Keynote Speaker
Dr. Daniel F. Littlefield, Jr.
Director
SEQUOYAH NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER

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At the Main Street Alabama Awards of Excellence banquet in Florence, AL on August 22, 2017, Decatur, Alabama and its Main Street organization the Decatur Downtown Redevelopment Authority (DDRA) received two prestigious awards of excellence. Both of these were for historic preservation efforts in the downtown area. Main Street Alabama represents a consortium of about 50 downtown areas throughout the state, so this was a huge honor for us.

The Award of Excellence in Historic Preservation was presented for the city’s Cherokee Trail of Tears National Parks Service trailhead at Rhodes Ferry Park; a joint project of the City of Decatur historic resources, Decatur Parks and Recreation, The Morgan County Archives, the Alabama Trail of Tears Association, the National Trail of Tears Association, the Cherokee Nation, the United States National Parks Service and others. This project was dedicated in 2017 by Hon. Troy Wayne Poteete, retired Chief Justice of the Cherokee Supreme Court. The dedication was an official Alabama Bicentennial event. As a result of this project, the National Trail of Tears Association will host its annual conference in Decatur in October, 2018. Three historic building restorations throughout the state received similar awards but Decatur’s was the only historic activity/education project to be so honored. The city won a similar award last year for its restoration of the Historic Union Depot.

David Breland, Director of Historic Resources
City of Decatur, AL

The Missouri Humanities Council has awarded the Missouri Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association a $24,000 grant. Dr. Steve Belko, Executive Director of the Missouri Humanities Council, says the grant is for research in Missouri for Bollinger, Phelps, Pulaski, and Laclede Counties on the Northern Route of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Dr. William ‘Bill’ Ambrose, a Missouri Chapter Trail of Tears Board Member, was the catalyst who brought together Dr. Belko and Troy Wayne Poteete, Ex. Dir. of the Trail of Tears Association for a meeting in KC, MO with State Representative Rocky Miller, and Missouri Chapter President Deloris Wood. “At that meeting the excitement and results began to happen” said Woods. “It is because of Dr. Bill that all of the current work is taking place in Missouri. His love of maps and his quest to find the trail led to this exciting partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council.”

Dr. Ambrose will oversee administration of the grant which will funds three projects already underway:

- Mark Spangler, a Missouri Chapter Trail of Tears Board Member, is doing research in Laclede County (part of Old Pulaski County).
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- Deloris Gray Wood is doing research in Phelps County. Her research will include the edge of Washington County, Old Crawford County and Waynesville in Pulaski County in order to connect with the Laclede County research. These projects will yield research documents which will be utilized for interpretive materials including signage, rack cards, news stories, digital media, and other materials to enhance cultural and historic tourism. This research will ultimately provide the basis for updates to NPS- National Historic Trail Map for Missouri.

At the Round Table Discussion about the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, May 26, 2017 at Missouri Humanities Offices in Kansas City: are from the left to right: Dr. Steve Belko, Executive Director, Missouri Humanities Council; Dr. William ‘Bill’ Ambrose, MO Chapter TOTA Board Member; Deloris Gray Wood, President Missouri Chapter Trail of Tears Association; Missouri State Representative Rocky Miller (a Cherokee Citizen), MO Chapter TOTA Board Member, surveyor; Wayne Poteete, Executive Director Trail of Tears Association; Teresa Bradskey, President, TYCOR; and Harry Reaves, Left to right: Dr. Steve Belko, Executive Director, Missouri Humanities Council; Troy Wayne Poteete, Executive Director Trail of Tears Association chat about Pine Hill Cemetery in Phelps County Kansas City Missouri Humanities Office.

UPCOMING TOTA EVENTS

September 23rd, 2017
North Carolina Chapter Meeting
Kituwah Mound, Hwy. 19
(Located between Cherokee and Bryson City, NC)

October 15th, 2017*
Pre-Conference Special Events at Webbers Falls, OK
2:00pm - Wayside Dedication
3:00pm - Dedication Reception
3:30pm - Lecture/Anita Finger Smith
4:30pm - Webbers Falls Historical Society Museum Open House
Webbers Falls, OK

October 16th-18th, 2017*
22nd Annual TOTA Conference & Symposium
Choctaw Casino & Hotel
Pocola, OK

