



Cultural Tourism
Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Cultural Committee Report
January 2019

Key Project Summary

Capital Projects

- Cherokee National Capitol Update:
 - Capitol Museum Development Phase 1- Interior Renovation
 - Work will be complete in early February
 - Capitol Museum Development Phase 2- Exhibit fabrication
 - Work is underway and will be complete in spring 2019.
 - Cherokee National Capitol Museum will open late spring 2019.
- Downtown Tahlequah Cultural Pathway
 - Currently working on the design of a cultural pathway to connect Cherokee Nation's downtown cultural resources.
 - Design will be bid in February
- Saline Courthouse Restoration:
 - The restoration of the courthouse and the construction of an onsite caretaker's home were approved by the CNB board of Directors in late FY 18.
 - Restoration work began in August and will be complete in spring 2019. Work includes interior and exterior renovation to the courthouse, modernizing mechanical, electrical and plumbing, renovation of all interiors (walls, ceilings, floors, windows, and doors) to bring the building to a useable space.
 - The caretaker's home should begin construction in early 2019 and be complete late spring 2019.

Retail

- Newly stocked winter merchandise is available in store and online.
- Cherokee Gift Shops offered a bundle of the Cherokee National Treasure book and the Cherokee Nation History book during the month of December resulting in selling 35 copies of each book.

Museum Promotions and Exhibitions

- Full details can be found at www.VisitCherokeeNation.com
- **The Saltworks of Sequoyah Exhibit**
Sequoyah's Cabin Museum
Aug. 3, 2018- Jan. 31, 2019; Tuesday – Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
- **Post Statehood Prison Exhibit**
Cherokee National Prison Museum
July 13, 2018 - Jan. 31, 2019; Tuesday – Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

Tours & Events

- YTD tour activity
 - More than 20 tours schedule for FY 19– Includes Motor coach, community, elder and education tours
- Spring education tour grant program will begin accepting applications in February, offering free or reduced tours for school groups
- Cherokee Days at the National Museum of the American Indian is scheduled April 12-14, 2019.
 - Cherokee Days will feature a banner exhibit highlighting the shared culture of Cherokee Nation, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
 - Trail of Tears, A Story of Cherokee Removal will reopen as a pop up banner exhibit in April in conjunction with the display of the Treaty of New Echota in NMAI's Treaty exhibit
 - The banner exhibit and the Treaty will be on display from April 2019-October 2019.
- The Cherokee Art Market Youth Competition and Show will take place April 6 - May 4, 2019 at the Cherokee Heritage Center in conjunction with the Trail of Tears Art Show. Details and application can be found at CherokeeArtMarket.com

Group: Education Services

Month: November / December / January

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CHEROKEE LANGUAGE PROGRAM - CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT
 - Community Language/Language Technology/Translation -

Community Language (Community classes, Online Classes, Public Events)

Activity

November / December / January

Year To Date

# of staff presentations/classes	2	5
# of participants-Outreach	30	1,060
# of on-site classes	1	2
# of participants in on-line class	Out of session	1,577
# contract community classes	Out of session	13

Accomplishments:

1. Cherokee language community planning for class schedule for Spring 2019 is underway. Announcements will be made in February.
2. Contract Cherokee language instructor classes wrapped across the 14 county area in early December.
3. Registration for online Cherokee language classes for spring 2019 will open in March. Details will be on learn.cherokee.org.
4. Lula Elk finished her Cherokee language and culture classes at Vinita and South Coffeyville
5. Dennis Sixkiller finished up his Cherokee language class in Chewey.
6. Wade Blevins and Roy Boney, Jr. met with RSU to develop an online Cherokee language college course for credit; will open fall 2019.
7. Met with RSU staff, SOS Hoskin, councilors Janees Taylor & Keith Austin, and program manager Roy Boney, Jr. to discuss the proposal to develop a Cherokee language course to be televised on RSU TV to go along with the proposed online Cherokee course.
8. Roy Boney also met with University of Arkansas staff to discuss the development of Cherokee language classes at the Fayetteville campus. UofA is also proposing a partnership to publish the Cherokee language program textbook *We Are Learning Cherokee* through the University of Arkansas Press to get the book into college bookstores across the United States.
9. Staff assisted with monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau meetings. Held special Thanksgiving and Christmas Speakers Bureau dinners.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Begin developing course content for RSU online course and for potential TV episodes

