

# HOWLING WOLF

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## VOICE OF THE INDIAN CREEK BAND

### CCICB Announcements:

#### Healing Ceremony:

Healing Ceremony: June 17, 2007 AT 10 :15 AM . The Chickamauga Cherokee Indian Creek Band requests everyone join us -wherever you are -for a prayer request for Liane Bam-burg. She is suffering from Cancer and she needs a miracle. On this morning we will all pray for her together where ever you are. Please join us in this cross country tribal Healing Ceremony. (More on Page 3)

#### Volunteer Survey Request:

CCICB is looking for tribal members who are interested in volunteering between 1-5 hours per month to benefit the Indian Creek Band. If you are interested please send a letter to the tribal office detailing the skills you wish to share and the amount of time you can donate.

Or, you may choose from one of the following categories: Transcribing tribal history, creating a phone tree and benefit fund for sick members, grant writing, write an article for the news- letter or create letter writing campaign for Congressman Mica. Members are requested to email the Chief or contact the News Editor at 757-224-4616 to express your interest. Thank you.



#### Board Members Meeting:

June 16, 2007 10 am. This is a must, all board members are to be there. The meeting will be held at the office 10 am Saturday morning.

Principle Chief James Billy Chance



#### Indian Tools and Artifacts

##### What is Wampum?

"Wampum" is a contraction of the Algonquian word "wam-pum " or white shell beads. Because Native Americans were denied the gold and silver bullion needed to make coins by their home government, the Colonists adopted indigenous shell beads as cur-rency. Colonial legislatures set legal standards of monetary value. For example: Six white beads or two purple beads to the penny. The Dutch introduced mass production of the beads using steel awls for faster drilling and whetstones for faster polishing. Native Americans reportedly rejected mass produced beads as inferior. (Continued on page 2)

Image from:

<http://www.britannica.com/ebi/art-94236>

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## Indian Tools & Artifacts

How Ancient Wampum was produced is controversial and is not well described in academic literature. Most common were those of 3 fingers width (3-6 inches), of 7 beads, with the length ranging from 2 to 6 feet. The actual process of making one will be touched on in a later issue when we talk about keeping "our" Arts alive and passing the skills down. The use of wampum as currency was spread through the fur trade to the inland Iroquois in the northeast, the Creek and the Cherokee in the southeast; Ohio River Tribes, Missouri and Columbia River Tribes on the West. Native Americans continued to use "wampum" for political, social, and religious life.

### Words of the Tribal Council:

These words are read into the belt in the presence of an Ambassador (messenger), who memorized them and keeps reporting them until the destination is reached. This is how the wampum is carried and the message carried. Colors and figures in the wampum give some general information, such as a "black belt- proposed war", but there was no code. Every belt's message has to be memorized. In Ancient use either in past, actual or present reenactments, activating a belt's meaning requires live public performance. Delivery and reception take place in a cultural event known as the reading of the Belt. It is thru this (required) cultural or shared understand-

ing that allows the belt to operate. Many native people believe Belts preserved in Museums cannot function. Wampum has played a great role in our Culture, for us to be a teaching council we need to study "Our Wampum Belt", to help us reform unity and learn to truly communicate.

Note: In the towns of the Cherokee Confederacy the Wampum Belt's function was and is mnemonic devices, as communication devices for our laws, political and Spiritual life. When all had been agreed upon by the council, the selected messengers were summoned to council, informed of their wampum duties then upon instruction from the Chiefs, the speaker performs the speech act which translates, "reading the message into the wampum," roughly speaking. The messengers are drilled over and over until the Chiefs are satisfied the message is known, but this repetition increases the "Power" of the wampum more so than the messenger memorizing it. Wampum can be equated to that of a songs' message not memorizing the song, but getting the message of a song. In a final note, let me share this story fire with you:

### The Seven Wampum Belts:

Many years ago there was a Tribe preparing for war with another Tribe,



### Indian Tools and Artifacts: Wampum

*Historically: After contact with North American Natives in the early 1600's European traders and settlers used wampum beads as money. Wampum is small ( 1/8 to 1/4 inch by 1/4 inch wide), usually cylindrical, white and purple beads. The beads are polished, drilled, and strung onto strings or belts. Geometric figures were sometimes, not always, woven into the design of the belts.*

