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Beloved Woman
Amanda Swimmer

demonstrates her pottery technique at the Cherokee Voices Festival at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian on June 11, 2016. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)
Beloved Woman Amanda Swimmer passes away

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Amanda Swimmer, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, passed away on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 24 at the age of 97. A noted potter and fluent Cherokee speaker, she was known as much for her smile and can-do attitude as she was her artwork and cultural knowledge.

“Amanda Swimmer embodied all the characteristics of what it means to be a Cherokee elder,” said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. “Amanda was a pillar for her family, the Big Cove Community and the EBCI. She will be sorely missed for her humor, kindness, and wisdom. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.”

Chief Sneed approved administrative leave for all tribal employees for Thursday, Nov. 29 in honor of Swimmer’s passing. “We are all saddened by the loss of our Beloved Woman Amanda Swimmer, but we are grateful for the time we had to share with her and the wisdom she passed on to us. I hope you take this time to remember the values she embodied and encouraged us to demonstrate. I also hope you take this opportunity to spend time with the elders in your life.”

A public visitation will occur on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at Yellowhill Baptist Church at 5 p.m., and funeral services will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. at the church. Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley commented, “Our Tribe has lost a treasure with the passing of Mrs. Amanda Swimmer. A beloved woman, Amanda was a renowned artist and a devoted mother. But, my best memory of her is when she came to Tribal Council to advocate for the safety of our school children and for the Big Cove Community. The issue of an emergency road was one which brought Amanda to tribal leaders many times. Her voice and her presence will be missed in our community.”

Swimmer was bestowed the title of Beloved Woman earlier this year with the passage of Res. No. 104 by Tribal Council on Feb. 1. The resolution, submitted by Big Cove Rep. Richard French, passed unanimously, and read in part, “Amanda Sequoyah Swimmer, a member of the Big Cove Community, has dedicated her life to the preservation of the Cherokee culture and language by demonstrating and teaching countless children and adults the art of pottery making, serving as a foster grandparent, sharing stories and knowledge of traditional Cherokee dances and practices to anyone willing to learn...”

Following passage of that resolution, Swimmer commented to the crowd, “You look pretty. Stay pretty and do the right thing that you should do for the people. And, put the Lord first in everything you do. Don’t leave him out. He’s going to show you what you have to do. He’s shown me a lot of times, and he’s in my heart.”

Some of the prestigious recognitions given to Swimmer over the years include: North Carolina Heritage Award (1994), Senior Miss Cherokee (2003), honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from UNC – Asheville (2005), Mountain Heritage Award (2009), and being included in an exhibition of Folk Heritage Award-winning potters (2014). She was also one of three women featured in a 2000 Native Heritage Project documentary entitled “Women of These Hills” in addition to being featured, along with other Cherokee potters, in a 2011 book by Anna Fariello entitled “Cherokee Pottery: From the Hands of Our Elders”.

Swimmer was quoted in the Folk Life Program of the North Carolina Arts Council in 2009 as saying, “I always think about my old ancestors, and I ought to just keep going and keep making pottery and teaching others to make pottery.”

When asked about her passing, Micah Swimmer, Amanda’s grandson, noted, “Right now, the only thing that rings in my head is something my brother Jake said when he learned of her passing. He said, ‘She finally opened her eyes and was happy with what she saw.’”
Tribe’s random drug testing changes

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According to a memo from Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed’s office on Tuesday, Nov. 20, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will no longer be requiring random drug testing of all employees as a condition of continued employment. Pre-employment drug screens will still be conducted with those failing the tests refused employment. Some positions requiring high degrees of safety, such as fire fighters, police or paramedics, will still be required to pass random drug screens, but for other positions, such tests will only be required in cases of accidents or reasonable suspicion.

Ashleigh Stephens, public relations representative for the Principal Chief’s office stated, “The (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Attorney General’s office has been tasked with researching the legality of random drug testing for all employees. The Attorney General’s office has conducted extensive research into court decisions at varying levels of authority regarding random drug testing. They have also researched neighboring and national municipalities’ policies regarding random drug testing. The Attorney General’s office has determined random drug testing for all employees to be unconstitutional.”

Acting EBCI Attorney General Mike McConnell said, “Random drug testing is not constitutional for every tribal employee.”

In response, the Tribe’s Human Resources Division has changed the personnel policy to remove the portion subjecting tribal employees to random drug screens. “Random Drug Testing will still be conducted for safety sensitive positions as well as after accidents or upon reasonable suspicion,” Stephens said.

“The Human Resources Division has referenced the U.S. Supreme Court decisions as well as those made in the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals to determine which employees shall be considered safety sensitive positions.” These positions are those which hold responsibility for the safety of others.

The policy defines “reasonable suspicion” as the following:

* A pattern of abnormal conduct or erratic behavior;
* Arrests or convictions for drug-related offenses, or identification of an employee as the focus of a criminal investigation into possession, use or distribution;
* Discovered evidence that the employee tampered with a previous drug test.

Employees can also be terminated if a drug or alcohol offense results in the loss of a driver’s license if their job requires use of a vehicle in carrying out their duties. Employees can also be terminated if a drug or alcohol offense results in the loss of professional certifications needed to perform their job duties, if the job requires the operation of a motor vehicle.

Jackson County, Tribe investigating three cases of Legionnaires’ Disease

The Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH) and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) are investigating three cases of Legionnaires’ Disease in people who visited Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort from May to November 2018. The property’s management is assisting in the investigation, treating its water system, and taking steps to provide information to past and current guests. The North Carolina Division of Public Health is also assisting in the investigation as needed.

Legionnaires’ Disease is a type of pneumonia caused by inhaling aerosol droplets of water contaminated with Legionella bacteria. Sources of the contaminated water droplets can include showers, hot tubs, faucets, cooling towers, misters, and decorative fountains. Most people exposed to Legionella bacteria will not get sick.

