



Cultural Tourism
Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Cultural Committee Report
May 2018

Key Project Summary

Capital Projects

- Cherokee National Capitol Update:
 - Capitol Museum Development Phase 1- Interior Renovation: Renovations began on May 1st and will be complete in early 2019.
 - Capitol Museum Development Phase 2- Exhibit Development: Exhibit plans are being finalized. Exhibit fabrication will begin late summer 2018.
 - Cherokee National Capitol Museum will open Spring 2019
- Water Avenue Pavilion
 - Construction for the new pavilion structure is currently underway. Construction will be complete in May 2018.
- Downtown Tahlequah Cultural Pathway
 - Currently working on the design of a cultural pathway to connect Cherokee Nation's downtown cultural resources.
 - Design work will be complete summer 2018.
- Saline Courthouse:
 - Bids are currently being reviewed for the courthouse restoration. Proposed work will focus on the restoration of the interior of the building, including modernizing mechanical, electrical and plumbing. Bids will be reviewed by Cherokee Nation Administration and the CNB Board of Directors in May.

Retail

- New spring merchandise has arrived in store
- Cherokee Nation Gift Shops has once 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 National Holiday Shirt will be in store by June

Museum Promotions

- Cherokee Nation Museums have launched a 2018 schedule of cultural classes, lecture series and events with activities for children and families. Check www.VisitCherokeeNation.com for event info.

- **Preservation Series: Gravestone Workshop**
Tahlequah City Cemetery
May 3 & 4, 2018; 9 am - 4 pm
- **The Letters of John Ross Exhibit**
John Ross Museum
May 4 - Dec. 29, 2018; 10 am - 4 pm
- **Moccasin Making Class**
Cherokee National Prison Museum
May 5, 2018; 10 am - 2 pm
- **Sequoyah Day**
Sequoyah's Cabin Museum
May 19, 2018; 10 am - 4 pm
Join us for a day of art and cultural demonstrations, live performances, storytelling, traditional games, kid's activities and more during Sequoyah Day. All activities will be held on the grounds of Sequoyah's Cabin Museum in conjunction with Cherokee Nation's Native Games.
- **Stories on the Square**
Cherokee National Capitol
June 6, 13, 20, 27 and July 11, 18, 25
- **1843 International Indian Council Meeting Exhibit**
Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum
Opening June 15, 2018
- **Post Statehood Prison Exhibit**
Cherokee National Prison Museum
July 13, 2018 - Jan. 31, 2019
- **Moccasin Making Class**
Cherokee National Prison Museum
July 14, 2018; 10 am - 2 pm

Tours & Events

- YTD tour activity
 - 55 Tours – Includes Motor coach, community, elder and education tours
- 5th Annual Cherokee Days at the National Museum of the American Indian was held April 13-15, 2018 and featured Cherokee National Treasures, cultural demonstrations, lectures, performances and special exhibits. The event welcomed more than 16K visitors over three days

- Cherokee Days featured a new banner exhibit featuring Cherokee Nation, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
- Opened Cherokee Nation Businesses produced the *Trail of Tears: A Story of Cherokee Removal*
 - Exhibit showcases Cherokee Nation's story beyond the Trail of Tears and is located on the second floor of the National Museum of the American Indian. The exhibit runs through December 31, 2018.
 - The exhibit will reopen as a banner exhibition from April 2019-October 2019 in conjunction with the Treaty of New Echota display within NMAI's Treaties exhibit.
- Spring education tour grant program was booked at capacity with expected attendance near 2,400.
 - Statewide teacher walkout forced some tour cancellations
- West to East tour is scheduled June 10- 16, 2018 to Cherokee, NC. Full event details @ <http://visitcherokeemuseum.com/events/Pages/West-to-East-Tour>
 - Tour is sold out

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

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

Activity D00b March / @Ch April / DhodEJ May YTD

# of staff presentations/classes	7	14
# of participants-Outreach	80	2189
# of on-site classes	1	5
# of participants in on-line class	2300	7116
# contract community classes	15	15

Accomplishments:

