



Cultural Tourism
Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Cultural Committee Report
May, 2017

Key Project Summary

Capital Projects

- Cherokee National Capitol Update:
 - Architectural development and exhibit planning for the interior of the building continues. This work focuses on developing the building as a museum devoted to showcasing Cherokee history and culture from time immemorial to present day. The museum is currently in schematic design.
 - Interior restoration work should be late summer/early fall
- Water Avenue Pavilion
 - Currently bidding 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.
 - Bids were received and were higher than anticipated. Currently working through scope of work alternatives for the project.
- Downtown Tahlequah Cultural Pathway
 - Currently working on the design of a cultural pathway to connect Cherokee Nation's downtown cultural resources.
 - Design work will complete by late Summer 2017
- 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.
 - Currently preparing alternatives for trails, restrooms and site amenities.
 - Preliminary trail development was complete in March
- Sequoyah's Cabin
 - Currently working on the development of new exhibits and improvements for the property, which will be complete in Mid-May.
 - The site is currently open to the public.

Retail

- Cherokee National Treasures book is now available in stores.
- New summer apparel is now available in stores.

Museum Promotions

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

Highlighted upcoming events:

- May 4 & 5- Preservation Series, Gravestone Workshop- Tahlequah Public Cemetery
- May - November- Temporary Exhibit, *Oddities of the Advocate* – Supreme Court Museum
- June - July (Wednesdays at 10 am) - Stories on the Square- Cherokee National Capitol Square

Tours & Events

- Cherokee Days at National Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC was held March 31- April 2, 2017 and welcomed nearly 20K visitors.
- Launched spring education tour grant program in January and currently offering spring education tours for school groups with expected attendance near 2,000. Details @ www.visitcheerokeeanation.com/grouptour/Pages/education-tours
- Cherokee Art Market Youth Competition and Show is being held April 8- May 6, 2017 at the Cherokee Heritage Center. The youth artist awarded best of show will receive a scholarship for a booth at the Cherokee Art Market scheduled for October 14-15, 2017.
- Currently planning a tour to Cahokia Mounds Tour that will depart from Tulsa on September 26. Details @ www.visitcheerokeeanation.com/events/Pages/Cahokia-Mounds-Tour
- Cultural Tourism participated in ITB Berlin, an international tourism tradeshow in March. Through a partnership with AIANTA (American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Cultural Tourism was able participate in this tradeshow at a substantially reduced rate. This year AIANTA focused on the promotion of Route 66. This focus gave us an opportunity to promote Cherokee Nation to the international market and entice international travelers off Route 66 into the heart of Cherokee Nation. Since attending the conference, VisitCherokeeNation.com has already received 43 inquiries from Germany.

Group: Education Services

Month: D003 March / 000h April

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

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

Activity	D003 March / 000h April	YTD
# of staff presentations/classes	7	15
# of participants-Outreach	200	1498
# of on-site classes	2	11
# of participants in on-line class	405	2150
# contract community classes	17	29

Accomplishments:

1. Ed Fields taught one adult Cherokee immersion class.
2. Ed Fields' Online Cherokee language classes begin.
3. Wade Blevins is teaching a Cherokee language class in the Woodall after school program.
4. Wade Blevins represented the Cherokee Language Program as part of the CCO trip to Oregon.
5. Wade also gave three presentations over Language Acquisition at the OKJOM conference.
6. Staff Ed Fields, Lula Elk, and Sarah Hawk assisted with monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau meeting
7. 17 community language classes are ongoing
8. Sarah Hawk taught two Shawnee Language classes
9. Lula Elk is teaching a class at Murrow Indian home in Muskogee

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Provide support for the upcoming Ignite Conference in June which will focus on Language Instruction methods for teachers, and is a partnership between the Cherokee Language Program, Master Apprentice Program, JOM, and NSU. Wade Blevins is key point of contact.