Legionnaires’ Disease is treatable with antibiotics, but it can cause severe illness and sometimes results in death. The disease is not spread from person to person. Symptoms are very similar to other types of pneumonia and can include cough, shortness of breath, fever, muscle aches, and headaches.

Symptoms usually begin within two to 14 days after exposure to the bacteria. People who develop symptoms and have visited the property or surrounding area should seek medical attention from their primary care provider.

People who are at increased risk of getting sick include:

* People 50 years of age and older
* Current or former smokers
* People with chronic lung disease
* People with weakened immune systems
* People who take drugs that can weaken their immune systems (after a transplant operation or chemotherapy)
* People with underlying illnesses such as diabetes, kidney failure, or liver failure.

Officials stated it cannot be confirmed whether any of the cases were exposed to Legionella bacteria while visiting Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort. Legionella bacteria is naturally occurring in the environment and has up to a 14-day incubation period, making it difficult to pinpoint exact location of exposure.

Anyone with additional questions can call the Jackson County Health Department (828) 587-8201 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit http://health.jacksonnc.org/

- Jackson County Department of Public Health release
Campaign finance practices questioned

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Sampson confirmed that he has received no donation from the tribe. He said his campaign was funded through individuals. “A lot of it was myself,” he said.

“Since the beginning of casino gaming, the tribe has found itself in a position of influence, and has been able to flex some political muscle through campaign donations. Crowe said she doesn’t recall there ever being a problem with the tribe making campaign donations on behalf of the entire tribe. “We’re going to have to come up with some rules and regulations.” McCoy said she doesn’t recall there ever being a problem with the tribe making campaign donations on behalf of the entire tribe.

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CIPD Arrest Report for Nov. 4-18

The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Driver, Jim – age 34
Arrested: Nov. 4
Released: Nov. 4
Charges: Assault on a Female

Lambert, Kiri Deeann – age 33
Arrested: Nov. 4
Released: Nov. 4
Charges: Failure to Appear on a Misdemeanor

Morgan, Tyler Joseph – age 19
Arrested: Nov. 4
Released: Nov. 7
Charges: Assault on a Female, Assault by Strangulation

Bird, Regina – age 25
Arrested: Nov. 6
Released: Nov. 14
Charges: Criminal Simulation

Jones, Dustin Corey – age 26
Arrested: Nov. 6
Released: Nov. 7
Charges: Failure to Appear on a Misdemeanor

Price, Paul Adam – age 48
Arrested: Nov. 6
Released: Nov. 7
Charges: Larceny

Burton, Kasin – age 18
Arrested: Nov. 7
Released: Nov. 8
Charges: Aid Underage Purchase

Alcohol by less than 21

Arreanach, Cheyenne Robin – age 26
Arrested: Nov. 9
Released: Nov. 9
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Driver, Tom Edward – 34
Arrested: Nov. 9
Released: Nov. 9
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Long, Rustlina – age 29
Arrested: Nov. 9
Released: Nov. 9
Charges: Driving While Impaired, Criminal Mischief to Property (two counts)

Parker, Roxanne Klari – age 25
Arrested: Nov. 10
Released: Nov. 13
Charges: Simple Assault

Swimmer, Shane – age 18
Arrested: Nov. 10
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Assault with Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill Inflicting Serious Injury

Teesatuskie, Richard Calvin Jay – age 31
Arrested: Nov. 10
Released: Nov. 10
Charges: Simple Possession of Marijuana, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Wilnoty, William Jarrett – age 36
Arrested: Nov. 10
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Sell Schedule I Controlled Substance

Wolfe, Keleeta Lyn – age 37
Arrested: Nov. 10
Released: Nov. 12
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Burke, Lisa Elaine – age 45
Arrested: Nov. 11
Released: Nov. 12
Charges: Manufacture Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Cabrera, Jesus Mireles – age 48
Arrested: Nov. 11
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Such a provision as you have specified

French, Walter Samuel – age 38
Arrested: Nov. 11
Released: Nov. 13
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Manufacture Schedule II Controlled Substance

Walkingeagle, John Clyde – age 47
Arrested: Nov. 11
Released: Nov. 12
Charges: Larceny, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (four counts), Larceny (two counts)

Bird, Nicholas Daniel – age 34
Arrested: Nov. 12
Released: Nov. 12
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

Davis, Camille Yvonne – age 28
Arrested: Nov. 12
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Obstructing Justice

Maney, Jacob Lee – age 31
Arrested: Nov. 14
Released: Nov. 14
Charges: Larceny, Burglary

Raby, John Wesley – age 32
Arrested: Nov. 15
Released: Nov. 16
Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Squirrel, Joshua Brent – age 31
Arrested: Nov. 15
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Communicating Threats

West, Alexander Tommy – age 57
Arrested: Nov. 15
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Assault on a Female

Blanton, Shannon Dewayne – age 36
Arrested: Nov. 16
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Driver, Rachel Christine – age 23
Arrested: Nov. 16
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Hold for Drug Court

George, Shonica Raylene – age 36
Arrested: Nov. 16
Released: Nov. 16
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor
Hornbuckle, Cynthia Regina – age 27
Arrested: Nov. 16
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Chitkoskie, Kaniawa Cree – age 24
Arrested: Nov. 17
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ward, Brandon Lee – age 37
Arrested: Nov. 17
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order

Bigwitch, Jacob – age 22
Arrested: Nov. 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Assault on a Female

Panther, Jordan Phillip – age 29
Arrested: Nov. 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Tribal Court Report
Judgment Summary for Nov. 14

Bradley, David
14-40.50(b) Assault With a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury – Guilty Plea, 6 months jail time suspended, 12 months probation
14-10.13 Injuring Public Property – Dismissed on Plea
14-15.5 Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public – Dismissed on Plea

Bradley, Payton
14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Dismissed, Treatment Complete