1. Staff Ed Fields, Lula Elk, and Sarah Hawk assisted with monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau meeting
2. Lula Elk continues teaching a class at Murrow Indian home in Muskogee and has been teaching a Cherokee language & culture class in South Coffeyville.
3. Spring Community Language Classes wrapping up mid-May
4. Online Cherokee language class in session through mid-June.
5. RSU Works / Language Program partnership finalized; first session of Cherokee online class registration opened on March 26. Will continue partnership for further classes.
6. Mailed 17 cultural packets out to citizens who requested culture and language information.
7. Throughout May, Ron Etheridge & Roy Boney have been holding tribal consultations with schools in the 14 county area to form partnerships to get more certified Cherokee language classes into our public schools.
8. Community Language Class textbook will be submitted to Oklahoma State Department of Education textbook committee so it can be officially used in public school for world language credit classes.
9. May 9th, Edna Jones participated at the Cherokee Culture Day at Stilwell High School by doing basket making demonstrations. Culture Day event organized by Lawrence Panther
10. Lawrence Panther, co-ordinator of the Cherokee Teacher Training Scholarship Program, wrapped 2017-18 school year with his students. Will continue working with these same students in the 2018-19 school year.
11. Wade Blevins & Roy Boney have been serving on the advisory board for the Native Language Community & Culture demonstration grant project with the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Continue developing an online Cherokee language class that could be taken as college credit
2. Develop Cherokee Nation teacher training program to train adjunct Cherokee language instructors for public schools in Oklahoma

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

Accomplishments:

1. Answered 30 inquiries at the language@cherokee.org email address.
2. Developing a new self guided online Cherokee language course in collaboration with Cherokee Nation IT staff. Also developing more online language material for public use
3. Loaded 4000 USB drives with Cherokee language files to be handed out at community meetings
4. Assisted with the monthly Cherokee Speakers Bureau
5. Origin of Strawberries Cherokee language activity book ready for release at Strawberry Festival in Stillwell
6. Uploaded new documents to the Cherokee Language Downloads section of the Cherokee.org website
7. Continue working with Microsoft to update Cherokee language interface for Office Online and Windows
8. Continue developing Mantralingua book software to create interactive Cherokee language books for young learners.
9. Roy Boney was invited to attend a National Endowment for the Humanities grant-funded training at the University of Oklahoma May 7 & 8 on using Mukurtu software for tribal culture and language archiving. Working with Cherokee Nation IT staff to bring the software to Cherokee Nation network to develop a translation archive and live online language dictionary.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Design Cherokee language ebooks and materials for public use in common areas such as clinic waiting rooms, tag office, etc.

Translation (Translation, Presentations, Community Outreach)

Activity OZAWh January / QSP February / D0b March YTD

# of internal requests completed	8050	37,848
# of external requests completed	750	3611
# tested for Certification/Proficiency	1-Proficiency 0-Cerification	1-Proficiency 0-Cerification

Accomplishments:

1. Assisted with monthly Speakers Bureau meetings.
2. Staff continues translation of technology terms for Microsoft and Google.
3. Staff participated on a panel discussion about Cherokee language at the Five Civilized Tribes Intertribal Language Summit held in Tahlequah April 18 & 19 concurrently with the NSU Symposium on the American Indian. The Language Summit committee was chaired by Roy Boney and Cherokee Nation acted as host to the Five Tribes language programs.
4. Translators continue working with *Cherokee Phoenix* on an all-Cherokee language issue of the newspaper for September.
5. Staff preparing to teach language and culture classes at Camp Cherokee.
6. Staff providing translations to CNB for new building construction at Hastings and other sites. Working with Cultural Tourism to include more Cherokee language content.
7. Translators have been participating with the Medicine Keepers Circle to act as mentors for the new training program administered by Pat Gwin & Dr. Clint Carroll.

