



Cultural Tourism
Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Cultural Committee Report
July, 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 reviewing scope options for 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.
 - Preliminary trail development was complete in March
 - Currently exploring future use/development of the courthouse
- Sequoyah's Cabin
 - Held grand opening ceremony on June 29, 2017.
 - Exhibit updates are now complete.

Retail

- Cherokee National Holiday t-shirt available at Cherokee Nation Gift Shop Tahlequah and online at www.cherokeegiftshop.com
- Promoting the Cherokee Phoenix t-shirt at Cherokee Nation Gift Shop Tahlequah and online.
- Cherokee National Treasures book is now available in stores and online
 - Book signings have been schedule for 2017-2018.
- New summer apparel is now available in stores and summer sale.

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:

- June- December Temporary Exhibit, *The Pardoned* – Cherokee National Prison Museum
- July- December Temporary Exhibit, *The Life of Lewis Downing* – John Ross Museum
- June - July (Wednesdays at 10 am) - Stories on the Square- Cherokee National Capitol Square

Tours & Events

- Cherokee Day at Gilcrease Museum is scheduled for September 24, 2017 and will feature Cherokee artists, cultural performances, and children's activities. This event will take place in conjunction with Gilcrease Museum's special exhibit *After Removal: Rebuilding Cherokee Nation*
- YTD tour activity
 - 55 Tours – Includes Motor coach, community. elder and education tours
- Cherokee Days at the National Museum of the American Indian 2018 is scheduled for April 13-15, 2018
- Upcoming fall education tour grant program begins in September offering tours for school groups with expected attendance near 2,400.
- Planning the West to East tour in June 2018. Promotion will begin October 2017
- The Cahokia Mounds tour has been cancelled due to low sales.

Month: ~~SolM~~ June / J~~S~~V^oh July

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

Activity	SoM-June / Jb-Vh July	YTD
# of staff presentations/classes	3	18
# of participants-Outreach	100	1598
# of on-site classes	2	11
# of participants in on-line class	Out for summer	2150
# contract community classes	2	31

1. Wade Blevins represented the Cherokee Language Program at the Cascadia Conference in Oregon as an instructor in Language Acquisition.
2. Staff Ed Fields, Lula Elk, and Sarah Hawk assisted with monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau meeting
3. Sarah Hawk has been assisting JOM with Camp Cherokee at various sites.
4. Sarah Hawk taught two Shawnee Language classes
5. Lula Elk is teaching a class at Murrow Indian home in Muskogee
6. Staff assisted with the IGNITE Language Conference June 18 – 22.
7. Staff assisted with the Language Consortium June 21 – 23.
8. All applications for the Cherokee Language Teacher Training Program received June 15th. Selection process will be completed by the end of July.

1. Plan for upcoming Fall Community Language Classes; plan for upcoming online Cherokee classes; begin preparing books for upcoming language classes

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. Assisted Cherokee Immersion School with posters and graphics for their competition in the Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair at OU

5. Answered 30 inquiries sent to the language@cherokee.org email address.
6. Assisted with the monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau
7. Assisted JOM with Camp Cherokee preparation
8. Assisted Dr. Sly's staff with preparation for the TOSS meeting.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Create digital version of the Cherokee Language activity books.

Translation (Translation, Presentations, Community Outreach)

Activity	So/M. June / J. July	YTD
# of internal requests completed	18,350	57,017
# of external requests completed	25	945
# tested for Certification/Proficiency	2-Proficiency 0-Cerification	3-Proficiency 1-Cerification

Accomplishments:

1. Assisted with monthly Speakers Bureau meetings.
2. Anna Sixkiller, translator, and Phyllis Edwards, contract translator, attended the CCO Conference in Tulsa and did a luncheon talk about Cherokee women.
3. All Cherokee Language staff attended the IGNITE Language conference June 19 - 22; had over 100 attendees for the event.
4. Staff hosted the Cherokee Language Consortium June 21 - 23 held in Tahlequah.
5. Lawrence Panther attended the Indigenous Language Institute conference in Santa Fe July 10 - 13.
6. Staff continues translation of technology terms for Microsoft and Google.
7. David Crawler and Lawrence Panther worked with Samantha Cornelius, a researcher from the University of Texas-Arlington on language documentation, an ongoing project with the University since 2013.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Next Speaker's Bureau Meeting August 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 Apprentice program staff for the month of June 2017.



Technical Assistance Capacity Building

Capacity Building in June

Number of Community
Organizations Assisted
May

74

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.

