

# CROSSWINDS

3688 Warrior Creek Church Road, Gray Court, SC 29645

SUMMER 2021

## CHIEF'S CORNER

From Chief Worthy

From Vice Chief Sharp



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Osiyo,

**G**reetings from the Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation SC. I hope this finds all of you doing well. We have had a tough year what with the pandemic restrictions. Hopefully we will return to what we refer to as **Normal** very soon. A good many of us have had our vaccinations and are getting out more. Many events had to be canceled this past year. But hopefully we are returning however slow, to our tribal events.

The tribal grounds have been closed but now are preparing for our annual Pow Wow, after having cancelled last year. It will take place on Saturday, September 25 as long as no new COVID-19 restrictions appear. Looking forward to seeing many of you there. If you have any questions, please call Scott "Red Otter" Gephart who is in charge of the Pow Wow. He can be reached at 423-494-4255 or email at [scottgephart166@comcast.net](mailto:scottgephart166@comcast.net)

Some of our members have crossed over during the past year and will be dearly missed. Prayers go out to their families. We have also gained a few new members, and welcome them to our tribe.

Our newsletter is published quarterly. Please send any change in your address, emails or phone numbers. If we don't have these correct in our system, you may not receive a newsletter or other correspondence and, therefore, will not know what is going on with your tribe. Also we will be sending post cards reminding you of your yearly contributions which help us maintain operational expenses.

I will keep my tribal brothers and sisters in my prayers and thoughts. If you need anything or have questions, please call me at 864-871-9058 or email at :

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May the Creator walk by your side and comfort you in this trying time.

Wado,

Chief Worthy



**H**ello. Hope this finds you all well and happy. There are a lot of us who are very happy to belong to the Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation SC. I hope you are one of those members. If not, please call me and let's talk.

Things are getting better. We are going to be getting back together soon. The third Saturday in August, the 21st, the Tribal Council will meet at our Tribal Grounds. Please come join us if you can.

We are still in need of a building and either public water or a new well. I am working with the CMA, DHEC and SerCap. With the help of a good friend, David White with SerCap, we have applied for a grant through the EPA for a well. It will probably be September before we hear anything. I have also applied for a small grant from a group called Farms to Forks. It will be the end of the year before we hear anything from them.

I would also like to say that Victoria Norris has done a great job with the new museum. The RSWS is still doing a great job every month under the leadership of Mark "Two Blades" Williams and the dedicated warriors. We still need more and younger warriors. As you know we are getting older and, being Cherokee, we are always looking to the future of our Tribe. The Women of the Spirit are revamping their program. If you are interested in being a part of that group, contact Chief Worthy.

On another note, we had someone hit our sign out in front of the Tribal Grounds. We have to get a new sign. If you would like to donate to help replace it, feel free to do so. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers for the many jobs they do to help make my job a lot easier, all the jobs they do for the Tribe are very time consuming and rarely do they say no.

We are looking forward to the best Pow Wow ever and I think soon the kids will be coming back to our Tribal Grounds to learn the Cherokee Ways.

As always, if anyone has a question, concern, complaint or ideas, please feel free to call me at 864-906-5111 or email me at [dsharp1sc@gmail.com](mailto:dsharp1sc@gmail.com). Thank all of you for your support of our Tribe. Remember dues for 2021, due by December 31, 2020. The dues are now 25.00 a year. The dues are needed to pay for Insurance, light bill and gas and repairs of the lawn mower.

TOHIDU (Peace of mind and heart)



Any change of your address, email address, or phone number please contact us to let us know of the change as soon as possible by calling 864-871-9058 (chief) 864-906-5111 (v. chief) or 864-683-1421 (tribal office) If you have an email address that we may send the newsletter to, our tribe will save almost \$4.00/person per quarter. Contact Chief Worthy @ [worthymarylouise@gmail.com](mailto:worthymarylouise@gmail.com).



