



Cultural Tourism
Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Cultural Committee Report
January, 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. Concepts should be ready for review in February.
- Water Avenue Pavilion
 - Currently finalizing the 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.
 - Project will be bid for construction, pending approval of the CNB Board of Directors
- 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 Spring
- 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.
 - Phase 1 of the master plan will be presented to the CNB Board of directors for approval in January.
 - Proposal for phase 1 will include limited trail development, picnic area, restroom facility, and signage
- Sequoyah's Cabin
 - Cherokee Nation recently acquired the Sequoyah's Cabin property from the Oklahoma Historical Society.
 - Currently working on the development of new exhibits and improvements for the property.
 - The site will reopen in March, 2017.

Retail

- Cherokee Nation Gift Shop is now offering exclusive Rustic Cuff bracelets and is now introducing a Cherokee Nation Seal cuff.
- Cherokee Nation Gift Shops winter sale is currently underway with new spring merchandise coming soon.

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.
- “The First Cherokee Christmas” exhibit was on display at Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum during the month of December. This exhibit showcases the first Christmas celebration held in the Cherokee Nation with traditions brought to the Cherokees by Moravian missionaries.

Tours & Events

- Cherokee Days at National Museum of the American Indian is scheduled for March 31- April 2, 2017
- Fall education tours are wrapped up in December with more than 2,000 students attending this year
- YTD Tour Numbers
 - 40 Education tours
 - 8 Community tours
 - 11 Motor coach tours
 - 14 Shuttle service
- Launching spring education tour grant program in January and currently booking spring education tours for school groups with expected attendance near 2,000.
- Cherokee Art Market Youth Competition and Show will be 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 that will be announced in early spring. Tour will depart from Tulsa in September. Details are forthcoming.

Group: Education Services

Month: ᏌᏉ ᓅᏉ November / ᏌᏍᏉᏉ December

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

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

Activity ᏌᏉ ᓅᏉ November / ᏌᏍᏉᏉ December YTD

# of staff presentations/classes	1	5
# of participants-Outreach	1,298	1298
# of on-site classes	0	5
# of participants in on-line class	460	1745
# contract community classes	12	12

Accomplishments:

1. Ed Fields online Cherokee Language Class wrapped up.
2. Staff Ed Fields, Lula Elk, and Sarah Hawk assisted with monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau meeting
3. Community Language Classes have wrapped up throughout the 14 county area

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Schedule new community classes that also utilize the new language textbook

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

Accomplishments:

1. October 31st Started the process of duplicating 1,500 of our Language Technology pin drive that contains all work we have done for the public, such as posters, activity books, animation, See Say Write, etc. Between 10 – 1 248 pin drives were duplicated.
2. November 2: Created 1500 pen drives to hand out at various Cherokee Nation and community events. Pen drives contain all the material Language Technology has created including Cherokee documents, Cherokee Syllabary flash cards, interactive computer programs, language department program information, online language class registration forms, posters and Cherokee fonts and keyboards.
3. November 7: Provided language material for Maryetta School's cultural event for Native American History Month: 17 different language posters & language technology pen drives that contain all the material Language Technology has created including Cherokee documents, Cherokee Syllabary flash cards, interactive computer programs, language department program information, online language class registration forms, posters and Cherokee fonts and keyboards.
4. November 22: Webconference with Microsoft regarding Cherokee translation project; Informed that the Localization Engineering team will be replaced with a new group from Microsoft starting December 20, 2016.
5. November 28: Provided language material for Stilwell School's cultural event for Native American History Month: 17 different language posters & language technology pen drives that contain all the material Language Technology has created including Cherokee documents, Cherokee Syllabary flash cards, interactive computer

6. December 14: Received approval for the Cherokee Nation Language Program desktop16”x20” monthly calendar containing Sequoyah’s original Syllabary and numbering system to go to the printer; calendar will be used as promotional item for the Language Program.
7. Answered 36 emails from the language@cherokee.org email account regarding questions about the language, translation requests, and Cherokee classes. This occurs throughout the committee report timeframe.
8. November 7th Edited & recorded Cherokee Phoenix articles from Translation, removing misspoken words, stutters, and dead air
9. Added all audio recordings of the Cherokee Language Textbook to the Cherokee.org website for download.

1. Start work on new Cherokee language animation and accompanying activity book

Activity	001 to November / 1000 to December	YTD
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Accomplishments:

- ### Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Next Speaker's Bureau Meeting January 2017.



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



Technical Assistance Capacity Building

Capacity Building in December

**Number of Community
Organizations Assisted
December**

17

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.

437

**Number of hours of capacity
building training received by
community leaders**

COTTA staff has been reviewing the Capacity Building Grant applications and assisting our new organization with the New Organization Grant application. Staff anticipates having funding recommendation prepared by January.

Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in October

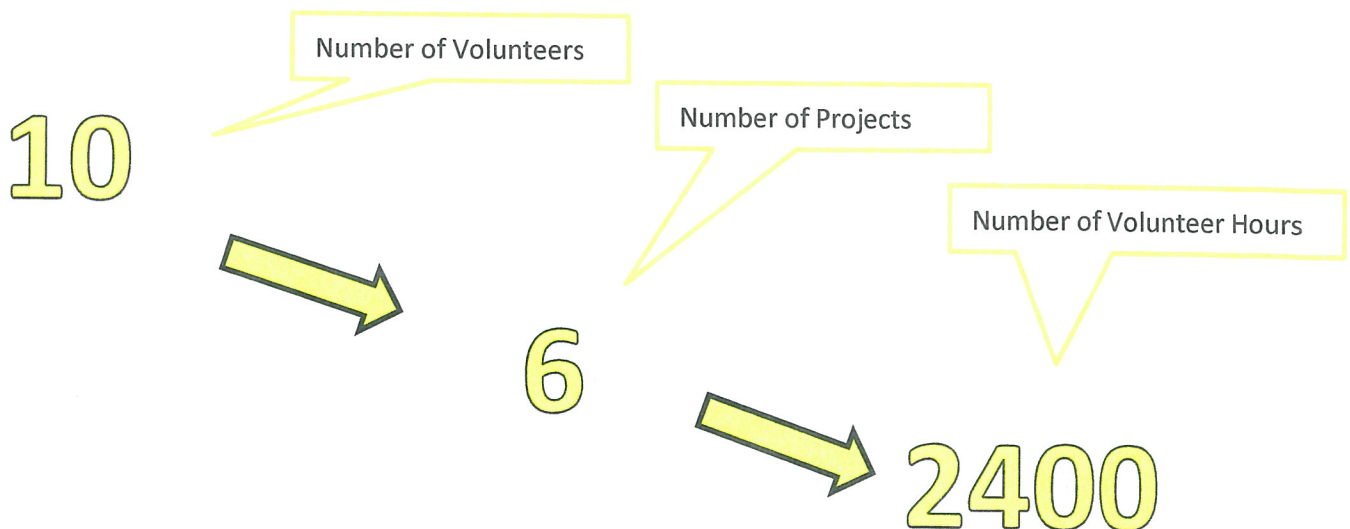
Adair County Historical & Genealogical Association	No-We-Ta Cherokee Community Organization
Boys & Girls Clubs of Adair County	POTLUCK Society
Brushy Cherokee Action Association	Project A
Cherokee National Treasures Association	Project OSiYo Tahlequah Mens Shelter
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preservation	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society
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Lyons Community Association	Victor Echo Tango Society (D1)
Muldrow Cherokee Community Org	Webbers Falls Historical Society & Museum
No Limits Youth Racers Association* (D7&8)	

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

VP Volunteer Program

December brought us the AmeriCorps volunteers. This was the result of VP staff writing for and receiving an AmeriCorps Grant. VP staff learned a considerable amount of how to work with this new organization. It took time to equalize expectations on the part of AmeriCorps and VP staff. When this was worked out, the projects flowed smoothly.

These volunteers worked in the Brushy and Webbers Falls areas. They completed painting a community center, building an equipment storage shed as well as an access bridge. They built shelves for one of our museums and built fences around two cemeteries to define and protect our Cherokee heritage.



The AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region recognizes that their project sponsors and site supervisors play a critical role in achieving project success. They expect that project sponsors partner with their

work teams to help accomplish the NCCC mission of strengthening communities and developing leaders. As such, AmeriCorps asks team leaders to nominate project sponsors for the award, Project Sponsor of the Round.

The Water 5 Team that VP staff worked with this month, nominated our Volunteer Coordinator Tony Stayathome and Volunteer Field Specialist Josh Allen, for the Project Sponsor of the Round Award for the SW Campus. Below is the nomination letter.



AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region

Project Sponsor of the Round

Nomination Form

Tony and Josh were instrumental to the team's accomplishments in Vian OK. They went above and beyond to make sure the team had everything they needed and were always friendly and approachable. Their willingness to comply and eagerness to understand AmeriCorps NCCC policies and culture was unsurpassable as first time sponsors. They eagerly supported NCCC's focus on safety and always made sure to use safe practices and PPE on the worksite. The opportunities they provided for the team were highly valued and deepened the teams understanding of the community and Cherokee history and culture. The team will never forget their tour of the Cherokee Heritage Center or their service learning night where they learned to weave traditional baskets. Tony and Josh are great role models for showing lifelong commitment to service as they both are extremely passionate about leading volunteer groups for the Cherokee Nation.

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. Since the beginning of our 2017 fiscal year, we have tracked the number of viewers of our online presentations.

Number of On-line viewers of
CCO trainings

5205

Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

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The two members of our 2015 cohort graduated the program at the end of December having spent two complete years as apprentices. They graduate speaking Cherokee at the Advanced Low or Level 7 as well as mastering the seven teaching techniques. Our goal for this group was to graduate them at Level 6, but they outpaced our expectations.

The four members of the 2016 cohort are now at Levels 6 and 5 (see chart below) and have been practicing the teaching methods in preparation for the next cohort of learners.

CLMAP Staff are finalizing the 2017 cohort. It will have eight individuals in the class. We anticipate the third cohort to begin the program in January.