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

Accomplishments:

1. Continue updating the Cherokee language version of Windows 10 and Office Online
2. Held biweekly conference call with Microsoft Windows and Office teams to update the Cherokee language project scope and deadline schedules
3. Continue working on digitizing the Cherokee English dictionary by Durbin Feeling to facilitate easier reproduction for future editions, including e-books
4. Adding the Cherokee language interface pack updates to CN Language Program employee computers as a test run before releasing to all employees

5. Assisted Cherokee Immersion School with posters and graphics for their competition in the Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair at OU
6. Assisted Translator with identifying Cherokee language inscriptions in rock formations along Lee's Creek.
7. Answered 41 inquiries sent to the language@cherokee.org email address.
8. Assisted with the Inter Tribal Language Summit at NSU
9. Assisted Cherokee language class online students with installation of Cherokee language interface pack
10. Completed illustration and layout for a Cherokee Language activity book about wild onions
11. Participated in Indian Territory days at the Cherokee Heritage Center; helped staff the Language station
12. Assisted with the monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau

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Translation (Translation, Presentations, Community Outreach)

Activity	Ɖ0ᵐᵏ March / Ɖᵐᵓh April	YTD
# of internal requests completed	3209	38,667
# of external requests completed	40	920
# tested for Certification/Proficiency	1-Proficiency 1-Cerification	1-Proficiency 1-Cerification

Accomplishments:

1. Assisted with monthly Speakers Bureau meeting for March and April.
2. All Cherokee Language staff attended the Inter Tribal Council Language Summit and Symposium held at NSU. Included panel discussions by Cherokee Immersion School staff, the Cherokee Master Apprentice Program, Translation staff, and Language admin staff.
3. Lawrence Panther attended the Native Youth Language Fair at OU; he assisted the Cherokee Immersion staff with some of the student presentations.
4. Staff continues translation of technology terms for Microsoft and Google.
5. Edna Jones was rehired as Clerk for Cherokee Language Program. She was originally a full time employee, but came back as a part time employee.
6. John Ross and David Crawler traveled to Lee's Creek site to verify the finding of Cherokee syllabary inscribed on rocks along the water.

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1. Next Speaker's Bureau Meeting May 2017.



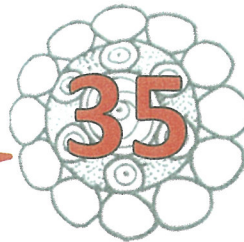
The following report covers the activities of the CCO; COTTA, Community Work and Volunteer Program and Cultural Outreach Program, History and Preservation and the Cherokee Language Master Apprenticeship program staff for the month of April 2017.



Technical Assistance Capacity Building

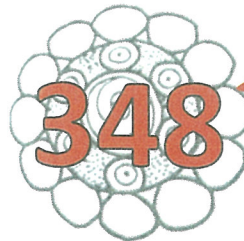
Capacity Building in April

Number of Community Organizations Assisted April



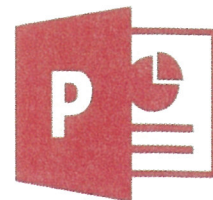
Received a total of hours of Capacity Building training

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.



Number of hours of capacity building training received by community leaders

Capacity building trainings offered this month included our Saturday Seminar Series. On April 8th CCO utilized the new Roland Casino & Hotel facilities for our Effective Native Leadership training. This was followed on the 13th with our Technology Thursday training. This month we covered the use of PowerPoint.



Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in April

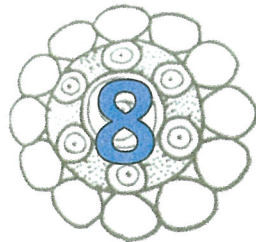
#4 Hope (D9&15)	Marble City Food Pantry (D5&6)
Adair County Boys & Girls Club (D7&8)	Mid County Community Organization (D7&8)
Adair County Historical & genealogical Society (D7&8)	Muldrow Cherokee Community Organization (D6)
Brent Community Association (D6)	Native American Fellowship (D11)
Brushy Cherokee Action Association (D6)	Neighborhood association of Chewey (D7&8)
CC Camp Community Organization (D8)	No Limit Youth Racers Association* (D 7)
Cherokee Elders Council D9&15)	Noweta Cherokee Community Organization (D12)
Cherokee National Treasures Association (D1)	POTLUCK Society (D14&15)
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preservation (D1)	Project A (D4)
Dry Creek Community Organization (D3)	Project OSiYo Tahlequah Men's Shelter (D1)
Evening Shade (D5)	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society (D7&8)
Fairfield Community Organization (D7&8)	Tailholt Community Organization (D3)
Four Corners Helping Hands (D15)	Tri Community WEB (D1,2&3)
Friends of the Hulbert Library (D1)	Tsotsadalvi Foundation* (D1,2&3)
Grand Nation (D11)	Vian Peace Center (D5)
Indian Women's Pocahontas Club (D14&15)	Victory Cherokee Organization (D13&14)
Lyons Community Association (D7)	Webbers Falls Historical Soc & Museum (D4&5)
Marble City Community Organization (D5&6)	

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



Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

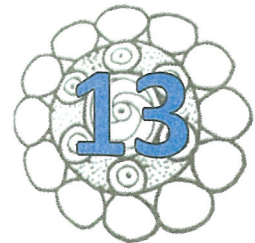
The Cultural Outreach Program held our Tuesday Cultural Presentation on the 11th. National Treasure, David Scott's presentation was on our Cherokee language.



Number attending Language Cultural Outreach Presentation

On April 20th CO hosted a Cultural Presentation by Cherokee national Treasure, Perry Vanbuskirk. The event was held at the Three Rivers Health Clinic in Muskogee and Mr. Vanbuskirk covered Traditional Cherokee weapons.

Number attending Traditional Weapons Cultural Presentation





Volunteer Program

Volunteer Program staff assisted in two projects this month. Volunteers from the Brushy Cherokee Action Association assisted in building a handicap ramp for an elder in the Belfonte community. We would like to acknowledge Gary Bolin, Richard Kennedy and Bob Deville for their help in completing this project.

In the Greasy community area, Volunteer Program staff were able to assist a family that had their home destroyed by fire. Cherokee Nation had provided them with a trailer for housing but they needed assistance with access. Stairs and a small landing were built to accommodate this family's needs.

Staff also is identifying projects in two areas for May. Students for Ohio State University will be working in the Oaks community area and a group of Methodist missionaries will be assisting our elders and handicapped citizens in the Disney area all in May.



History & Preservation

History & Preservation provided our At-Large communities with three presentations in April. Wade Blevins offered his understanding of Precontact Cherokee Culture to the Willamette Cherokee Community in Eugene, OR and the Mount Hood Cherokee Community in Portland, OR on April 9th. Catherine Gray presented her thoughts on the Trail of Tears to the New Mexico Cherokee Community of Albuquerque on April 21st.

Number attending the
Portland Presentation

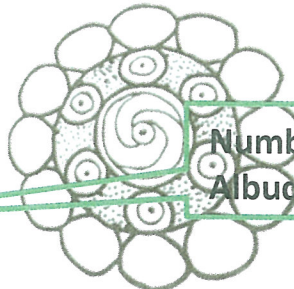
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Number attending the
Eugene Presentation

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Number attending the
Albuquerque Presentation

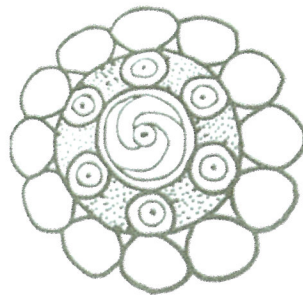
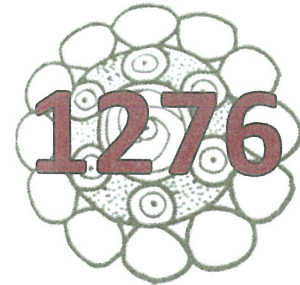


History & Preservation also hosted an April Lunch & Learn on the 20th. J.P. Johnson presented a program entitled, The History of Cherokee & Southeast Indian Tattoos.