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Number of hours of capacity
building training received by
community leaders

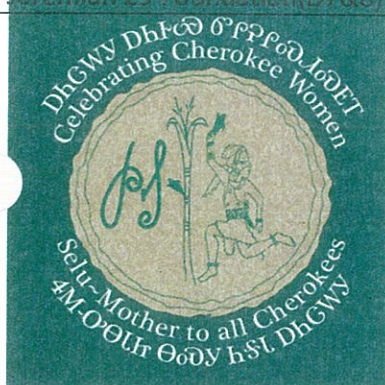
Gadel'tiquai Leadership Series: Grant Writing Skills was this month's installment of our leadership training. Chris Welch discussed the difference in writing styles from our normal communication to a technical style used for grants. There were 10 different Cherokee community organization present at this training.

As part of our effort to build stronger ties between our At-large communities and our local organizations on June 12th the Brushy Cherokee Action Association hosted **Sister Organization Dinner**. Local leaders met with the At-large leaders to discuss how they could partner with each other and help build better programs for their communities.

Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in June

#4Hope (D9&15)	Kansas City Cherokee Community (AL)
Adair County Historical & Genealogical Assoc (D7&8)	Marble City Community Food Pantry (D5&6)
American Indian Chamber of Commerce: Tulsa (AL)	Marble City Community Organization (D5&6)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Adair County Schools (D7&8)	Marble City Historical Society (D5&6)
Brushy Cherokee Action Association(D6)	Mid County Community Organization (D7&8)
Capital City Cherokee Community (AL)	Mt. Hood Cherokees (AL)
Central Oklahoma Cherokee Alliance (AL)	Muldrow Cherokee Community Organization
Central Texas Cherokee Township (AL)	Native American Association of Ketchum (D10&11)
Cherokee Citizens League of Southeast Texas (AL)	Native American Fellowship Inc. (D11)
Cherokee Community of Central California (AL)	Neighborhood Association Of Chewey (D7&8)
Cherokee Community of North Texas (AL)	New Mexico Cherokee Community (AL)
Cherokee Community of Puget Sound (AL)	No Limits Youth Racer's Association (D7&8)
Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire (AL)	No-we-ta Cherokee Community Organization (D12)
Cherokee Elders Council, Inc. (D9&15)	Oaks Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. (D2&9)
Cherokee National Historical Society, Inc. (D1)	Okay Area Senior Citizens (D1)
Cherokee National Treasures Association (D1)	One Fire Association Kenwood Wickliffe Comm (D10)
Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area (AL)	Orchard Road Community Outreach (D7&8)
Cherokee Township of San Antonio (AL)	OWEESTA
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preservation (D1)	POTLUCK Society (D14&15)
Cherokees of Central Florida (AL)	Project A Association (D4)
Cherokees of Northern Central Valley (AL)	Tahlequah High School (D1)
Cherokees of Orange County (AL)	Reaching Our Hulbert Community (D1)
Cherokees of the Northern Central Valley (AL)	Rogers County Cherokee Association (D14&15)
Colorado Cherokee Circle (AL)	San Diego Cherokee Community (AL)
Community Crisis Center	Spavinaw Youth & Neighborhood Center (D10)
Connors State College (D4)	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society (D7&8)
Desert Cherokees (AL)	Tailholt Community Organization (D3)
Eastern Band Cherokee Indians	The Citizen's League of Southeast Texas (AL)
Encore (D1)	Tribal Youth Council
Este Mvskokulke Momen Hopuetvke, Inc. (D5)	Tsa La Gi LA (AL)
Fairfield Community Organization (D7&8)	Tsotsadalvi Foundation (D1,2&3)
Family Support Center of Oaks (D2&9)	Tulsa Cherokee Community (AL)
Fort Gibson(D4)	Valley of The Sun Cherokees (AL)
Grand Nation Inc.	Victor Echo Tango Foundation(D1)
Greater Wichita Area Cherokee Community (AL)	Victory Cherokee Organization (D13&14)
Indian Women's Pocahontas Club (D14&15)	Washington County Cherokee Association (D12)
Jeremiah 29 Foundation(D7&8)	Webbers Falls Historical Soc & Museum (D4&5)

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



2017 Conference of Community Leaders

The 2017 Conference of Community Leaders was held June 9th and 10th at the Wyndham Hotel in Tulsa, OK. The purpose of this event is to bring together Cherokee community leaders from across our jurisdiction area as well as from those in our satellite communities to help them build their organizational capacity to serve their community.

**Number of Community Leaders
Attending Both Days**

635

73

**Number of Organization
Represented**

Conference attendees choose from 35 different concurrent sessions. These sessions were covered:

- Non-profit Business & Finance
- Leadership Development
- Organizational Development
- Technology
- Cherokee Culture
- Cherokee History

These sessions were led by national leaders in their field providing our communities with cutting edge training.

Participants were asked what they expected to get out of these two days of learning. Of those stating their expectations:

1. **53%** indicated learning new organizational/leadership skills
2. **29%** indicated networking with other leaders
3. **18%** indicated learning about Cherokee culture & history

Half of the participants came to increase their leadership abilities within their communities. While less than 1 in 5 came primarily to increase their knowledge of Cherokee culture and history. This was surprising.