Daniel, Kristian Hope
14-70.22 Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court – Guilty Plea, 25 days active jail time, credit for time served (25 days)
14-70.14 Obstructing Governmental Functions – Dismissed on Plea

Howell, Rebecca Shane
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed, Failure of CPD to Provide Discovery
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed, Failure of CPD to Provide Discovery

Junaluskie, Michelle S.
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed, Co-Defendant Plead
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Dismissed, Co-Defendant Plead
14-95.10 – Drugs: Importing Controlled Substance - Dismissed, Co-Defendant Plead

Miller, Joshua Alexander
14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest – Dismissed on Plea
14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Dismissed on Plea
14-15.5 Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, 12 months jail time suspended, not to be on or about any Harrah’s Casino

STAMPER JR., Ned Edward
14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed with

Just outside the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, the Cherokee Fire Department tests the ladders and hoses, ensuring all are in working order and have proper pressure.

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How Amanda Crowe became a Google Doodle

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The world learned of a master woodcarver as they fired up Google on the morning of Friday, Nov. 9. The late Amanda Crowe (1928-2004), famed Eastern Band Cherokee wood carver, was featured as the Google Doodle for that day.

“I stumbled across Amanda Crowe’s work when doing some research and was immediately entranced by her beautiful sculptures,” said Lydia Nichols, Google Doodler who worked on the project.

“The more I read about Crowe – her journey as an artist and her commitment to education and giving back to her community – the more I knew I found someone special who would be a perfect fit for a Doodle and the larger Doodle team agreed.”

Crowe, who started wood carving as a child, taught the art to over 2,000 students at Cherokee High School during her four decade tenure there. Information that went with the Google Doodle on Nov. 9 described the importance of her legacy, “As many prominent American Indian artists studied under Crowe, her tutelage has been credited with fostering a resurgence of Cherokee carving. Crowe’s work has been showcased in the High Museum in Atlanta and the Mint Museum in Charlotte in addition to private collections all over the world.”

Crowe studied various forms of sculpture at the Art Institute of Chicago earning a Master of Fine Arts Degree. She related that carving wood was always her favorite medium and was once quoted as saying, “The grain challenges me to create objects in three dimensions. A mistake or flaw in the wood will improve your design. To me, a knot can be the best part.”

It takes time and a team to create a Google Doodle. “It took about four months to create the Doodle,” said Nichols, “including photographing Amanda’s carvings housed at Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, creating the animatic, a sort of moving sketch, and completing the final art. We also shot a behind-the-scenes film on location in Cherokee, North Carolina to showcase Amanda’s life.”

The following staff worked with Nichols on the project: Helene Leroux, animation support; Colin Duffy, producer; Perla Campos, Madeline Belliveau, and Carlos Diaz – Marketing, Partnerships, & Licensing; William “Bill” H. Crowe Jr., music; Google American Indian Network, consultants; Jessica Yu, Brian Kaas, Doodle Team lead; and Silas Hite, music support.

Crowe’s works can be seen in collections at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the National Museum of the American Indian.
As the leaves were turning brown and falling off on Friday, Nov. 16, Cherokee saw a good sunny day. Temperatures were on the cool side, but it was still nice enough for some loafing. Xavier Locust, 19, of Painttown, catches some of that cool air at the Cherokee Skate Park.

Mountain Area Medical Airlift (MAMA) was flying over Cherokee Nov. 20. MAMA is part of Mission Health based in Asheville.
Pow Wow!

Cherokee Central Schools hosts annual Pow Wow on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Charles George Memorial Arena. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)
QHA change in late-fee amount

Effective Saturday, Dec. 1, the monthly late fee for all Qualla Housing Authority Programs shall be $25 per month. This is a change from the present late fee amount. All other terms of tenancy shall remain as presently in effect.
Info: 359-6320
- Qualla Housing Authority

Meet and talk about WCU Master of Social Work program

The community is invited to meet and talk with faculty and students from the Western Carolina University Master of Social Work program on Thursday, Nov. 29 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Qualla Java Café. Discuss a change in an admission requirement to the program, Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training with $10,000 stipend, and other funding opportunities. Info: Sky Sampson, 497-7920, snsampson@wcu.edu
- WCU

Attention SSI recipients

If you are an EBCI tribal member and you received a per capita check, the deadline for your per capita receipts to be turned in to the Franklin Social Security Office is Thursday, Dec. 13. This deadline has been set in order to avoid a lapse in benefits. Save all your receipts and bring in per capita check stubs if you have any mandatory/voluntary deductions withheld. All receipts must be dated for December 2018 to be counted towards your December 2018 spend-down.
The EBCI SHIP Office, located at 43 John Crowe Hill Road, is available to receive your receipts with office hours Monday – Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Regina Wood, Social Security representative, and EBCI SHIP staff will be in the EBCI Public Health & Human Services Administration Building large conference room on Dec. 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to receive your per capita spend-down receipts.
Info: 359-6180, 359-6183, or 359-6187
- EBCI SHIP Office

‘Sounds of the Season’ concert scheduled for Dec. 2 at WCU

CULLOWHEE – The annual “Sounds of the Season” concert will be presented by Western Carolina University’s School of Music on Sunday, Dec. 2, in the John W. Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The holiday musical tradition begins at 4 p.m. and will include a jazz ensemble, percussion ensemble, the WCU Wind Ensemble and University Chorus, and the Western Carolina Civic Orchestra. Children from the Jackson County Youth Honors Chorus will perform. The family-friendly concert concludes with a holiday sing-along and an appearance by Santa Claus.

“This surround-sound experience features many different ensembles performing from various locations around the auditorium,” said Lyn Ellen Burkett, WCU assistant professor of music. “The concert is fun for all ages and one of the most popular events on the calendar.”

