposal packet in the mail. All packets must be returned to the Gaming Commission Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 12, 2018. 9/20pd

Notice of intention to adopt rules and opportunity to submit data

FROM: Vickie Bradley, Secretary  
PHHS  
DATE: 09/11/18

To comply with the provision of the Family First Prevention Services Act, Public Law 115-123, enacted February 9, 2018, PHHS is proposing amendments to the administrative rules governing the Family Safety Program.

These amendments add definitions related to "licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse". These changes have been made in 10A CAR 70E .0602 and 10A CAR 70B .0102. Pursuant to C.C. 150-4 the period for public comment of any rule, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be 20 days from the publication date of the Cherokee One Feather or newspapers in which notice is given of the proposed adoption, amendment or repeal of said rule.

Comments on these rules may be submitted in writing via the mail at EBCI PHHS: ATTN PROPOSED RULE CHANGE, PO Box 666, Cherokee, NC 28719; via email at barbpark@nc-cherokee.com, or by hand delivering your written comments to the front desk of the Family Safety Program at 117 John Crowe Hill Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719.

A copy of the proposed rule changes is posted on the EBCI PHHS website http://www.cherokee-phhs.com/. A hard copy of the proposed rule changes may also be obtained at the front desk of the Family Safety Program. 9/20pd

Request for Proposals

CIHA WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOME  
PROJECT INFORMATION  
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION  
A. Project Name: CIHA Women’s and Children’s Home, located at:  
1. Cherokee, NC 28719  
B. Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Owner:  
C. Owner’s Project Manager: Mr. Damon Lambert.  
1. Address: 1 Hospital Road.  
2. City, State, Zip: Cherokee, NC 28719  
3. Phone: (828) 497-9163.  
4. E-mail: damon.lambert@cherokeehospital.org.  
D. Architect’s Project Manager

Request for Proposals General

Notice

Qualla Housing Authority is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for construction services and labor for QHA properties, including rental units on the Cherokee Indian Reservation (Swain, Jackson, Graham, and Cherokee Counties). QHA bid packages include:

• Portable Toilet Services  
• Fire Extinguisher Services  
• Fire Sprinkler Monitoring/Maintenance  
• HVAC Installation  
• HVAC Preventative Maintenance  
• HVAC On-Call Services  
• Pest Control Services  
• Propane Gas Services

Bid packages can be picked up at the Qualla Housing Authority Warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road. All bids/proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope.

The deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on October 19, 2018. Proposals will be considered and evaluated on a comparative basis. All qualified contractors will be considered. Proposals received after this time and date will be rejected. 10/11pd

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is seeking Requests for Proposals from qualified companies who can provide bids for the construction services and labor for the new copier’s, service, and maintenance. Work will be completed on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Swain County, N.C. A copy of RFP documents can be obtained from the EBCI Office of Budget & Finance Office at 468 Sequoyah Trail Road Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Questions regarding RFP requirements or scope of services may be directed to: Christopher McClure, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Technologies Buyer, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Office: 828-359-7021, chrimccl@nc-cherokee.com. 9/20pd
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Do you need help with...
end of life planning;
family safety parent representation;
a domestic violence-related civil law case;
or community education, self-help resources, and brief legal advice?

EBCI Legal Assistance Office

Ginger Lynn Welch Complex
810 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-7400
legalhelp@nc-cherokee.com

EBCI Legal Assistance also handles child custody representations under certain conditions. Please call to determine if you qualify and if the program can represent you.
The 2018 Cherokee One Feather Spooky Story Contest

Timeframe: August 10, 2018 to September 28 at 12:00 pm
Categories: Adult, Middle & High School, and Elementary School

General rules:

No employee of the Cherokee One Feather, member of the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board, or their immediate families are eligible to submit for this contest. The One Feather staff will check the submissions for plagiarism and will disqualify any submission found to have been copied from another source or to contain language inappropriate for the readership. The decisions of the staff and board are final. Stories may be submitted in hard copy to the Editor’s office at the Ginger Lynn Welch Building, Suite 149, mailed to the Cherokee One Feather Editor, Post Office Box 501, Cherokee, NC 28719 or emailed to robejump@nc-choerokee.com. Entries will be judged by a panel of at least three judges not affiliated with the One Feather or Editorial Board. All entries must have the name of the author, category, mailing address, contact phone number and email address attached. All entries must be received by noon on September 28, 2018. Any submission may be featured in future editions of the Cherokee One Feather.

