

# Native Pride



June 2017

## PowWow 2017

What a great time we had with PowWow this year. Even though the threat of severe storms caused us to have to shut down a day early making it a one day event we had a successful PowWow. I have been getting phone calls, emails and visits from folks who attended and have had nothing but nice things to say about this years PowWow. A lot of people spent a great many hours preparing for this event, working at the PowWow and afterwards with the packing up, cleaning up and unloading. I have to say a big Thank You to Roger White for his work as the PowWow Coordinator again this year. You did an excellent job. We had vendors travel from long distances to attend this year and some that had to cancel at the last minute. Thank You to all of you for continuing to show your support and making our PowWow such a success. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year. When Gregory Franks showed up at the UCAN Booth to volunteer I handed him the camera and told him to snap away. Thank You Gregory and all the others who were snapping

away with cameras and phones, we were blessed with some wonderful pictures. Our Head Man and Head Lady, Robert and Sandy DuBose, traveled from Pensacola,



Florida and had to race home to beat the stormy weather. Thankfully they succeeded and arrived home safely. Thank You both for making the long journey to serve at our PowWow, you were greatly appreciated and I pray you enjoyed yourselves as much as we enjoyed you both. Our PowWow Princess Contest had to wait for the final determination for our Fellowship Gathering in June. The ladies over the preparations and work with this Contest have done an excellent job. Thank You Kasey Chamblee, Jennifer Houston, Bridgett Hilley, and Paige Berry.



Foy Southard served as our AD and also took the time to start teaching Bob Upton how to serve in this position. Thank You Foy for a job well done and for helping Bob and others learn. Our MC Lee Trevino wanted time to drum and Lucas Bridges agreed to serve as MC this year. Thank You Lee for the years you have served as MC and Thank You Lucas

for serving this year. You did a great job. Donna Bridges has been serving at the gate and with the help of some Boy Scouts and a few others managed to keep traffic from getting backed up and moving quickly through the gate. Thank You. Our security was run by Jim Riley and Joey Clayton this year and although I don't usually see much of them I have been told they did a good job. Thank You. Our demonstrators did an awesome job! Thank You. Thank You to the Stephens family for jumping in and helping at the Necklace making booth.



This year the Boy Scouts were able to provide several of their young men to help out. It was refreshing to see these young men and I pray that we can look forward to them helping again next year. Thank You for all your help.

**MISTAKES**  
are proof that you are  
**TRYING**

Unfortunately we dropped the ball when it came to providing the help needed for the Kitchen this year. Sara and Sherman Dobson have really made the Kitchen a success by keeping up with the inventory, making sure everything gets ordered and picked up and working hard at making sure everyone gets fed during the PowWow as well as serving the customers. Ginny Hale and several others jump in to help as well as any volunteers we can provide during the weekend to give them the extra help they need. This year they did not get all the help they needed and it was an unfair burden on them. I can only apologize to them for not making sure they had adequate help and promise to try and not repeat this oversight next year. Thank You Sherman and Sara, Ginny and all who helped in the kitchen.

Although we had to dissolve our Honor Guard because of a lack of individuals able to fulfill these duties we had enough Veteran's attending to make Grand Entry memorable and honorable. Thank You to all the Veteran's for your service. We are working at getting a newly formed American Indian Warrior and Veteran's Group established that will be able to serve as the Honor Guard did and will prayerfully fill all the needs of our tribes and others when needed.

Jim Riley and Kristy Caldwell became the proud parents of a baby boy, Leonard Ray Waya Unega, just in time to introduce him to the joys of PowWowing (is that a word?). It looks like he loves camping and PowWows. Barefoot Abbie and Nick made his first regalia.

Thank You all for a wonderful and successful PowWow!



