



Cultural Tourism
Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Cultural Committee Report
July 2016

Key Project Summary

Capital Projects

- Cherokee National Capitol Update:
 - Completed exterior lighting package to illuminate the building façade and highlight the building's architectural features.
 - Architectural development and exhibit planning for the interior of the building will begin in July. This work will focus on developing the building as a museum devoted to showcasing Cherokee history and culture from time immemorial to present day.
- Water Avenue Pavilion
 - Currently working on design of the Pavilion structure that will be located on the vacant lot on the east side of the Cherokee National Capitol. Focused on creating a community gathering space, the Pavilion could be used as a multi-function space for community events, live music performances, farmers markets, and outdoor cultural classes. The design for this structure is modeled after a large log structure that was built on Capitol Square. The original structure hosted the largest intertribal peace gathering in 1843, as depicted in the historic painting by John Mix Stanley. A print of this painting hangs in the Cherokee National Capitol building today.
- Downtown Tahlequah Cultural Pathway
 - Currently working on the design of a cultural pathway to connect Cherokee Nation's downtown cultural resources.
 - The area directly south of the Cherokee National Capitol holds the densest concentration of public accessible Cherokee Nation cultural and historic resources. This area has become a destination for Cherokee Nation citizens, tourists and education groups wishing to experience Cherokee history and culture. Included in this area is direct pedestrian access to the Cherokee National Capitol, Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum, Cherokee National Prison Museum, Cherokee Arts Center, Spider Art Gallery, and Kawi Café.
 - The collection of these resources creates a natural draw for visitors and right now pedestrian accessibility to all of these sites is limited due to issues with uneven sidewalks and natural pathways.
 - In order to enhance this destination, Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism, CN Commerce, CN Planning and Development have been working over the past year to develop a concept plan for this site that would include pedestrian access to all anchor sites, create

a central gathering place for events and groups, create an ability to showcase public art, and provide parking accommodations for the existing CN offices located in the direct proximity.

- Saline Courthouse:
 - Master planning and architectural design for the development of the plans will consider site access and bridge access, walking trails, parking, public restrooms, restoration of the courthouse, and the recently acquired additional 60 acres. Master planning should be complete fall 2016.
 - Topographical survey is now complete.
 - Draft site plan was completed in June

Retail

- Cherokee Nation Gift Shops has again partnered with the Remember the Removal bike ride planning committee to sell commemorative T-shirts with all profits being donated to the program to help support the riders.
- Cherokee Gift Shop at Hard Rock opened at a new location next to the Sequoyah Convention Center in May.
- Cherokee National Holiday Commemorative T-Shirts are now available at the Cherokee Nation Gift Shop.

Museum Promotions

- Cherokee Nation Museums have launched a new schedule of cultural classes, lecture series, and events with activities for children and families. Check VisitCherokeeNation.com for event info.

Highlighted May- July events:

- June 17 & 18- Father's Day Celebration at Cherokee Nation Museums. Free Admission for all fathers.
- June- July (Wednesday's at 10am)- Stories on the Square- Cherokee National Capitol Square
- July 15- November: *Of the Earth* temporary exhibit at the Cherokee National Prison will highlight Cherokee Nation's agricultural development with a specific emphasis on the garden that was located on the prison grounds during the late 1800's.

Tours & Events

- Cherokee Days at the National Museum of the American Indian was held June 10-12, 2016 and featured Cherokee National Treasures, cultural demonstrations, lectures, performances and a special screening of *Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People*.
 - Event featured *Three Nation's, One People* special exhibit and *Code Talkers, Voices of Victory* exhibit
 - The museum has more than 11,000 visitors during the 3-day event



- YTD Tour Numbers

- 30 Education tours
- 7 Community tours
- 9 Motor coach tours
- 14 Shuttle service

- Currently booking *West to East: Exploring Cherokee History*, scheduled for October 9-15, 2016. This cross country tour will invite guests to explore Cherokee Nation's history in the southeast. Itinerary and pricing available at <http://visitcherokeemation.com/grouptour/Pages/West-to-East-Tour.aspx>
 - Currently have 35 bookings with an overall capacity of 50 tour guests.