Future Plans/New Initiatives:

1. Lawrence Panther will be starting a Cherokee class aimed at fluent speakers who wish to become literate in the Cherokee syllabary
2. Develop a Cherokee translator training program for second language learners of Cherokee.
3. May 19th staff will participate in the Sequoyah Day Celebration at the Sequoyah Cabin Museum.
4. Begin planning for Cherokee Language Consortium trip to Cherokee, NC in June

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Community & Cultural Outreach

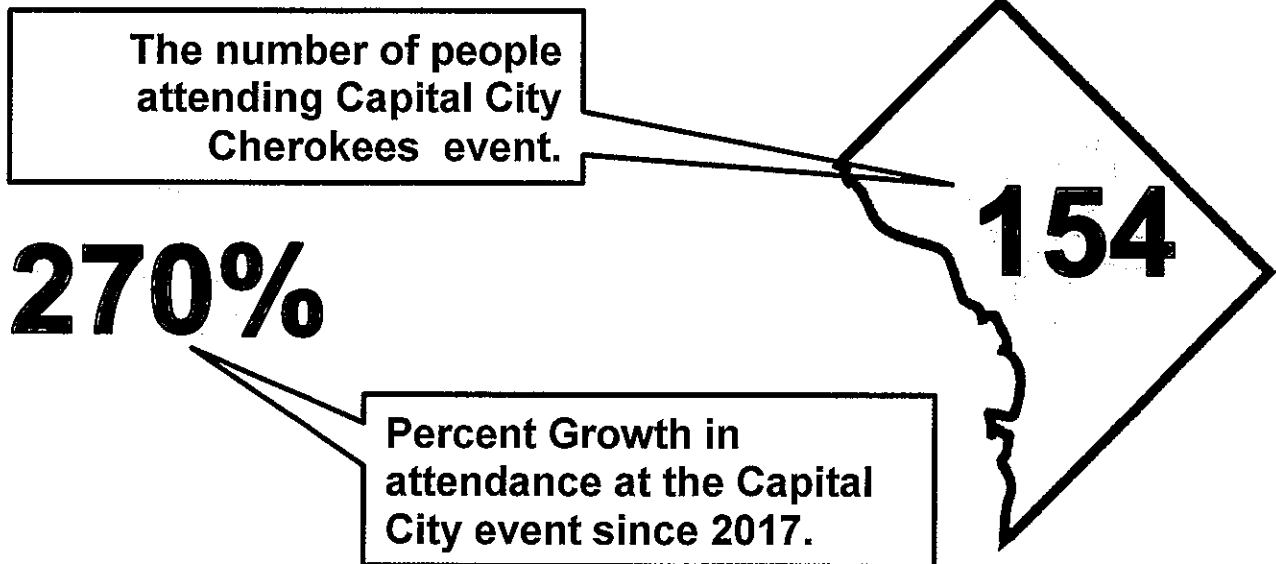
Report for April 2018
Rob Daugherty – Director

The following report covers the activities of the CCO; Cultural Outreach Program, History and Preservation, At-Large Community activities and the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program, staff for the month of April 2018.



Cultural Outreach & At-Large Communities

On April 15th.CCO Staff assisted the Capital City Cherokees with their annual meeting. The event was held at the Walter Reed Center in Arlington Virginia. Staff and community leaders were surprised by the number of community members that participated in the event. Attendance was almost 3 times the attendance from last year.