Prices will be $20 for adults; $15 for WCU faculty, staff and those 60 and older; and $5 for students and children. Group rates are available for advance purchase only. For tickets, visit arts.wcu.edu/sos or call 828-227-2479.
- WCU

A group photo shows only a portion of the over 350 community members who showed up throughout the night for the RezHOPE Recovery and Consulting Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Yellowhill Activity Center on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 20. Kallup McCoy, RezHOPE founder, said that he was happy that the event attracted so many people in the community, including some that he hopes will seek recovery and said this event helped provide outreach for some who are still struggling with substance abuse issues. “You don’t see people that are struggling with substance abuse come to community events. We’re breaking down barriers. They trust us. They see the work that we’re doing.” Katelynn Ledford, RezHOPE co-leader, commented, “This is a really great turn-out, I’m excited to see the impact that it has and what’s to come after this. It’s not just about serving plates and giving people food. It’s about making that impact and inspiring that hope for change.”
CHEROKEE BOTTLED WATER

HOLIDAY HOURS:

- November 21 - 23, 2018 – Thanksgiving: ALL TRIBAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
- December 20, 2018 – Christmas: ALL TRIBAL OFFICES WILL CLOSE @ 12:45
- December 21, 2018 – January 2, 2019 * Christmas & New Year’s : ALL TRIBAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
  - Our office will re-open for business on January 3, 2019 @ 7:45 am

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you feel you will be needing a water delivery during the holidays, please feel free to contact our office at the numbers listed below a few days in advance, this will allow the drivers time to schedule your stop in between routes:

- Kimberly Winchester-Rosario, Billing Processor/Office Coordinator: 828-359-6719 or email kimbrasa@nc-cheseroke.com
- Sabrina Arch, Interim Enterprise Development & Cherokee Bottled Water Manager: 828-359-6708 or email sabrarch@nc-cheseroke.com
- Jeremy Wachacha (outside Cherokee deliveries), Cherokee Bottled Water Driver: 828-736-0154
- Isaac Long (local Cherokee area deliveries), Cherokee Bottled Water Driver: 828-269-8110

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**Rosie Mae (Sequoyah) Hornbuckle**

Rosie Mae (Sequoyah) Hornbuckle, “Granny” as she was lovingly known by all, 75, of the Big Y Community, entered her heavenly home surrounded by family on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

Born on March 27, 1943 to Lloyd and Lizzie (Runningwolf) Sequoyah, she was the last of 12 children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Hornbuckle; two daughters, Rosemary Mejia and Ruby Hornbuckle; and two grandsons, Steven Catolster and Madison. She is survived by her husband, Joe Gentry; her parents, Samuel and Lucinda Reed; aunts and uncles, Nicolasa, Felix, James, and Sharon Brown (Yogie); sons, John Murphy and Carey Swayne; and Carey Swayney.

“Granny” is survived by daughters, Katherine Dimas (Punkin) and Sharon Brown (Yogie); sons, Norman Walkingstick and Calvin Walkingstick (Lil’ Ed); and one aunt, Amanda Swimmer, all of Cherokee. She had 13 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 21. Pastor James “Bo” Parris and Pastor Eddie Sherrill officiated. Burial followed the services at the Ed Hornbuckle Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Adam Brown, Duane Brown, Darrin Brown, Derek Torres, Gary Driver, Danny Driver, Cory Walkingstick, Chino Castro, Dean Swayne, Herbie Los-siah, JR Hornbuckle, John Murphy and Carey Swayne.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

**Iva Lucille Reed Gentry**

Iva Lucille Reed Gentry, 66, of Cherokee, passed away Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

She was an avid Duke and Cowboys fan.

Iva is survived by her children, Tracy, Sam, Jr. (Renee), Jeff (Consie) and children: grandchildren, Megan, Thomas (Nicy), Dusty (Izzy), Jerico, Ki Ree, Landon (Lucy), Samantha (Jake), Seth, Shavella, and Braden; great grandchildren, Madison, Sade’, Jakiaiz, and Gaby; great grandson to be Marcelle Ballard; brothers and sisters, Bessie, Mary, Matilda (Pat), Linda, Bruce (Jessica), and Ernie (Kirk); many nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Gentry; her parents, Samuel and Lucinda Reed; one brother Bill; two sisters, Ollie and Sharon Faye.

Services were held on Sunday, Nov. 25 at the Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. Pastors Tim Melton and Betty Drake officiated. Burial followed at the Reed family cemetery. Pallbearers were Mike Rich, Dusty, Jerico, Ki, Landon, Seth, and Braden.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Gentry family.

**Nicolasa Lucille Librado Anastasio**

Nicolasa Lucille Librado Anastasio, 35, of Cherokee, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018 at her residence.

She is survived by her husband, Emiliano Anastasio; her parents, Arnulfo Luis Librado Sr. and Frances Owle Librado; her children, James Isaiah Browning, Emilio Javier Librado, and Ethan Cisneros; one brother, Simon Librado II; aunts and uncles, Nicolasa, Felix, Thomas, and Paul Librado, Phillip Owle Jr., and Melinda Owle; friends, Marcelina Armachain and Donna Armachian; and the Torres family.

Nicolasa was preceded in death by one brother, Arnulfo Luis Librado Jr.; paternal grandparents, Josefina Marcelino and Jose Isidro Anastasio; maternal grandparents, Phillip Owle Sr. and Geneva Queen Owle; and great grandparents, Abraham Queen and Nannie Calonaheskie Queen.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 19 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastors Dan Conseen and James “Bo” Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Librado Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

**Dr. Amanda Sequoyah Swimmer**

God called in his time and grace on Saturday, Nov. 24 for Amanda Sequoyah Swimmer, 97 years old. Born on Oct. 27, 1921 to Molly Davis Sequoyah and Runningwolf Sequoyah, she was preceded in death by her husband, Luke Swimmer; one daughter, Mary Ellen Wolfe; and sons, Johnny, Ronald, Herbert, and McKinley Swimmer.