target completion date August 2016

7. Recorded 66 lessons of audio for 2nd language learner Cherokee curriculum. 6-16-16
8. Recorded the audio for the Legend of the Giant Turtles book 6-16-16
9. Created and printed Cherokee language posters for Glenda Sellers at Grand View School to be hung in various classrooms to promote positive student behavior. 6-17-16
10. Continue to maintain the Cherokee Nation Language webpage on Cherokee.org. Added more documents to the Downloads section.
11. Created attendee ID badges, 200 USB pen drives with language materials, and display posters in Cherokee for Dr. Gloria Sly's TOSS event held at NSU. 5-24-16.
12. Created and printed 3 posters for JOM to be used at Camp Cherokee for teaching materials of the Cherokee language. 5-16-16
13. Helped facilitate the Cherokee Speakers Bureau monthly meeting. 6-9-16
14. Continue to edit and revise Microsoft Office Online. Weekly meetings every Monday.
15. Continue to edit and revise Microsoft Windows 10 daily.
16. Had a conference call with Sander Vinberg of Glyph Services / Microsoft about how our experience working with the technology industry could serve as a model for other tribes. 6-21-16

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Work with Google to develop a Cherokee syllabary touchscreen keyboard to be used on all Android devices

Translation (Translation, Presentations, Community Outreach)

Activity SoM June / J^hV^h July YTD

# of internal requests completed	67,707	304,299
# of external requests completed	463	19,072
# tested for Certification/Proficiency	0-Proficiency 0-Cerification	1-Proficiency 0-Cerification

Accomplishments:

1. Assisted with monthly Speakers Bureau meeting
2. John Ross was the guest speaker at the Goingsnake District Heritage Association June meeting
3. John Ross served as MC at the Cherokee Immersion Charter School graduation
4. David Crawler, Anna Sixkiller, and contract translator Lawrence Panther translated 8 total stories into syllabary for the *Cherokee Phoenix*.
5. Dennis Sixkiller did a presentation at Stilwell High School for their Cultural Day in May
6. John Ross and David Crawler provided interpretation for an elderly Cherokee couple on behalf of the Housing Authority April 5th
7. Staff continues translation of technology terms for Microsoft and Google.
8. Translators continue working on a Cherokee language curriculum aimed at second language learners; recording continues
9. Staff attended the Cherokee Consortium in Cherokee, NC June 22 – 24th

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Next Speaker's Bureau Meeting July 2016.



The following report covers the activities of the CCO; COTTA, Community Work and Volunteer Program and Cultural Outreach Program staff for the month of June 2016.



Technical Assistance Capacity Building

Capacity Building in June

Number of Community Organizations Assisted in June

62

Received a total of hours of Capacity Building training

The total number of capacity building hours is calculated using the number of leaders from each organization, the number of hours of that training (both classroom and individualized) and any travel time those leaders may have incurred to attend. These are all combined in this number and can be compared to any other month or year.

4077

Number of hours of capacity building training received by community leaders



CCO staff hosted the annual Community Leaders Conference on the NSU Tahlequah campus, June 3rd and 4th. Over the two days of capacity building and cultural training, 631 community leaders gave their time to improve Cherokee communities.

Number of community leaders attending the 2 days of the conference.

631

Community leaders could choose from 63 workshops covering subjects from Webpage Design to Outreach Techniques that Really Work to Cherokee Stereotypes and Misconceptions.

Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in June

#4Hope(D9&15)	Jeremiah 29 Foundation(D7)
Adair County Boys & Girls Club(D7&8)	Kansas City Cherokee Community
Adair County Historical & Genealogical Association(D7&8)	Lost City Community Organization (D1)
Adair County Resource Center(D7&8)	Marble City Historical Society(D5&6)
Brent Community Association(D5&6)	McKey Cherokee Community(D5)
Brushy Cherokee Action Association(D6)	Moodys Community*(D2)
Capital City Cherokees (Washington, DC)	Mount Hood Cherokees
Central OK Cherokee Alliance (OKC)	Muldrow Cherokee Community Organization(D6)
Central Texas Cherokee Township (Austin)	Native American Association of Ketchum(D10&11)
Cherokee Citizens League of Southeast Texas (Houston)	Native American Fellowship(D11)
Cherokee Community Of Central California (Bakersfield)	Neighborhood Association of Chewey(D7)
Cherokee Community of North Texas	New Mexico Cherokees
Cherokee Community of Puget Sound	No-We-Ta Cherokee Community Foundation(D12)
Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire	Okay Senior Citizens Center(D1)
Cherokee Elders Council(D2,9&15)	Orchard Road Community Outreach(D7&8)
Cherokee National Treasures Association(D1&2)	P.O.T.L.U.C.K.(D12)
Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area	Project A(D4)
Cherokee Township of San Antonio	Project OSiYo Tahlequah Men's Shelter(D1)
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preservation(D1)	Rocky Mountain Cherokee Community Organization(D6)
Cherokees of Central Florida	San Diego Cherokee Community
Cherokees of the North Central Valley	Spavinaw Community Building Board(D9)
Colorado Cherokee Circle	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society(D7&8)
Connors State College*(D4)	Tailholt(D3)
Desert Cherokees	Tri-Community WEB (D2&7)
Encore(D1)	Tsa-La-Gi LA
Evening Shade(D5)	Valley of the Sun Cherokees (Phoenix)
Fairfield Community Organization(D7&8)	Vian Peace Center(D5)
Friends of the Hulbert Library(D1)	Victory Cherokee Organization(D13&15)
Grand Nation(D10&11)	Washington County Cherokees(D12)
Greater Tulsa Cherokees*(D13)	Webbers Falls Historical Society Museum(D5)
Greater Wichita Cherokee Community	Willamette TsaLaGi Community (Eugene, OR)
Indian Women's Pocahontas Club(14&15)	

* indicates an organization new to the program (D7) indicates the Council Districts served by the organization



**Robert Wood Johnson
Foundation**

CCO staff assisted our Cherokee communities in participating in the “Culture of Health – National Listening Tour” sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and conducted by NewStories. This gave our community organizations and citizens the opportunity to have a voice in how one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the US targets it giving to influence health outcomes.

Communities members from Grand Nation, Brushy Cherokee Association, Cherokee Elders Council and Vian Peace Center participated in the listening seasons with personnel from NewStories.



25

Number of community members participating in the listening sessions.



Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

CCO staff ended May and started June with our Cultural Outreach to our At-Large Community leaders at Heart of the Hills Camp near Welling, OK. Each of the associated communities was invited to send one leaders to the event at CCO expense, although several communities sent additional leaders at their own expense.

36

Number of community leaders attending the Cultural Outreach program

Satellite Organization Served

Central OK Cherokee Alliance (Oklahoma City, OK)	Cherokees of North Central Valley (Sacramento, CA)
Capital City Cherokees (Washington, D.C.)	Cherokees of Orange County (Anaheim, CA)
Central Texas Cherokee Township (Austin, TX)	Colorado Cherokee Circle (Denver, CO)
Cherokee Citizens League of Southeast Texas (Houston, TX)	Desert Cherokees (Tucson, AZ)
Cherokee Community of Central California (Bakersfield, CA)	Greater Wichita Area Cherokee Community (Wichita, KS)
Cherokee Community of North Texas (Dallas, TX)	Kansas City Cherokees (Kansas City, MO)
Cherokee Community of Puget Sound (Seattle, WA)	Mt. Hood Cherokees (Portland, OR)
Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire (Riverside, CA)	San Diego Cherokee Community (San Diego, CA)
Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area (San Francisco, CA)	Tsa-La-Gi LA (Los Angeles, CA)
Cherokee Township of San Antonio (San Antonio, TX)	Valley of the Sun Cherokees (Phoenix, AZ)
Cherokees of Central Florida (Tampa, FL)	Willamette Tsa-La-Gi Community (Eugene, OR)

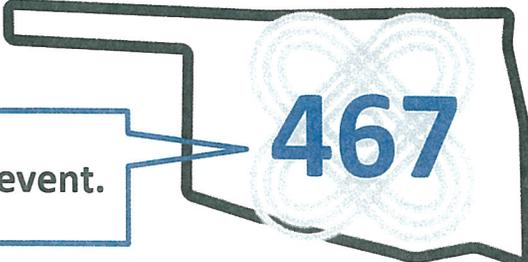
CCO staff assisted the Capital City Cherokees with their annual membership meeting. It was held, June 12th at the Sandy Springs Museum, 17901 Bentley Rd, Sandy Springs, MD.