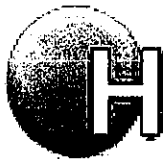
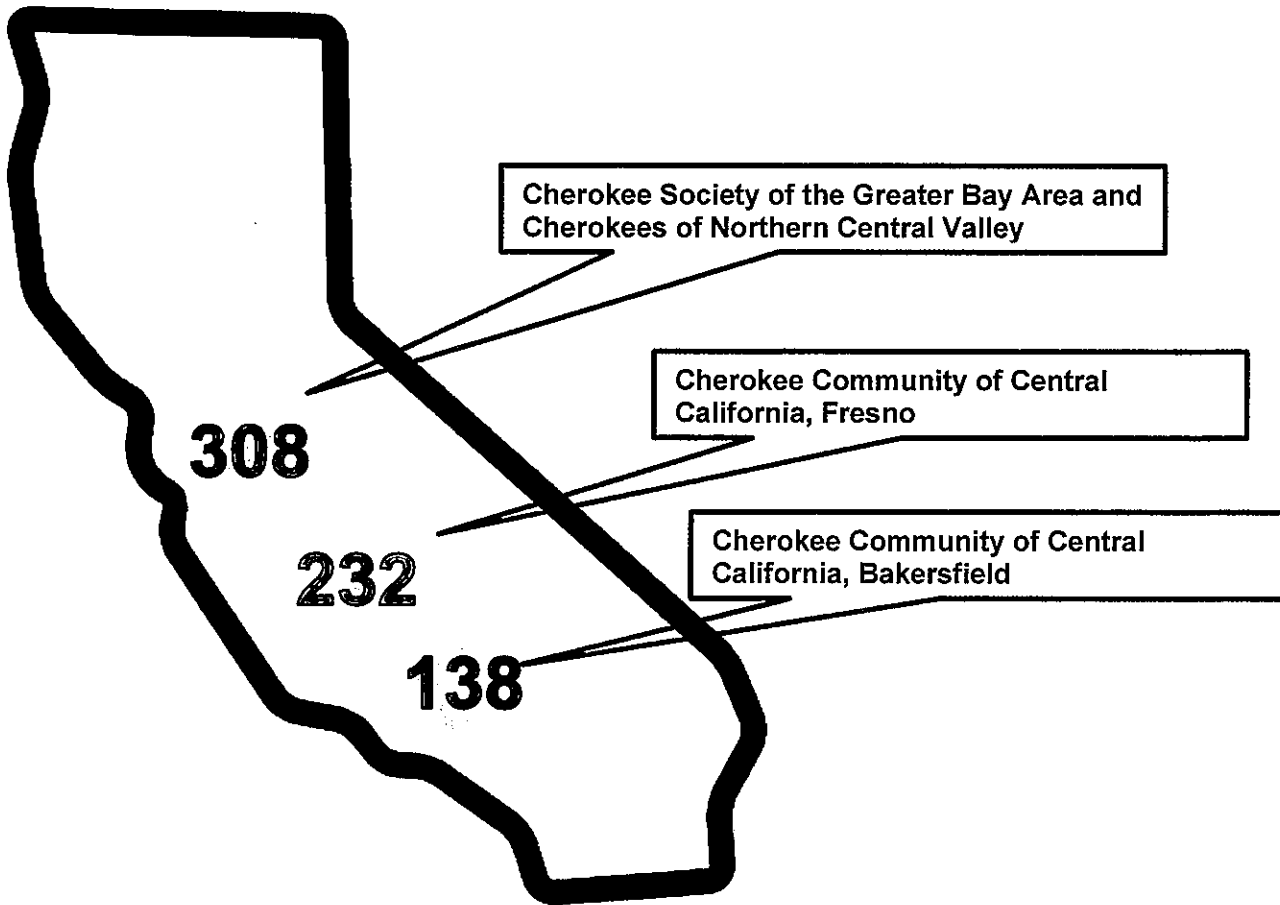


The last weekend of April was our Mid-California meetings. Friday the 25th CCO assisted the Cherokee Community of Central California with their meeting in Bakersfield and then followed the following day with their Fresno meeting. The meetings wrapped up with the combined meeting of the Cherokees of the North Central Valley and the Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area.

Attendance for the Mid-California community meetings has been strong. When compared with 2017 attendance only Bakersfield fell behind and it was only 6% down. Fresno increased the most with 170%.

2018 Attendance Compared to 2017

Bakersfield	Fresno	Suisun City
94%	170%	112%



History Preservation

42

Number attending Kansas City event

Also in April History & Preservation staff traveled to two of our At-Large communities to provide educational programs. On April 21st, Catherine Gray traveled to the Kansas City Cherokee Community to present Historical Sites of the Cherokee Nation. This was followed on April 28th with a visit to the Cherokee of Central Florida meeting in Clearwater, FL. For this group, Ms Gray's talk was titled, Outlaws and Lawmen of the Cherokee Nation.