October 16th, 2017
Missouri Chapter Meeting
Choctaw Casino 7 Ponies Conference Room
8:00pm (after Reception)

October 18th, 2017*
Post-Conference Special Events
5:45pm - Trial of Sam and Belle Starr/Night Court (special performance)
Judge Parkers Court Room
Ft. Smith, AR

October 28th, 2017
Oklahoma Chapter Meeting
10:00am Grove Civic Center in Grove, OK
Guest Speaker: Jack Baker, Nat’l Pres. of TOTA

November 3rd, 2017
Benge Route Program
Presented by Carolyn Kent
Independence County Library
Batesville, AR

November 4th, 2017
Tennessee Chapter Walk
10:00am David Crockett TN State Park
Lawrence, TN

April 11th, 2018
West Carolina University Symposium
More details to follow at www.nctota.org
Cullowhee, NC

October, 2018
23rd Annual TOTA Conference & Symposium
Decatur, AL

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Event Dates are Subject to change.
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ALABAMA

Refer to the following article contributed by the Alabama Chapter:

CHEROKEE TRAIL OF TEARS TRAILHEAD IN RHODES FERRY PARK WINS DECATUR AWARD OF EXCELLENCE on page 2

ARKANSAS

Planning for the upcoming conference co-hosted by the Arkansas Chapter and Choctaw Nation is coming along nicely! Illustrious scholar and Director of the Sequoyah National Research Center, Dr. Daniel F. Littlefeld, will be our keynote speaker with a great line-up of programs and field trips for every interest.

In the spring, President of the Arkansas Chapter, Bethany Rosenbaum met with professors from Wake Forest University to plan a history tour through Arkansas. The credited course will include a summer experience for students earning their Religious and Indigenous Studies degree to retrace the Trail of Tears from North Carolina to Arkansas. Next spring/summer 2018 students and staff from Wake Forest will meet with different Arkansas Chapter members to learn about significant removal points as well as have a classroom program on African Americans and removal by Mrs. Rosenbaum.

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In June we welcomed the Remember the Removal Bike riders through Northwest Arkansas and held a special event in conjunction with the NPS Trails Office and Pea Ridge National Military Park. The chapter worked with the Trails Office to install the first round of new Historic Route markers at the park. Dr. Littlefeld, receives award and donation from ARTOA President Bethany Rosenbaum July 2017

On July 29th we held our annual chapter membership meeting at the Jacksonville Museum of Military History. Dr. Littlefeld provided the special program on Descendants of African Americans and Removal to a mesmerized audience. In honor of Dr. Littlefeld’s late wife, Mary Ann, and their life-long service to American Indian history and the preservation of the Trail of Tears, the Arkansas Chapter recognized Dr. Littlefeld for his on-going service with a $100 donation to the Daniel and Mary Ann Littlefeld Endowment at the Sequoyah National Research Center to continue support for native youth engagement in research.

We are grateful for the ongoing support and collaboration with Cane Hill Historic Site for their donation to include two new road signs and two new interpretive panels at the site in preparation for our field trip to Cane Hill during the conference. John McLarty, Project Coordinator, also worked with the City of Fayetteville, with Mayor Lioneld Jordan, who has granted the association $5,000 to include two news signs along the Razorback Greenway Trail at the Trail of Tears Park and Tsa-La-Gi Trail. The chapter is also working with the NPS Trails Office and Prairie Grove State Park on road signs and interpretive panels at the Latta House. Our future sign plan includes marking with road signs from Pea Ridge National Military Park to Shiloh Museum in Springdale. The chapter will work with Five Rivers Historic Preservation, Inc to mark several new Trail of Tears sites along the Benge Rouge in Northeast Arkansas.

Thanks to the efforts of Bill Carroll, Regional Representative from NE Arkansas, the Five Rivers group will produce a brochure showing the route across Randolph County as well as host an annual walking event to retrace the trail.

Thanks to the leadership of Aaron Boswell, Park Ranger with the US Army Corp of Engineers at Little Rock, the NPS Trails Office has awarded a Connect Trails to Parks grant for an expansive water route project along the Arkansas River for FY2019. The project will include 11 new water route signs and 9 orientation panels with a QR code for audio-visual material to be placed along boat ramps and existing water entrance points. The Arkansas Chapter and Mr. Boswell will work with Troy Poteete to continue to addresses the water route as outlined in the new National Trail of Tears Strategic Plan.

