

# Native Pride

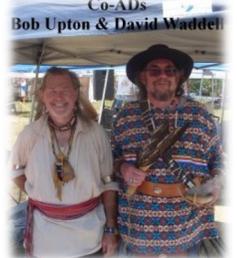


September 2021



MC Lucas Bridges

## UCAN PowWow 2021



Co-ADs  
Bob Upton & David Waddell

United Cherokee Aniyunwiya Nation's 1st Annual Festival and American Indian PowWow was full of



Head Lady  
Kate Cricket Waddell  
Head Man  
Arturo Adrian

and dedication of our tribal citizens. We were able to finally have a clearer picture of what we will be able to do with the land we have and ways to improve. We did not charge admission for this event and asked all our staff to serve without compensation and were proud they all agreed. Donation buckets were put out and a silent auction was conducted

firsts and surprises. This was our 1st PowWow to be held on our tribal owned land. It was a new beginning in our journey as proud land owners. This year we were proud to honor our ancestors, our veterans and our tribal citizens for their hard work and dedication. The land on which this was held was primitive and undeveloped and yet we all had a great time. We had several folks come together to try and make the area for the PowWow as friendly as possible: Bob Upton, Lowrey Hesse, Steve Dixon, Don and Maudie Phillips, Fred Hale, Glen Hale and Bull Slocumb. If I forgot someone please forgive me. Thank you all so much for all you did to help. Some took shovels and filled holes, some treated ant hills and some rode tractors pulling implements to try and smooth out the area and cut tall grass and weeds. We had some concerns about how our new neighbors and surrounding community would respond to a PowWow being held in their back yards. The response was welcoming support. Several of our neighbors came to the PowWow to meet us and to learn more about us and what we were planning for the future with our new land. Many offered their assistance in helping to make our goals a reality. Surprisingly Sunday turned out to be just as busy as Saturday. Sunday is normally a lazy, kick back day with just a light crowd of folks showing up and a lot of our vendors shutting down early. Not this time. None of the vendors shut down early and there was a steady flow of folks coming to visit and enjoy the day with us. The biggest complaint was the dust and stobs in the ground. We made every effort to clear as many of these as we could but they seemed to multiply. This may have been thrown together last minute but it went extremely well thanks to the hard work

using the items donated. The donations and auction items raised enough funds to cover the expense of putting on this PowWow and even put a few dollars in the bank towards our future expenses in getting our office building set up. Several of our visitors and a few vendors recommended we consider holding our PowWow the 1st weekend in May. The last weekend in May is a bit on the hot side and conflicted with graduations. The last weekend in April was running into some conflicts with events going on in our surrounding communities but it is the date most are accustomed to. We will make a decision on this when we start our PowWow committee meetings around December or January.

I look forward to finding out what the future holds for this amazing tribal family. Principal Chief Judy Dixon



Archery Demonstrator  
George Denmark





We have LIHEAP funds remaining from our grant award for 2021. We had additional funds due to COVID relief assistance. This allows us to help our citizens with low income to receive assistance with a heating or cooling bill. Eligibility requires you be an enrolled citizen 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. 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@aol.com](mailto:ucanonline@aol.com) or [dixonzoo@aol.com](mailto:dixonzoo@aol.com) for an application. We request that you **call prior** to sending in your utility bill to verify that there are funds available and to ensure we have all the required paperwork for the current grant year. 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 must have time to contact the Utility company and request an extension. Most utility companies are willing to grant an extension but this is not guaranteed and each company has their own policies for granting an extension. 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 **Entire Original Bill**. This means the whole bill, not just the stub you send in with your payment. We need the bill as you received it. Due to the COVID pandemic all applications are being handled via mail and email. Because of the additional funding we received in COVID relief funds we are able to purchase heaters, AC window units and/or fans for households needing them. As cold weather moves in there may be some needing heaters and/or blankets. Call our office or email us and we will provide you the information necessary to purchase these. We have used all the funds allowed for weatherization assistance. If you have a weatherization related crisis please contact us and we can make a determination if there is another way to help or if this will have to wait until we receive our 2022 funding.

There is a new grant program in the works, **LIHWAP**, that will allow us to help our citizens with water or waste bills. We have been approved for funding but are still working with the agency on polishing up any paperwork needed for these funds to be released for us to use. Until the funds are released we cannot process applications. These will be handled the same as our LIHEAP funds and will use the same application.

Since this is a new grant program they are working out all the bugs so it may be awhile. Please keep checking our Facebook timeline or website for any updates on these funds. I will post an announcement when they are available.

