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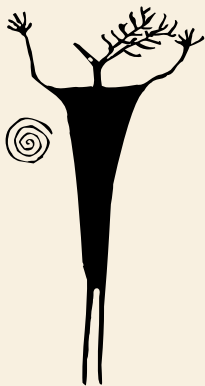
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CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) INDIAN TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

"People At The Fork Of The Stream"

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The Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe hope you will enjoy this issue of the TH_RA_HUN_TA (to hear) our tribal news letter. The quarterly newsletter serves to keep tribal members and other interested persons informed about pertinent information about our past, present and future. We encourage individuals to share information you would like published in future newsletters to Sonya "Starbird" Lawrence at sun4h1he@gmail.com. Information for the Summer newsletter is due by June 15, 2022.

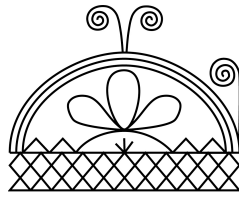
As you read through this issue, please consider attending and supporting upcoming tribal events. Your participation is vital to our tribe's success. Please pass along our newsletter and event information to your family and friends.

As the former editor, Water Lily stated, "Get a cup of coffee, tea or soda and sit back, relax and enjoy this issue as we get to know one another by sharing in TH_RA_HUN_TA".



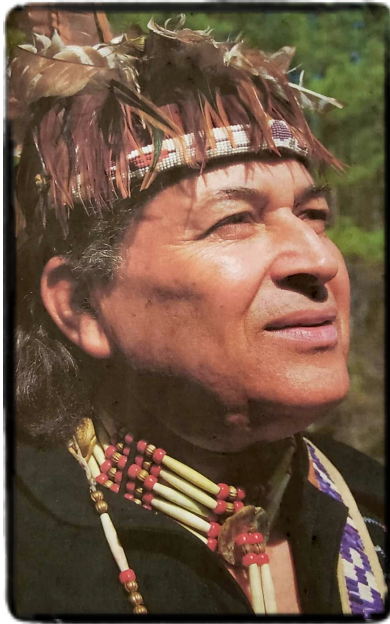
Sonya "Starbird" Lawrence
Editor





Red Hawk "Teerheer" Was-We-Kr

(Red Hawk The Chief Speaks)



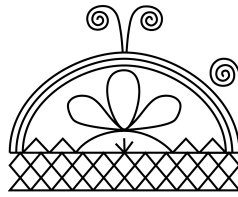
Chief Red Hawk Speaks (Was-ve-kr):

Osiyo and Greetings: As we walk into another New Year, 2022, "Full of Faith" thanking the Creator for HIS continued Favor given to our tribe for the past 19 years, we first extend Kudos and Accolades to our Tribal Council, Tribal Members, Heritage Foundation Board of Directors, Committee Members, and Adopted / Honorary Tribal Members for their support in 2021. Because of your support we could host in 2021, at Cattashowrock Town, two great Powwows. Our Green Corn Dance Powwow in July and our School Day an Intertribal Corn Harvest Powwow in November, both of which were a stunning success. The tourist, visitors, Native Dancers, Drummers, across the states, from the east to west coasts, attending our two powwows were excited to take a break and get out of their homes and visit our 10-acre Powwow Ground after the slowdown of COVID.

As we reflect upon the year that is now behind us, we look forward to a VERY PRODUCTIVE, PROSPEROUS 2022, for the tribe. We need to be mindful that COVID still raises its ugly head; and it is strongly recommended that if you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated to protect yourself and your family from COVID.

Of course, we are still mindful of the many Blessings that the Creator has bestowed upon the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County, Virginia, and all of its Tribal Citizens. As of the last day of 2021, we have had no deaths caused by COVID. However, two of our centurion tribal members "Walked On" to be with the Creator: Mildred "Morning Star" Gray, 103, and her sister Bessie "Running Star" Peoples, 101. Two additional Tribal Blood Family Members "Walked On": Pastor "Emeritus" Woodrow M. "Running in The Spirit" Brown, Jr, 77, and Madison C. "Quinny" Brown, 78. We continue to pray for their families.