Language Technology (Cherokee Language Software, Design, Media, Outreach)

Accomplishments:

1. Answered 51 inquiries at the language@cherokee.org email address.
2. Worked on putting together the Cherokee 101 online course. Course was launched at Chelsea High School as a pilot program with 3 teacher in November. Course is designed for public school teachers who wish to earn a foundation in Cherokee history, culture, and language to assist them with teaching these topics. Using feedback from the pilot participants, revisions will be made to the course before launching for all schools in the 14-county area.
3. Updated the quiz formats for the online Cherokee language course for Cherokee 1, 2, and 3. Also moved the course to a software platform to make it easier for users to access and track progress.
4. Assisted with video production for a Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program video for their graduation ceremony
5. Created new classroom content including posters of weather terms, scientific info on animals, and a history of the syllabary development
6. Assisted with the monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau meetings
7. Assisted the Immersion School with production of language materials for the Christmas program and parade.
8. Created new 2019 all Cherokee language desk calendar.
9. Updated Cherokee language translation terms for Google’s search engine and Gmail platforms
10. Continue update of Cherokee language terms for Microsoft
11. Met with CN staff from JOM, I.T., and Master Apprentice to develop production schedule for a Cherokee language video game and mobile app

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Review and update the MOA between Microsoft and Cherokee Nation Language Program to continue our working partnership for language revitalization projects

Translation (Translation, Presentations, Community Outreach)

Activity □□□□ November / □□□□ December / □□□□□ January Year To Date

# of internal requests completed	20,459	25,188
# of external requests completed	93	108
# tested for Certification/Proficiency	0-Proficiency 0-Cerification	1-Proficiency 0-Cerification

Accomplishments:

1. Assisted with monthly Speakers Bureau meetings.
2. Staff continues translation of technology terms for Microsoft and Google.
3. Working with CNB on translations and Cherokee language recordings for the Cherokee Nation History Museum (former courthouse).
4. Working with CNB on translations utilizing Sequoyah’s handwritten cursive syllabary for the new Tahlequah Cherokee Casino.
5. Working with CNB on developing an interactive room in the pediatric center for the Hastings expansion. The room will feature immersive Cherokee language games that utilize projected 3D video on the wall and floor for children as they wait to be seen by health staff.
6. Cherokee Language Certification state test is up for review at the Oklahoma State Department of Education for spring 2019. A review committee made up of Cherokee speakers, teachers, and program staff will be selected to review the state test in Oklahoma City.

7. The internal Cherokee language teacher certification and proficiency tests will be reviewed and updated by Cherokee Nation language staff to reflect better understandings of language proficiency and teaching methodology standards
Cherokee language speaker survey update as of January 10: 1,971 names of living first language Cherokee speakers recorded.
8. Translation Program and Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program continue recording Cherokee speakers reading the New Testament. Dennis Sixkiller is overseeing the recording process and is acting as producer for the program.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Finalize details on the Cherokee language translation database with Cherokee Nation I.T. department and digitize all Cherokee language translations from historical period to contemporary period

