



Cultural Tourism  
Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Cultural Committee Report  
September, 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 begin this 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.
  - 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 fall 2017
- Saline Courthouse:
  - Currently exploring future use/development of the courthouse

**Retail**

- Cherokee National Holiday sales were strong but slightly lower by \$10K than previous year
- Cherokee National Treasures book is now available in stores and online
  - Hosted three book signings in August and September
    - Sold 54 books
  - Upcoming Book signings (2017-2018)
    - September 30, 2017, 12PM-2PM: Cherokee Day at Eastern Trail Museum, Vinita, OK
    - November 2, 2017, 1PM-3PM: Sequoyah's Cabin Museum, Sallisaw, OK
    - December 1, 2017, 1PM-3PM: Cherokee Gifts Shop at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa
    - March 24, 2018, 1PM-3PM: Cherokee Heritage Center, Park Hill, OK

### 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](http://www.VisitCherokeeNation.com) for event info.
- Highlighted upcoming events:
  - October 20, 2017: Fall Break Make and Take (All Cherokee Nation owned museums)
  - November 4, 2017: Make Your Mocs Class

### 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.
- Fall education tour grant program has begun, offering tours for school groups with expected attendance near 2,400.
- Planning the West to East tour in June 2018 to Cherokee, NC. Promotion will begin October 2017.
- Cherokee Art Market will take place October 14-15, 2017 at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa.

Group: Education Services

Month: SoM June / JbVh July

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

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

Activity	SCh August / SPaDA September	YTD
# of staff presentations/classes	4	22
# of participants-Outreach	120	1718
# of on-site classes	2	13
# of participants in on-line class	Out for summer	2150
# contract community classes	0	31

**Accomplishments:**

1. Wade Blevins did a workshop on Instructional Design for NSU and the Master Apprentice Program August 31.
2. Staff Ed Fields, Lula Elk, and Sarah Hawk assisted with monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau meeting
3. Lula Elk continues teaching a class at Murrow Indian home in Muskogee.
4. Lula begins a Cherokee class at Keys after school program September 8.
5. Fall Community Language class schedule is being finalized.
6. Online Cherokee language classes begin September 11.
7. Lawrence Panther, John Ross Nora Birdtail, Betty Frogg, Anna Sixkiller, and Bonnie Kirk served as selection committee for the Cherokee Language Teacher Training Scholarship. The committee selected 4 students: Cody Vann, Nathan Collins, Raily Cox, and Larry Carney.

**Future Plans/New Initiatives:**

1. Finalize plans to publish We Are Learning Cherokee textbook as a book rather than printing in-house
2. Begin making We Are Learning Cherokee work/activity book to accompany the main textbook

**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. Answered 25 inquiries at the [language@cherokee.org](mailto:language@cherokee.org) email address.
5. Assisted with the monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau

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### Translation (Translation, Presentations, Community Outreach)

- | Activity | SGH August / SPoD September | YTD |
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# of internal requests completed	16,500	73,517
# of external requests completed	45	990
# tested for Certification/Proficiency	1-Proficiency 1-Cerification	4-Proficiency 2-Cerification



1. Assisted with monthly Speakers Bureau meetings.
2. Several staff volunteered for Cherokee Holiday, including Dennis Sixkiller as announcer at the parade.
3. John Ross is working with Brian Barlow and the Cherokee Nation Foundation to translate signage in Walmart into Cherokee for their produce section as part of a community engagement project.
4. Roy Boney was awarded the 40 Under 40 Award by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.
5. Staff continues translation of technology terms for Microsoft and Google.
6. Staff are preparing to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cherokee Language Consortium celebration event to be held in Cherokee, NC October 2-6.
7. David Crawler and Lawrence Panther continue working with Samantha Cornelius, a researcher from the University of Texas-Arlington on language documentation, an ongoing project with the University since 2013.

1. Next Speaker's Bureau Meeting September 2017.

On Aug 10, 2017, at 10:19 AM, Canaan Duncan <[canaan-duncan@cherokee.org](mailto:canaan-duncan@cherokee.org)> wrote:

Below are the deadlines for all September Committee and Tribal Council meetings.

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Committee & Tribal Council Meetings:**

All reports and proposed resolutions and acts are due to Administration by Tuesday, August 22nd. Administration will turn in to Tribal Council by Tuesday, August 29th.