In 2022, we are praying for:

1. Doors opening for Tribal Federal Recognition
2. Groundbreaking for our Tribal Cultural Center and Museum (a \$1.4M Project sponsored in part by the Cheroenhaka Nottoway Enterprises (CNE), LLC)
3. Rebuilding of our Tribal Village – Cattashowrowk Town (\$30K Project sponsored in part by a Dominion Energy Grant)
4. More Tribal Member involvement and support -fund raisers, grant writing, pre Powwow setup.

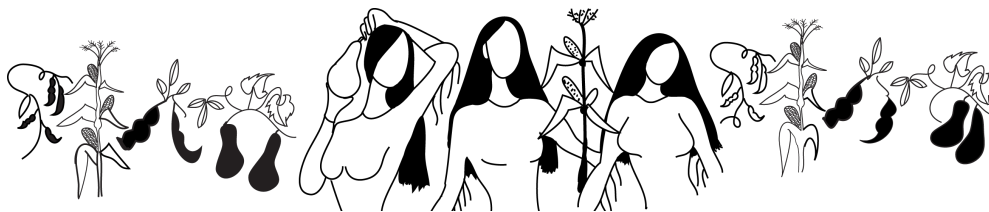
I declare in the precious name of the Creator, our Lord and Savior Jesus The Christ, Yashua, that 2022 will be a year of “PRODUCTION” for the tribe and as a whole for each supporting tribal member and that all will receive financial favor and enjoy good health.

Even though we are all imperfect creatures; however, despite our many flaws, during the beginning of a New Year, there should be a light of “Love” that shines bright in all of us. I pray to the Creator (Quaker-Hunte) that 2022 will bring peace to your hearts, lift your inner spirit and bring you closer to those you love, especially your tribal family. It is not a perfect world, but with our one vision and strong faith in the Creator, we as a Tribe can make it a better world for all tribal members. Thank you for your Tribal Support, financial or in physical labor. I am sending my love to all of you and wishing you a safe, joyous and a very PROSPEROUS 2022!

“Stay faithful and continue to walk in HIS Footsteps that our walk in the sacred circle of life will make better the walk of another – those that will follow in our footsteps, our children.”

Best,

Chief Walt “Red Hawk” Brown





Tribal Genealogist

Elizbeth “Snow Lizard” Gates Furrow is the first tribal member to serve as the Tribal Genealogist for the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe, with sister Marie “Silver Moon” Gates Janjua as a Genealogy Research Assistant. In August 2018, she enrolled in the Genealogy Research course at Boston University and earned an “A”. In November 2021, Snow Lizard and Silver Moon took a 6-week course and earned their certificate, which gives them the title of Genealogist.

She has a great love for research of history and genealogy and states, "My sister Silver Moon and I became interested in genealogy when we were young girls, as our grandparents traveled to many courthouses and cemeteries back in the day, looking up family names, deeds, wills, and marriage records. They painstakingly hand copied those old documents. We treasure the copies we made of their records, and work diligently to continue their research".



On Tribal Grounds

On Easter Sunday evening tribal member Mike Skipper caught this 2 1/2 lb Large Mouth Bass from the tribal pond. His son is holding the fish for the photo. Mike stated, “We put it back in the pond so it could lay some more eggs”.

Mike and his boys came out to help remove the tile from the water pump house. A pipe had busted inside of the pump house. The inside was soaked with water. Cresson Well to make the repairs; however, the floor tile had to be removed so the wood floor would dry out.



Mr. Skipper



Tribal Roller Keeper News

Osio! Waquast Suntetung!

New Members

Since our last newsletter, the Tribe has added ten new tribal members. WE welcome: Elizabeth "Beautiful Flower" Hunter, Candace "Soaring Sparrow" Credle, Bobby Ray "Lighting Hawk" Hunter, Robyn Ember "Firebird" Wright, Jacqueline J. "Dancing Star" Brown, Mary Sue "Moon Star" Thompson, Rosalind Raney "New Moon" Garland, Crystal "Moon Star" Garland, Stephanie Garland "Running Moon" Majak, and Thomas Earl "Fishing Beaver" Boone Sr.

Tribal Cards

The Tribe (with authorization of the Board and Council) purchased the ID Maker Advantage D from IDVILLE. The cards are white plastic with a blue eagle watermark background and bear the Chief's signature, VA State Recognition and Tribal Shield on the back.