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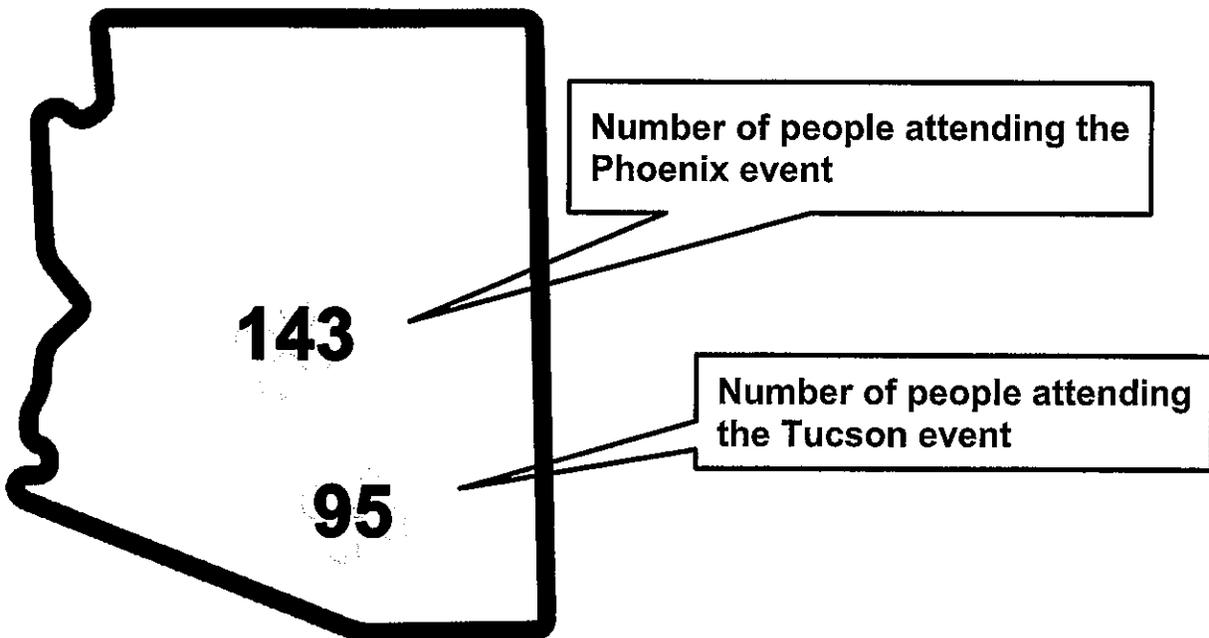
Report for November 2018 Rob Daugherty – Director

The following report covers the activities of the CCO; Cultural Outreach Program, History and Preservation, At-Large Community activities and the Cherokee Language Master Apprenticeship Program, staff for the month of November 2018.



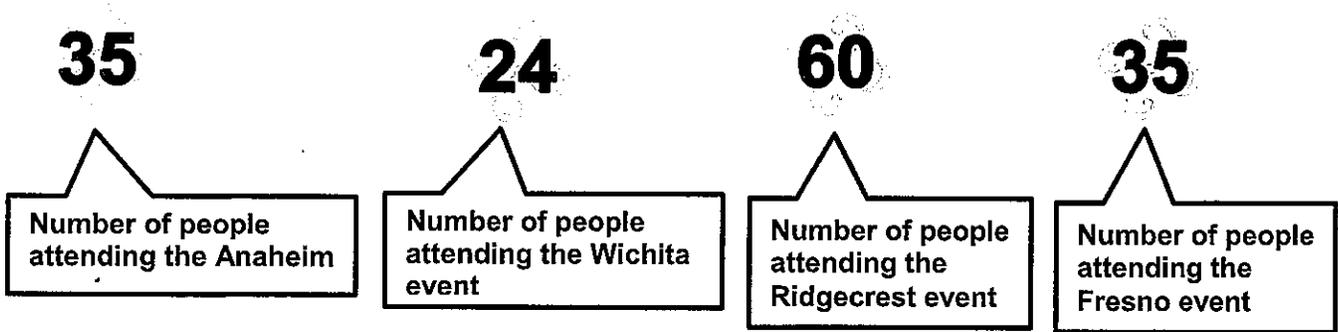
Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

Community Outreach staff assisted the Desert Cherokees with their Annual Potluck and Event on Saturday, November 17th. It was held at the Tucson Botanical Gardens in Tucson, AZ. On Sunday November 18th Community Outreach staff assisted the Valley of the Sun Cherokees with their Annual Potluck Event. It was held at Ira A Murphy Elementary School in Peoria, AZ. Principle Chief Baker and Secretary of State Hoskin attended.