Adult rules: In addition to general rules above, no publicly published Cherokee legends may be submitted. Creatures or persons mentioned in Cherokee legends with an original story will be accepted. Personal or family paranormal, supernatural or unexplained experiences are acceptable. Submission word limit is 600 words. One submission only per person will be accepted for judging. The One Feather will not correct grammar and may disqualify a submission with spelling and grammar errors.

High School/Middle School, and Elementary School rules: In addition to the general rules above, stories may use characters from Cherokee legends but may not duplicate any publicly published legend. Submission word limit is 300 words. School submissions should include the name of the author, name of the teacher, grade, and school. All entries under the age of 18 must have contact information for a parent or guardian and winner’s checks will be issued to the parent or guardian at the end of the contest. One submission per person will be accepted for judging. The One Feather will not correct grammar and may disqualify a submission with spelling and grammar errors.

Contact us with any questions or comments and good luck!

Prizes:

**Adult category**
- Two $25 Ruth’s Chris gift cards
- Great Smoky Mountain Railroad courtesy pass for one adult and one child
- Mandara Spa gift card
- Ultra-Star family four pack (bowling, arcade, soft drinks)
- Smoky Mountain High School community discount card
- Case of 8oz Cherokee Bottled Water
- Four movie passes to Cherokee Phoenix Theater
- Fishing derby hat and draw-string bag
- Zebco fishing rod and reel
- “Cherokee History, Myths and Sacred Formula” by James Mooney
- One-year subscription to the Cherokee One Feather

**High/middle school category**
- Two $25 Brio gift cards
- Animal wood cut blanket for carving
- Ultra-Star family four pack (bowling, arcade, soft drinks)
- Case of 8oz Cherokee Bottled Water
- Four movie passes for Cherokee Phoenix Theater
- Fishing derby hat and draw-string bag
- “Cherokee History, Myths and Sacred Formula” by James Mooney
- Zebco fishing rod and reel

**Elementary school category**
- Two $25 Brio gift cards
- Ultra-Star family four pack (bowling, arcade, soft drinks)
- Case of 8oz Cherokee Bottled Water
- Four movie passes for Cherokee Phoenix Theater
- Fishing derby hat and draw-string bag
- Zebco fishing rod and reel
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Adult Division
Two $25 Ruth's Chris Gift Cards
Great Smoky Mtn. Railroad Courtesy Pass for one adult and one child
UltraStar Family four-pack (Bowling, Arcade, Soft Drinks)
Smoky Mtn. HS Community Discount Co.
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Four movie passes to the Cherokee Phoenix
Fishing Derby Hat and draw-string bag
Zecco fishing rod and reel
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Youth Division
$25 Gift Card to Ruth's Chris
Animal wood cut blank (for carving)
UltraStar Family four-pack (Bowling, Arcade, Soft Drinks)
Case of 8 oz Cherokee Bottled Water
Four movie passes to the Cherokee Phoenix
Fishing Derby Hat and draw-string bag
Zecco fishing rod and reel
“Cherokee History, Myths and Sacred Formula” by James Mooney

Baby/Toddler Division
Selu Garden Gift Certificate (Breakfast or Lunch for two)
UltraStar Family four-pack (Bowling, Arcade, Soft Drinks)
Case of 8 oz Cherokee Bottled Water
Two movie passes to the Cherokee Phoenix
Fishing Derby Hat and draw-string bag
Zecco fishing rod and reel

Pet Division
$50 Gift Card for PetSmart
$25 Gift Card for UltraStar Multi-Tainment Center
Selu Garden Gift Certificate (Breakfast or Lunch for two)
Fishing Derby Hat and Draw-String Bag
Zecco Fishing Rod and Reel
Two movie passes to the Cherokee Phoenix

Submit your Halloween costume photos to us to win prizes! Photos will go into four albums at the One Feather Facebook page, and the photos with the most likes in each category win!!

Send photos to Scott at scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com or message them to us on our Facebook Page.

Winners will be announced on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 12noo
Please include name, age, and community with each entry. For pet entries, please include breed of animal.
Entries will be posted as soon as we receive them, so enter now!
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