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The number of people attending the event.

On June 21st, CCO staff assisted with the annual meeting of the Central Oklahoma Cherokee Alliance. This meeting was held at the Rose State College Student Center in Midwest City, OK. This was the first time in two and a half years that this group had been visited.



467

The number of people attending the event.

The Cultural Outreach In-District Presentation began in June. The presentation, "Natural Processing of Cherokee Baskets" by Shawna Cain, was held in Cherokee County on June 14th.



6

Number of Cherokee communities attending the presentation

Number of communities members attending the presentation



14



History & Preservation

History & Preservation staff hosted a Lunch & Learn Lecture program on June 16th. The presentation was titled, Protecting a Valuable Resource with Roy Hamilton.



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People attended June Lunch and Learn program

Staff completed the Cherokee Nation History & Humanities Course held at Muskogee’s Three Rivers Health Center. Ten people attended the course.

Will Chavez, Senior Reporter for the Cherokee Phoenix, presented “History of the Cherokee Phoenix and Cherokee Advocate Newspapers” to 40 people at the San Diego Cherokee Community June 12th.

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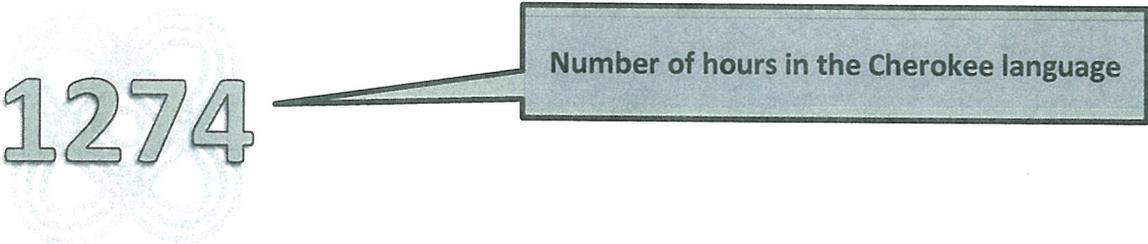
CCO staff maintains a social media presence to assist all Cherokees in staying abreast of capacity building events and opportunities for cultural training. Again this month, people from 6 continents viewed the information CCO provided, most of these from North America and Europe.



CLMAP Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

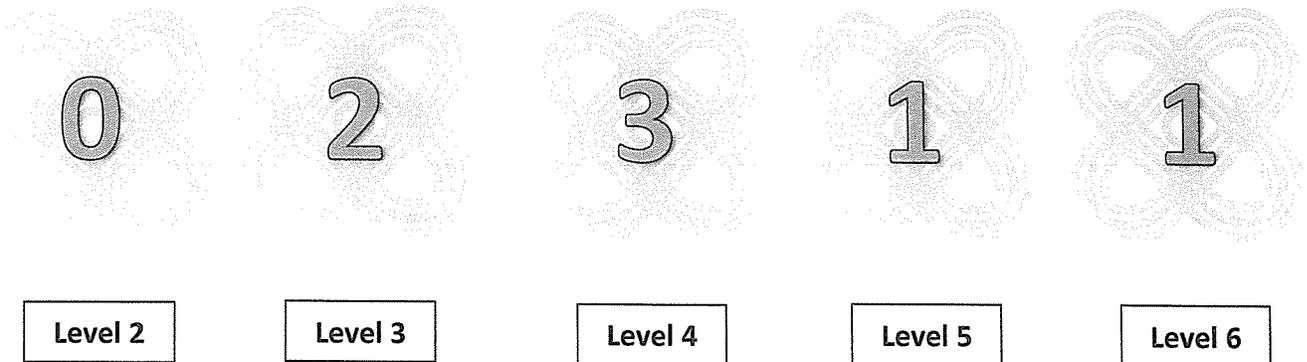
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At the end of the June, all 5 first year participants have met their monthly goals and maintained a constant learning rate. All 5 have reached Level 3 Speaker (Novice High) or above. One of the first year participant learners at level 4, has almost reached level 5 (Intermediate Mid). Our second year participants are competent in all of the teaching methods and techniques. They have begun to lead the daily instruction and planning and help maintain the focus needed to stay immersed in the language under first language speaking Master Native speakers.