Number of Apprentice Applications for
2017

53

Number of Apprentice Openings for 2017

8



CLMAP participants and staff attended the Pathways to Fluency: Cultural Survival Through Language Revitalization conference, Dec 12 – 15, 2016 at the Isleta Casino and Resort, Albuquerque, NM.

The conference increased the participant's awareness about language revitalization by networking with national and international indigenous language acquisition leaders. They learned about various techniques and strategies in the sessions that the conference offered.

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



Future Initiatives

1. January 10th - Cultural Presentation, Cherokee National Treasure Bessie Russell on Quilting.
2. January 21st – Saturday Training, Social Media Marketing by Michelle Prine, OU Schusterman Center, Tulsa
3. January 31st – Leadership Training, Why People Do What They Do presented by Chris Welch.
4. February 6th – 9th - Grantsmanship Training, presented by Native American Learning Center

November 2016 Monthly Report

Youth Activities: We held 7 youth activities in November. Total attendance at November youth activities was 396 youth, 19 parents/community members/B&G Club staff/volunteers & 7 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended each site, 3 – 4 staff members went to each site.

Cherokee Heights had 2 youth activities in November on Tuesdays, the 1st & 15th, where they made Christmas cards for Veterans, made leather pouches & worked with clay. There were 14 – 17 youth at each meeting, for a total of 31 & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Lost City had one youth activity on Thursday, November 17th, where they made Christmas Cards for Veterans & leather pouches, There were 6 youth, 5 adult community members & 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance..

Tailholt/ Caney asked to cancel their youth activity as it conflicted with their school activities.

Chewey had 1 youth activity scheduled on Tuesday, November 11th, but we didn't get to have it due to the Chewey Community being used as a voting site.

Brushy has asked to cancel their youth activity due to school being out for Thanksgiving break.

Maryetta Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Thursday, November 10th where they made Christmas Cards for Veterans and Leather pouches. There were 24 youth, 3 B&G staff and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls youth activity was canceled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Briggs Boys & Girls club had 1 youth activity on Wednesday, November 9th, where they Christmas Cards for Veterans and leather pouches. There were 50 youth, 3 B&G staff and 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls youth activity was canceled due to school being out for Thanksgiving break.

We partnered with Kansas Elementary School for their Cultural day on Friday, November 18th, where the youth made clay medallions and played Stick ball. There were 186 youth, 5 school staff and 5 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

We also partnered with Maryetta School for their Cultural night on Thursday November 17th, where the youth made corn bead necklaces. There were 99 youth, 3 school staff and 1 CYD & ARS staff in attendance

Mailed & handed out 136 copies of flyers about December 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/Zion B&G club & Rocky Mountain B&G club to post for their youth activities.

Adult Resident Activities:

We held 4 adult resident activities in November. Total attendance at November adult resident activities was 35 adult residents & 7 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, November 17th, where they made Leather pouches. No residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Will Rogers Senior Housing in Claremore did not have an Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, November 24th, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Wisdom Keepers in Tahlequah held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, November 10th, where they made leather pouches. There were 12 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Jay Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, November 8th, where they made leather pouches bracelets. There were 8 adult residents and 4 CYDARS staff in attendance.

Stilwell Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, November 3th, where they made leather pouches, there were 7 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, November 14th, where they made leather pouches. There were 8 adult residents and 4 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Fort Gibson Garden Walk apartments was supposed to have 1 Adult Resident Activity on Monday, November 14th, But no one showed up.

Mailed and handed out 289 copies of flyers about December 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.

Activities scheduled in the future:

We have 6 youth activities scheduled for December 2016.

We will have activities in:

Cherokee Heights on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, December 6th & 20th, 4 pm. – 6 p.m.;

Chewey on the 2nd Tuesday, December 13th, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.;

Briggs Boys & Girls Club on the 2nd Wednesday, December 14th, 3:30 pm. – 5:15 pm.;

Maryetta on the 2nd Thursday, December 8th, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;

Lost City on the 3rd Thursday, December 15th, 6 pm. – 8 pm.;

Tailholt will not have a youth activity on the 4th Monday, December 26th, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. due to the Christmas Holiday;

Brushy community organization will not have a youth activity on the 4th Tuesday, December 27th as school will be Out for Christmas Holidays;

Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Club will not have a youth activity on the 4th Thursday, December 22nd, due to the Christmas Holiday;

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club will not have a youth activity on the 3rd Monday, December 19th as school will be out for Christmas Holidays;

We have 7 adult resident activities scheduled for December 2016.

We will have activities at:

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

Fort Gibson Garden Walk Apartments, on the 2nd Monday, December 12th, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.;

Swimmer/Autumn Heights/Leon Daniels, Tahlequah at the Gregg Glass building, on the 2nd Monday, December 12th, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Jay Senior Housing, on the 2nd Tuesday, December 13th, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.;

Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2nd Thursday, December 8th, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3rd Thursday, December 15th, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.;

Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4th Thursday, December 22nd, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. because of the Thanksgiving Holiday;

We have moved all of our offices, equipment and supplies from the 5000 S. Muskogee location to the office off the warehouse and the warehouse on Hwy 51 at the old nursery location. We are unpacking, sorting, setting up and organizing our offices, equipment and supplies.

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.