

Cherokee Elders Newsletter

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Cherokee Elders Council Will Move This Month (see Page 4)

United Methodist Congregations Help Cherokees



Church congregations from Missouri worked on 18+ projects mostly within Kenwood, Oklahoma. Painting, chopping weeds, roofing and laying tile were the range of projects for Cherokee residents, schools, and churches. (more photos on the bottom of page 3)

Second Annual Ethnobiology Conference and Field Trips

The Cherokee Nation hosted its second Conference to increase awareness and appreciation of Cherokee plants.

Clint Carroll highlighted the challenges facing the preservation of Native American environment. His talk, "What We Know About Things that Live in the Wild: Cherokee Environmental Knowledge Through Time."

Tony and Carra Harris, master gardeners from Georgia, discussed how Cherokee plants were used prior to the Trail of Tears, and how to start your own Cherokee garden.

Pat Gwin commented about the field trip to Rocky Ford - It's a natural Ozark stream setting closely resembling the environment of eastern Cherokees lands. (see page 2)



Director Pat Gwin and Dr. Clint Carroll
Natural Resources Dept. U. Minnesota



Historian Cathy Monholland
She attended to the details



Tony Harris cherokeephoxenix.org/Article/Index/5987
Rare Cherokee plants were given as door-prizes



Carra Harris
She detailed how to grow these plants

Cherokee Elders enjoyed *preserving Cherokee culture, and traditions.*



Donna Cooper, Dede.Brownlow and CorbyReid



Owen Scott and Clint Carroll

Field Trip #1 Garden located on the Cherokee Nation Complex



The group talks casually in front of "Old Tobacco" KW



Blackberries suffered from finger blight

Field Trip #2 Rocky Ford State Park, now Cherokee trust land near Oaks, Oklahoma



Mark Dunham identified forty plants during the field trip



Pausing by a large River Birch, *Betula nigra*, Jh.A.C.J



Spring creek runs through Rocky Ford

Volunteers at the Cherokee Rainbow House



Carissa Warren, Debra Combs, and Bailey Mc Cleya
This may be the toughest job in the free store



Barbara Bower, Linda Tyson, and Debra Combs
They use the garage to receive donated clothing



Love Farris, a student volunteer from Locust Grove HS
in the background are Dorothy, Bea, & Audrey

Enrichment 101

By Linda Mullings-Allen

The school year started in Lake County, California, only when pear harvest was over. Daddy worked enough extra then to afford to buy us ten kids a couple of outfits in which to start school. And, then, again before winter in walnut season, we'd get warmer shoes and jackets. Back when I was growing up, we only had one source of clothing help, the Monday morning Rummage Sale at the local Presbyterian Church.

Later, as I was raising my own two children, clothing consignment stores sprang up, and I was able to "dress them for less." Then as my grandchildren came along, the concept of yard sales caught on, and we had that additional source for clothing needs. I never, however, lived anywhere that I could shop for family clothing and household items absolutely free of charge; never until now, that is.

What a wonderful privilege it is for me to be a part of the Cherokee Elders Council Rainbow House. I love volunteering where my efforts help clothe so many needy families like my own. The citizens and surrounding-area neighbors of Locust Grove are richly blessed to have the "free store." We are continually in need of committed volunteers to help share in this blessing ,... so come join us in our life-enriching outreach.

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Volunteers in Kenwood



COTTA personnel will have some great stories to tell at their August meeting.



Ysidrio & Nick helped our janitor

Four big topics for July!

1. Elections for Board of Directors at our meeting Saturday July 7th. I consider elections the most important of all our July tasks. The Future of our corporation depend upon this leadership selection process.
2. On 5 July we will begin our move to the new building with a new refrigerator and freezer. Our contractor offered the use of his forklift and flatbed trailer. We may have the help of high school football players to load and unload. Please add your name to the list of helpers, in any capacity.
3. We will host our At-Large Cherokee friends and sponsors in August. Please keep this commitment in mind as we move.
4. Policies and Procedures (*what we do and how we do it*) can now reflect operations in the new building. This is a written administrative task. Your written suggestions will help fill the voids.

We have another large project to tackle. The landlord of the old Rainbow House will no-doubt require a clean building when we vacate. Let us cleanup as we move, or between moves. Please bring a friend to insure that we get this done.

Jack Hummingbird
Chief Elder

June at the Rainbow House

Number of days open.....	8
Number of persons helped.....	946
<i>(customers plus the number in immediate family)</i>	
Number of Emergency Food boxes	29
<i>(for 95 adults, and 30 children)</i>	
<i>children 12years and over are given adult proportions</i>	

Meetings Cherokee Style

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Cherokee Elders Owen, Denice, Michael, Susan, & Linda
We coordinate informally, between agenda items. This takes time (typically 2 hours), but it works for our group. *When each of us says the same thing in their own words, the meeting is over, and we go to lunch.*

Cherokee Nation Community Services (COTTA)



The COTTA staff holds an informal coordination meeting with lunch in the Kenwood Gymnasium. They supervised 18+ projects, mostly in the morning because it was over 100 degrees by 2 PM every day.

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1	2	3 Rainbow House is closed	4 Independence	5 Rainbow House is closed	6	7 Elders Meeting 10AM to noon at Rainbow House
8	9	10 Rainbow House Open 10 to 3	11	12 Rainbow House Open 10 to 3	13	14
15	16	17 Rainbow House Open 10 to 3 RH committee 3PM	18	19 Rainbow House Open 10 to 3	20	21
22	23	24 Rainbow House Open 10 to 3	25	26 Rainbow House Open 10 to 3	27	28
29	30	31 Rainbow House Open 10 to 3	1	2 Rainbow House Open 10 to 3	3	4



Rocky Ford Community