On November 3, Research Coordinator Carolyn Kent will be providing a program on the Benge Route in Batesville, AR to the Genealogical Program of the Independence County Library.

GEORGIA

DAVIS RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Long time Georgia Chapter Representative to the National Trail of Tears Association Board was honored at the July 8th Georgia Chapter membership meeting with a plaque commemorating her long time service. Davis and her husband, Walker Dan Davis have been active with the Association from its inception.

“As with any endeavor requiring volunteer time and effort there has to be someone who takes the helm and breathes life into it. The person who took the helm back about 1993 when the Georgia Chapter was formed was Dola Davis”, said Georgia Chapter President Leslie Thomas. Following the presentation genealogist and historian Anita Finger-Smith of the NC Chapter presented “History of the Eastern Band of Cherokee”.

Dola Davis (on left) being honored at the GA membership meeting in July of 2017

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TRAIL OF TEARS IN SOUTHERN IL CURRICULUM

Recently an interactive GIS map was announced that was created for the Cherokee Trail of Tears in Southern Illinois. In addition to the map, it was also announced that an accompanying curriculum will also be released. The curriculum includes questions to guide students’ analyses of the maps as well as primary sources from the 1830 Indian Removal Act.

To view the mentioned material as well as other resources scan the QR code or search for “Trail of Tears” on the educatingwithevidence.siu.edu website.

KENTUCKY

RECORD CROWDS TOLD TRAIL OF TEARS STORY DURING ECLIPSE OBSERVATION

Two hundred thousand visitors descended upon Hopkinsville, KY, pop. 31,000, with hopes of viewing the Great American Eclipse of August 21, 2017 at its exact point of totality. Guests poured into the countryside of Christian County and swarmed into the Trail of Tears Commemorative Park, where Cherokees had camped during the forced removal in 1838. The park was the first site certified by the National Park Service on the National Trail of Tears.

MISSOURI

The Cherokee Removal Bike Riders planned to ride in actual wagon ruts along the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail beginning in Crawford County.

Unbeknownst to them over half an inch of rain had poured down on the ruts the night before and the riders found themselves plagued with mud and unexpectedly rough paths. Their progress was slow and they were unable to arrive at Rolla Public Schools in time for the assembly scheduled for 10 a.m. June 15, 2017.

Dr. Corey Ray, principal at Colonel John B Wyman Elementary, had the gym organized and the students and teachers assembled. Superintendent, Dr. Aaron Zalis, welcomed everyone, Carol Clark, National Park Service, Intermountain Region, of Santa Fe, NM, provided the teacher’s an NPS Junior Ranger Activity sheet and NPS Trail of Tears stickers to give to each student.

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The NCTOTA has received a grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation for the production of signage recognizing four post-removal communities. The Chapter is partnering with Mainspring (formerly the Little Tennessee Land Trust), St. John’s Episcopal Church in Franklin, and the Cherokee Snowbird and Cherokee County Communities to design the wayside exhibits. Western Carolina University (WCU) is hosting a campus-wide, Cherokee-themed focus for the academic year 2017-18. The NCTOTA will sponsor a symposium on Wednesday, April 11, hosted by WCU and the College of Arts and Sciences. Save the Date! Full schedule soon to be posted on our Chapter website at www.nctota.org.

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The NCTOTA’s Education Committee compiled information packets regarding the Trail of Tears Historic Trail for distribution to incoming faculty teaching freshmen at WCU. Thanks to Anita Finger-Smith, Anne Rogers, and Paige Tester! These packets also include contact info for those who want a member to visit a class and present on Cherokee history and culture, including the Removal. We’re already fielding requests and scheduling times!!!

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The Oklahoma Chapter held their spring meeting Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Community Room located behind the Cherokee Restaurant in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. A book sale was organized before the meeting began at 10:00 for participants to obtain Cherokee books for affordable prices. Barbara Dunlap and her daughter Jeri Wood, both deceased, had accumulated an extensive library of Cherokee material. Barbara and Jeri’s family donated their collection to the Oklahoma Chapter. There will be an additional book sale at the fall meeting October 28, 2017 at Grove, Oklahoma and books will be for sale at the annual conference in October at the Choctaw Casino in Pocoola, Oklahoma.