Community Outreach also sponsored four other cultural presentation in November. On the 10th Brian Jackson visited the Orange County Cherokees to discuss Cherokee Leadership. The event was held in Anaheim, CA. Thirty Five people attended. The 17th saw two different presentations. Richard Fields presented Bowery to he Greater Wichita Area Cherokee Community and Cole Hogner presented

Cherokee Stickball to the Cherokee Community of Central California in Ridgecrest, CA. Mr. Hogner repeated that presentation on the 18th for the Cherokee of the Greater Central Valley in Fresno, CA.



Community Engagement Projects:

On November 20th, staff provided assistance for Cherokee nation Tourism, Cultural Committee Review, Courthouse Project. Staff provided cultural interpretation of the Cherokee Origin/Migration Story as well as Cherokee Clans for exhibits.

Staff provided interpretation assistance with displays and Cultural Outreach to Youth of the Autry Museum in Burbank, CA this month.

Throughout November staff answered a total of 12 cultural inquiries from throughout Cherokee communities. These covered language, identity ceremony, values and the arts.

Monthly report for Cherokee Heritage Center

This report is a brief summary of the Heritage Center. We are compiling the year in review and updates to all projects and the report will be provided for the next Culture Committee meeting on January 31, 2019. First, we want to present the Calendar of Events for 2019

Cherokee Heritage Center 2019 Events

2019 Exhibit Schedule

The Cherokee Kid: A Will Rogers Exhibit:	September 29, 2018-March 30, 2019
Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale:	April 6 – May 4
Earth Shakers: The Artwork of Cherokee Women	May 11– August 3

(This show will highlight Cherokee women artists in coordination with and in anticipation of the national show from Minneapolis that is to be featured at Philbrook in 2020)

Cherokee Homecoming Art Show and Sale:	August 10 - September 21
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“50 Years of Native Baseball 1897-1947” - Profiles of American Indians in Major League Baseball	September 28 - March 28, 2020
(This is the private life long collection of Rob Daugherty, Executive Director of CCO)	

Education

Cherokee Humanities Course	January – April 2019
(TBD by NSU schedule)	August – December 2019

Cultural Class Series

Round Reed Basketry	March 9
Pottery	April 13
Stickball Sticks	May 4
TBD	June 1
Flat Reed Basketry	August 3
Trade Clothing	September 14
Weaving (Loom or Finger)	October 19

Education Days

Indian Territory Days	March 28 & 29
Ancient Cherokee Days	October 3 & 4
Cherokee Heritage Days	October 31 & November 1

Cherokee Family Research Center

First Families of Cherokee Nation Reunion
Workshops:

September 1
February 23
March 23
April 27
July 27
August 24
October 26
November 23

Genealogy Classes

First Saturday each month, 11 am
(Except September)

Other Events

Seven Star Gala
Outreach Program
Gospel Sing
Cherokee Holiday
Fall Harvest
A Cherokee Christmas

October date TBD
Year round
May 18
August 30 – Sept 2
October date TBD
December 7

New activities and attractions:

Re-open the blacksmith shop in Adams Corner

Oral History Project in coordination with the OSU Library

New emphasis on Group Tours

Garden project with the Cherokee Nation Health Department

UPDATES:

Completion and dedication of the War of 1812, Battle of Horseshoe Bend, will be scheduled in the spring of 2019.

The upgrade and improvements to the Trail of Tears exhibit is on hold pending the Federal government shutdown.

We are in the final stages of completion of the plans and design for the new Archives facility. A full inventory is being processed to ensure the identification of significant artifacts is complete and items made ready for the transition.



The Outreach program achieved a total of 7,671 students impacted. These are students in schools in all districts of the Cherokee Nation plus a few that are in close proximity to the Nation jurisdiction area.

The total current membership is 2,798. We have 39,752 followers on Facebook.

