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Next Regular Monthly Meeting

Bear Canyon Senior Center
4645 Pitt Street NE
Albuquerque, NM
11:30 am to 2:30 pm
July 9th, 2015

CSWT Council Meeting
July 7th 11:00 – 1:00 at
Bear Canyon Senior Center
4645 Pitt Street
Albuquerque, NM 87111

The Cherokee Compass

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July

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Month of the Ripe Corn Moon

“The Scissor-tailed Flycatcher is a summer migrant through Cherokee country west.



Cherokees explained the sudden appearance of this beautiful bird by claiming it was actually the Buffalofish, a large carp with the same Cherokee name. They believed the Buffalofish emerged from the water as the Flycatcher to breed and returned to the water at the end of summer with their young...”

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July (Month of the Blue Wind Moon) – in this month the Cherokees would go to war. This month is when boys would become men by defending their villages and the nation against the enemy. Those born under the Blue Wind Moon are protectors, always vigilant to ensure the safety of those they love.

*Birds of the Cherokee Nation.
Translations, descriptions, & meanings
of birds & months by David Cornsilk*

July is also the “First foods” or the new planting and the roasting ears of corn are ready, time. Towns begin the cycle festivals. Dances and celebrations of thanks to the Earth Mother and the "Apportioner" Unethlana are given. In the old times this was the traditional time of the "Green Corn Dance" or festival. A common reference of this moon is the "first roasting of ears" (of corn)...sweet corn-moon. This is the customary time for commencement of the Stick Ball games traditionally called AniStusti, "Little War". Today known as "Lacrosse". Stick Ball dances and festivals are commonly held.

The Full moon is on July 19th.
The New Moon is July 4th.

CSWT Council Election Results

The CSWT coucil thanks everyone for responding to the council election ballots. 73% of the ballots sent were returned. Thanks to everyone. The election results are:

George Huggins - Web Master
Vivian Carroll - Treasurer

CSWT Field Trip to Santa Fe

The field trip to the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts in Santa Fe was a lot of fun and we learned so much about Lloyd Kiva New.