The general meeting of the Oklahoma chapter began at 10:00 with a welcome to attendees by President Curtis Rohr. President Rohr announced that he and Marybelle were reelected to the board of directors. Shirley Pettengill, former director of the Murrell Home at Park Hill, Oklahoma, was also elected to the board. After a short business meeting, President Rohr introduced the 2017 Remember the Removal bike riders who were preparing that morning to go on a training ride.

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### 2017 TOTA Conference

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

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Tuesday, October 17th

9:00am-10:00am  - Youth Presentations - **Center Stage**  
**Remember the Removal Riders, Choctaw Bike Riders**  
- **Door Prize Drawing - Paul Austin and the Bike Riders**

10:15am   - Board Buses for Borderlands Field Trip to Cane Hill  
**Tour Narrators: Bus (1) Tom Wing; Bus (2) Dusty Helbing**  
(Bus will stop at Evansville for narrators to change buses)

11:30am-12:00pm  - Welcome and Introduction to Cane Hill - **Bobby Braly, Executive Director**  
**Cane Hill College Auditorium**

12:00pm-1:00pm  - Box lunches at Cane Hill College  
**Lunches created by Briar Rose, in Farmington, AR**

12:45pm-1:30pm  - Choctaw Storyteller (performance during lunch) - **Nicholas Charleston**  
**Cane Hill College Upstairs Auditorium** *(Viewing room available downstairs)*  
- Choctaw Removal Song - **Ryan Spring, Choctaw Nation GIS**

1:30pm-2:00pm  - Cherokees and Cane Hill - **Troy Wayne Poteete**  
A Talk about Cane Hill connections to the Cherokee Seminaries and Cherokees who attended Cane Hill  
**Cane Hill College Auditorium**

2:15pm-3:00pm  - Tour Cane Hill  
Break into three groups. Groups one and two will alternate between Tour of the Grounds and Tour of the Museum while group 3 will remain stationary at the College building for those with mobility issues or who have toured before.  
**1) Begin at Cane Hill Museum** - Curator Lawrence McElroy will serve as station guide  
**2) Begin at front of College Building**  
Grounds Tour led by Tom Pennel, Cane Hill Event Coordinator  
Sorghum Press, Restored Methodist Manse, explanation of structures, apple industry, shunning of RR, etc.  
**3) Remain in the College Facility**  
Flute Songs by Gaby Nagel, Eastern Band Cherokee Indian *(Bio Page 10)*  
A short story from Choctaw storyteller Nicholas Charleston  
Discussion of the Drennen-Scott House by Tom Wing, UAFS Director of the Drennen-Scott Historic Site

3:15pm - Bus leaves for Prairie Grove Battlefield

3:30pm-5:00pm  - Prairie Grove Activities (Split into three groups)  
**1) Tour of John Latta House** - Dusty Helbling, Local Historian, station guide  
**2) Tour of Grounds** - Mark Christ, AR Historic Preservation Program with Alan Thompson, Museum Registrar of Prairie Grove Battlefield  
**3) Self-Guided tour of Museum exhibits**  
(Snacks arranged by AR Chapter available in the air-conditioned Latta Barn)

5:15pm   - Board buses for the hotel *(Narration by Masseurs Wing and Helbling Continued)*

7:00pm   - TOTA Phoenix Society Fundraiser in the **Seven Ponies Restaurant**  
- Dinner on your own

8:00pm   - Guitar passing, poetry recital, group directed talent showcase gathering in Gilley's **Master of Ceremonies, Paul Austin, AR Public Radio Personality**
Wednesday, October 18th

General Session - Center Stage
8:30am-9:15am - National Park Service Report - Aaron Mahr, Superintendent National Trails Intermountain Region, and Staff

9:15am-9:45am - Chapter Report Highlights - Chapter Presidents
   Moderated by AR Chapter President Bethany Rosenbaum
   (written reports will be made available to those in attendance)

9:45am-10:00am - Door Prize Drawing - Paul Austin, Executive Director Arkansas Humanities Council

10:00am-10:20am - Screening of “Introduction to Ft. Smith Hist. Site” film - Loren McLane
   Ft. Smith Historic Site Historian and Park Ranger

10:30am-11:30am - Lecture on Supreme Court decisions and Congressional Policies which gave rise to the circumstances necessitating Judge Parker’s Court - Stacy Leeds
   Dean University of AR Fayetville, School of Law (Bio Page 10)

11:35am-12:00pm - Private vehicle transportation encouraged - Shuttle available to Judge Parker’s Court / Frisco Building, 100 Garrison Ave.