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Number attending the Florida presentation



Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

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From March 31st through April 30th, the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program CLMAP in cooperation with the Cherokee Baptist Association and Cherokee Language Consortium hosted the second All Cherokee [Language] Preaching and singing event on March 22nd serving over 300 community members and taking place entirely in the Cherokee Language.

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Native Language Community Coordination (NLCC) Grant committee from the Cherokee Language programs met on April 11th, and finalized our verbiage for Our Vision statement and began the process to finalize our Scope. On April 25th, NLCC met and finalized the scope and focused on strategic goals.

April 18th and 19th CLMAP Program participants and staff attended the intertribal council language summit at the NSU symposium.

Details were finalized for the Language Summer intensive to be implemented the summer of 2018. This intensive will serve immersion school graduates attending Sequoyah High School to increase their language proficiency. Three new employees were hired on April 16th to meet the needs of the summer Intensive and Sequoyah's 14th Generation Master/Apprentice After School Program.

NLCC staff team completed the organization and classification of Language Curricula from various Cherokee language programs that we have collected to help us update and build up the various Cherokee language curricula used by the Nation. Additionally, the curriculum team is still creating curriculum to support the Cherokee Language Master/Apprentice program and the 14th Generation Master/Apprentice After School Program, with an emphasis on the 10 week summer language intensive.

All eight of our new first year CLMAP program participants are fully demonstrating a personal desire to aid in the perpetuation of the Cherokee language, including two Immersion School parents. They participated in their first second interview since being in the program and have all progressed quickly from **Novice Mid (level 2)** proficiency to. Six of which have reached **Novice High (level 3)**.



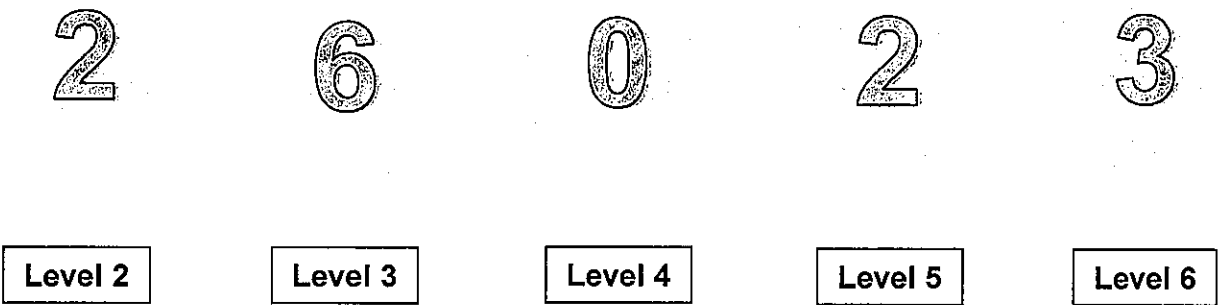
Our second year participants are still advancing through the program, and have done well with language teaching training. As a part of second year development, participants practice immersion style teaching styles while assisting Master Cherokee speakers, they are required to develop lesson plans, teaching materials and direct classroom instruction in language session. They continue to advance their language proficiency while simultaneously gaining experience with language session instruction.

The five second year participants are progressing well, two have made it to **Intermediate Mid (level five)**, and three have advanced to **Intermediate High (level six)** on the American Council for Teaching Foreign Language's (ACTFL) proficiency scale. This progression is in line with the top rates of

progression for subsequent years. The program's curriculum and delivery method continues to grow and become more efficient.

In the 14th Generation after school program, the Sequoyah students continue to display language growth and eagerness to learn more. They are developing deeper proficiency and advancing their conversational skills as per the focus of instruction. Our immersion language classes for Sequoyah School's 7th and 8th grade classes continue daily and they are surprisingly adept at language acquisition. The reports show they are at an age where they are still able to learn at an advanced rate of acquisition.

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



Up Coming Events:

- June 22 & 23 – Cherokee Community Leaders Conference, NSU
- June 25 thre 27 – Cherokee Cultural Training, At-Large Community Leaders