Over 200 cards have been printed and issued to tribal members since the purchase over two years ago. If you or an enrolled child 13+ require a new Tribal ID, please email me at: jokeoharrak@gmail.com. Please provide the following required information: Date of Birth, Height, Tribal Role #, Last 4 of SSN, Native name, Full legal name, Current address, Date of your enrollment to Tribe, and a digital photo (passport style) please ensure it is clear.

The cost of the card is \$25 paid by check/money order mailed to: Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 397, Courtland, VA 23837 or through PayPal on our tribal website: www.cheroenhaka-nottoway.org

Please be sure to list tribal card on the memo portion of check/money order and PayPal.

Caroh (Water Blossom) Holley
Tribal Secretary, CNE, LLC Secretary
Tribal Roll Keeper - Face Book Administrator

Department of Historic Resources Site

The Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe has a new site listed with the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) in Virginia. This site was discovered in 2018 after tree harvesting. Stan Pearsa found artifacts on the surface while walking trails on the tribal land. Later, Wayne Edwards walked the same trail several times picking up artifacts each time. This year, Wayne recorded the finds at DHR and was given a site number for the area where the artifacts were found. The new Tribal Land site number is 44sn0389. We hope to find more sites on the Tribal Land in the near future. Stay tuned.

Article written by: Wayne "Hawk Eye" Edwards (adopted tribal member)



Families Supported For Christmas



Chief Brown and Families at Wax-Mart

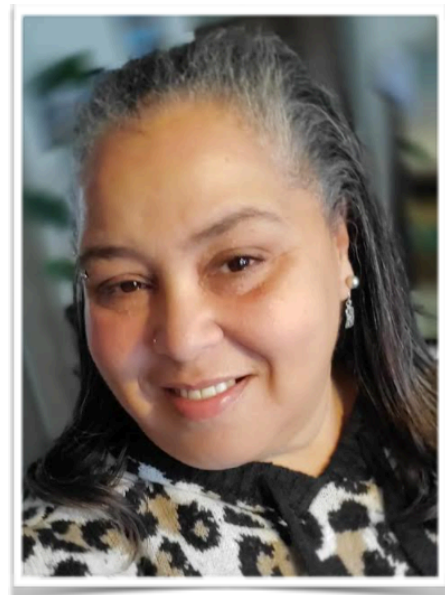
In December 2021, the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe Heritage Foundation sponsored five families for Christmas. The Southampton County Social Services Department, Courtland, VA provided names of the family members. Depending on the number of children in the family, families received between \$150 and \$200 to shop. The Christmas shopping spree took place at Wal-Mart in Franklin, VA. Kudos to Wal-Mart for allowing all five families to come through the same cash register. Chief Brown paid the total bill using the Tribal Heritage Foundation Credit Card.

Tribal Secretary Hired By the Center For American Health at John Hopkins

January 4th 2022, Caroh Holley accepted a position as a Sr. Grants and Contracts Analyst at Johns Hopkins University (JHU) Bloomberg School of Public Health in the Center for American Indian Health. CAIH focuses on partnerships with American Indian and Alaska Native communities to co-design programs to achieve optimal health and wellbeing, raise health status, self-sufficiency and leadership to its highest potential. Main projects to CAIH are Sexual and Reproductive Health, Adolescent Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Maternal and Early Childhood Health, Infectious Disease, Environmental Health and Entrepreneurship and Workforce Development.

The CAIH has impacted Native Communities for over three decades, including; 1000,000+ American Indian families have been directly served, and 400+ community health workers hired and trained. The Center has also provided over 1000 scholarships to American Indians for public health training at JHU.

Caroh states, "Being of Native American descent, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me to work in a department which combines my heritage and passion for my culture and the opportunity to make a difference in indigenous communities".



Caroh Holley



Sportswood Treaty Tribute

On April 19, 2021, Chief Walt "Red Hawk" Brown, Chief of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County Virginia, accompanied by other tribal members, presented the 308th Spotswood Treaty Tribute of three peace arrows, wrapped in a Beaver Pelt and wampum belt, to the Governor of Virginia. The treaty is normally presented on Saint George Day.

The Treaty Tribute was presented to the Governor in accordance with the tribe's Treaty of February 27, 1713 between Virginia's provisional Lt Governor Alexander Spotswood and the King of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian tribe, Ocoraass Trier aka William Edmond.