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. If you are required to return receipts or paperwork to complete your assistance claim and you do not return these you may become ineligible for further assistance.—Principal Chief Judy Dixon



Patricia Seeley, Bob Upton, Judy Dixon, Lucas Bridges, Leonard Traywick, Roger & Jill White, Gaylene Shipp, Ernie Oden, Kathryn Pack, James Wright, Mary Gold Talley, Sue Morrison, Buddy Stone, Wanda Rogers, the Bridges family, Sandy Peschke, Mary Henson, and those unspoken.

We do a daily prayer on our Facebook page. If you would like to add someone to our daily prayers, please send us an email, add their name in the comments on Facebook, or send a private message.

Because of our desire to learn the language we continue to practice a new word each month with our daily prayers on our Facebook page. Our word this month, u s go lv sa go ni ge (pronounced oo ss goh luh sah goh nee gay) for the color gray. Come learn with us.

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TRIVIA**

Just a bit of trivia from our citizen Hal Colston:  
What a Background!

Next time you're feeling rather unimportant, try a little arithmetic trick based on the undebatable fact that it took two people, your parents to get you here. Each of your parents has two parents, so in the generation just prior to that of your mother and father, there were four people whose pairing off and sharing love contributed to your existence.

You are the product of eight great-grandparents, etc. Keep on multiplying the number by two. If you figure an average of about 25 years between each generation, you'll discover that a scant 500 years ago, there were 11,048,576 people on this planet beginning the production of you!

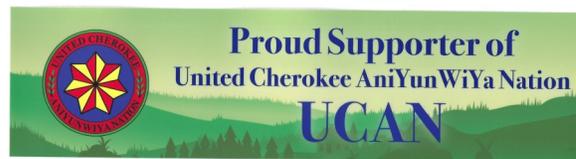
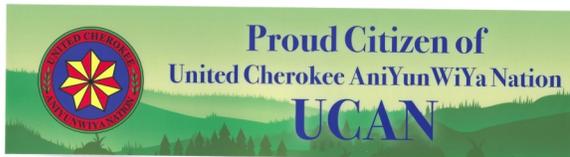
- The Rev. Gene Britton in East Point, GA.

The Readers Digest from Southside Sun



We were blessed to receive a grant award for the full amount requested for 2021 which allowed us to continue working on improving our website as well as purchasing additional outreach material. The Purple Tie Guys set up a new section on our website that will allow us to promote our tribal citizens businesses. So if you are enrolled in our tribe and have your own business please send in your logo (if you have one) and your business contact information and location as well as a brief description of your business, and we will add it to our website under the Native Businesses menu. This can include those of you who simply make crafts and offer them for sale even if you are not an ‘official’ business, we would like to help promote and applaud you.

We used the outreach funds to have 3 bumper stickers printed. These have been added to our website. If you purchase these from the website they are listed as \$7.00 each. I have not yet figured out how to set a price of 2 for \$10.00 on the website, so you can email [ucanonline@aol.com](mailto:ucanonline@aol.com) and request the 2 for \$10.00 bumper sticker price and we will get them mailed to you. You can also email us if you just want to purchase 1 for \$7.00. Be sure to specify which one(s) you are requesting.



We included in our grant budget this year an amount needed to purchase a printer that will allow us to offer a new enrollment card printed on pvc (similar to your drivers license) instead of the card stock card we now issue. The printer is now set up and ready. See the

following article (on the next page of this newsletter) —*Here’s the Latest*—for all the information on the new cards. And what you need to do to purchase these.

We applied for another grant with RC&D for 2022 to include the funds we need to begin the necessary improvement to our land to make our land PowWow friendly. This years PowWow was a dust bowl. We received notification last week that we have been approved for the funds we requested. We will be getting together on the land soon to discuss what improvements are needed, what equipment will be needed and who will be available to do the work to get our land in better condition for future PowWows. Once we have a plan outlined and can get the equipment needed we will begin notifying everyone able to help and posting on Facebook and our website for all who are able to please come take part in making this land something we can all be proud of.

Although it may take several years to get the land in the pristine condition we would like to have, at least we have the opportunity to start that process. When we have a date lined up for this meeting on the land I will post it on our Facebook page and website so be watching. This should be scheduled soon.

**UCAN Outreach  
through our**

**Cultural Arts Team**



2020 was a difficult year to get through with so many of our “normal” activities being cancelled. 2021 has been some improved but still slow in our return to normal activities. Our

tribes biggest Outreach resource has always been our Cultural Arts Team and the Cultural Arts demonstrations and Diversity Training they provide. With COVID closing schools, libraries and many businesses our outreach program has been idle. Now as the schools and other programs are beginning to open back up our Outreach program is making every effort to get this much needed program back again. Roger White continues to serve as the Cultural Arts Team Chairman with Bob Upton as the Assistant. If you are interested in being a part of the team call, text or email us and we will mail you an application.

