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## VOICE OF THE INDIAN CREEK BAND

### CCICB Announcements:

#### UPDATE: Volunteer Survey Request:

CCICB is still 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 newsletter or create letter writing campaign for Congressman Mica. Members are requested to email the Chief to express your interest or contact the News Editor, Mother Gimi, at 757-256-7254 to discuss how you would like to help your tribe.

Thank you!

#### UPDATE: Grants Search for CCICB:

Our newly formed Volunteer Grant Committee has filed requests for funding from forty organizations ranging from land funds to operational funds. We have also applied to Donald Trump whom happens to be one of the largest buffalo owners in the U.S. and the largest land owner in the state of Florida.

We will include regular updates in the newsletter as responses come in and new applications are made.

**Newsletter DUEs are past due!** Please send your subscription to the tribal office. I have been told I must not send out any further e-versions until the Newsletter dues are caught up.



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#### NOTE from the Editor:

*I wish to extend my apologies to all tribal members as I was unable to complete August and Septembers newsletters. This Editor was struck with a life threatening illness that eventually made it nearly impossible for me to complete my duties as News Editor. I have now recovered from the treatment and should be back to full duties for the tribe in the next few months. PLEASE continue to share your comments or story ideas for the CCICB newsletter. My contact info is listed on page 8 of this newsletter. Wado we Gimi*

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## The Birth of Chickamauga

In 1730 Sir Alexander Cuming escorted a group of Cherokee to England to meet King George II. They signed articles of friendship and commerce with representatives of the Crown. Although the seven red-men who made the trip were introduced to the king as "Chiefs", only one could be considered a real leader -- the others being young braves who went for the adventure. The actual chiefs had responsibilities to their people and would not leave. Among these braves was Attakullakulla, or "Little Carpenter" who eventually became a powerful and influential Chief. In 1750 Atakullakulla led war parties against the French & their native allies, including the Shawnee, in the Ohio Valley. As the boats were leaving the village, the warriors watched Atakullakulla's 12 year old son attempt to drag a fully-loaded war canoe, hewn from a log, from the shore into the water. The boy had been told that he couldn't go with the war party unless he could do this. His enthusiasm and efforts earned him the name "Dragging Canoe". March 17th 1775 over a thousand Cherokee gathered for the signing of the Sycamore Shoals Treaty. The Transylvania Company, a real estate venture headed by North Carolina Judge Richard Henderson and friend Daniel Boone, were attempting to purchase most of western and central Kentucky, and north central Tennessee from the Cherokees, transferring all holdings between the Ohio and Cumberland Rivers to the Transylvania Land Company. The Cherokee were offered \$10,000 worth of trade goods and \$2,000 for this very large parcel, and they accept it; a deal is made. Of course, the Cherokee were only selling their own claim to the land; other tribes who hunted here had not been approached. The Chiefs who came to Sycamore Shoals were well aware of this, but it was

essentially the white man's problem. In spite of the great feast which went on for days, many Cherokee were betrayed by this act -as no Cherokee has the right to sell our land and this betrayal is and was punishable "under pain of death". This caused a devastating divide among our people. One outraged brave complained that his share was a mere shirt which could have easily been earned from a day's hunt in the land ceded. Among others, the Cherokee were represented by Chiefs Attakullakulla and Oconostota, both of whom had been across the great waters 45 years previous. It is believed that Chief Doublehead and his daughter Corn Blossom were also present at this occasion. The paper signed at Sycamore Shoals in what is now eastern Tennessee, was the biggest private land deal in the nation's history, although the treaty was soon to be revoked by the governments of Virginia and North Carolina. In reference to this deal, Colonel Washington wrote that there was "...something in that affair which I neither understand nor like..." Private companies had no right to treatie with the natives. Henderson lost his investment. However, the treaty will be used by these same governments as a claim on Cherokee lands. Dragging Canoe, then a minor chief, was strongly opposed to the selling of the Cherokee ancestral hunting grounds, warning the whites that there was a 'cloud over that country', that they were purchasing a "dark and bloody ground". Daniel Boone for one, was well aware that there would be trouble if the Americans tried to settle there. The Shawnee had already killed his oldest son, James during a hunting expedition two years previous. More recently the British governor of the Northwest Territories, Lord Henry Hamilton, began to supply substantial amounts of arms and ammunition to natives and went so far as to offer boun-

