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THE VOICE OF THE INDIAN CREEK BAND CHICKAMAUGA CREEK INC. DELTONA, FLORIDA

A MEMBER OF THE CHICKAMAUGA CONFEDERACY.

CCICB Members and Others Share Their Thoughts on Federal Recognition

No monthly board meeting for May, Year end subscriptions are due and CCICB urgently needs stamps!

The Online petition is gaining signatures every day, congratulations everyone for all the hard work you have done; **keep up the pressure!** CCICB would also like to highlight Vice Chief David Little Brother, and Head Warrior Donald Bose who gathered an astonishing 257 signatures from American South Florida Vets Congratulations on a job well done!. **Here are just a few of the messages we have received from members and others regarding our bid for Federal Recognition:** "Honorable Congressman, Please see our people for who they are; a hard-working people of conviction who only wish to serve our Nation, our Earth and our Creator. We submit our plea for recognition not because of greed but because we share a dream that one day, our people will come together and teach the world about the traditions of the Native American. We implore you for your support. May the Great Spirit move you to feel our purpose and allow us to serve in the best way we can." Wado, Linda Arce (Medicine Woman)

"The Indian Creek Band, Chickamauga Creek & Cherokee Tribe have for too long been denied their proper place in the history of their people and the development of this country. Their participation in the United States Armed Services and their community at large was not only a credit to our state but also to our country...I think you will agree that they rightfully deserve to stand with the other Native American communities as federally recognized tribes...." Faithfully yours, Martin H. Wilcox.

To see these comments and others in their *entirety* go the LIVE petition site.



ON LINE PETITION!

Osiyo members, We have created an LIVE online petition located at:

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

The purpose of the online petition is to generate 5,000 signatures to prove to congress we are a UNIFIED tribe that is supported by the public and by every tribal member in our bid for Federal Recognition. If you have not signed please do right away. Congressman Mica will be monitoring the site and you can easily email the link to everyone in your address book. This is CRUCIAL to generating the thousands of signatures we need. If we can just get to 1,000 signatures our petition will be automatically sent to millions of petitioners!

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Federal Recognition

The Chief Explains Congressional Bid vs BIA

Osiyo Members,

If you can get a Congressman to file a Bill in the United States Congress, your chances improve by 85%, but you have to have enough of the American Public show Congress, [by signatures] that they are behind you in this matter. We filed Petition Number 278 with the B.I.A. in 2004.

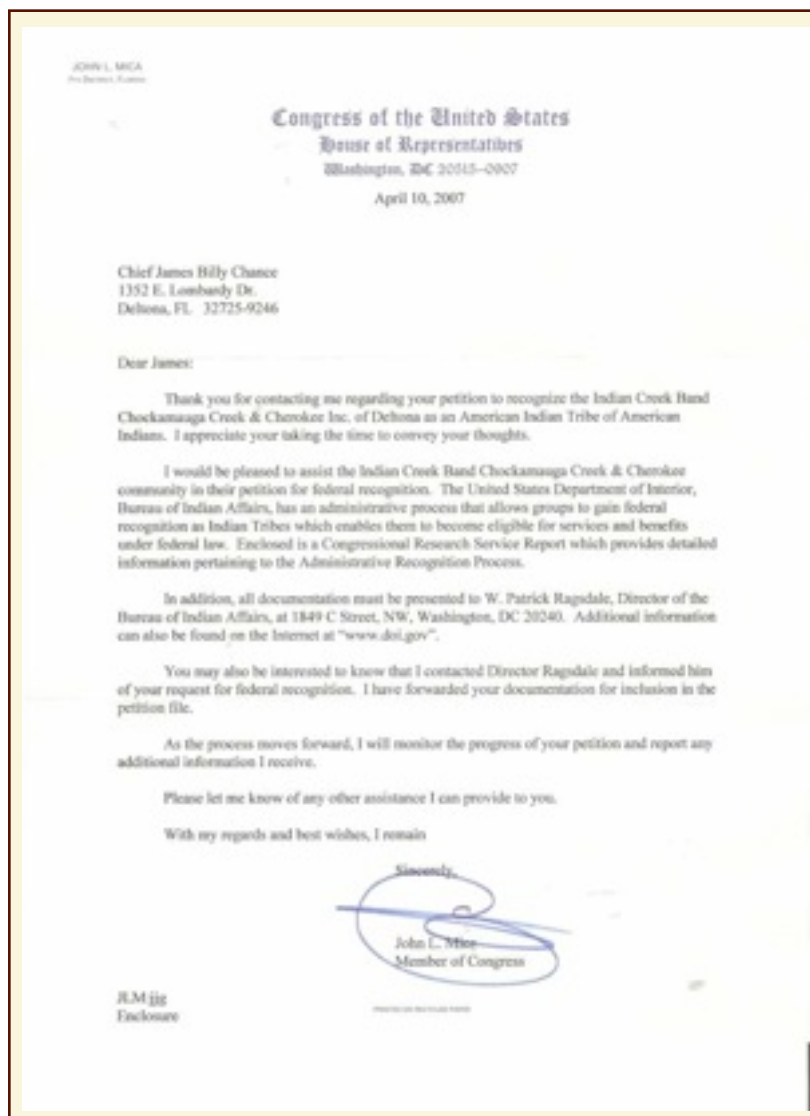
Here you have a council made up of Federal Tribes that feel that they are going to loose something if they let you become Federally Recognized. One of the first things they must divide [is a portion of] \$5,000,000.00 dollars that was placed in trust for emerging new tribes. That money vanished under the care of the B.I.A. and the Federal Courts gave them 3 years, to find what happen to all this money. This has happened for hundreds of years, so the deck is stack against you trying to win with the B.I.A.. The Sub-Committee on Indian Affairs was [supposed] to work to make the recognition easier for most tribes to win, but all they did was made it almost impossible to succeed [due to the monumental paperwork load] The 219 tribes that have filed with the B.I.A. have very little chance of winning.