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Tommy War Dog Sanders*

**Museum and Kids Days Program:**

Victoria Yellow Rose Norris

**Craft store:** Beckie Morning Sun Sharp and  
Kimberly Night Bird Lance

**Red Shirt Warrior Society:**

Mark Two Blades Williams

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# FIREKEEPER

## Flames of Thoughts From The Fire Mark Two Blades Williams

**H**ello everyone. Well....It's hot! After the first day of 80° temperatures I was looking for winter to return. I deal with the cold better. I pray that all my Brothers and Sisters are well and happy. As we look forward to a bright future, we need to remind ourselves that the Creator is in charge of this life we live and we must do what's right. I attended the Waccamaw Summer Solstice Fire ceremony at the Waccamaw Tribal Grounds as a part of the ceremonies. We have three ceremonies, one at Sunrise, one at noon and the last one when it was time to close the circle. This is usually about 5pm. It is a great time to reflect on life for it is a spiritual time for me. While there I talk to other fire keepers, learning and remembering what we were taught by Mr Earl "Many Skins" Carter. We go over the procedure and practice of our craft. There were NEW people who had never been to a Fire Ceremony. It was nice to share with them the ceremony and our cultures. It is always a good time with my Waccamaw family, but it makes for a long day. I get up at 2:15am, drive 2.5hrs down there. Eat breakfast at Waffle House in Aynor, SC. Then participate in the Lighting of the Fire at Sun Rise. Stay all day and drive back 2.5hrs to my house. I do this because I am your Fire Keeper and it is my duty as your Fire Keeper to practise our traditions. If you would like to start having these Fires at OUR grounds let me know. I need a minimum of four (4) people at every Fire. Not one or two fires but EVERY Fire of EVERY seasonal event. There are four seasonal events. Being YOUR Fire keeper is one of the best things that has ever happened to me. The seven years of training was well worth the experiences I have had doing this. Remember, our Pow Wow is Sep 25th. Come see me at the Fire.

Fire Keeper

Mark Two Blades

The Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation Of SC



## TRIBAL NEWS

VICTORIA YELLOW ROSE NORRIS



### Education Funding News-

For tribal members looking to get their GED, there is funding for testing from the SC Indian Development Council. Go to [ged.com](http://ged.com) for answers to questions on GED testing.

Any tribal member who is interested in attending a community college, technical college or university, there is tuition and/or books assistance available for those who qualify: these grants are need-based. This funding is through S.C. Indian Development Council for those living in SC; members not living in SC are assisted through other state agencies specified through SCIDI. There is also funding through SC Works (WIOA Program). Go to the web site [SCworks.org](http://SCworks.org) and find a location near you.

Contact Victoria Norris at [gvnorris@outlook.com](mailto:gvnorris@outlook.com) for more information on educational funding opportunities.

**Teaching Clan** - The Teaching Clan committee is working on restarting the Howard White Bull Kids' Days with the Cherokees for our school students. We are refitting the new Social Studies Standards for teaching Native American history. The Living Village is being restored, and hopefully, we may be up and running our kids' program in the Spring. Nothing has been decided on reviving the Strong Beaver Kids' Camp at this time. Victoria Yellow Rose



## PAIA Rewind.... Victoria Yellow Rose

### “Gov signs bills sought by American Indians” Daily Journal...July 16,2008



South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, center, signs a pair of American Indian bills Thursday. The bills allow chiefs and spiritual leaders to sign marriage documents after performing a traditional Native American wedding and remove restriction on the type of feathers that can be used in traditional clothing and crafts. Looking on are chiefs and representatives of the Native American Indian tribes in the state.

### Gov signs bills sought by American Indians

About 50 American Indians from several tribes joined Governor Sanford at the signing ceremony on July 16, 2008. The Marriage Bill allows Chiefs and Spiritual Leaders to perform marriage ceremonies and sign marriage licenses. The Governor also signed another bill that lifts restrictions on wild turkey feathers. “It’s giving our heritage back to us and some of our traditions,” said Chief Norris. At that time Native People could not include wild turkey feather in their crafts if they were to sell them. Many Native people used domesticated turkey feathers in their regalia and crafts.

Chief Norris was the first to marry a Native couple, Chief Hatcher and Susan Hayes, when the bill became law. The new Marriage Law adds Chiefs and Spiritual Leaders to the list of officials who can sign marriage licenses.