As a special place in the tribe's history, as a first, two of the youngest tribal members, Princess Windsong Brown, 8, and Red Eagle Brown, 7, took part in the treaty tribute. Windsong and Red Eagle are the children of Chief Walt Red Hawk Brown. They are students at Meherrin Elementary School.



Lt Governor Alexander Spotswood & Tribal members

Opening of Machicomoco State Park

Chief Brown stated, "It was a great honor to represent the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe at the grand opening of Machicomoco". Chief Brown attended the VA Governor's ribbon cutting ceremony for the 40th Virginia State Park. The state park reflects the ethnohistoric time line of all Virginia's State Recognized Tribes and three language groups: Iroquoian, Siouan and Algonquin.



Governor Ralph Northam & Chief Brown



Spring 2021 Scholarships

Congratulations to the following tribal members who received \$300 for their Spring Semester College Book Scholarship:

*Ziya "Happy Heart" El is a 2nd Semester Freshman attending Oglethorpe University in Brookhaven, Georgia, majoring in Early Childhood Education. Kudos to Ziya for making the Deans List her 1st Semester!!!

*Nia "Windflower" Orie is a 2nd Semester Sophomore attending Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, majoring in Communication Arts with a concentration in Scientific and Preparatory Medical Illustration. Her ultimate goal is to become a Veterinarian.

*Zoe "Little Fern" Richards is a 2nd Semester Junior attending Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, majoring in Child Psychology with a focus on Special Needs Children.

*Kylen Settles is attending Midland Technical College.

Beverly "Barefoot" El
Scholarship Committee Chairperson
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Fall 2021 Scholarships

The Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation awarded book scholarships to Tribal students attending college. Congratulations to the following tribal members who received funds during the Fall 2021 school year:

*Ziya "Happy Heart" El- Sophomore at Oglethorpe University majoring in Early Childhood Ed. with a GPA of 4.0.

*Ryan "Red Thunder" Hines- Freshman at Old Dominion University majoring in Biochemistry.

*Zoe "Little Fern" Richards-graduate Temple University with a BA of Liberal Arts, Psychology.

It is with pleasure that my committee and I extend our Congratulations and Best Wishes to Zoe "Little Fern" Richards for receiving her degree. We are very proud of Zoe's accomplishments and are looking forward to her participation in tribal events and sharing her knowledge. Keep up the "Good Work" and again Congratulations!!!

Beverly "Barefoot" El
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The Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Archaeological Brief



Cheroenhaka Nottoway Pottery

On October 27, 2014 I visited the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) to meet with Dee DeRoach to pick up the "History's Mysteries" archaeology workbooks to pass out at the upcoming Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Pow Wows. While waiting for Dee, I visited the office of a fellow Archaeological Society of Virginia (ASV) member, Keith T. Egloff. In the corner of his office was a very large ceramic pot that stood approximately 2.5 feet tall. I had spied it through the glass wall and wanted a closer look. I asked permission to photograph it and immediately noticed three marks in the clay near the rim of the pot. It was the same signature/Chief's mark that appears on the Woodland Plantation Treaty of 1677. I asked Mr. Egloff's permission to inspect the pot without moving it, had to use a mirror for the back view! To my surprise and his we found the very same signature appeared on all

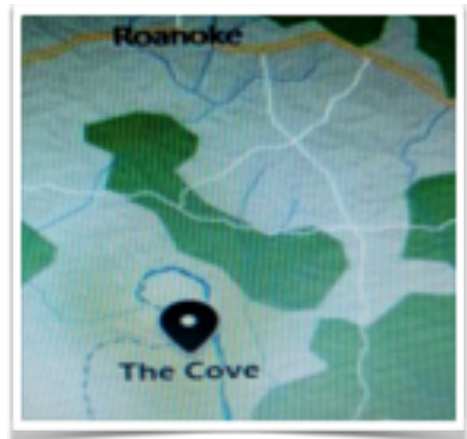
four sides of the rim of the pot at what would be the cardinal points of the compass: North, South, East & West. It is my belief that this was a pot created to be used for official trade/exchange/tribute because it bore the signature of the Chief of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) on all four sides. This vessel was recovered from an earthen burial mound.

The information plaque says: "STORAGE JAR" "This large pot was recovered from Conner's Midden in Halifax County Virginia. The maker's signature (three lines in the clay) can be seen near the lip."