Amanda is survived by daughters, Marilyn Swimmer, Merina Swimmer, Flora Bradley and husband, H.J.; two sons, Virgil and Don Swimmer; 31 grandchildren; great grandchildren to the fourth generation; her extended family as loyal friends and mentors, Ray Kinsland, Chief Patrick Lambert and Aaron Bradley; and Like daughters, Ila Coleman and June Smith.

Amanda, a renowned potter, shared her creative abilities which allowed a time-honored tradition to survive. Recognized as an outstanding individual contribution to the preservation of the history and culture of Southern Appalachia, she was awarded the following honors:

- 1994 - The NC Folk Heritage Award
- May 25, 2005 - The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters form UNC-Asheville
- Sept. 25, 2009 - The Mountain Heritage Award from Western Carolina University
- 2003 - Senior Miss Cherokee

But, mostly she’ll be remembered as a homemaking, a grandma to all and as an advocate for the safety of School Children and Community. Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 29 at Yellowhill Baptist Church. Revs. James (Bo) Parris and Forman Bradley officiated with burial at Swimmer/Sequoyah Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Amanda’s grandsons.
Letters to Santa

Don’t have time to go to the mall and sit on his knee? Write a letter to Santa Claus and tell him what you want for Christmas! Send your letter to the One Feather (PO Box 501, Cherokee, 28719, drop it by our offices at the Ginger Lynn Welch Building, or email it to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com) no later than December 13. Old St. Nick will be able to read your letter in the December 20 edition (Santa has a subscription to the One Feather). One letter per person. Put your name (and guardian’s name), community, and phone number on the letter to enter a special prize drawing!

Only the first name and community of a child’s entry will be published. All entries become property of the Cherokee One Feather when submitted and editor reserves the right to reject any submission. One prize will be awarded by random drawing.
A double-edged sword

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

The EBCI tribal government recently announced the long-standing practice of random drug testing of tribal employees had been researched and found to be a violation of rights protected under the (federal) constitution. This determination, made by the Attorney General’s office, precipitated a change in tribal human resource policies to do random drug tests on employees holding “safety-sensitive” jobs only. Other positions would no longer be required to participate in random testing.

I would imagine this change will result in some budget savings. I have been told that each test costs about $35. So, there is that. If the determination is accurate, it will be a time saver for tribal employees who must take a break from production duties to sit or stand in line to get their hair clipped. Time is money, as the old saying goes.

As a tribal employee, I am happy not to have my day interrupted by a phone call or visit from my supervisor saying that I need to rearrange my schedule for the day to include a trip to the drug test barber. The announcement usually came when I was at my busiest, and it was necessarily last minute because it was the “surprise” nature of the random test, that gave it investigative value for our employer. I have been told many things over the years about drug use. I have heard estimated, uneducated guesses ranging from three years to six months as to how long certain drugs may remain in your system and be detected by a hair test. I have never really researched it, mostly because I have been fortunate not to have ever been a user of illegal drugs and rarely get prescribed pain meds. No, really. It is true.

This determination comes at a time when we are still, as a tribal community, trying to find our truths about the use of drugs among our people. I have always thought that the zero-tolerance rule within the tribal law when it comes to drug use was a little counter to our tribal position of mostly toler-
Tribe needs to allow media access, all access

JOSEPH MARTIN
ONE FEATHER STAFF

People often make the mistake of assuming that government control of the media consists solely of trying to censor the paper. It’s much more than that, and they often do it to the private media as well, and tribal governments aren’t the only one who engage in these tactics.

They’ll get denied access to public information. They’ll get shut out of what should be public meetings, even with these things being written into tribal law. With the laws, one big problem presents itself, penalties, particularly the lack thereof. Without some kind of sanction, they’re essentially paper tigers.

This now brings us to the move by Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke in the April session of Tribal Council to prohibit all non-tribal media from reporting from the Council Chambers. The move was seconded by Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose. It passed with only one opposing vote by those present, Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor.

The move appeared after Waynesville’s Smoky Mountain News attributed a statement to Saunooke that she found unflattering. According to that paper, Saunooke said in an email to Smoky Mountain News Reporter Holly Kays, “U (sic) made me sound ignorant with the statement. I’m sure it was not phrased that way.”

If that paper erred in its reporting, something it denies, there are better ways Saunooke could’ve addressed it. Complaints to the publisher, letters, guest columns are all better reactions. If Saunooke had simply admonished the writer and paper and left it at that, there wouldn’t be much to say about it. Unfortunately, the result damaged both tribal government and the private press and caught tribal members in the cross fire.

Tribal Council didn’t consider the collateral damage of this move. It didn’t consider the hit to our credibility. The Cherokee One Feather’s journalistic reputation consistently rests on shaky ground due to its tribal funding and ownership, alone. While it does have a free press act, which Council just strengthened, removing and prohibiting non-tribal reporters sends a message that Council only wants the One Feather in the chambers because its content can be controlled. Intentional or not, that’s the message it sent. Market research conducted years ago says that many people feel that the only coverage the paper gives of Tribal Council is positive, and this doesn’t help with that criticism.

The argument that Kays and other non-tribal reporters can still cover sessions, which are broadcast online, from outside the chambers is a band-aid fix. They’ll miss things that occur inside the chambers. That suggestion is similar to the Trump administration arguing that CNN’s Jim Acosta can still cover the White House from the White House lawn after having revoked his credentials.

Where does this motion put tribal members who work for non-tribal media? There are at least two EBCI tribal members who work for non-tribal media who are being excluded from the Council chambers.

Maleaha Brings Plenty writes for The Daily Iowan (Iowa City, Iowa), and her family still resides in Cherokee, in fact her father. Scott Brings Plenty, is one of the One Feather’s staff writers. Should she decide to come home and attend a session to cover a Council session for the paper (for whatever reason), she’s prohibited from being in the chambers.