- ☛ 1:00pm- Health Committee- Tribal Council Offices
- ☛ 2:00pm- Resources Committee- Tribal Council Offices
- ☛ 3:00pm- Education & Culture Committee- Tribal Council Offices
- ☛ 4:00pm- Community Services Committee- Tribal Council Offices
- ☛ 6:00pm- Tribal Council Meeting- Tribal Council Chambers

**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Culture, Rules, and Executive & Finance Committee Meetings:**

All reports and proposed resolutions and acts are due to Administration by Tuesday, September 5th. Administration will turn in to Tribal Council by Tuesday, September 12th.

- ☛ 11:00am- Culture Committee- Tribal Council Offices
- ☛ 1:00pm- Rules Committee- Tribal Council Offices
- ☛ 3:00pm- Executive & Finance Committee- Tribal Council Offices

Please remember all dates are tentative until the final calendar is approved.  
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Community & Cultural Outreach

## Report for August 2017

Rob Daugherty – Director

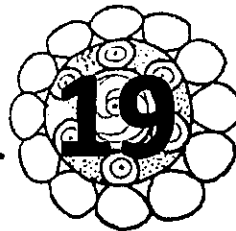
The following report covers the activities of the CCO; COTTA, Community Work and Volunteer Program and Cultural Outreach Program, History and Preservation and the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice program staff for the month of August 2017.



### Technical Assistance Capacity Building

#### Capacity Building in July

Number of Community  
Organizations Assisted  
in August



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

Gadel'tiquai Leadership Series: Project & Event Planning was this month's installment of our leadership training. Chris Welch led this month's discussion. There were 15 different Cherokee community organization present at this training.

## Organization Receiving Technical Assistance in July

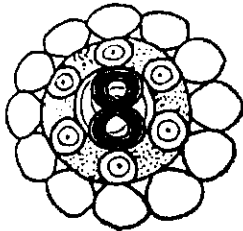
Adair County Historical & Genealogical Association (D7&8)	Mid County Community Organization (D7&8)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Adair County (D7&8)	Neighborhood Association of Chewey (D7&8)
Cherokee Elders Council (D9&15)	Orchard Road Community Outreach (D7&8)
Cherokee National Treasure Association (D1)	POTLUCK Society (D14&15)
Cherokees for Black Indian History Preservation (D1)	Project OSIYo Tahlequah Mens Shelter (D1)
Cherokees of Central Florida (At-Large)	Spavinaw Youth and Neighborhood Center
Encore (D1)	Star of Bethlehem
Four Corners Community Organization (D)	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society (D7&8)
Friends of the Hulbert Library (D1)	Webbers Falls Historical Soc & Museum (D4&5)

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



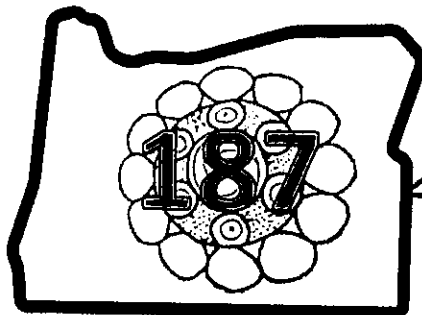
### Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

On August 8<sup>th</sup> Cultural Outreach staff hosted our monthly program in the O-Si-Yo training room.. Perry Vanbuskirk did the cultural presentation on the Adl Adl Game.



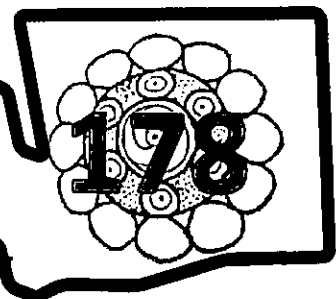
Number attending Cultural Outreach Presentation in August

CCO Staff assisted the Cherokee Community of Puget Sound with their At-Large Community meeting August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Puyallup's Little Wild Wolves Youth/Community Center in Fife, WA. Attendance at this meeting reached 178 Cherokees and their families. This was followed up on August 6<sup>th</sup> with the combined Community Meeting of the Mount Hood Cherokees and the Willamette Tsa-La-Gi Community at the Lane Community College Longhouse in Eugene, OR. There were 187 of our Cherokee family at this event.