**Leonard showing off his Regalia with Barefoot Abbie. Her and Nick made it for him.**



“Listen to the wind, it talks.  
Listen to the silence, it speaks.  
Listen to your heart, it knows.”  
—Native American Proverb—

## LIHEAP/Community Action Grant 2017 (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

What an adventure this grant became this year. After receiving the notification we would be receiving this grant again this year we also received notification the beginning of January that they were changing the website. At first that seemed like it wasn't gonna be a big deal, after all websites change all the time. Boy were we wrong! It turned into a month long nightmare of new forms being required and trying to read the minds of those requesting the forms and praying you got it right. Finally after three long weeks of faxing, emailing and mailing we got it right. Although they didn't cut our funds this year we are still on limited funding as far as weatherization is concerned. If you need assistance with a heating or cooling bill, are enrolled citizens of United Cherokee AniYunWiYa Nation and live in Blount, Calhoun, Cleburne, Cherokee, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, St. Clair, Walker and Winston Counties in Alabama you can apply for this assistance. Eligibility is based on your household income. There is a chart on the application that covers the income limits. If you would like to apply for assistance either call the office at 256 582 2333 or email [ucanonline@bellsouth.net](mailto:ucanonline@bellsouth.net) or [dixonzoo@aol.com](mailto:dixonzoo@aol.com) for an application. Because of the limited funding we will not know until late July if we will have funding available for weatherization assistance. If you would like to inquire about availability of weatherization please contact us by phone, email or write to: UCAN / PO Box 754 / Guntersville, AL 35976 around mid July. If funding is available it will be on a first come first serve basis, but priority will be given to homes with elderly, young children or household members with health issues. We ask if you have used the weatherization before you allow us to give first consideration to those who have not had any assistance through the weatherization funds. We request that you **call prior** to sending in your utility bill to verify that there are funds available so we can mail you a current application. Follow the instructions on the application when applying. If you are on a disconnect **Do NOT** wait until the night before or the day

of the disconnect and contact us and expect that we will be able to prevent this from taking place. We have to have time to contact the Utility company and request an extension. Most of the time they are willing to work with us and give an extension but that is not guaranteed and there may be steps they request in order to grant this extension, so please allow us time to make the arrangements. One of the main requirements to be eligible is that the utility bill **Must** be in your name or your spouse living with you. If you do not submit all the necessary paperwork you will not be eligible for assistance. The application lists all paperwork required to be submitted with the **Original Bill**. Any attempts of fraud will result in becoming **Permanently Ineligible** for assistance from our grant program. We will not jeopardize this assistance so desperately needed by so many families. There are **NO** exceptions to the policy.



## American Indian Warrior and Veteran's Band (?)

### Subsidiary of United Cherokee AniYunWiYa Nation

Over the last several years the UCAN's Honor Guard had been affected by a reduction in numbers of those able to serve due to health, death and other causes. Tribal Council reviewed this situation and made a decision to dissolve the Honor Guard and on the recommendations of several citizens and some veterans began researching a way to provide our tribe with an alternative. We need something that will not only serve our tribe but possibly other tribes as well. We called on our Vice Chief Lowrey Hesse to further research this and see if we could put together something that would serve this purpose. He has done a great deal of research and contacted several tribes and individuals about Warrior Societies to see if this was something we could put together. Lowrey has managed to work up a set of By-Laws that are currently being reviewed, discussed and rewritten. One of the topics being discussed is the name itself. There was some concern that we should/could not use the term "Warrior Society" and should change the word "Society" to something else. There have been many suggestions and recommendations on a different word to be used, "Band" being one of them. If you have a suggestion or recommendation please feel free to email us at [ucanonline@bellsouth.net](mailto:ucanonline@bellsouth.net) or [dixonzoo@aol.com](mailto:dixonzoo@aol.com) with your ideas.

**Ellen McAnelly  
Memorial  
St. Patrick's Day  
Parade  
March 11, 2017**



In February of this year we received an email from Bill McCauley. This is a clip from his email: The Feather Monument in County Cork, Ireland is a tribute to the Native Americans that understood the conditions in Ireland in 1847 when more than one million Irish starved to death after being forced off their land. The Choctaw Nation and other Native Americans that had been forced to relocate only a short time prior collected \$751 and



sent it to Irish relief efforts...more than any other nation contributed. Because of the kinship between the Irish people and the American Indians we want invite the United Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation to participate in this year's Huntsville Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Bill McCauley