12:00pm - Final Lunch - Cherokee Traditional Hog Fry
   Sponsored by Cherokee Nation Businesses on the Grounds of Frisco Station, 100 Garrison Ave., adjoining Ft. Smith National Historic Site Grounds

12:15pm - Remarks - Cherokee Nation Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

12:30pm - Background of the Marshall Museum - Jim Dunn
   Executive Director of the U.S. Marshall Museum
   - Collection of conference evaluations

12:45pm - Grand Door Prize Drawing

Concurrent Afternoon Activities:
1:00pm - Cherokee marble game demonstration - Cherokee Marble Society

2:00pm - Stickball Exhibition - Choctaw Nation Cultural Department Team

Indoor Lecture Sessions - Classroom in Museum Visitors Center
1:00pm-2:00pm - AR Politics and the 3 Creek factions in removal - Carolyn Kent
   AR Chapter Research Coordinator

2:15pm-3:15pm - Bradley County Reservations - Debbie Moore, President TN Chapter

Concurrently on the Grounds
- Booths and Demonstrations by Cherokee National Treasures
- Pottery Demonstrations - Jane Osti
- Bow Maker Demonstrations - Richard Fields

3:30pm - Guided Tours of Museum and Grounds (Groups of 50)
   Tours begin at front of Museum and at the Commissary

4:45pm - Tours converge at Trail of Tears Overlook for viewing the Five Tribes Waysides and remarks by John McClarty, AR Chapter Past President

(For list of Pre-Conference Events and Post-Conference Events see page 10)
Pre-Conference Events

Sunday, October 15th

2:00pm-2:45pm  - Wayside Exhibit Dedication
Battle of Webbers Falls Park
Webbers Falls, OK

3:00pm-3:30pm  - Dedication Reception: Showtime at the Falls Theater
(Webbers Falls Museum open next door during reception)

3:30pm-4:30pm  - Lecture: Genesis of the Eastern Band of Indians - Anita Finger Smith
President Cherokee Genealogy Services, National Trail of Tears Board Member
Showtime at the Falls Theater, Webbers Falls, OK

4:30pm-5:00pm  - Open House
Webbers Falls Historical Society (Museum located next to Theater)

Post-Conference Events

Wednesday, October 18th

5:45pm   - Trial of Sam and Belle Starr
Judge Parkers Court Room
Reservations required (Limited to first 60)
Jury to be chosen from audience
- Night Court, a regular offering of the Museum
This is a special performance mid-week exclusively for our Conference

Daniel F. Littlefield, Jr., PhD., Director
Sequoyah National Research Center

Dr. Littlefield grew up in rural eastern OK attending school with Cherokees. He earned a Masters from the U. of AR. and a Doctorate from OK State. He has published extensively including several books about Africans among the Five Civilized Tribes. With his friend James Parins he compiled the two volume Encyclopedia of American Indian Removal. Dr. Littlefield is renowned among tribal people not only for his extensive research and writing but also for his engaging lecture style.

Stacy Leeds Dean Univ. of AR Fayetville, School of Law

Stacy Leeds became dean and professor of law at the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2011 and has received many honors for her teaching, scholarship and administrative vision throughout her academic career. She has a strong record of public service and is currently a member of the board of directors for Arvest Bank in Fayetteville and the American Indian Graduate Center. Previous appointments have included boards for corporations and academic institutions, as a member and officer on national commissions and as a justice on the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court. She received a Master of Laws from the University of Wisconsin, Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa, Master of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee and Bachelor of Arts from Washington University in St. Louis. Leeds, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is the only American Indian woman to have served as law school dean in the United States.

Gaby Nagel Award Winning Cherokee Flutist

Fourteen (14) year old Gaby Nagel a citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and resident of Farmington, AR made history as the first female and the youngest person to ever win the Musical Echo’s flute festival competition in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. Gaby began playing at age 10 and won several Washington County Fair competitions as well as winning awards in the Arkansas State 4-H competitions. She has recorded a CD of self composed songs called “Native Dreams” which will be on sale during her several performances at the 22 Annual Trial of Tears Conference and Symposium Oct 16-18.
The assembly was concluded and the students were dispersed when the bikers finally arrived on mud-covered bikes. Their specially designed shoes were completely packed with mud; their riding uniforms were splattered.