Our best chance is with the Congress of the United States but it will take thousands of signatures, and all our people



working at it, not just a few. I been at this for most of my life, I seen many tribes just go away and die out, and that is what this Government really wishes as all ways for us just to be gone from Mother Earth, we are that pain in their side, we are the ones that keep telling the world you took our lands, you kill our people, you rape our woman, you kill our children, you laws are only for the chosen white people, not for all Native People. This land you call free, is not as free as you think, for if you are Black , Yellow, or Native American or of any color other that White you find you are on the short end of the stick, do you call that a free nation? I would think about that if I was you. You ask what was the difference was between the two, well that is the difference.

It is not an easy road to hoe. Wado, Principle Chief James Billy Chance



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IN THE NEWS

South Florida Sun Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE -- Buried American Indian bones were not part of the deal a Brooklyn investor sealed when he bought a Highland Beach home two years ago. Schwartz says he never would have bought the home if he had known bone fragments were hidden under the two-story house. So last week, he sued the seller, for lack of disclosure. County archaeologist Christian Davenport said Indian remains were found along the southern Highland Beach shores in the 19-40's and 1950s. The area used to be a dumping ground for domestic waste and human bodies predating the arrival of the Seminole, said Bill W. superintendent of the county's park planning and design division. He is planning a park on a Highland Beach site full of Indian remains thought to belong to the Jaegas Tribe. He wouldn't say how Schwartz learned of the remains. Schwartz is trying to free himself

from the property as home prices plummet. "It is silly," Latane said, "The Indian bones are not an issue at all. It is an excuse. It is ridiculous the notion that I was at fault for not disclosing something that was public record." He said the Indian remains received publicity in 2003, when he had to temporarily halt a patio expansion after a contractor spotted bone fragments. At the time, Latane did what the law required: called the Police Department, the medical examiner, archaeologists and representative from different tribes, said Broderick Coleman, Latane's attorney. "Nobody had any interest in it." He said. "It wasn't designated as a burial ground, and my client got the green light to proceed with the patio expansion." County records showed he got a permit... The Indian remains would require Schwartz to hire experts to determine whether the bones need to be relocated or protected, according to state law. Both are costly, he said. "It also makes the project more expensive," he said. "It creates a major impediment for any future

construction." Coleman said the lawsuit is unfounded. The law, he said, exempts sellers from having to disclose any homicide, suicide or death that occurred at a property. "The bones are the result of a death on the property," he said Perez, Jr. also Schwartz' attorney, said he could not recall a Florida statute that requires disclosure of Indian bones, but he plans to litigate based on legal precedent and case law.