Mr. McCauley came to visit us at our Fellowship that month and told us a little more about the history shared and about the parade itself. He also donated a flag from Ireland and a wonderful cookbook (I've already tried several of the recipes). This is kept at the tribal office if anyone wants to look through it and copy some of the recipes to try. Although it was last minute a great many were excited to take part in this and agreed that this was something we would like to be a part of. Our Vice Chief Lowrey Hesse offered his truck, Dewayne Long offered his trailer, Donna Bridges also offered to bring her vehicle and trailer. Thunderheart Singers agreed to drum and we had several that offered to walk/march in the parade. The weather wasn't very nice and there were threats of storms, so many who had wanted to attend were forced to remain at home. Those who did make it found themselves freezing, but once the parade started it was AWESOME! Being one of those that was walking I got to witness the crowds reaction. You could see when they heard the drum they would begin to start looking down the street to see where it



was coming from. Once we got closer there was a lot of waving, pointing and yes dancing! There were even some who would run up to the truck to speak with Donna and Lowrey. Even the police officers and parade staff were seen dancing as the drum came close. Nick Davis helped me run to the spectators on the sidewalks and hand out flyers for our PowWow and found we ran out very quickly. You forgot about being cold and since Lowrey only knows two speeds, stop and go, those who were walking found themselves jogging and occasionally full out running to catch up. We enjoyed ourselves and the same mantra was heard from everyone who attended...."we gonna do this again next year right?!" The answer to that one is easy....Yes, if the invitation is extended we most certainly will. Although we have learned from our first experience on how to be more prepared (Don't trust the weather man if he says it's gonna be warm, Bring a Coat!). We also have some ideas on how to "Dress Up" our trailers, some crepe paper streamers, garlands, paper decorations, maybe some balloons....yeah we can do this. Dewayne Long built some nice benches for the trailers for those who were riding He built them so they can easily be removed and stored, so we have these for future parades. We did a great deal of checking out the others in the parade and got lots of ideas on just how easily and



cheaply that can be done. Most of our problem came from having too much time to stand around waiting to start and not enough to keep us busy and warm. We know what to do next time. Keep watching our website, if you live close by and the invitation is extended again next year we hope to see you there!



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## Flag Re-Order

There have been more interest in the flags since the order came in. Because of the pricing of the flags it is necessary to have a

minimum order of 10 for the large 3 x 5 flags before we can place this order. Unfortunately when I went back and checked the pricing the price on the 3 x 5 has gone up \$8.00 from \$104.00 what we paid last time to \$112.00. If we have at least ten people who wish to order one of these flags we will place another order. If you need for it to be mailed to you when they come in, it is an additional \$10.00. (we charged 5 shipping the last time only to find the postage was double what we expected because these are heavy flags). These are well made, good quality flags. Double sided. If you are interested either send a note/letter to UCAN / PO Box 754 / Guntersville, AL 35976 or email us at: ucanonline@bellsouth.net or dixonzoo@aol.com. As soon as we know we will have enough people interested in ordering we will notify you so you can send your payment in. Unfortunately due to funding limits we must have payment in advance before the order is placed. Below is the current pricing for the flags.

### Pricing for Flags as of May 29, 2017

#### 3 x 5 Double Sided

- 10 or more 112.00 each
- 25 or more 98.00 each
- 50 or more 84.00 each

#### 12" x 18" stick flags

- 18.00 each (for orders of 5 or more the price drops to 15.00 each)

#### 4" x 6" stick flags

\$5.00 each

We have these available at the tribal office



### Prayer Requests



Sam Wisner, Kim Cook, Lendel Jordan, Mary Gold Talley, Eric Johnson, Leon Williamson, Dan Wisner, Adrian Rhoades, Ruth Clark's sister, Patricia Seeley, David Holcomb, Mary Jo Honea, Janet Martin, Jose Taino Mateo, Barbara Gaines, Joy Berry, Charlie Renfro, Josh Henson, Kevin Turnage's wife, Robert & Sue Morrison, Amy and Angie Matthews, Ricky Siniard, Reesa Gentle, Gene Gold, Beverly Wisner, Ernie Oden, Buddy Stone, Rea Reilly, the Bridges family, Bob Upton and his sister, Gaylene Shipp, Tim Purdy, Misty Atwater, Danny Perry.