ties for the scalps of colonists in 1775. Things were getting ugly quick. In the summer of 1776, Dragging Canoe led attacks against white settlers, but didn't get much help, especially not from a Cherokee Warrior named Nancy Ward, Ghi-ga-u, or Beloved Woman. Having learned of a large scale plan to attack the Americans with the help of British troops, she informed traders William Falling and Isaac Thomas and provided them with the means of setting out on a hundred and twenty mile trip to warn the settlers on the Holston and Watauga. The attack was repulsed. Things were not going well for the resistance. Dragging Canoe was actually shot through both legs in one raid. The old Chiefs desired peace but Dragging Canoe thought it would be far better to abandon the old towns, move south, and continue fighting. There was no way to beat the settlers with their rifles in open warfare, so during the winter of 76-77, Dragging Canoe and his followers built new settlements in the Chickamauga Creek area of north Georgia. The discontented from many tribes and even some renegade whites took refuge with him there where they became known as Chickamauga. Rather than capitulate with the older Chiefs, the Chickamauga waged war against the settlers for the next 17 years. Dragging Canoe's band of disillusioned-warriors, under the leadership of lieutenants, Benge, John Watts, Glass, Turtle at Home, Richard Justice, Doublehead, Black Fox, the half-breed Ooskiah of Abraham, and Raven, held out against the invaders. Their guerrilla raids [from camps near present-day Chattanooga Tennessee and Mussel Shoals, Alabama] left a trail of scalps, murdered victims, smoldering cabins and ruined crops..... [to be continued]

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## The Shawnee Connection

Osiyo Members!

The Chickamauga Cherokee have always embraced other tribes as a matter of survival in the days of war. Dragging Canoe was one of the greatest Cherokee warriors in recorded history, a cousin to Nancy Ward, he was one of the first warriors to propose a united Native front against Westward colonization. Dragging Canoe founded the Chickamauga Cherokee, made up of many nations, to fight with the British against the colonists. In 1776-82 the Cherokee, under Dragging Canoe, joined forces with Great Britain in the American Revolution. Dragging Canoe and the Chickamauga refused the Overhill Cherokee Treaty, and kept up raids against the new settlements. During the outbreak of the Revolution, the Cherokee received requests from the Mohawk, Shawnee, and Ottawa to join them against the Americans, but the majority of the Cherokee decided to remain neutral in the white man's war. The Chickamauga, however, remained at war with the Americans and

formed an alliance with the Shawnee. This was the "great divide" of our people. In the Summer of 1777 Dragging Canoe led raids against American settlers as far up as southern Virginia - killing whites whenever they could find them & burning houses. 1778-79- The Chickamauga were made up of predominantly Indian -Chickamauga Cherokee, Shawnee, Creek, Choctaw. Also under Dragging Canoe warriors were many half-bloods & mixed-bloods. Including, Indian-white mix, French, English, Irish, Spanish, American-born whites, and freed Blacks. These Chickamauga warriors bonded together and went to Georgia to join British forces in the Georgia campaign. **We continue this tradition today by embracing our newest members, the Shawnee Clan!** We have also accepted the new Bird Clan Chief-Josh Soaring Hawk Sparks. The CCICB gained nearly 200 new members. Please extend your warmest welcome to our newest members. We also have a new Medicine Person his name is Matthew Conde, he is in the Army in Texas, he will do very well. He is a

cousin to Clan Chief Michael Bamburg [of the Deer Clan] he is still working on all his paper work, and is studying the Medicine path. Vice Chief Little Brother Vossburg is on active duty for another month in Jacksonville Florida, next year he will be going back overseas too the war again, so will Deer Clan Vice Chief Nikoma Raven Hawk Bamburg this will be his fourth time in Iraq. We have lost 5 of our young Warriors since this war began, this is what our people have done for the past 10,000 years. Now, we fight for this land, as we have all ways done, this is what our young Warriors learn too do from the day they are born. This is what makes us Native Americans, this is what set us apart from all other people. We will not run from this fight, it is our duty too fight for this land that is part of us. This is what truly makes you an American - being willing too die for this land and Country. It is never easy too loose a Warrior. The Chief is the Father of the Tribe, and he never like loosing any of his people, please honor their service to this country.