*Image provided by:*

<http://www.gnb.ca/0007/HW-SP/2004/wampum-e.asp>

the Medicine men foresaw which would survive, and cut the original wampum belt into seven pieces, giving one to each Warrior. After the war the belts were scattered, some being hidden and disappearing, the last being re-found by Red-bird Smith give or take about 80 years ago. The belts are only shown on occasion and make up "The Bible/Stomp Dance". The Belts are made of pearl and shell beads, woven with seaweed fibers from the Gulf of Mexico.

Wado, We Clearwater

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## Tribal Healing Ceremony

O'siyo!

My name is Crystal Hawk, Medicine Woman of the Indian Creek Band I have requested from Chief that we make a prayer request to ALL of the Indian Creek Band and their supporters for a special prayer time at precisely 10:30 AM eastern daylight time on June 17th, at the Summer Changing of the Season Totem ceremony. That is when I will be standing in the Circle, requesting healing for Liane.

This to happen all over the country, at the same time. It is very powerful medicine to have so many ask in faith for your healing, at the same time.

It would not be the first time that I have seen miracles happen. I pray that your path finds the way of the smooth

## Healing Through Prayer

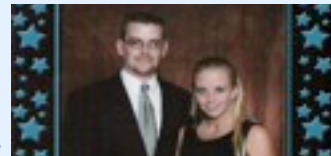
Overall health is attained through the basic knowledge that one must achieve a balance in Mind, Body and Spirit. Outside of our Western Culture, the word "medicine" is all-inclusive and refers to a more holistic approach to health. It is not limited to cures for symptoms but, instead, understands that our thoughts, emotions and spirituality influence our physical state of being. True Healing is a Gift that begins inside our own bodies and is accomplished with the help of the Universal Life Force Energy. Whether you call it Ki, Chi, Prana, the Goddess, The Great Spirit or Holy Spirit, this Life Force lives within you because you are part of it. It is the invisible force that moves throughout the Universe,

ing is impossible, if only you Believe.

Wado,  
Medicine Woman

To lean more go to:

<http://www.chickamaugacherokee.org/HTMLFILES/welcome.htm>



### • CCICB Member Highlight

- I went to my 10 year Anniversary Award banquette for Florida Hospital Fish Memorial with my friend Tara. "I have been with the Hospital for 10 years Started off working in the kitchen for about 6 months, then went in to environmental services, left there and went to Radiology and also worked O.R. now I am a Transcription Coordinator and over the Mailing of Dr. Dictation."
- Chief Dancing Eagle

### CCICB Business

Land Account \$915.00

Donations by:

Chief James Billy & Cheyenne Autumn,  
David Little Brother Vossburg, Donald  
Bose, Head Mother Helen B. Robinson

Mother Linda Wibben and Pam & Tom  
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The Land account money was placed in to  
the pay pal investment account at 5.2%

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## Federal Recognition Update

Thank you everyone for your signatures!

The Indian Creek Band continues to build new signatures everyday. Our online petition is now featured on the Native American Journalist Association blog site.

The featured story and link to our online petition will be featured on the site indefinitely, this is a wonderful opportunity for us as this is a journalist site and it gets a great deal of internet traffic.

Please take the time to thank

Mrs. Bobbie Hart O'Neill

<[bobbico@digitaldune.net](mailto:bobbico@digitaldune.net)>

for her efforts on our behalf.

The Editor

To sign the online petition please go to:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/476156032>



Humankind has not woven the web of life.  
We are but one thread within it.  
Whatever we do to the web,  
we do to ourselves.  
All things are bound together.  
All things connect.

-Chief Seattle-

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/2165/wisdom.htm>

## Featured Online Comment

"I am a descendant of the Osage Nation and my wife is a descendant of the Chickamauga.... It is time the people of this land come to terms with what has happened on American soil.

We are not conquered, as some would suggest, but we have been rounded up, numbered and left to die off by Imperialistic opportunists who would rather have continued to commit genocide but couldn't and had to please those who knew it was wrong to take our land by force and intervened on our behalf.