## Cultural Arts Team

From Roger White

I would like to give a big thanks to the ones that have given their time to assist with the cultural arts demos . The team is doing a good job and getting better with every one we do. As of now the team consist of myself , Abby (Bearfoot), she describes her Regalia, Nick Davis describes his dance regalia, Bob Upton has joined our team and is doing a great job. All assist in showing, set up and demonstrat-



ing our items. David Lankford is another who has joined our team and has a vast knowledge of animal furs and flint knapping. With the number of demos that are being requested we hope to set up more than one demo team and if anyone has any items we can get donated to this it would be appreciated as a lot of our items got destroyed when the tornado hit the tribal house. No item will be too small or less appreciated. You can send these to: UCAN / PO Box 754 / Guntersville, AL 35976. It is very important that we continue demos as much as possible when we do one we always have someone that asks for an application or says they didn't know there was a tribe here . We have done demos at day cares, nursing homes, libraries, businesses, schools. We have one set for a school this month, so please be in prayer for this. Thanks to my Cherokee family, UCAN is the best. Roger White

## UCAN Website & Business Ads

The UCAN website is still a work in progress and besides the calendar there hasn't been a lot added as yet. We hope to change that in the very near future. We are looking at including an area for Legends and Stories as well as a Business section. The Business section will allow those enrolled in our tribe to promote their business. If you are a tribal citizen and own or operate a business you would like added please send us your information or ad and as soon as we can get this up and going we will certainly place it on our website. We are also going to try including ads submitted to us in our newsletters. So email these to us and you might see your advertisement in our next newsletter. All submissions should be emailed to: ucanonline@bellsouth.net or dixonzoo@aol.com or if you prefer mail them to: UCAN / PO Box 754 / Guntersville, AL 35976.

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## Youth Prize Scholarship for United Cherokee AniYun-WiYa Nation

Sponsored by [www.cherokeespirits.com](http://www.cherokeespirits.com)

### Official Rules:

Entrée must be a youth between the ages of 12-18  
Must be the child of an enrolled tribal member of UCAN or letter of ceremonial/spiritual adoption signed by an enrolled tribal citizen clearly stating they consider you family in the native way.

**Contest runs from May 1, 2017 through August 30, 2017**  
(Must be post marked by August 30)

Please submit a typed 1-2 page single spaced essay using Times New Roman font.

### Pick ONE question/topic to answer:

1. Traditional Clothing of Cherokee people.
2. Traditional Crafts of Cherokee people.
3. Wampum origin and significance to native people.
4. Cherokee Women

### Recommended Books:

“Cherokee Women” by Theda Perdue (Stunning read); “The Cherokee People” Thomas E. Mails; “The Cherokee Nation history” by Robert J. Conley; “Cherokee Dance” as well as “How to make Cherokee Clothing” both by Donald Sizemore. Unfortunately, due to the large volume of inaccurate information online I can’t stress reading these books enough. They can be found at the local library or ordered on amazon.com for less than \$7 each and are worth to have as reference.

### Please submit your essay by physical mail to:

Cherokee Spirits  
3140 E. Whitman Dr.  
Boise, ID 83716

### Prizes:

**1st Place:** Your choice of either a pair of custom Cherokee Style Buckskin half Leggings and wool breechelout **OR** Traditional Wool Wrap skirt

**2nd Place:** Traditional 3 row Glass wampum strap **or** Choker

**3rd Place:** You choose either a single authentic Bear **or** Wolf Claw Necklace

### Writings will be judged based on historical accuracy

### elder or Elder?

There are many who know the difference and then there are those who don’t. For those who are seeking the answer perhaps this explanation will help answer the question:

An elder is someone who is elderly/old and has many stories and life experience we can learn from

An Elder is an honored person who has much knowledge about the culture, traditions and has an instinct on how things should be. They are chosen to be an Elder when they have proven themselves worthy of the title.

If you are given the opportunity to learn from an elder or Elder you have been gifted with a great honor.