There’s award-winning photojournalist Travis Long, a tribal member who works for Raleigh’s News & Observer. This ban applies to him too. It’s not too inconceivable that Long could head to Cherokee to cover something, which would require him being present in the Council chambers. He still maintains ties here, and his parents own a farm near Murphy.

These are two tribal constituents prohibited from attending a Council session in the chambers. Had this ban been in place when the Cherokee County casino was being put to a vote, I would’ve been prohibited from being there too. I was working for the Cherokee Scout (Murphy) and Andrews Journal at the time.

Let’s not simply make an exception for tribal members who work for other media. That puts their employers in the awkward position of having to assign the “Indian” in the newsroom to write certain stories, and what do they do if that writer has a conflict?

This appears to be about Kays and the Smoky Mountain News. No one is required to like that paper, or ours for that matter. But they, or any news outlet, should be allowed access to the Council Chambers. Whether it’s us, them, WLOS or Associated Press, we’re all working for the Tribe’s constituents. That’s who it’s all about, and this ban does those constituents a huge disservice. In comparison, some people prefer getting their news from CNN. Some prefer Fox News. Some prefer the New York Times. Some prefer National Review. Some prefer the Smoky Mountain News to the One Feather. We all should be given access to report on tribal government.

Some will argue that this move is justified. It isn’t. Tribal Council has cut off a finger because of a hangnail. Its recent move to strengthen the tribe’s free press law is appreciated, but this ban remains a stain on a free press. If Tribal Council truly wants to honor a free press, this move needs to be reversed, and our Council Chambers need to be open to everyone, even if we don’t like what they have to say. When it comes to following the examples of presidents’ handling of media, think and act more like Reagan, Clinton, Obama and much less like Trump and Nixon.
THANK YOU LETTERS
Thanks to Dialysis Center staff

On Oct. 14, 2018, my husband and I fixed frybread and chili for the Seven Clans Dialysis Center staff to say thank you for all they do. We would like to thank the following for helping to make that dinner possible. Thank you Perry Shell for helping us to pull it all together. B Ensley, thank you for paying the fee so we could use the beautiful, new Birdtown Community Building. A big thank you to Sasha Watty not only for opening the building but also for helping to set up tables and chairs. Also, thank you Kobe's, Granny's Kitchen, BJ'S diner, and The Front Porch for your donations for the door prizes. Those prizes were won by the following dialysis techs: Amanda won the Kobe' certificate. Ashely won the certificate from Granny's Kitchen. Susan won the BJ'S Diner certificate, and James won the certificate from the Front Porch. Thank You! Thanks again to everyone that helped to make that dinner a success. To my husband Jack, without your help it wouldn't have been possible, so thank you from the bottom of my heart. The Dialysis Center staff, Thank you for all that you do for us (the patients).

Sgi.

Jabba and Jack

EDITORIAL: A double-edged sword,
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much more on the subject at the website, https://www.cdc.gov/marijuana.

I am not saying be for or against anything, except maybe be pro-health and community safety. A double-edged sword cuts both ways. These are things that we, as a tribal community, must get right in our minds so that we may guide our leaders into making good, consistent law that will benefit the entire community. I know that is what our leaders want. I know it is what our community desperately needs.
Looking to sell, buy, lease or rent a home or land on the boundary?

Check the new EBCI Tribal Reality Multi Listing Site:  
https://cherokeegis.com/ebci-real-estate/  
This site is designed to advertise available real estate on tribal lands including sales, leases and rentals. This site lists lands available for individual, commercial, and economic development.  
If you are interested in having lands listed on the website contact Corlee Thomas-Hill at corlhill@nc-cherokee.com, 828-359-6942 or stop by the Tribal GIS office located at 257 Tsali Blvd (in the BIA building).
CERTIFICATION PERIODS:
- ZERO INCOME (LITTLE CHANGE OF CHANGE) – Every 3 months
- ZERO INCOME (FREQUENT CHANGES IN INCOME) – Every month to 2 months
- STABLE (NON-CHANGING INCOME) – 12 months
- ELDERLY/DISABLED (FIXED INCOME) – Up to 24 months. Must be contacted every 12 months to make sure they want to continue services.
- SELF-EMPLOYED – Recertification should fall when they receive the majority of their income.

GROSS INCOME (20% EIC DEDUCTION):
- PAID WEEKLY – Gross amount of check x 4.3 = Gross monthly income (before 20% deduction)
- PAID BI-WEEKLY – Gross amount of check x 2.15 = Gross monthly income (before 20% deduction)

DEDUCTIONS:
- 20% - (0.20 x Gross Income)
- Utility Deduction - $350.00
- Medical Deductions – Medical costs >$35.00
- Child Support - Paid
- Dependent Care Expenses

Household Size (FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards)

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*Each additional member (+$360.00)

EBCI Per Capita and Per Capita Loans are NOT considered as income at this time. Please, feel free to contact the Tribal Foods Office (828-359-9751) for detailed eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment. Thanks from the TFDP Staff.
Handicapped/Disabled Christmas Check Program

Eligibility Guidelines:

Must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.

Must be Handicapped and/or Disabled, between the ages of birth to 59 years old, with a statement from Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD).

All applications for the Handicapped/Disabled Christmas Check Program can be picked up from the Council House.

All applications must be submitted by 4:30pm on December 3rd 2018.

No applications will be accepted after this date

Please note: Doctors statements will no longer be accepted.

If you may have any questions regarding the Christmas Check Guidelines, please contact:

Celia Smith at (828) 359-7011 or cecsmith@nc-cherokee.com.
Benefits/Fundraisers
Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society Holiday Party and Silent Auction. Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. Music, good fund, good food, and shopping. Refreshments will be served. This is open to the public, and there is no admission charge. Info: SCGHS 488-2932

General Events
Cherokee Youth Center 20th Anniversary Celebration. Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. at Cherokee Youth Center. Short presentation by the Youth Center kids, hot dogs and hamburgers, kid-led tours until 5 p.m. All Youth Center alumni and past CYC staff and board members are welcome.