I might add here that I and my wife are also of European descent, but our fathers came to love and be a part of Native Americans and hold to their values and some traditions.

I'm a Christian and there is a place for us in God's Kingdom as Native Americans.

We have our own culture and it is not uncivilized.

What did we do wrong [?]

Our form of government was so foreign that some said we were heathens.

The story goes on.

We failed to deal with criminals in our Native American society, for example, and certain powerful members of the U. S. government and their supporters judged a whole people because of the actions of a few.

The U. S. government had special interests and turned a blind eye when distorters of the truth came for help they were allowed to kill our people for their territories, and when we said no more they attacked us with armies.

We are willing to forgive and work together now to save what is still ours and now yours, but we can't do our part if we are not recognized.

As I see the sad affairs of the country, I believe once again the Natives will need to show the rest how to survive here.

Give all of us the right to protect our ways.

It must be done before we can go into the world and demand the same of other countries who oppress their minorities.

It's time for the federal government to face the truth. Besides we are all related in some way.

Give the Chickamauga their rightful place and acknowledge them. Who can blame a warrior clan for protecting their people to the bitter end.

What American would not do the same!?"

Daniel J. King

*Please keep the signatures coming!  
we are doing very well! we must not give up.  
Principal Chief Chance*

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## June Birthdays & Ceremonies

**Happy Birthday!** Rita Cheyenne Autumn Chance: June 3, 1963. Victor Standing Deer Bigger: June 7, 1961. Little Running Bear: June 25, 1954. Ashley McConnell: June 17, 1999. Patrick McConnell: June 30, 1963. A. Wibbens: June 28, 1972. Juan Agurto: June 23, 1954. Justin Applegate: June 26, 1988. Monic Vice: June 14, 1966

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| Summer Changing of the Season Ceremony                | Sunday - June 17, 2007 10 am |
| Healing ceremony                                      | Sunday - June 17, 2007 10 am |
| Cover dish dinner                                     | Sunday - June 17, 2007 10 am |
| Fall Changing of the season Ceremony                  | Sunday - Sept. 9, 2007 10 am |
| Fall Naming Ceremony                                  | Sunday - Sept. 9, 2007 10 am |
| Cover dish dinner                                     | Sunday - Sept. 9, 2007 10 am |
| Chickamauga Cherokee Holiday November 1st to the 11th |                              |
| Day of the Chief:                                     | Sunday Nov. 11, 2007         |
| Winter Changing of the Season Ceremony                | Sunday Dec. 16, 2007 10 am   |
| Winter Clay Pot Ceremony                              | Sunday Dec. 16, 2007 10 am   |
| Winter Feather Ceremony                               | Sunday Dec. 16, 2007 10 am   |
| Cover dish dinner                                     | Sunday Dec. 16, 2007 10 am   |

## CCICB Business News

### CCICB NEEDS STAMPS!

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| Chief James Billy         | Please donate as soon as you can! Here are the people has help with the stamps so far |
| Cheyenne Autumn           | 5 books   |
| Linda Arce Medicine Woman | 3 books   |
| Mother Kim Lyman          | 1 Book  |
|                           | 3/4 Book  |



*JUNE: Green Corn Moon*

## Cherokee Moon Ceremonies

**JUNE: Green Corn Moon, Tihaluhiyi:** First signs of the "corn in tassel", and the emerging of the various plants of the fields. People traditionally begin preparations for the upcoming festivals of the ensuing growing season. People of the AniGadugi Society begin repairs needed on town houses, family homes and generally provide for the needy. The AniGadugi Society is a volunteer help group who see to the needs of the less fortunate, the elderly and the infirm of the villages. The Ah-ni-yv-wi-ya believed the number 13 was significant. Not only did this number correspond to the lunar cycles of the year, but by a startling coincidence, all species of turtles living in the ancient homeland (in fact, all species turtles in the world) always had 13 scales on the back of their shells. As a result, Cherokee culture associated the spaces on the back of the turtle with the 13 yearly phases of the moon. These phases have shifted over time and do not fall within the 12 month calendar precisely every year.

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