Our full time program staff have worked to stay immersed in our Cherokee language sessions and maintained a total immersion Cherokee speaking environment 80% of the time. There have been some absences due to illness and family emergencies but classroom integrity was maintained and as such they have excelled in their language acquisition.

Number of Students at Each ACTFL Speaker Level at the end of March



One staff member was requested to attend Tri Council to speak and the team attended in support. The session was positive for all involved and invigorated the moral of the Language team.

Future Initiatives

- July 12th – CCO Cultural Series presentation, “Booger Masks” with Roger Cain
- July 16th – New Mexico Cherokees (Albuquerque) community meeting
- July 17th – Colorado Cherokee Circle (Denver) community meeting
- July 21st – Lunch & Learn presenter Julie Reed, Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee Knoxville
- July 26th – CCO Leadership Series presentation
- August 9th - CCO Cultural Series presentation, “Blowguns” with Danny McCarter
- August 13th - Mount Hood Cherokees (Portland, OR) and Willamette Tsa-La-Gi Community (Eugene, OR) joint community meeting in Portland area
- August 14th - Cherokee Community of Puget Sound (Seattle, WA) community meeting
- August 30th - CCO Leadership Series presentation

May 2016 Monthly Report

Youth Activities: We held 9 youth activities in May due to one community canceling because of ball games, one community asking to cancel until after school starts in August, 2 Boys & Girls clubs not have club because school is out and partnering with Foyil community on the first Friday, Westville Summer School and with the Kansas Middle and High School for their Cultural Day. Total attendance at May youth activities was 307 youth, 23 parents/community members/B&G Club staff/volunteers & 6 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended each site, 3 – 4 staff members went to each site.

Cherokee Heights had 2 youth activities in May on Tuesdays, the 3rd & 17th; where they made Popsicle stick picture boards and beaded spiral sun catchers. There were 13 – 19 youth at each meeting, for a total of 32 & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Lost City asked to cancel youth activity scheduled for Thursday, May 19th as the youth all had ball games.

Tailholt/ Caney had 1 youth activity on Monday, May 23rd, where they made popsicle stick picture boards. There were 14 youth, 3 adult community members and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey had 1 youth activity scheduled on Tuesday, May 10th, where they made popsicle stick picture boards. There were 9 youth, 2 adult community members and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Brushy has asked to cancel their youth activities until after school starts in August.

Maryetta Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Thursday, May 12th, where they made popsicle stick picture boards. There were 20 youth, 3 B&G Club staff & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Cave Springs Boys & Girls has asked to cancel their youth activities until school starts as they do not have Boys & Girls Club when school is not in session.

Briggs Boys & Girls club had 1 youth activity on Wednesday, May 11th, where they made popsicle stick picture boards. There were 54 youth, 3 B&G staff and 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls has asked to cancel their youth activities until school starts as they do not have Boys & Girls Club when school is not in session.

We partnered with the Foyil Community Organization to have a youth activity on Friday, May 6th at the Foyil Library as the youth were out of school and the community organization was having activities for the youth without day care. They had 1 youth activity on Friday, May 6th, where they made rain sticks. There were 3 youth, 2 community members and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

We also partnered with the Westville Summer School to have a youth activity at their summer school on Tuesday, May 31st, where they made leather turtle shell pouches and decorated them with pony beads. There were 16 youth, 2 school staff and 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

We also partnered with Kansas Middle and High Schools to have a youth activity at their Cultural day on Wednesday, May 11th, where they made single wall Cherokee baskets and played stickball. There were 154 youth, 10 teachers & school staff and 6 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed & handed out 132 copies of flyers about June youth activities to residents, community organizations & participants in Cherokee Heights, Chewey, Lost City, Brushy & Tailholt and e-mailed a flyer to Briggs, Maryetta B&G club, Cave Springs B&G club & Rocky Mountain & Foyil Community Organization, Westville summer school & Foyil Summer Youth Reading program to post for their youth activities.