Because of their late arrival, the bikers visited in classrooms rather than in a general assembly. In those classrooms magic happened! The Cherokee Riders saw the faces of the students light up with excitement and curiosity as they asked questions and that made their visits more intriguing.

In one classroom, the little students wanted to stand in front of the bikers and have their photos taken. In others the excitement was in learning how the Cherokee language was different from English. A class of older students was interested in the uniforms, shoes and specially made bikes. The lesson learned was that one can make plans, set schedules and announce what is supposed to happen, but sometimes, the necessity to improvise leads to great happenings.

The bikers had the opportunity to explain that the 950-mile ride is an annual bicycle ride commemorating the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation from its homelands during the winter of 1838-39. This tour allows Cherokee Nation Citizens (ages 16-24 years of age) the opportunity to travel the route of the original Trail.

The day’s activities ended with the Missouri Chapter Trail of Tears Association treating the bikers and supporting staff, to dinner at Hoppers in downtown Waynesville. The dinner was hosted by Wood. State Rep. Lynch blessed the dinner which has become a tradition for the bikers. This year there were 32 attending.

The Chapter’s educational activities have included setting up TNTOTA booths at the River Town Festival in Calhoun, at the Red Clay State Park Cherokee Cultural Festival, and at the Cow Pea Festival in Charleston. NPS Interpretative Specialist Carol Clark conducted a workshop at the Hiwassee River Heritage Center for TNTOTA board members and other guests who are researching trail routes and working on sign plans and interpretation. (photo #4)

The next TN TOTA t meeting is 10:00 am (CST) Nov. 4 at David Crockett State Park. We will join friends in Lawrence County to walk part of the original Trail.

### 2017 Remember the Removal Riders:

**Cherokee Nation Riders:**
- Gaya Pickup
- Shelby Deal
- Raven Girty
- Macie Sullateskee
- Will Chavez
- Hunter Scott
- Ellic Miller
- Breanna Anderson
- Susie Q. Means-Worley
- Brian Barlow
- Skylar Vann
- KenLea Henson
- Trey Pritchett
- Sarah Holcomb
- Bo Taylor
- Sarah Holcomb
- Susie Q. Means-Worley
- Brian Barlow
- Skylar Vann
- KenLea Henson
- Trey Pritchett
- Sarah Holcomb

**Eastern Band Cherokee Riders:**
- Zane Wachacha
- Bo Taylor
- Israel Rodriguez
- Chavella Taylor
- Haley Cooper
- Taylor Wilnoty
- Remissa McLaughlin
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**TENNESSEE (continued from page 6)**

In June, TNTOTA members worked with partners at Red Clay State Park, the Hiwassee River Heritage Center, and Blythe Ferry Cherokee Removal Park to host the Remember the Removal Bike Riders. The bike riders camped at Red Clay where they were hosted by the Friends of Red Clay then treated to lunch the next day at the Heritage Center before moving on to Blythe Ferry where they were transported across the Tennessee River by boat.

**MISSOURI (continued)**

A Missouri Highway Patrolman, joined the bikers at the parking lot and led the bikers out of town.

They were facing the hot sunshine as they headed west. At Hooker in Pulaski County the Cherokee communication’s team announced they were nearing Waynesville.

The bikers arrived in Waynesville, just after four in the afternoon where Waynesville Mayor Luge Hardman, was waiting with her traditional “Meet and Greet Ceremony”. She welcomed the bikers and presented each one with a Route 66 lapel pin.

Steve Lynch, Majority Whip of the Missouri State Legislature, welcomed the riders to Missouri and spoke about how he enjoys meeting the bikers each year. Deloris Gray Wood, who had arranged the Rolla and Waynesville events, asked each biker to introduce themselves so the news media could interview and talk to some of the bikers later and the people in the crowd could identify those from Oklahoma and those from Cherokee, North Carolina.

The bikers had the opportunity to explain that the 950-mile ride is an annual bicycle ride commemorating the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation from its homelands during the winter of 1838-39. This tour allows Cherokee Nation Citizens (ages 16-24 years of age) the opportunity to travel the route of the original Trail.