## 2017 Herb Walk with Darryl Patton



Thanks to funding we received from a grant offered by RC&D we were able to sponsor another Herb Walk with Darryl Patton on April 15th. Alabama ACES also supported this effort and helped to promote the walk as well as taking part in this event. We have discussed the possibility of having a seasonal herb walk and Darryl Patton has agreed to continue to work with our tribe in putting on these events. We have submitted an application for a grant with RC&D for 2018 to help with the funding for us to work towards our goal of reaching out to more of our community and teaching about the resources available in your front yard. Be watching the calendar offered on our website: [ucan-online.org](http://ucan-online.org) and check us out on Facebook for news and updates on our next Herb Walk.

ACES has workshops available often and most are free of charge. Eddie Wheeler brings flyers into the tribal office whenever there is a workshop coming up and we try and get them posted on our Facebook page for anybody that may be interested in attending. Here are some coming up:



Summer—June 19: Water-bath Canning/June 30: Pressure Canning / Presented by: Christy Mendoza, REA at Marshall County Extension Office/Suite G21, 424 Blount Avenue (in the Courthouse)/Guntersville, AL There is a \$5 per class fee for this one.

Multistate Sheep and Goats GI Parasite Workshops May through July 2017. June 17th in Dothan, AL/July 15 in Guntersville, AL/ July 20 in Birmingham, AL. Admission Free for more information go to [www.aces.edu/urban](http://www.aces.edu/urban)

Forages & Grazing Management Symposium for Sheep, Goats & Small-Scale Cattle Production/August 25-26, 2017 at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL. for more information go to [www.aces.edu/urban](http://www.aces.edu/urban)

You can call the Marshall County ACES Office phone: 256 582 2009 for more information on any of the programs they have coming up

## Cherokee Language

We are making an effort to learn our language. There are some who were never introduced to our ancestral language so learning it is quite a struggle. In our efforts to learn we are picking a word (or simple saying) at a time to practice and making it a part of our morning/daily prayers on Facebook. This could be expanded onto our website.

So far we have practiced:

Osda - Good Sunalei - Morning

Do hi tsu - How are you?

Our word this month is

go hi yu hi (goh hee yoo hee) - Respect

If you have a word you would like us to practice send those suggestions to

[ucanonline@bellsouth.net](mailto:ucanonline@bellsouth.net) or [dixonzoo@aol.com](mailto:dixonzoo@aol.com)



**June 21st** - Cultural Arts Team Demonstration  
Dutton Community Library

**June 22nd** - Cultural Arts Team Demonstration  
Sardis Public Library

**July 9th** - Fellowship Gathering - Covered Dish

**Mid July** - proposed Yard Sale (funds to go into Land Trust Savings account)

**August 13th** - Fellowship Gathering - Covered Dish - possible guest speaker Skip Essman with Leave No Trace

**September 10th** - Fellowship Gathering - Covered Dish

**September 15th - 17th** - Waterloo - Trail of Tears

**October 8th** - Fellowship Gathering - Covered Dish

**November** (possible second week) Auburn is looking to put on the 3rd Annual Pet Wellness Clinic at UCAN office

**November 12th** - Fellowship Gathering -Covered Dish

**December 10th** - Fellowship Gathering - Covered Dish

## Communication Fees

Due January of each year / \$40.00 per household

We pray there will be a day we will not have to ask our citizens to provide money to help with expenses. For now it is the only way we are able to do a great number of things, especially communicate. Grants and the money we receive from PowWow provide the majority of our funding, but unfortunately it does not provide enough to cover all of our expenses. With the threat of one of our main grants being canceled by the government this makes it all the more necessary for us to rely on the citizens of our tribal family to help us to continue the work we do and keep our offices open. We have also taken on the goal of trying to raise enough money to be able to purchase land. This will open up new opportunities and possible grants to help fund the building of an office (if needed) and have acreage that will allow us to provide a community garden, herb walks and our PowWow on Our land, not leased.

We currently have over \$3,000.00 saved in our land trust fund account and have events scheduled to help add to this in the near future (ie. Yard Sales).