THE REST OF THE STORY

Conner's Midden was first explored by Henry & Edward Valentine in 1883. R. P. Carroll & John H. Reeves, Jr. explored it in 1953 giving it the name, Conner's Midden. Reeves recorded the site in 1954. Howard A. MacCord, archaeologist with the Library of Virginia, which preceded the creation of VDHR in 1986, investigated the site again in 1968.

Conner's Midden is located on the historic property known as "The Cove" (VDHR #041-5086) which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 11, 2006 & contains 1,123 acres. It is owned by the Walter Burton Wildlife Foundation, P.O. Box 519, Halifax, VA and is situated in north central Halifax Co., along its boundary with Charlotte Co. within a horseshoe bend of the Staunton River at the end of VA St Rt. 617.



Map of "The Cove"

Photo & Article by
Teresa Preston
Tethrake Deshue (Moon Star)



Federal Recognition Update (Continued January, 2022)

AS mentioned in previous updates, Congressman Scott recommended that our packet, that had been laying dormant in Senator Kaine's office, with broken promises, for more than eight years, would carry more weight should we put forth a combined bill to Congress requesting that the remaining three Virginia State Recognized Tribes be Federally Recognized via Congress in the same manner as the recently six Federally Recognized Virginia Tribes. Prior to this recommendation, we had already reached out to Congressman Donald McEachin, 4th Congressional District Representative; wherein, he agreed to run point in Congress with our packet seeking Federal Recognition. As such, I reached out to the Chief of the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of VA and after explaining that our tribal council was in favor of a combine bill, he agreed. He said he would reach out to the Nottoway, Inc and have them request the same. Some months later, after leaving numerous telephone messages, the Nottoway, Inc., finally agreed via a letter address to Congressman McEachin, signed by their tribal secretary.

Over the past two years, I maintained monthly contact with Congressman McEachin's office, via Blair Wriston, his Legislative Assistance (LA), requesting status updates. I was informed about 12 months ago that our Packet was before the Committee on Natural Resources waiting comment. In December 2020 I received a call from Blair Wriston informing me that a staffer with the Committee on Natural Resources would be requesting a conference call in the future with the three Chiefs or their representatives. I assume this would be a question and answer session; however, it never took place.

After two years, in October 2021, I received a letter dated September 17, 2021, bearing Congressman McEachin's signature telling us to submit our packet requesting Federal Recognition to the BIA / OFA, in that Congress does not know how to proceed with the process. This letter was basically a facsimile of the same letter that Senator Kaine sent to us in 2018, shortly after the recent six VA Tribes were federally recognized via Congress. As a result of the letter I set up a conference call with Congressman McEachin's staff which included the Chiefs of the other VA State Recognized Tribes; wherein, I challenged the letter in that as in the six tribes, recently Federally Recognized via Congress, like them, we could not meet the BIA's requirement proving that we had Tribal autonomy as of 1900 forward due to the Racial Integrity Acts of Virginia and Walter Plecker's negation of tribal communities within Virginia. That is the same reason those tribes decided to seek Federal Recognition through Congress.

After the conference call with his staff, which proved to be fruitless, I had our medial and P/R rep, tribal member, Karen "Running Moon" Barrett to contact Congressman McEachin's scheduler to set up a one on one meeting, with him. I am happy to report that last month I had a one hour Zoom, one on one, meeting with Congressman McEachin. After addressing his letter and explaining the reasons we chose the congressional route he said that he would get back with us.

In the interim, I will continue to compile a packet for the BIA/OFA. I called the OFA and spoke directly with its Director, Mr. Fleming, and requested an updated version of 25 CFR Part 83.

Chief Walt "Red Hawk" Brown



My Heart Song/Prayer Song

Chief Brown requests that all tribal members learn the My Heart Song/Prayer Song in order to repeat it in unison at our Powwows and other Tribal Events.