The day’s activities ended with the Missouri Chapter Trail of Tears Association treating the bikers and supporting staff, to dinner at Hoppers in downtown Waynesville. The dinner was hosted by Wood. State Rep. Lynch blessed the dinner which has become a tradition for the bikers. This year there were 32 attending.

**NORTH CAROLINA (continued)**

The next TN TOTA meeting is 10:00 am (CST) Nov. 4 at David Crockett State Park. We will join friends in Lawrence County to walk part of the original Trail.
For 20 years, TNTOTA members have been researching the Bell Route across Tennessee. The Bell detachment, led by Treaty Party member John Bell and Lt. Edward Deas, was the only detachment that followed this particular route instead of travelling the Northern Route with detachments managed by John and Lewis Ross. The Bell Route largely parallels today’s U.S. 64 which passes through several Tennessee counties including Franklin, Marion, and McNairy.

Since early 2016, TNTOTA’s Floyd Ayers has worked with Franklin County Historical Society President David Moore to map the Bell Route through Franklin County. One of their finds is a fairly intact section of the Jasper-Winchester Road traversed by the Bell detachment in October, 1838. The segment is on TVA land along Boiling Fork Creek inside the City of Winchester. They have also secured funding for signage. NPS will pay for signs, Franklin County will pay for sign posts and mounting hardware, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Franklin County Highway Department will erect the signs. The FCHS, assisted by NPS, is designing additional interpretive signs to supplement the TOT Route signs furnished by the NPS while the NPS has provided a sign plan for the Mountain Goat Trail which will be added as a pedestrian component from Monteagle to Sewanee. $4,000 from Woodmen Life and a $5,000 grant from Franklin County AM Rotary Club will help pay for the Mountain Goat Trail signs and the additional interpretive signs.

TNTOTA members Doris Trevino and Carolyn Jones have also worked on the Bell Route project through Franklin, Marion, and McNairy with Doris providing documentation to help identify the route through McNairy and Marion. The project partners continue to map the Bell route and one of theirnext goals is to get TOT signs up through Marion County.

The Snelson-Brinker Cabin was the Courthouse for Old Crawford County before Phelps County and Dent County were carved out. The former seat of government was standing when Cherokees passed by during the removal. It was certified as a witness structure.

The Snelson-Brinker Cabin and Maramec Spring Park - Massie Iron Works were certified by the National Park Service National Trails Office in October 2006 on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Dr. Steve Belko, Executive Director of the Missouri Humanities Council, invited interested parties to meet on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, to look at and study the charred remains of the Cabin and to gather preliminary ideas about how to salvage both the history and the property.

Later in the summer, the above group plans to meet with Mike Taylor of Cultural Resources, National Park Service National Historic Trail, Santa Fe, NM and Dr. Carroll Van West and Amy Kostine, from Middle Tennessee State University Center for Historic Preservation, after a needs assessment of the cabin remains is completed.
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### Registration

#### 10. Regular Registration

- □ TOTA 2017 Member: $125
- □ Non-member: 175♦

*Non-member registration includes TOTA membership through 2018.*

#### 11. On-Site Registration

- □ TOTA 2017 Member: $225♦
- □ Non-member: $275♦

*Non-Member Registration includes TOTA membership through 2018.*

#### 12. I will attend

- □ I will attend Mon. Night Reception at Gilley's
- □ I will attend Tues. Field Trip: Tour of Cane Hill College & Prairie Grove Battlefield
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- □ I will ride bus for Tues. Field Trip Tour

#### 13. Meals:

- Breakfast will be provided on Tue. and Wed. morning
- Lunch will be provided Mon., Tue., Wed.
- A traditional Cherokee meal will be served for lunch Wed. at Ft. Smith Historic Site/Frisco Bldg.

#### 14. Guest Meals

- I need to register my guest, ____________________________ for the following meals:

  - □ Mon. Lunch - $30
  - □ Tue. Breakfast - $20
  - □ Tue. Field Trip Box Lunch - $15
  - □ Wed. Breakfast - $20
  - □ Wed. Hog Fry - $20

  **TOTAL: $_______**

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Field Trip Waiver

Please sign this liability waiver if you plan to participate in the field trip.