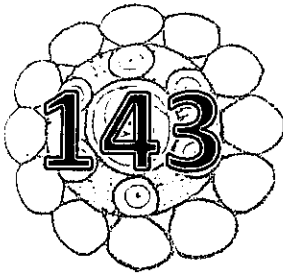
Number attending Willamette Tsa-La-Gi Community and Mt Hood Cherokees Event

Number attending the Cherokee Community of Puget Sound Event



During the month of August CCO staff also hosted 3 In District Cultural Presentations. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, 41 people attended the District 10 presentation provided by National Treasure Demos Glass on stamping

metal and public art in Grove. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, David Comingdeer demonstrated making stickball sticks to 55 attendees in District 13 citizens in Sperry. Followed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with District 14 learning about basketry from Kathy Vanbuskirk in Pryor with 47 attending.



**Number attending In District  
Cultural Presentations in  
August**

At the end of July, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, Miss Betty Frogg traveled to Texas to give presentations on the different type of baskets made by Cherokees. Her presentation for the Cherokee Township of San Antonio was attended by 16 people. Her presentation for the Central Texas Cherokee Township had 8 attendees.

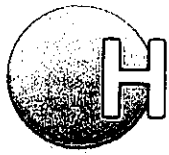
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## Volunteer Program



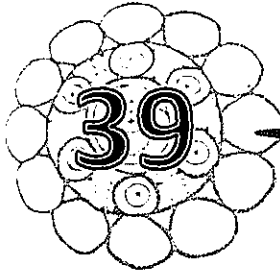
The Month of August was transportation month. All Volunteer Program staff transported the At-Large Community meeting equipment to Washington and Oregon and back to give our citizens the opportunity to see and hear from our Cherokee leaders. This gave them 64 hours of driving time from Our office to the events and then back. WaDo Tony Stayathome and Josh Allan for your efforts for our citizens.

On their return from the Northwest, They built a handicap ramp for an elder in the Kansas, OK community. They also began preparation for the arrival of the groups in October by lining up projects for them in the Dry Creek, Cookson, Welling area.



## History & Preservation

This month Lunch & Learn was held on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer Frazee, historical interpreter for the Oklahoma Historical Society, presented "Hunter's Home: A Brief Tale of the Museum and Living History Site." Hunter's Home was a major social center for Cherokee society in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century.



Number attending the Lunch & Learn



## 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.

Number of On-line viewers of  
CCO trainings



Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

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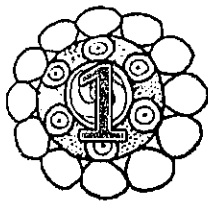
CLMAP staff are working hard, through the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Native Language Community Coordination (NLCC) grant, with other tribal programs and other language programs to organize, update and build up the various Cherokee language curricula used by the Nation.

Our second year participants are teaching using our immersion methodology under the guidance of our first language master speakers and some of our 1st year program participants have begun taking a little time each week to teach the group. Two are at Intermediate High or Level Six and the other one is at

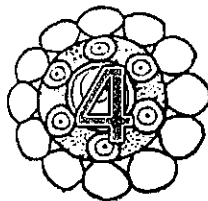
Intermediate Mid or Level Five. One of our second year students is moved to Level Seven or Advanced Low. We are very excited about this development. The first year participants are progressing at a good rate. Two have tested at Intermediate Mid, Level Five, four have made it to Intermediate Low, Level Four and one participants are at Novice High, Level Three. (See info-graphic below)

The second year students are working on their own to interact with fluent speaking community members and staff in other language programs. They have been able to deepen their inter-conversational language skills to a greater detail because of the experiences and have begun to do one on one mentorships with a diversity of Native speakers. Each second year student is also teaching one hour a day in language session.

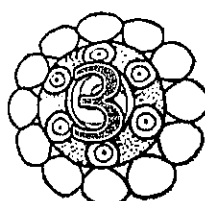
#### Number of Students at Each ACTFL Speaker Level at the end of July



Level 3



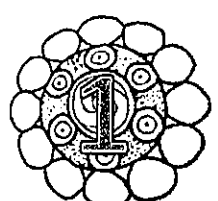
Level 4



Level 5



Level 6



Level 7

#### Future Initiatives

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> – CCO Open House
- September 7<sup>th</sup> – CCO Grant Rollout & Potluck
- September 28<sup>th</sup> – Evaluation & Success Workshop
- October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Southern California At-Large Meetings