Although not asked directly, participants also commented on locations for future conferences.

82%

**Percentage of Community Leaders
Indicating that Tulsa is Their**



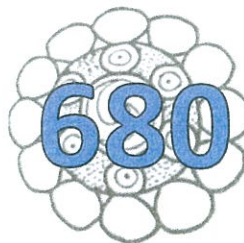
Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

On June 5th Cultural Outreach staff hosted an In-District cultural presenting in Councilperson Victoria Vazquez's District 11 at Ketchum. Demos Glass shared a presentation on Public Art with the 29 people who attended.



Number attending Cultural
Outreach Presentation in June

On June 29th CCO staff assisted the Central Oklahoma Cherokee Alliance with their annual gathering. It was held at Rose State College in Midwest City.



Number attending
Midwest City Event

On June 24th CCO staff traveled to Potomac, MD to assist the Capital City Cherokee Community with their annual community event and potluck. It was held at Rockwood Manor at Montgomery Parks in Potomac, MD.



Number attending the
Capital City Cherokee Event

Following the Conference of Community Leaders, the At-Large Communities were invited to stay for a cultural outreach program. During this program they participated in our June Cultural Presentation. Tonia Weavel presented a program on Traditional Men's Clothing at the Heritage Center. This was followed by Ryan Mackey and Howard Paden discussing our Traditional Stomp Dance with a demonstration. Fifty people attended.

We had a Sister community Networking at the Brushy Community building this was to bring together the At large Satellite communities with a local Community. 84 people



Community Work/Building

At the end of June, communities receiving Community Work/Building grants had completed 40% of the projects. No-We-Ta Cherokee Community Foundation and Cherokee Elders Council have reported completing their projects.

The other three grants have reported significant progress toward the completing of their projects.

- Brushy Cherokee Action Association
- Native American Fellowship, Inc.
- Orchard Road Community Outreach – Women's Shelter

These include completion of framing of building additions and the installation of an HVAC system. We anticipate these being completed on schedule.



Volunteer Program

With everything else going on in June, the Volunteer staff also hosted three major work groups. These three groups worked in Tahlequah, Hulbert, Stilwell, Locus Grove, Rocky Mountain and Cherry Tree. In

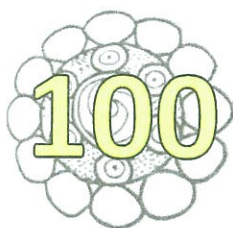


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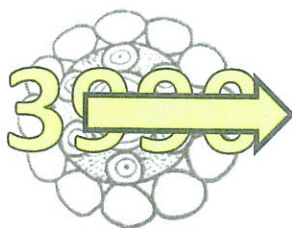
YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIPS

June and throughout July staff is assisting TEAMEffort Youth Group Mission Trips. Based in Green Cove Springs, FL they brought 30 volunteers to work

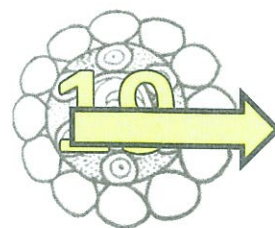
for 3 weeks in June. These young people provided 900 hours of volunteer labor for our elders and disabled citizens. Building Trades again this month provided their students with the opportunity to learn while serving our people. WaDo A large group of men, 60, from the Methodist churches of Missouri also came in June. With their skilled labor they were able to complete a wide variety of projects including roofing a house and making the bathroom on another handicap accessible.



Volunteers



Hours of Service



Completed Projects

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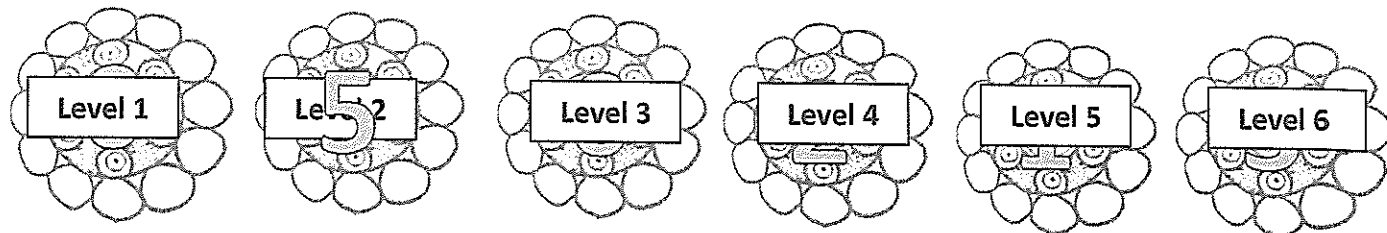
Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

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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.

There have been some questions from the Committee about our terms for speaking levels and the numeric system we use to describe these levels. Please see the Appendix for an explanation of this system.

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



Future Initiatives

- July – Begin the closeout of COTTA Capacity Building Grants