Both bills were requested because they grant “freedom” to the Native tribes to continue their life-long traditions. “It’s the freedom to be us. To be who we are...Indians,” said Pete Parr who is now the Chief of the Pee Dee Indian Tribe. Sanford said the bills are about celebrating the “original Americans” and diversity.





## Basketful of Knowledge Museum-

Most Indigenous People have practiced the art of pottery for thousands of years. Even though the pottery was beautiful and decorative, the original purposes were to gather water from rain and rivers, preserve seeds and grains, and transport items from place to place.

The shapes and forms of pottery developed from the daily necessity of the pottery. The things that needed to be transported and/or to be stored were shaped for each particular method of use— for example, pottery for water had outwardly curved tops to scoop water in and then keep it from falling out; and pottery that stored seeds had more closed tops to keep wind and other elements from contamination.

The Cherokees dug deep into the soil and formed, from the clay, distinctive pots, pipes, bowls and wedding jugs. After crushing and grinding the dried clay and mixing it with water, the Cherokee craftspeople molded and coiled earthen vessels. Like most Indigenous tribes, the Cherokee did not use potters' wheels or other spinning instruments, but they made coil and pinch pots by hand. Carved wooden paddles were used to imprint designs, and also to smooth the surfaces to make them waterproof. The vessels were fired in pits of burning bark and native wood; the color was determined by the kind of wood that was used in the fire. A technique to further waterproof the insides of the piece, corncobs and bran were added to the fire while the pots hardened.

The following photos are from our museum collection. **Victoria Yellow Rose Norris**

**Wedding Vase**



**Clay Pitcher**



**Indian Design Vase**



**Catawba Water Vase**



**Old Style Clay Pipes**

**Billy Lightwalker Fulcher**



**Old Style Clay Water Bottles**

**Billy Lightwalker Fulcher**



**Red Clay Bowl**

**Billy Lightwalker Fulcher**



**Cherokee False Face – Booger Mask**

**James Whirlwind Norris**



### Thunderbolt Warriors Society—Rain Moore

The photos below were taken at a recent eagle release. His name is Aquoni representing the continuing flow of honor into something bigger and greater. Just like a stream flows into a river then river flows into something greater on down around the bend. Our honor as tribal citizens and well as American citizens should flow into something greater.



The Bald Eagle is a Living Waters bird. It collects sustenance from the living waters. We flow through life and collect what is needed to survive and live. We in return should show integrity, truth, honor, compassion, humility, humbleness and love for others as well as our environment. Never take more than we need. Fight for what we have. Share with those in need.



The Wing Feather represents strength in our movement forward. It also represents protection as the wings shield the eagle from the elements of weather.

The Tail Feather represents strength and balance in our direction forward. Earning these feathers is a true honor!

This photo of the Thunderbolt Warriors Society members present are from left to right: Whitebuffalo Moore (Tribal Citizen) Author David "Running Buffalo" Chaltas Blackhawk Tiller (Tribal Citizen) Rain Moore (leader of the Thunderbolt Warriors Society and Tribal Citizen) Walking Bear (Tribal Citizen of the Cherokee Tribe of Alabama) Barbara Yellow Feather Moore.



Thunderbolt Warrior Knife created by David Yellow Horse and Owl Ironknife. This spectacular knife will be on sale soon.