The undersigned hereby agrees that neither the Trail of Tears Association (TOTA), its chapters, directors, officers, employees, and agents, nor to the extent legally permissible any private or public (state or federal or instrumentality of either), landowner or tenant or licensee in possession of any land or over which any tour, field trip, or outing takes place, or through which it travels, in connection with or as a part of any meeting or convention of TOTA shall have any responsibility or liability, in whole or in part for any loss, damage, injury to person or property, delays and delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, cancellations, changes in schedules, program, or itinerary, or mechanical defect or failures, or for any negligent act or omissions of any nature whatsoever which results from, or arises out of, occurs at or during any activities, programs, tours, field trip, or outing thereat, or part of any of the foregoing. All persons registering at or attending any such meeting or convention shall be bound by the foregoing and deemed to have consented and agreed to the same by such registration or attendance.

Sign ______________________________________________________ Date ___________________________

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Vision Becoming Reality
Using Partnerships to Develop the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

In 1987, Congress acknowledged the significance of this tragic event in our Nation’s history by establishing the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The National Park Service administers the Trail in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies; the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; interested groups; and private landowners.

The Trail of Tears Association and the National Park Service National Trails Intermountain Region, Santa Fe have been working with trail partners to increase visibility for the trail and to develop it for visitor use. Old traces, historic buildings, and other resources are being preserved. Many sites have been certified and numerous on-the-ground projects have been completed, such as route signing, visitor-use development, interpretive wayside exhibits, and interior museum exhibits at existing facilities.

Certified Sites

Andrew Ross House, AL
Arcadia Valley Campground, MO
Audubon Acres, TN
Berry’s Ferry and John Berry Homesite, KY
Big Spring, KY
Brainerd Mission Cemetery, TN
Browns Ferry Tavern, TN
Campground Cemetery, IL
Cedartown Cherokee Removal Camp, GA
Chattanooga Regional History Museum, TN
Cherokee County Historical Museum, NC
Cherokee Garden at Green Meadows, GA
Cherokee Heritage Center, OK
Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home, GA
City of North Little Rock Riverfront Park, AR
Columbus-Belmont State Park, KY
Crabb-Abbot Farm, IL
Crider Tavern Complex, KY
David Crockett State Park Trail Segment, TN
Delta Cultural Center, AR
Fitzgerald Station and Farmstead, AR
Fort Gibson, OK
Fort Payne Cabin Site, AL
Funk Heritage Center, GA
Giles Co. Trail of Tears Interpretive Center, TN
Green Country Trail Segments, MO
Golconda Riverfront, IL
Gray’s Inn, KY
Hair Conrad Cabin, TN
Hamburger Hill, IL
The Hermitage, TN
Historic Road from Ross to Ridge’s, GA

Hiwassee River Heritage Center, TN
James Brown Cherokee Plantation, TN
Jentel Farm Trail Segment, IL
John Martin House, TN
John Ross House, GA
Junaluska Memorial and Museum, NC
Lake Dardanelle State Park, AR
La Petite Roche, AR
Laughlin Park, MO
Mantle Rock, KY
Maramec Spring Park/Massey Iron Works, MO
McGinnis Cemetery Trail Segment, IL
Mount Nebo State Park, AR
Murrell Home, OK
Museum of the Cherokee Indian, NC
New Echota State Historic Site, GA
Paducah Waterfront, KY
Petticoat Mountain State Park, AR
Port Royal State Park, TN
Radford Farm, KY
Red Clay State Historic Area, TN
Rockdale Plantation/George Adair Home, GA
Running Waters, John Ridge Home, GA
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, TN
Snelson-Brinker Cabin, MO
Star City Ranch Trail Segment, MO
Tennessee River Museum, TN
Toler Farm Trail Segment, IL
Trail of Tears Commemorative Park, KY
Trail of Tears State Park, MO
Trail of Tears State Forest, IL
Tuscumbia Landing, AL
Vann Cherokee Cabin, GA
Vann House Historic Site, GA
Village Creek State Park, AR
Wagner Farm Trail Segment, IL
Waynesboro and Bridges Tavern Site, IL
Willstown Mission Cemetery, AL

Federal Protection Components and Interpretive Sites

Arkansas Post National Memorial, AR
Cadron Settlement Park, AR
Cherokee Memorial Park, Blythe Ferry, TN
Fort Smith National Historic Site, AR
Great Smoky Mountains National Park, TN
Mark Twain National Forest, MO
Mocassin Bend, TN
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Stones River National Battlefield, TN

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