DF CCO's Digital Footprint

To provide useful and accurate information to our Cherokee community leaders that may not be able to attend presentation in Tahlequah, CCO staff films and broadcasts all our learning opportunities on YouTube. This insures that not only Organizational and Leadership topics reach our community leaders but also accurate Historical and Cultural information is available. Viewership for April was at 1276.

Number of On-line viewers of
CCO trainings



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Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

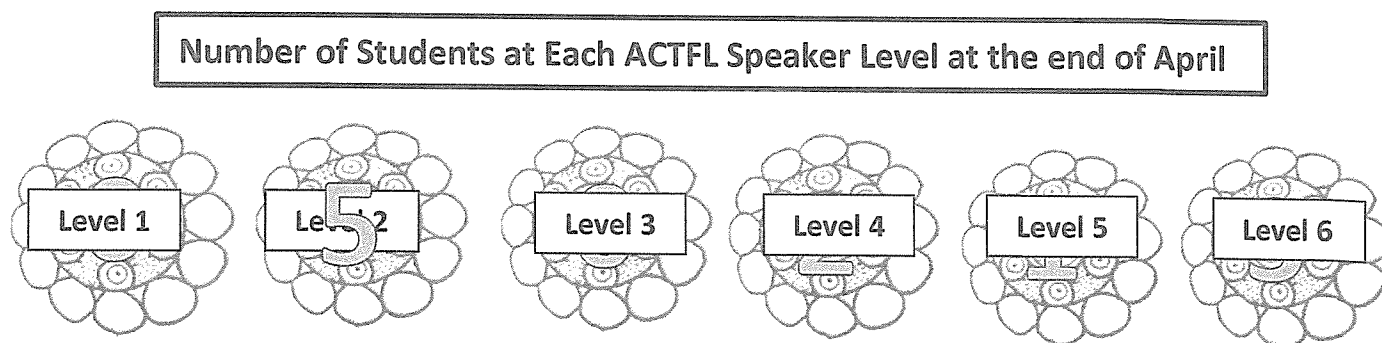
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CLAMP now have all four of our employees for the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Native Language Community Coordination (NLCC) grant hired and working on the curriculum process. They are coordinating with our program and other Cherokee language programs to organize, update and build up the various Cherokee language curricula used by the Nation as well as other strategic language Goals.

Our second year participants are all teaching using our immersion methodology under the guidance of our first language master speakers. Three are at Intermediate high or level six and the other one is at Intermediate Mid or Level five. The first year participants brought into the program in the first week of January are progressing at a faster rate than the previous year. All tested at Novice Mid, level two except for two students that already started the program with a good understanding of the language and some speaking ability. Those two with previous experience tested as Intermediate Mid or level four.

The second year students are working on their own to interact with fluent speaking community members and have been able to develop inter-conversational language skills to a greater detail because of the experiences.

We had also developed a self-assessment tool for program participants to enable them to evaluate their own progress in language acquisition. This tool was refined and is available. We will be administering it in the forthcoming months.



Future Initiatives

1. April 25th - Gadel'tiquai Leadership Series: "Public Speaking"
2. April 28th & 29th - Community Leaders learning Journey, with NewStories
3. April 28th - Cherokee Community of Central California Annual Meeting, Riverview Community Center, Bakersfield, CA
4. April 29th-Cherokee Community of Central California, Ted Willis Community Center, Fresno, CA
5. April 30th - Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area & Cherokees of the Northern Central Valley, Joint Annual Meeting, Rush Ranch, Suisun City, CA
6. June 9th & 10th - 13th Annual Conference of Cherokee Community Leaders - Wyndham Hotel, Tulsa, OK