Share the Joy Concert. Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at Swain County Arts Center located on the campus of Swain County High School. The event, co-sponsored by the Arts Center and the Bryson City/Swain County Chamber of Commerce, will feature local singer/songwriter Alma Russ who sings a blend of folk, bluegrass, and mountain ballads and plays fiddle, claw-hammer banjo, and guitar. Tickets are $10 or $5 with the donation of a new child's toy which will be donated to the Swain Family Resource Center.

Christmas Bazaar. Dec. 6-7 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall. School kids will be attending. Info: 497-2037

Health and Sports Events
Cherokee Alzheimer's Support Group. Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Tribal In-Home Care Services at the Beloved Women's & Children's Center second floor. A Christmas dinner will be held at this meeting. This group is presented by The Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860

Community Groups
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:
Wrap: 9:15 - 10am
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
Hi-De-Nv (Come with me) Recovery Support Group: 5 - 6pm

Tuesday:
Emotions: 9 - 11am
Life Recovery: 3 - 4pm

Wednesday:
Wrap: 9:15 - 10am
Wild Wednesday: 10:15am - 12pm
Adulting 101: 12 - 1pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1 - 2pm

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com.
Soulfit: 2 - 3:30pm
Staff Meeting: 3:30 - 4:30pm
We Belong: 5 - 6pm
Peacemaking Support Circle: 5 - 6pm

Thursday:
Life Recovery: 8:30 - 9:30am
Staff Meeting: 9 - 10am
Mindfulness Crochet: 10:30am - 12pm
Creative Writing: 1 - 3pm
Employment Skills: 3 - 4pm

Friday:
Wrap: 9 - 10am
Creative Recovery: 9 - 11am
Courage to Heal: 11am - 12pm
Fit for Recovery: 12:45 - 2:15pm
Cherokee Language & Culture: 2:30 - 4pm

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 497-6892.

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 In-Home Care Services in the Beloved Women’s & Children’s Center second floor). This group is presented by The Alzheimer’s Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860
FOR RENT
2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/ background check required. $450/month, $450/deposit. 488-8752. UFN

FOR SALE
LAND FOR SALE – BLACK ROCK CREEK COMMUNITY; Great home sites and acreage available 15 minutes from Harrah’s casino. 1.6 to 9 acre tracts just outside the Reservation in Jackson County, NC. Seller financing available at great terms. Contact Bruce Nelson (954) 232-8375. 11/22pd

FREE
Free Gospel Books! (Malachi 4:5 and Revelations 10:7). Are you searching and hungering for more of the Living God? Then, there is more for you! Send for your FREE books at: P.O. Box 1894, Beaufort, SC 29901. UFN

SERVICES
Armstrong Carpet Care. For installations, repair and cleaning call today. 828.736.8685. $50 cleaning fee per home. 12/13

YARD SALES
RUMMAGE SALE: Washer/Dryer, Full Bed Set/Dresser, King mattress, Drapes, Upright Freezer, Bunk Beds, King (Serta) set new, coats, clothes, and much more. Friday & Saturday November 30 and December 1, 2018, starting at 8:00 a.m. (828)497-9427, (828) 226 0994, Cherokee In front of Quality Inn Hotel, HWY 441 North. 11/29
Things we want you to know:
New Simple Connect Plan of $40 or more with Smartphone required. $50 U.S. Cellular Promotional Card will be applied after account is activated and first month's charge is paid at point of sale. Device offer available to new and upgrade-eligible Simple Connect Prepaid Plan customers. Offer requires purchase of a qualifying $50 device. Additional fees, taxes and terms apply and vary by service and equipment. Use of service constitutes acceptance of agreement terms. Unlimited Data streams at speeds of up to 1.5 Mbps and automatically shifts to 2G speeds when each line reaches 15GB. Unlimited Data plans will continue to be Unlimited Talk and Text with throttling after reaching their High-Speed Data allotment. Unlimited Data plans stream at speeds of up to 1.5 Mbps, which is sufficient to support DVD-quality video (480p) in most cases. U.S. Cellular does not guarantee a specific speed for any data transmission on any data plan. The speed you receive will depend on many factors, including, but not limited to, your data plan terms, the device you use, your distance from a cell tower, topography and the number of users on the network at the time of your data session. Up to 400MB of your data usage/month/line may be used while roaming. If you exceed the 400MB limit, for the remainder of the billing period we may block further access to the roaming data network, reduce your speed to 2G while roaming or take other action as specified in our customer service agreement. In order to receive plan minutes, the monthly charge must be paid before your due date. You may be charged at any time of day on your due date and should refill before that date to avoid service interruption. Simple Connect benefits are valid and available for one month. Directory assistance and international calls require additional account funds to complete calls. 4G LTE not available in all areas. 4G LTE service provided through King Street Wireless, a partner of U.S. Cellular. LTE is a trademark of ETSI. Service may be interrupted or limited due to weather, terrain, customer equipment or network limitations. Coverage indoors may also vary. U.S. Cellular does not guarantee coverage. User may incur roaming charges at borders of calling areas. Certain services are not compatible with Enhanced Calling and will no longer function when Enhanced Calling is enabled. Other restrictions and limitations may apply. Offers valid at participating locations only and cannot be combined. See store for additional plan details. Limited-time offer. While supplies last. ©2018 U.S. Cellular

We look forward to seeing you.
Whittier
620 Casino Trl. #A
828-497-2906

Yard Sales
Rummage Sale: Washer/Dryer, Full Bed Set/Dresser, King mattress, Drapes, Upright Freezer, Bunk Beds, King (Serta) set new, coats, clothes, and much more. Friday & Saturday November 30 and December 1, 2018, starting at 8:00 a.m. (828) 497-9427, (828) 226 0994, Cherokee In front of Quality Inn Hotel, HWY 441 North. 11/29

C.I.C. Technologies, Inc.
620 Casino Trl. 
828-497-2906

We look forward to seeing you.

