

Newsletter June 2017

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Hanging Dog Nursery Donates American Chestnut Tree

Many thanks to **Hanging Dog Nursery** in Murphy for their donation of a drought resistant American Chestnut tree to the Quanassee Path. The tree was planted near the trail head adjacent to the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit, where it will grow strong and tall. Thanks also to the **Clay County Historical & Arts Council**, who will erect an identifying marker near our new beauty.

Summer Concert Series Continues!

CCCRA's Friday Summer Concert Series is in full swing. Great performances by the **Holman**



Autry Band and **Just Us Bluegrass** the first two concert nights had the crowds tapping their toes and applauding. Next up are:

- June 16th - **The Red Wine Effect**
- June 23rd - **Lee Holland**
- June 30th - **Wyatt Espalin Trio**

Starting at 6pm, **The Copper Door** begins dishing up affordable, mouth-watering menu choices, and the American Legion will be on hand to sell your traditional concert favorite hot dogs and popcorn. Beginning June 16th, CCCRA will provide beer and wine for sale every concert night.

NEW! *Limited Edition Concert Series T-Shirts are on sale in front of the Historic Courthouse on concert nights.*

Performances start at 7pm on the Historic Courthouse grounds. To view the entire Concert Series Line-up, visit us at: <http://cccra-nc.org/events>.



Get Total Solar Eclipse Souvenirs Saturdays 10am-2pm All Summer

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE souvenirs sales are (almost) as hot as the sun! Support CCCRA, and get ready for the big event, by purchasing your souvenir T-Shirts, Hats, eclipse-viewing glasses, posters, and more from CCCRA. You can find our booth in front of the Hayesville Nantahala Bank (the corner of Highways 64 and 69), every Saturday from 10am-2pm through August 12th, and at the Friday Summer Concerts. *Free eclipse information provided with each purchase!*

We have a large selection of T-Shirts in adult sizes

Small to XXX, and in children's sizes XS, Small, Medium and Large. ***Locally sourced embroidered t-shirts are a new addition to the selection available at the CCCRA solar eclipse booth.***

Your purchase commemorating this once in a lifetime event supports CCCRA projects including Cherokee Heritage programs and trails, green way projects including Jackrabbit Trail and Quanassee Path, and the historic courthouse restoration.

Historic Courthouse Preservation

The exterior restoration of the historic courthouse is essentially complete. We commend contractors **Cox Roofing**, **Woodhaven Construction**, and **Fresh Look Painting** who did an excellent job of bringing the exterior back to life. The only exceptions are the inspection and brickwork repair, which will commence when a suitable contractor is identified.



The courthouse committee is meeting regularly to devise the plans for the interior work to begin. We met with TVA engineers and developed a plan for the upstairs and downstairs HVAC systems. In addition preliminary plans have been developed for the elevator installation. Planning is in progress for all mechanical systems including plumbing and electrical. We are very excited to see the progress thus far.

CCCRA is committed to keeping the restoration momentum going. *We commend you, our generous donors, for bringing this beautiful building back to its former glory.* Track our progress on the CCCRA website at **cccra-nc.org**.



Cannon Foundation Awards \$50,000 Grant for Courthouse

We are thrilled to announce that CCCRA has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from **The Cannon Foundation** to be used for the preservation of the Clay County Historic Courthouse.

The Cannon Foundation, Inc. is part of the philanthropic legacy of Charles A. Cannon, industrialist and humanitarian, who was President and Chairman of Cannon Mills Company for more than half a century. The Foundation continues Mr. Cannon's philanthropy through funding in healthcare, higher education, human services and community.

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CCCRA President Sandy Nicolette commented, "We owe much of our successful attainment of this grant to Margaret Conrad and the Resourceful Communities Program of **The Conservation Fund**. Margaret did much of the writing of the application, and I know we couldn't have done it without her. She has partnered with CCCRA and our receiving this grant proves how invaluable she is to our organization."

Nicolette added: "These funds will be used to help with courthouse interior projects. We will continue to seek additional financial support through other foundations, organizations and the community to continue with preservation of the historic courthouse."

CCCRA to Raffle \$1000 Hogsed's Gift Certificate

As a fundraising effort, CCCRA is raffling off a \$1000 gift certificate from **Hogsed's Sportswear** in Warne, NC. Tickets are available for purchase at every Friday Night Summer Concert and at Hogsed's Sportswear. The drawing will be at the final concert of the season, **Friday, September 8**. *Entrants need not be present to win!*



Hogsed's carries a full line of clothing and shoes for the family, as well as hunting and outdoor sports equipment and active wear. This fundraiser supports CCCRA projects including restoration of the historic courthouse, maintenance and expansion of the Jackrabbit Trail and CCCRA's Cherokee Heritage program in Clay County.



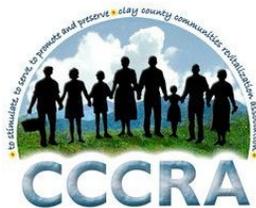
Hayesville Sixth Graders Learn at the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit

Over 100 sixth graders visited the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit May 31st to learn how Europeans impacted the Cherokee culture. The lessons described adaptations made by the Cherokee in farming techniques, basket-making, trading practices and the development of a written language. The students each made a gorget (a Native American art form of polished,

carved pendants worn around the neck) to take home as a memento of their experience.

Mark Your Calendar!

CCCRA's annual **Cherokee Heritage Festival** is September 16, 2017 at the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit.



Membership

Interested in becoming a member of CCCRA and/or volunteering to serve your community?

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Clay County Communities Revitalization Association

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