Indian Creek Band Business

- The Indian Creek Financial Report:
- The bank balance of the ICB: \$35.00.
- The Land Trust account balance is \$865.00 UP from \$840.00!
- THANK YOU for your contribution

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And while I stood there, I saw more than I can tell, and I understood more than I saw: for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shape of things in the spirit, and the shape of all shapes as they must live together like one being
Black Elk, Black Elk Speaks

CCICB ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chief Donald Green of the Shawnee Band of Alabama has requested membership as a clan under the Indian Creek Band. They have 100 members in their tribe and his-

people are currently signing petition to become part of the CCICB. The process will take time, please stay tuned for interviews with Chief Green and further announcements on this matter. As you know

the Shawnee were a member of the Chickamauga in the war against the United States from 1765 to 1845. Once again our people are joining together in the fight for justice for all Native people.

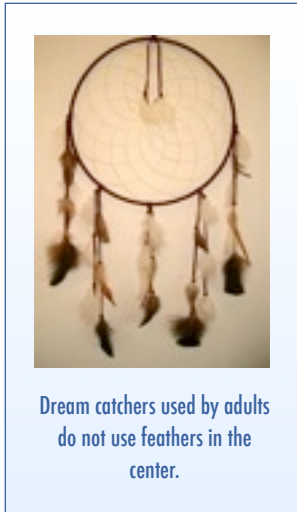
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Indian Tools and Artifacts

The Dream Catcher

The exact origin of the Native American dream catcher is unclear. A great deal of tribal-specific history has been lost, forgotten or changed as the First Americans, forced from their lands and diminished in numbers, regrouped across North America forming new clans with traditions based on a melding of cultural elements. In 1929, ethnographer, Frances Densmore wrote the first documented account of the dream catcher. She describes spider web-like cradle charms used by the Chippewa to catch "everything evil, as a spider's web catches and holds everything that comes in contact with it." Evidence of similar beliefs can be found across North America.

The Dream Catcher was originally made by tribes such as the Ojibwe, from a hoop of bent willow with a webbing of sinew. Hung from a baby's cradle-board or near the sleeping area in the lodge, it was believed to sort dreams.



Dream catchers used by adults do not use feathers in the center.

Legend of the Dream Catcher

"A spider was quietly spinning her web in her own space. It was beside the sleeping space of Nokomis, the grandmother. Each day, Nokomis watched the spider at work, quietly spinning away. One day as she was watching the spider, her grandson came in. "Nokomis-iyah!" he shouted, glancing at the spider. He stomped over to the spider, picked up a shoe and went to hit

it. "No-keegwa," the old lady whispered, "don't hurt her."..When the boy left, the spider went to the old woman and thanked her for saving her life. The spider said to her, "For many days you have watched me spin and weave my web. You have admired my work. In return for saving my life, I will give you a gift."... Soon the moon glistened on a magical silvery web moving gently in the window. "See how I spin?" she said. "This web is a dream catcher. If it is hung in the home above your bed, it will catch your dreams. They work their way down the web, catching all the good energies of the stones and other adornments, and finally filter down through the long soft feathers to the sleeper. The bad dreams, being confused, will become hopelessly entangled in the web of the Dream-catcher... When Morning comes, the bad dreams will melt away with the sun as dew upon a spider's web."

For more information go to <http://www.itzarion.com/cherokee.html>

INDIAN CREEK BAND APRIL BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Happy Birthday Awilda Lora	5 Happy Birthday Richard Bottari
6 Happy Birthday Jol Davis	7 Happy Birthday Mother Helen Robinson, James Ayers	8 Happy Birthday Deborah Roth	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Mother Camille Geoghegan
13 Happy Birthday Michelle Ernest	14	15 Happy Birthday Daniel Morgan	16 Happy Birthday Toni Toots	17 Happy Birthday Michael Robinson	18 Happy Birthday Chief Little Red Wolf and Tinna Wibbins	19
20	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Cindy Ayers	24 Happy Birthday Jo An Robinson and Teree Toots Cox	25	26
27 Happy Birthday Pamela McCall	28 Happy Birthday Jean Dillard	29	30	31		

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Indian Creek Tribal Unity

Osiyo, This is Mother Clearwater,

I hope your paths have not been too rocky. This month I have chosen to write about UNITY. Unity of the Band (di - ni - tse - lu - hi - s - gi), is important (u - li - s - ge - dv), for us to survive. Webster Dictionary Definitions: main entry: uni-ty 2a: a condition of harmony; accord 3a: the quality or state of being made one. unification accord: in harmony in agreement: in agreement in feeling or opinion: unification: to make into or become a unit; unifiable-unifies a group or peoples together. I feel these are the best definitions to go with the following article.