August 2017 Monthly Report

**Youth Activities:**

**We held 7 youth activities in August, due to Briggs school not having Boys & Girls Club the first week of school, one community taking a break for the summer and One community asking to cancel until they can regroup. Total attendance at August youth activities was 91 youth, 11 parents/community members & 5 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended each site, 2 – 4 staff members went to each site.**

Cherokee Heights had 2 youth activities in August on Tuesdays, the 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, where they made stretchy corn bead bracelets and Homemade Ice Cream in a Ziploc bag. There were 10 - 15 youth at each meeting. There were a total of 25 youth & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Lost City had one youth activity scheduled for Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, but the community organization asked to cancel as the youth had just started school and needed to get used to a new schedule.

Tailholt/ Caney had one youth activity on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, where they made stretchy corn bead bracelets. There were 12 youth, 3 parents & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Chewey had 1 youth activity on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, where they made Stretchy corn bead bracelets. There were 7 youth, 2 parents & Adult community members & 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Brushy had 1 youth activity scheduled on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, but the community organization has asked to cancel and give them some time to regroup as due to budget cut backs at Brushy school the Boys & Girls club will not have the staff to bring their youth to the community building for activities.

Maryetta Boys & Girls Club had 1 youth activity on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, where they made stretchy corn bead bracelets. There were 20 youth, 3 B&G club staff and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls had 1 youth activity on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, where they made stretchy corn bead bracelets. There were 25 youth, 3 B&G Club staff and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Briggs Boys & Girls club had 1 youth activity scheduled on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, but asked to cancel it as they did not have Boys & Girls club the first week of school.

Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls had 1 youth activity on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, where they made stretchy corn bead bracelets. There was no electricity in the school so there were only 2 youth and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed & handed out 115 copies of flyers about September youth activities to residents, community organizations & participants in Cherokee Heights, Chewey, Lost City & 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 6 adult resident activities in August, total attendance at Adult adult resident activities was 46 adult residents & 5 CYD & ARS staff. Not all staff attended activities at each site, 2-3 staff went to each site.**

Tom Buffington Heights in Vinita, had 1 Adult Resident Activity schedule on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, where they made beaded safety pin medallion necklaces. There were 5 residents and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Will Rogers Senior Housing in Claremore had 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, where they made clay pinch pots. There were 7 residents and 2 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Wisdom Keepers in Tahlequah held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, where they made clay pinch pots. There were 12 adult residents and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Jay Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, where they made clay pinch pots. There were 9 adult residents and 3 CYDARS staff in attendance.

Stilwell Senior Housing held 1 Adult Resident Activity on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, where they made clay pinch pots. There were 3 adult residents and 3 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, August 14<sup>th</sup>, where they made clay pinch pots. There were 10 adult residents and 3 CYD & ARS staff in attendance.

Mailed and handed out 189 copies of flyers about September 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 and Jay Senior Housing to post.

**Activities scheduled in the future:**

**Due to the Brushy community organization asking to cancel youth activities for a while. We have 9 youth activities scheduled for September 2017.**

We will have activities in:

- Cherokee Heights on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, September 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 6 pm.;
- Chewey on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.;
- Briggs Boys & Girls Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm. – 5:15 pm.;
- Maryetta Boys & Girls Club, on the second Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
- Rocky Mountain Boys & Girls Club, on the Third Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
- Lost City on the Third Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 pm.- 8 pm.;
- Tailholt on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.;
- Cave Springs/Zion Boys & Girls Club, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. – 5:30 pm.

**We have 6 adult resident activities scheduled for September 2017.**

We will have activities at:

- Stilwell Senior Housing, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
- Swimmer/Autumn Heights/Leon Daniels, Tahlequah at the Gregg Glass building, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm. – 3:30 pm.;
- Jay Senior Housing, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am. – 11:30 am.;
- Wisdom Keepers, Tahlequah, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm. – 3 pm.;
- Tom Buffington Heights, Vinita, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 pm. – 3 pm.;
- Will Rogers Senior Housing, Claremore, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm. – 4 pm.

I am waiting to see what is done with our budget before I schedule any new youth activity to replace Brushy or schedule any new Adult resident activities as if our budgets stay cut by more than 50% and we have to lay off or reassign staff we will not have enough staff to do the activities scheduled each month now much less any new ones.

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.