**RED SHIRT WARRIOR SOCIETY—MARK TWO BLADES WILLIAMS, WAR CHIEF**

I hope all is well with each and everyone of our tribal members and loved ones. The RSW are still cutting the grass, trimming the shrubs and taking care of all of OUR grounds. A hearty THANK YOU to *Gene "White Spirit" Spooner* and his sister *Naomi Nelson*. They are doing a great job picking up our slack with grass cutting, however, we do our best as always. The "Winter Home" is almost completed with just a little more dirt to be placed on top. Next...the "Summer Home" needs replacing. We will start this soon. Vice Chief Dexter "Yellow Hawk" Sharp was taught by First Chief Norris and now Yellow Hawk will be teaching me. We need MORE people involved in these projects because this needs to be passed down through the ages. If you know how to do this, GREAT. Come down and teach the rest of us I will be asking Tribal Council for info to be placed on the Memorial Garden brick markers. The Garden has been completed and I am ready to start getting some markers installed. Everytime I go to OUR grounds I am amazed at what we have. We have one of the best grounds of any tribe. We have concrete benches and table, swing, chairs and lots of green grass. Big trees that make for big shade. Come out and enjoy YOUR grounds. Also everytime I go to our grounds there is something ELSE to do other than what I had planned on working on. Mailbox falling off the post, flat tire on lawnmower, you know things like this. Minor setbacks but setbacks just the same. PLEASE, the tribe, YOUR TRIBE needs your help. The RSW meets on the second Saturday of the month. Next one is 07/10/2021. We are also looking for new RSW members and new Tribal members. Ask around. You know someone who has said, My Grandmother was Cherokee. Well....then so are they. Invite them to the tribal Council and RSW meetings. Let people know we are here.

Learn, Teach and take care of others.



**CRAFT STORE— BECKIE Morning Sun SHARP** — We are looking forward to the Pow Wow on September 25, 2021. Our craft store will be open and ready. Thanks to all who have contributed to the craft store with their beautiful art. I also want to thank Martha Howell for her efforts in seeing we get items for the craft store every year. She is in the process of sending a handmade quilt to be raffled at the Pow Wow,. **THANKS MARTHA!!** See you all soon.



**Pow Wow—Scott Red Otter Gephart**

As some of you may or may not know, our usual head man and head lady dancers will not be able to participate with us this year. Larry and Karen Swearingen will be there but will be unable dance as in the past. I am now looking for a new head man dancer. I have already been in contact with David Creel, our arena director, and through his contacts we have found a replacement head lady. We welcome Doug Carter and Shania Muckenfuss lending us their talents at this year's Pow-Wow. We will have some outstanding craft vendor's with amazing crafts coming to the Pow-Wow.

I would like to thank the long list of people who have helped put this Pow-Wow together. If you are looking for something to do in September, come support your tribe and be ready to dance and celebrate.

Sadly as was mentioned by V. Chief Sharp someone ran into our sign that has been in front of the tribal grounds for many years. If you would like to help with the cost to repair the sign you can make a donation to the tribe with the designation well fund or tribal grounds sign. We will use those moneys to not only restore the tribal grounds sign but to make it better than before.



## Historic Old Native American canoes found in SC rivers



Vice Chief Dexter Sharp looks on as a group of SC Native Americans inspect the ancient wood from a canoe found in the Cooper River.

Tests from the Clemson University Warren Lasch Conservation Center have determined that the canoe is approximately 4000 years old.



Archaeologists at the University of South Carolina say the boat to the right could be 200 to 250 years old, a discovery that could shed light on life in the late 1700s.



Canoes of that age are rarely found along the Chattooga, a free-flowing mountain river that runs along the Georgia-South Carolina border.



On display at the PAIA tribal grounds is a carved out canoe, the second one on the tribal grounds. Firekeeper Mark Two Blades Williams demonstrates to one of the many schools during Kids Days what it took to carve out such a vessel. A process of carving and burning is used to create these water buoyant craft which begin with a very large and heavy log. Vice Chief Sharp and Two Blades both spent many hours working on this exhibit

### ANNUAL TRIBAL FEES

For all of you who have paid your annual tribal fees and especially to those of you who have made donations in addition to the annual fees, thank you! This allows us to pay our bills and keep our tribal family informed. It has been an exceptionally trying year with few grants or opportunities to raise funds. Tribal Council has agreed to increase the annual fees beginning mid year 2021 from \$15 to \$25. Associate fees will remain the same at \$25/yr. for now. As a reminder, annual tribal fees are required from **all members beginning at age 18**. We will also make a new ID for those turning 18. Please let us know. If you are unable to pay your fees, please contact us and we will try to work with you.

# PAIA Event Dates 2021

Tribal Council	8/21, 10/16
RSWS/WOS	9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11
Pow Wow	9/25
Christmas Gathering	TBA

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST TRIBAL MEMBERS

Scott Williams  
Cynthia Bryant Kirby  
Rachel Hawkins Bolt

## PRAYERS

**Gene Spoone**, health issues  
**Garry Youngblood**—health issues  
**Fred McDowell**— on dialysis and on a kidney transplant list  
**Jean Vinson**-Kidney Cancer (daughter of former elder )  
All of our tribal members and family who are in need of prayer.