Cherokee one feather/na tsalagi soquo ugidahli, week of nov. 29 - dec. 5, 2018
EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
Optometrist
Dental Assistant II
Physician – Emergency Room
Director of Managed Care
Computer Specialist I
Operations Administrative Assistant
Radiology Technologist II
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center (9 Positions)
CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center (3 Positions)
RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
PTI CNA – Tsali Care Center (6 Positions)
PTI RN – Tsali Care Center (3 Positions)
PTI LPN – Tsali Care Center (3 Positions)
Ward Clerk – Tsali Care Center (3 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 are open until filled. Indian preference does apply.

MANDARA Spa Job Postings
Position: Massage Therapist
Job Description: The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. A massage therapist must provide excellent guest care, and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

Applicants must possess a current NC massage license, applicants must be self-motivated and responsible. Required to have open availability, work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

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 have open availability, 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. 12/6pd

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 2018 E 000103
In the Matter of the Estate of
**GWYNDOLYN CAYERS**

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

Leslie Shannon Swimmer, P.O. Box 2096, Cherokee, NC 28719.

11/29pd

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS**

BY PUBLICATION

EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT

CHEROKEE, NC

FILE NO.: DV 11-028

CLEO DYER

v.

**DANIEL DYER**

TO: DANIEL DYER

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is the RENEWAL OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than December 24, 2018, said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 14th day of November, 2018.

Tim Lewis, Attorney for Plaintiff,

EBCI Legal Assistance Office,

PO Box 2280, Cherokee, NC 28719

828-359.7400

N.C.G.S._1A-1, Rule 4(j1).

12/29pd

**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

**Notice to Qualified Professionals Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing and Community Development (H.C.D.) 756 Acquoni Road Cherokee N.C. 28719 Phone 828-359-6638

The EBCI Housing Division (HCD) is seeking qualified contractors and professionals who specialize in general residential rehabilitation and repair for residential and EBCI owned properties. Work to be performed may include:

- Removal and installation of metal or shingled roofs
- Removal and installation of storm doors, doors and window service, removal, and installation of HVAC
- Removal and installation of propane heater & tank/line sets
- Service, removal, and installation of electrical
- Service, removal and installation of plumbing

The Tribal Enrollment Office will be closed from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 30 to attend a mandatory training.
Removal and installation of kitchen cabinets
Removal and installation of flooring
Rough and finish carpentry
Construction of universally acceptable ramps and decks
Sheetrock repair
Painting – interior/exterior
All services for lawn maintenance
Pest control
Locksmith
Dumpster services
Portable toilets
Fire extinguisher service
Mold and asbestos assessment/abatement
Water damage assessments
Paving – sealing, striping & patch work
Qualified contractors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Several contractors and professionals will be selected for work. Selections will be based on qualifications. The HCD reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

The work to be performed under this RFQ is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the TERO office. Deadline for sealed proposals is November 30, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. Contact Joan Bradley, joanbrad@nc-cherokee.com with questions or comments at 828-359-6638.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on January 15, 2019, in the Roberson Conference Room, 93 Victoria Road, Asheville, NC 28801 on the Asheville Campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College for the construction of the Poplar Building Renovations at which time and place bids will be opened and read.

Complete plans and specifications for this project can be obtained from Novus Architects (828) 236-9992, 14 S. Pack Sq., Suite #100, Asheville, NC 28801 during normal office hours after November 15, 2018. The state reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals. Signed: Dirk Wilmoth, VP Business & Finance/COO, A-B Technical Community College.

Notice to Bidders
GARANCO, Inc. is requesting bids from subcontractors for all specified work. GARANCO, Inc., PO Box 100, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041, 615 W Main Street, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041, Phone 336-368-2788, Fax 336-368-1001, Email Nick@garanco.com. Plans and specifications are available for viewing at GARANCO, Inc., 615 W Main Street, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041, or on the web at www.bidsync.com. Bidders must be properly licensed and insured under laws governing their respective trade. Bidders are to submit sealed bids to the GADuC (615 W Main Street, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041) or electronically through ConstructionPro. The deadline for submitting sealed bids is December 10, 2018 at 5pm.
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Become an EBCI Ethics Advocate

*The Office of Internal Audit and Ethics is seeking individuals to serve as Ethics Advocates to assist in the enforcement and compliance of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Tribal Officials.*

A member from each EBCI township will be selected to serve as an Ethics Advocate. One Ethics Advocate will be selected to serve on the Ethics Review Committee as a voting member. The other Ethics Advocates will be available to assist on a rotational basis as needed and may at times be assigned the voting authority of the sitting Ethics Advocate.

The duties of Ethics Advocates include but are not limited to:

- Help review policies and procedures for the Ethics Program
- Help review and act on ethical violation complaints
- Help review results of investigations and the findings of fact report to support conclusions
- Help present a quarterly report to the Audit and Ethics Committee on the activity of the Ethics Program
- Help review potential Ethics and Compliance issues and their resolution
- Help conduct investigations when authorized and warranted
- Present findings of fact to the Audit and Ethics Committee for final decision and action on complaints
- Attend quarterly training to obtain pertinent training and educational opportunities for Ethics and Compliance

*Minimum Requirements for Ethics Advocates are as follows:*

- *Must be an enrolled member of the EBCI and reside on trust lands in one of the six Tribal Townships*
- *Must be at least 22 years of age or older*
- *Must have a bachelor’s degree or higher, J.D. preferred*
- *Cannot be a Tribal Official as defined by Cherokee Code 117-45.1(a)(1)*
- *Cannot have any pending criminal charges or any felony convictions*

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Attn: Barak N. Myers, Ethics Officer or Donald Parker II, Ethics Specialist
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