SES-SUN-KE E-WIS “MY HEART SONG”

Tat-Cha-na-wi-hie Quaker-hun-te
“Great Creator”

“Great Na-da-wa Drum Song”

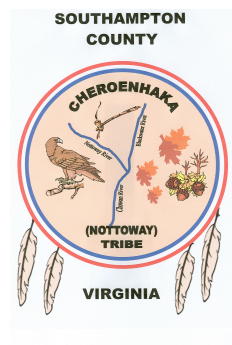
*Composed By: Chief Walt “Red Hawk” Brown
Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe’s
Tribal Language (Dar-sun-ke)*

Sun-te-tung Wa-kos-te Dur-tan-hara
“Morning Strong Prayer”

Ses-Sun-ke E-wis
“My Heart Song”

EE Thra-hun-ta Ha-he-nu
“I hear the Thunder”

EE Was-ke-hee Yount-out-ch
“I See The Rain”



EE Swa-ro-re Yau-tat-ch
“I Touch The Wind”

Ho-keh Ena O-ter
“Yes Mother Earth”

Ho-keh Ah-roh Quaker-Wn-ti-ka
“Yes Father Sky”

Ho-keh Tat-cha-na-wi-hie
“Yes Great Spirit”

Sun-te-tung Wa-kos-te Dur-tan-hara
“Morning Strong Prayer”

Ses-Sun-ke E-wis
“My Heart Song”



TRIBAL ADMIN FEES AND TRIBAL LAND MAINTENANCE /TAX FEES

If you have not paid your Admin and Land Maintenance /Tax Fees for FY 2022, please do so as soon as possible. All fees, admin and land are normally due the first quarter of each year.

Admin fees are \$60 per annual or \$15 per quarter for all adult tribal members between the ages of 21 to 65. Land Maintenance/Tax fees are \$100 per annual. Undergrad College or Tec School Students between the age of 18 and 24 is \$30 per annual. Land Tax is waved for college or Tec School students

Admin fees are \$50 per annual or \$12.50 per quarter for all adult tribal members between the age of 66 and 79. Those tribal members that are 80 years and older are not required to pay Admin Fees or Land Tax; however, all donations are welcome.

Please make all Admin Fee checks payable to the: Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe and checks for Land Maintenance / Tax payable to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation (Tax Exempt). Mail fees to the following addresses:

For Admin Fees:

Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 397
Courtland, VA 23837

For Land Maintenance/Tax Fees:

Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe Heritage FD
Cattashowrock Town
P.O. Box 297
27345 Aquia Path
Franklin, VA 23851

NOTE: Should you opt to make payments via PayPal please add an additional \$5.00 per \$100 paid to cover the admin cost charged by PayPal.

Thank you for all your support.

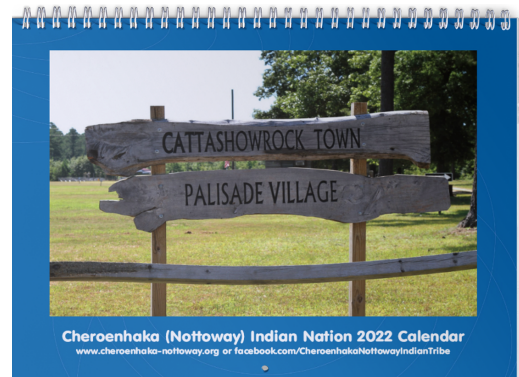


Fundraiser

Tribal 2022 Wall Calendar is available for purchase. The calendar has beautiful color pictures from past tribal events displayed for each calendar month. Listed within are tribal events and tribal meetings. Calendars are \$20 plus \$4 per calendar. Please support your tribe by purchasing a copy or copies as they make great gifts. Please let tribal member Karen Barrett (barrettkd20@gmail.com) or Chief Walt "Red Hawk" Brown (wdbrowniii@aol.com) know how many copies you are purchasing and your mailing address. Thank you for your support.

All purchases are tax exempt. Make your payments payable to: Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 297, Franklin, VA 23851. You may also make your payments via PayPal on our tribal website at www.cheroenhaka-nottoway.org.

Karen D. "Running Moon" Barrett
Fundraising Chair



2022 Calendar

About the Graphics



The Three Sisters are the three main agricultural crops of various Native American groups including the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway). Winter squash, maize (corn), and climbing beans were grown together.



This symbol represents the Sky Dome. The design is made with superimposed semi-circles, representing the three levels of the Iroquois cosmos: the Celestial world, our world and the world of darkness. The two volutes (spiral curls) symbolize either the Celestial tree or the life-long struggle between good and evil (represented by the twins) that we all have within ourselves.

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