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to the family of tribal member and friend **Houston Terry Hawkins**. He grew up in the tiny mill village of Newry, South Carolina.

Terry lived in Los Alamos, New Mexico—faithful disciple of Christ; devoted son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather; distinguished USAF veteran; Cold War patriot; and strategist and innovator—began his journey home early in the morning on June 14, 2021.

## CHEROKEE WORDS

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GWY Oʰ.ʌC  
by: *Black Hawk*  
Gvnige'i Tawodi'  
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### Months

<b>July</b> Kuyegwona <i>Koo-yay-gwoh-nah</i> Jβʌʌʌ	<b>August</b> Galoni <i>Gah-loh-nee</i> SGh	<b>September</b> Dulisdi <i>Doo-lee-s-dee</i> SPʌʌʌ
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### Fruits

<b>Apple</b> Svata <i>Suh-gah-tah</i> RʌW	<b>Peach</b> Kwana <i>Kwah-nah</i> Tʌ	<b>Strawberry</b> Ani <i>Ah-nee</i> Dh
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### "Gvgeyui. Dedadagohvyu"

(*"I love you. 'til we meet again"*)

### Vowels and Pronunciation

a = ah	e = ay	i = ee
o = oh	u = oo	v = uh

## • Protect Yourself & Your Family

DHEC reports 2400 new cases of COVID-19 and 9 deaths. If you have not received your shots please consider doing so to protect yourself and your family.

Stay tuned for we are constantly being updated from DHEC on the latest safeguards to protect us from the virus.

Getting your COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and it's how we end this pandemic.



### After you're vaccinated

Once you're fully vaccinated, you can resume many of the activities you enjoyed before the pandemic.



### COVID-19 vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and are recommended for everyone 12 and older.



### Getting tested for COVID-19

Fully vaccinated people don't need to get routinely tested. Learn the latest on who should get tested for COVID-19.

If you have an event you want published in the newsletter, send it to us at (PAIA Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation, SC PO Box 3988, Irmo, SC 29063) or email it to sandert@sc.rr.com. Let us know what's happening in your world so that we can share the news with other tribal members. Remember this newsletter is YOUR news!

# PAIA LOWER EASTERN CHEROKEE NATION SC



## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow-Wow

Celebrating 6 years as a State Recognized Tribe  
**Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Luck of the Draw Dance Contest  
**(Must Be in Regalia)**  
Drumming \* Flute Music  
Dancing\* Story Telling  
Hand Made Crafts \* Fry Bread\*Games \* Raffles



**MASTER OF CEREMONIES: HARLAN RICHARDSON**  
**HOST DRUM: RED OAK DRUM TEAM**  
**HEAD MAN DANCER: DOUG CARTER**  
**HEAD LADY DANCER: SHANIA MUCKENFUSS**  
**ARENA DIRECTOR: DAVID CREEL**  
**ENTERTAINERS: DALE WOODRUFF**



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15 MINUTES FROM DOWN TOWN LAURENS

### Schedule of Events

**Gates open 9:00 A.M. / Pow-Wow ends at 7 P.M.**

**Grand Entries: 12:00 PM & 5:00 PM**

Admission: Adults \$7.00 / Children (3- 17) \$4.00

Children (2 and under) & Veterans Free

(Children must be supervised at all times)

**Designated Smoking Area *\*Bring your own Chairs\****

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**Edward Jones**

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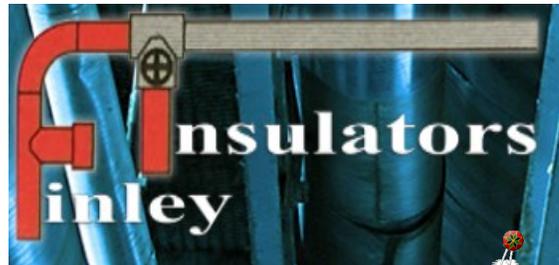
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