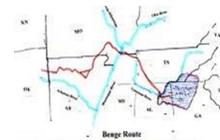
Out of the over 1,154 households we send reminders to, less than 200 sent in their communication fees. I would like for you to consider how much more can we do if we have the funding to aid us in our efforts. We could have our own land and paid for. We could offer more programs and services. Our museum would no longer be a dream but a reality. Today our office is staffed by volunteers who are happy to offer their time and efforts and do not expect or wish to be paid, but it would be nice to hire some staff to help with the work load as this can get overwhelming especially during PowWow season. We rely on you to help us achieve our goals.

Send your fees in to: UCAN / PO Box 754 / Guntersville, AL 35976

## History, Legends, Stories needed

Alabama is gearing up for the bi-centennial and the City of Guntersville has reached out to our tribe. They have asked us to share our history, legends and stories with them. We may also be asked to participate in events honoring the history of Alabama/

Guntersville as well as our own. We are trying to put together packets of information for them and right now the current project involves gathering information about the Benge Trail of Tears, John Gunter and the Creek Path Mission School. Any information you are willing to share about these or other areas will be greatly appreciated. Please email them to [ucanonline@bellsouth.net](mailto:ucanonline@bellsouth.net) or [dixonzoo@aol.com](mailto:dixonzoo@aol.com). Stories and legends are also welcome! Thank You!



Any information you may have and are willing to share about our ancestors and the history we may share with the City of Guntersville and/or Alabama. Thank You!

**Book and Movie Review** provided by Shauna Lee Manning. Thank You Shauna.

**Book Review:** Indian Givers: How Native Americans Transformed the World by Jack Weatherford, (originally published, 1989; last published in 2010), 370 pages. Jack Weatherford, an anthropology professor at Macalester College in Minnesota, specializes in tribal peoples. He is not Native himself, but has devoted his academic career to the study of indigenous people, both in the Americas and Asia. He is also the author of Native Roots: How the Indians Enriched America, Savages and Civilization: Who Will Survive and The History of Money. This book is very readable—it covers an amazing span of history, but reads like a novel.

Weatherford shows how vital American Indians have been to Western culture and civilization as we know it today. Tomatoes, chocolate, chilis, potatoes, corn, beans, and tobacco are just a few of the food staples that came from American Indians who not only cultivated many varieties of these plants, but knew various ways of using them. Indians in South America were the first to build elaborate and successful high-way systems, plan urban centers, and use complicated mathematics. The U.S. government system is based upon the Iroquois Confederacy, a working democracy observed and admired by Benjamin Franklin. This book gives you a real appreciation for Native ingenuity and significance of Native intelligence and contributions to world culture. It is surprising to read just how many supposed inventions and innovations of Western Civilization actually came from Native Americans.

This book is readily available from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) in paperback and electronically for e-readers.

**Movie review:** Reel Injun

This is a film from 2009, released to DVD in 2011, and available on Netflix and Amazon Prime (streaming video). The film looks at Hollywood portrayals of Native Americans—or “injuns” and uses hundreds of illustrative clips from 100 years of cinema to show the stereotypes Hollywood has created and perpetuated.

Neil Diamond, a Cree filmmaker, travels through America’s heartland to expose the myth of the celluloid Indian and examine how these myths have influenced the misunderstanding about Indians. These stereotypes are now worldwide due to the accessibility of movies and television shows from years past. Diamond’s analysis begins in silent movies’ nuanced heroes to the Western’s “noble savage” and also covering the contemporary independent movies (“Smoke Signals”, “The Fast Runner”) from Native filmmakers.

Some of the contributors on the film include Robbie Robertson (Cherokee; musician in The Band); Russell Means, Lakota activist; Sacheen Littlefeather (who accepted Marlon Brando’s Oscar and brought attention to Wounded Knee, causing a lot of controversy); and Clint Eastwood, Hollywood movie star of Westerns and currently a film director.

*Reel Injun* covers a lot of ground and is quite thought-provoking and a good stimulus for conversation afterward. You may want to view this film more than once, since its scope is so large and it is difficult to take it all in after only one viewing. This film is in an intellectual documentary category than entertainment, and therefore may not interest many teenagers or younger adults. For those who are interested in stereotypes, stigma, media images, and Native issues, this film will be of great interest. Adults who are movie buffs will be especially appreciative.