We The Chickamauga Creek are made up of many Tribes and Peoples; but we wish to walk the same Native American path. We were once Great Warriors but for many reasons we lost our tribal unity. I will touch on those bits of history in a minute. We must re-unify to become strong again. We are The Southern Wolf Teaching Clan.

We teach the "Old Ways", we must stand together, we must walk together. We must find Unity...I believe for us to become re-unified we must deal with our contemporary issues of today. We want to be "Federally Recognized Again" then to accomplish this we must be unified!!!

We must remember that Our Band/Tribe has had a government for many, many, many moons...We had a government before there was a United States. We had treaties with the Spanish and British before our treaties with the Colonies and later the United States. Our government and constitution does not look like that of the United States.

Our constitution is a Wampum Belt, there are arguments about this, but why? The United States Constitution is old but that does not make it invalid. Through the time line [on the right] it shows how we lost unity over time due to forced fragmentation many times over as a people. Not to speak of the racial injustices of the last 168 years.

Let us not focus on all of these problems in totality. It seems overwhelming, but let us look at the good. Our people have kept our Cere-

monies and Religion as we have done from the beginning.

Some of us speak speak Chickamaugan Cherokee.

We have kept our Warrior-ship by becoming Warriors of Education; we are The Southern Wolf Clan Teaching Council. While we have passed down traditions to the present day, we need unity as a Band so we can stand together in Community and Tribal Government.

We need interdependence to unify to once again to become a Traditional Community and Federal Recognized.

In final note, let me say that we all need to sign the online petition. If we could each get another 500 signatures what a difference that would make in helping us get Federal Recognition!

Wado , Mother Clearwater

A Brief Time Line of Our Ancestors BATTLE for Tribal Sovereignty

1775: (Tisyugunini) Chief Dragging Canoe, Chickamauga Cherokee (Tsalagi), voiced his self and his tribe's opinion against the Overall Cherokee Treaty, (Sycamore Shoals).

March 1st 1776: Chief Dragging Canoe meeting with the British and being in full agreement with the Revolutionary War.

April 1776: Nancy Ward, a "Beloved Woman of the Cherokee", having been a warrior in her day, forewarning the Americans.

July 1776: 700 Chickamaugan Cherokee attack Eaton Station and Fort Watauga in North Carolina.

1776: Dragging Canoe moves families down river to Chickamauga and Chattanooga and Running Water creeks and on to Ala.

September 1776: Americans destroy 36 Cherokee towns; killing the old, the men. Selling Native Women and Children.

1777: The Cherokee of the area were forced to sign The Treaties of Dewitt's Corner in May and Holston in July, (yes, they signed at gun point) .

1778 - 1779: Dragging Canoe lead raids against the settlers in the Southeast as far up as southern Virginia; most of the Cherokee fighters went to Georgia joining the British in the Georgian Campaign.

1776 - 1782: The Chickamauga remained at war with the Americans and formed alliances with the Shawnee.

Nov. 1st 1791: Forces of Chickamaugans, Creek, Chippewa. Shawnee, Delaware, Miami, Dakota, and Wyanadot combine going down in history as the biggest victory in Native American History; "Saint Clair's Defeat" .

March 17th 1792: Beloved Chief Dragging Canoe was wounded in battle but he still insisted on performing the Scalp Dance and other Victory Dances in support of his people. Having had many wounds over the years, the small cut in his side became infected and he was forced to stop dancing; the infection eventually killed our great Chief **1792 - 1794:** John Watts became War Chief after Dragging Canoe's death. John Watts decided to try diplomatic efforts.

Friday August 10th 1810: THE CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S MASSACRE.(Yahoo Falls Massacre) **1838 thru 1839 Trail of Tears**

"Time line thanks to Chief Little Red Wolf this is an example of the battles our Ancestors faced trying to stay unified as a tribe. They left hearts on the ground to pay for that unity"

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Indian Traditional Code of Ethics

“Each morning upon rising, and each evening before sleeping, give thanks for the life within you and for all life. Give thanks for the good things the Creator has given you and for the opportunity to grow a little more each day. Consider your thoughts and actions of the past day and seek for the courage and strength to be a better person. Seek for the things that will benefit everyone.” ~ Chief Dancing Eagle



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