# Communication Fees

Due January of each year / \$40.00 per household

The annual reminder will go out in January. With a second reminder going out around June or July. As annoying as this is to some, this effort not only helps us to keep an office and website going where we can continue to work for you all, but it also allows us to keep our records current and updated.

After sending out the reminders over the last several years we now have an updated database showing approximately 900 good addresses and a little over 400 bad addresses. Those responding has gone from a handful of households to close to 200. Our tribe continues to grow in size, now we need to grow in participation. Please consider how much more we could do if we have the funding to aid us in our efforts. We could offer more programs and services. Our museum would no longer be a dream but a reality. We rely on you to help us achieve our goals. Even those in our tribal family who live miles away and may never walk through the tribal office doors or attend a Fellowship can take pride in knowing you helped your tribal family accomplish great things. If you haven't already please send your fees in to: UCAN / PO Box 754 / Guntersville, AL 35976. You can also go to our website at ucantribe.com and click on the donate button and send them that way. If you use this method please be sure to send me a message by email to ucanonline@aol.com or text message to (256) 582-2333 letting me know you sent it this way so I can enter it in our records.

Thank you for your patience and support.

## United Cherokee AniYunWiYa Nation has a new email address [ucanonline@aol.com](mailto:ucanonline@aol.com)

Recently our tribes ucanonline@bellsouth.net email account was hacked and hijacked. Both accounts are still open but we plan to close the bellsouth account once we are certain all our contacts are swapped over to the new email account. You should have received this newsletter from the new aol account. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience.



# TOGETHER AGAIN

It took a year for us to finally get together again for a Fellowship Gathering (weather permitting), but we have begun holding a modified gathering. We do not have power or running water but we did rent a port o'pottie. We throw up a few canopies and set some tables out and ask everyone to either bring a sack lunch or if they prefer they can bring a dish to share and the utensils needed. Everyone needs to bring their own chairs and drinks. We may be roughing it but it is a joy to get together and celebrate being able to get together again, catch up and enjoy our new home. You can check our Facebook page and website for the current schedule and for any cancellations due to bad weather.

## Here's the Latest!

Our new enrollment cards printed on pvc instead of card stock are now available. For 90 days beginning October 1, 2021 we will offer this new ID card at a reduced price with pricing options for families of 4 or more.

As I was setting up the template for our new cards I found that because it puts a security protective overlay on the card it is impossible to sign the cards after printing. So those who are interested in having the new card printed will need to take a plain white sheet of paper and sign your name 2 or 3 times with a sharpie or similar pen and mail them in with your payment for the new card. You need to make sure to include a good quality color photo if you prefer to change the picture from the one on your existing card. No head or face shots please, we need below the shoulders and good bit of space above the top of head. Make sure to write down any changes to your name or address. It is not possible to determine how long it will take to get these produced and returned to you. The time needed will be dependent on how many requests I receive. You may email or text for updates any time and I will do my best to give you an estimated date.

All new applicants will receive the new id card. Due to the cost of producing these cards we have increased our enrollment application fee from \$50.00 to \$60.00. If you have any blank enrollment applications please be sure to note the change in price and let anyone you may be giving these to know of the new requirement to sign their name on a plain white piece of paper with sharpie or similar pen to be included with their enrollment application when they mail these in.

### Price for new ID card:

\$10.00 each for the 90 days starting Oct. 1, 2021 (after 90 days \$15.00)

Family of 4 with dependents under 18 \$30.00 (after 90 day promotion price will increase to \$35.00)

Family of 5 and up with dependents under 18 \$40.00 (after 90 day promotion price will increase to \$45.00)

Between rain, COVID, busy schedules and health concerns it has been difficult to accomplish anything as far as land development. We have our beautiful land, a building ready to be put up and a good bit of the material needed. We just can't get things to work in our favor on getting a pad put in for the building. We get a few together and get a bit done and stall back out. We are looking at trying to overcome the biggest obstacle of getting our building up by hiring a contractor to do this. We have 3 fundraisers currently running to help us raise the funds we are going to need. We ask that you consider shopping from RADA and listing our tribe as your charity of choice and if you shop Amazon please sign in using smile.amazon and select our tribe as your charity. We have set up a GoFundMe as well. We have a link on our website for these fundraisers. We also have a donate button for anyone wanting to help. Thank you for your continued support.



UCAN's herbalist and her family, like many of you, were recently affected by COVID. All the family except her youngest son came down with COVID. They were each affected differently from it. She has lung issues and has been affected the most from this virus, since it set into COVID pneumonia. A little tidbit we learned, COVID pneumonia is quite different from other viral pneumonia's because it forms clusters throughout your lungs whereas your normal pneumonia forms a pocket of infection. That is why it is so difficult to treat and takes so long to overcome. Following is the treatment she used to help her and her family recover.