**Wado, Principal Chief Chance**

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## The "GREAT WORK"

### **[What follows is a letter of introduction from Chief Green of the CCICB Shawnee Clan]**

"Osiyo and Bezon brothers & sisters, As an offshoot of my continuing work into the many people in the 1700's with Shawnee blood I was blessed with the offer to form a Band comprised of the descendants of such people. Although we have existed as a Band for less than a year, we are nearing 100 members, from NC, OH, WV, PA, KY, IN, ID, SD and even CA. I met Chief Billy Chance through my research into our common ancestor Chief Red Wolf-Gardner Green and after many conversations, he has extended the offer for our small band to affiliate with your honorable group. While the ancestors of our band have lived as whites for around 200 years or more, most of us share many "Native" attitudes and feelings. We all seem to love nature and the outdoors, we all have "Native ancestor" stories and most have some Native characteristics, such as hair, skin tone and some of the other features commonly connected to those of native ancestry.

"My Great Work", as I call it, has led me to the discovery of many families throughout the Appalachian area with Shawnee roots. Whenever I run into a family with Native characteristics ... with a native ancestor story, I begin to dig into them....I have found

that the Cherokee of the Removal Period knew who was Cherokee and who was Shawnee for the Shawnee had lived among them for over 200 years at that time and were thoroughly ingrained in the world of the Cherokee.

The two tribes in fact were so deeply entwined that it is difficult to find anyone that was pure Cherokee at that time, excepting of course the totally false statements made in the 1800's of this or that ancestor being such, with no proof of their degree of "pure blood". We, the Shawnee Appalachian Band, hope to hold our first interstate Council Fire this summer in Ohio and meet all of our new brothers and sisters face to face, share some heritage and history, enjoy some Shawnee dancing and what ever we can bring together at that time. I seem to spend a lot of my research time following families of our ancestors that left the Native communities for one reason or the other and began living as whites. these families left the southern mountains, moving into West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri mostly and of course their families have spread widely since the early 1800's. Since my move to the upper northwest corner of North Carolina I have been doing much research into the pioneer families of the area and I am seeing much evidence of Shawnee Blood in the families around here. I would like to tell you about my

theory on the province of the Shawnee. I feel that the Shawnee Tribes were the predominant culture in the eastern half of the continent at the time of the European invasion. I say this for they were the only Native people found from Wisconsin to Georgia, from St. Louis to Philadelphia, from the Great Lakes to the Savannah River.

The Shawnee were met by the first Spanish, the first French, the first Dutch and the first British to enter what is now the United states. The territory covered by the seven Shawnee Tribes was literally exactly the same as that covered by both the Mississippian and Ft. Ancient cultures. That makes me believe that the Shawnee were the direct cultural descendants of these cultures. There were other factors involved of course; the migration from Mexico and Central America, the arrival of the Norse, the arrival of the Welsh, intermarriages with the local tribes throughout that vast area, but the Shawnee were the only society found throughout it. Their presence in such divergent areas implies a trading route across it, a communication system that covered it and therefore some sort of loose governmental system.

The introduction of the European diseases would obviously follow the various traders, messengers and tribal officials as they traversed the area, killing thousands if not millions of the Shawnee as it spread this huge die-off

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would have taken place during the 1500's and wreaked havoc on the Shawnee system and people. By 1600 the whole Shawnee governmental system, communication system and economic system was destroyed. They survived in various much smaller groups across the area and the "oh so wise" Europeans, coming from the tiny nations they did, couldn't understand how allegedly simple-minded savages from all across the continent could be the same people. Bear in mind that the whites still thought the Pacific was just across the next lie of mountains at that time. As the local tribes began to accommodate the Europeans in one fashion or the other they were given fire-arms which they promptly turned on the Shawnee... The 1700's brought the end to the mighty Shawnee as they first joined with the French in what is known as the French-Indian War and lost to the British, then rebelled against the British in what is called Pontiac's War and lost again, [they] then became allies with the British in both the American Revolution and the War of 1812 and lost both times. Meanwhile their former local colonies, the smaller tribes, were becoming ever more friendly with the Americans especially and as a result got to tell "their" history, in their terms. Much of what we allegedly know about the Shawnee comes from such histories, which are about as factual as the historical fiction novels of

today. When we see maps today indicating "Algonquian" this and that tribes spread all over the eastern United States, we are looking at the extent of the former Shawnee culture and tribes.