Adult Resident Activities:

We held 7 adult resident activities in May. Total attendance at May adult resident activities was 37 adult residents & 6 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended activities at each site, 3-4 staff went to each site.

Tom Buffington Heights in Vinita held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, May 19th, where they made and decorated wooden picture or memo boards. There were 6 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Will Rogers Senior Housing in Claremore held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, May 26th, where they made and decorated wooden picture or memo boards. There were 3 adult residents and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Wisdom Keepers in Tahlequah held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, May 12th, where they made and decorated wooden picture or memo boards. There were 5 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Jay Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, May 10th, where they made and decorated wooden picture or memo boards. There were 8 adult residents and 4 CYDARS staff in attendance.

Stilwell Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, May 5th, where they made and decorated wooden picture or memo boards, there were 4 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Tahlequah Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity for adult residents of Swimmer, Autumn Heights & Daniels additions at the Gregg Glass Building on Monday, May 9th, where they made and decorated wooden picture or memo boards. There were 8 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Fort Gibson Garden Walk apartments held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Wednesday, May 4th, where they made and decorated wooden picture or memo boards. There were 3 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed and handed out 296 copies of flyers about June adult resident activities to housing residents and housing offices in Claremore, Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah (Leon Daniels, Ross Swimmer and Autumn Heights housing additions) and Vinita and e-mailed flyers to Wisdom Keepers, Stilwell Senior Housing, Claremore Senior Housing, Tahlequah Housing Office, Vinita Tom Buffington Heights HACN office, Jay Senior Housing to post and Garden Walk Apartments in Fort Gibson.

Items scheduled in the future:

We have 15 youth activities scheduled for June 2016.

We will have activities in:

Cherokee Heights on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, June 7th & June 21st, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.;

Chewey on the 2nd Tuesday, June 14th, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.;

Briggs Boys & Girls Club will not be in session in June so they have asked to cancel their youth activity for June;

Maryetta on the 2nd Thursday, June 9th, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;

Lost City has asked to cancel their youth activity in June due to youth ball games.;

Tailholt on the 4th Monday, June 27th, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.;

Brushy community organization has asked to suspend their youth activities until school starts in August;

Cave Springs Boys & Girls Club does not have club during the summer and has asked to suspend their youth

Activities until school starts in August;

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club does not have club during the summer and has asked to suspend their youth

Activities until school starts in August;

Foyil Community Wednesdays, June 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th, 10 am. – 11 am.;

We will be partnering with Westville School to have youth activities during summer school Mondays, June 6th, 13th & 20th, 9:30 am. – 10:30 am.;

We will be partnering with the Salina Clinic to have youth activities during their healthy youth camp on Tuesday,

June 14th & Wednesday, June 15th, 1:30 pm. – 2:30 pm.;

We will be partnering with Westville summer youth program to have a youth activity on Wednesday, June 29th, 10 am. – 11:30 am.

We have 7 adult resident activities scheduled for June 2016.

We will have activities at:

Fort Gibson Garden Walk Apartments, on the 1st Wednesday, June 1st, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.;

Stilwell Senior Housing, on the 1st Thursday, June 2nd, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.;

Swimmer/Autumn Heights/Leon Daniels, Tahlequah at the Gregg Glass building, on the 2nd Monday, June 13th, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Jay Senior Housing, on the 2nd Tuesday, June 14th, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.;

Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2nd Thursday, June 9th, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3rd Thursday, June 16th, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.;

Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4th Thursday, June 23rd, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.;

We had one staff member resign as of June 3rd, so we will be asking to post this position to replace Jody Slover.

We are continually working on learning and putting together new projects, language lessons and leadership exercises to use at future youth and adult activities and teaching each other skills we have and making sure everyone is teaching the same way so we will not confuse the participants.

We are all working on getting projects ready and taking turns making sure all supplies and paperwork is ready for each activity.