Dealing with COVID a holistic approach:  
Elderberry Syrup 4x a day helps with respiratory viruses and immune support  
Elderflower and Mullein hot tea is helpful as a decongestant



Tumeric is great for inflammation for husband and son. They took capsules but if you can stand it you can do turmeric tea with a slice of lemon and honey.

Here is a simple recipe for Elderberry Syrup

Prevention 1 TB daily

Sick 3 TB daily

**Ingredients:**



- 3/4 cup dried elderberries
- 3 cups water
- 1 tsp dried cinnamon or 1 stick
- 1 tsp dried cloves or 4 whole cloves
- 1 TB fresh ginger or dried

1 cup raw honey

In large pot bring elderberries, water, cinnamon, cloves and ginger to boil.

Reduce heat, cover and simmer until liquid has reduced by 1/2 (about 45 min).

Allow liquid to cool, then drain the liquid using a fine mesh strainer or cheese cloth.

Press all liquid out of berries using the back of spoon.

Add raw honey and mix well.

Store in an airtight glass container in the refrigerator up to two months.

If you use local honey and do not heat the jars after preparing (normal canning procedure) then you get the added benefit of local honey with allergy relief.

You can shop for these herbs and more at: [ucantribe.com](http://ucantribe.com)

If you have any questions or have an herb you would like for me to highlight/research feel free to send me a message on Facebook or you can call/text (256)486-5546. My hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 9 am - 2:45 pm. I do local deliveries and mail all orders placed on Wednesday afternoon.

**From the Chief:** Our herbalist, Patricia has a specific location she delivers local orders to. Do Not ask her to make a personal delivery to your home.

**October 10, 2021** - Fellowship Gathering - 1 pm

**November 14, 2021** - Fellowship Gathering - 1 pm

November is American Indian Heritage Month. In celebration we ask our artisans to bring their crafted items for show and/or sell. If you have a canopy you may want to bring it and a table for your stuff.

**December 12, 2021**- Fellowship Gathering - 1 pm - Christmas ornament competition.

**January 2022** - date to be determined, we will begin having PowWow Committee meetings.

**January 9, 2022** - Fellowship Gathering - 1 pm

**February 13, 2022** - Fellowship Gathering - 1 pm

**March 13, 2022** - Fellowship Gathering - 1 pm

**April 10, 2022** - Fellowship Gathering - 1 pm

**Last weekend in April or 1st weekend in May** - PowWow

**June 12, 2022**- Fellowship Gathering - 1 pm

**July 10, 2022** - Fellowship Gathering - 1 pm

**August 14, 2022** - Fellowship Gathering - 1 pm

Our tribal land address is 221 Pleasant Hill Road. We do not have a mail box up on the land at this time so please continue to use:

UCAN

PO Box 754

Guntersville, AL 35976

Our email address is [ucanonline@aol.com](mailto:ucanonline@aol.com)

Phone: 256 582-2333 Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm

Any ideas of events you would like to see take place on our new land? We need to show off a bit and celebrate our land, our tribal citizens and our culture. Some ideas:

- doing a cultural arts demonstration and invite the public with our cultural arts team putting on demos at scheduled times and booths set up by our artisans to show off and sale their crafts
- Thanksgiving with the Indians? I saw an event scheduled by Nancy Carnley and I really like this idea. We can invite the public and have our artisans set up. Let folks bring some foods to share and just hang out.
- How about a campout and/or corn hole tournament? We would need some folks to put together some corn holes for this if we do it.

Shoot me your ideas and suggestions!

# UCAN Needs Your Help

Our New Land 2020



Parts of our new office/store front waiting for a pad to put it on



Where we are today with the development process. We have a long way to go. We really need your help!!!



We did manage to put on our PowWow (a.k.a. dust bowl) in May 2021.



We have this beautiful land to celebrate and enjoy but it desperately needs a great deal of help. Our priorities are getting our office building erected and our PowWow area leveled, cleaned up and seeded. We received a grant to help with the development with our PowWow area. We had hoped that we would be able to get a pad put in and the building erected with the help of our local citizens but this has turned out to be too big of a task for us to pull off. Between busy schedules and various health issues affecting so many we have just not been able to make this happen. We are going to have to swallow our pride and admit we need help, professional help. We are collecting bids on what it would cost to have a contractor come put the building up. Some include putting the plumbing and pad in, some do not. We have used the quotes we have so far to help us set up a GoFundMe to try and raise the money needed. Since setting this GoFundMe up we have received \$170.00 in donations. We have a long way to go, but celebrate any and all donations and progress. Here are our fundraisers and the links needed to access them (also on our website at ucantribe.com);



UCAN's GoFundMe

<https://gofund.me/4fa99795>

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=3188908.4ca76d>