All of the little "hundred-mile tribes", those whose worlds only extended about a hundred miles from a central hub, essentially everyone except the Shawnee, had no other source of communication or trade than through the Shawnee for hundreds of years. It may not have been such a burden, all they had to do was survive in their local environment and let the Shawnee keep disruptions down, bring them the trade goods from throughout the area, carry their own goods off to other areas and such. But as the diseases wiped out the Shawnee, disrupting everything they influenced or controlled, these little tribes saw a chance to become literally their own masters and rebelled.

I hope we have many opportunities in the future to talk about our ancestors, culture and heritage."

*Wado and paselo my new friends, brothers and sisters,*

*Chief Don Greene*

*Kahnah Monetoo Mowawa*

*Friend Spirit Wolf*

*Shawnee Appalachian Band*

[A full copy of Chief Greens "Great Work" is available through the tribal office]



## **Dragging Canoe's Warriors**

"Whole Indian Nations have melted away like snowballs in the sun before the white man's advance. They leave scarcely a name of our people except those wrongly recorded by their destroyers.... They have passed the mountains, and have settled upon [our] land. They wish to have that usurpation sanctioned by treaty. When that is gained, the same encroaching spirit will lead them upon other land of the [Cherokees]...Finally the whole country, which the Tsalagi and their fathers have so long occupied, will be demanded, the extinction of the whole race will be proclaimed. Should we not therefore run all risks, and incur all consequences, rather than to submit to further loss of our country?...as for me, I have my warriors about me.." - Chief Dragging Canoe, 1775

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## Ceremony Schedule for 2007

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

## Chickamauga Cherokee Indian Creek Band Business News

**CCICB NEEDS STAMPS! 1. ALL members need to help by sending Books stamps!!!!. 2.** The Fax Number has been changed to the reg. business phone number 1-386-574-3291, send fax only from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. **3.** Please continue asking people to sign the online Federal Recognition petition we are now up to 268 signatures, GREAT work!. **4.** The fund to help our down and out members are out of funds, make checks payable to member's sick funds, Chickamauga Cherokee Indian Creek Band. Even five dollars will help. **5.** The money market account is doing very well, it earns a few dollars each month, Balance is \$950.00, the regular account is \$40.00. We did not have a board meeting this month.

## New Member Spotlight



Chief Green CCICB Shawnee Band

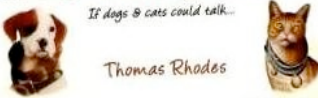
I grew up in a rural county in WV... Looking back I see all sorts of clues to our elders knowing something of their ancestry. One moment that stands out was when my own Grandpa commented on some fellows digging into and destroying an Adena Mound. He referred to them as S.O.B.'s which was a strong sentiment for a man born in 1900 with only a third grade education. I have come to believe it was due to his knowledge that he had Native ancestry and had strong feelings for those noble relics of our Native past. I am sure as our band becomes affiliated with your fine group we will have many chances to share our stories with one another. Some details on myself... I write a bi-weekly column for a paper in WV, was mayor of my hometown for a decade, have been an activist in labor, politics, environmental concerns, social justice, especially for the poor and elderly and have been involved in a few things in the community since coming back to my ancestor's old hunting grounds. My Shawnee name is "Kahnah Monetoo Mowawa" or Friend Spirit Wolf.

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Wado and paselo my new friends, brothers and sisters,  
 Don Greene  
 Kahnah Monetoo Mowawa  
 Friend Spirit Wolf  
 Chief of the Shawnee Appalachian Band

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