

# Tawodi

"Tawodi"  
Pronounced "ta-whoa-dee"  
our symbol the hawk

## Newsletter of Cherokee Community Inland Empire

December 2014

### Osiyo and Ulihelisdi

Osiyo to all our CCIE members and friends!  
Welcome to our December 2014 edition of  
"Tawodi"

The hawk is our day messenger and will carry our words...  
The owl is our night messenger and will carry our secrets

#### Community News

### December 20<sup>th</sup> Gathering "Story-telling Under the Snowy Moon"

This year once again our community gathered to share in the tradition of story-telling during our



December gathering. All present were invited to share one of their favorite Cherokee story with the community. Many either stood and recited from memory or read from notes or books. It is by this tradition that our history is shared with one another, besides of being very entertaining. As with many traditional stories, tsisdu was up to his old tricks in many of the stories shared.



We heard about the origin of the earth and how the hills were formed from Suli's wings touching the ground. The fun was shared by our youth as well as our elders. During our story telling several members took part in the creation of their very own, unique design in the bracelet making. Each piece was a beautiful expression the designer's vision. We were having so much fun that we even forgot to take pictures of this wonderful day!

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## **\*\*Special Notice\*\***

**CCIE's Community Gathering  
Will Be January 19<sup>th</sup>  
From 1pm-4:30pm  
Special Guest Speaker  
Dr. Julia Coates, PhD.**

Reading excerpts from her recently published book: **Landmarks of the American Mosaic: Trail of Tears**

There will be a book signing with books available at a reduced cost. The book is also available on Amazon through the CCIE website link

Location: Sherman Indian High School  
Bennett Hall  
9010 Magnolia Ave  
Riverside, Ca 92503

Potluck – see ccie's website for details

**Council Meeting - Tuesday  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm –  
8:30 pm\***

At the home of Bill & Clara Estes  
\*\*check Bill or Clara for the address and directions \*\*

CCIE members in good standing are welcome to attend, participate in the open forum and observe the council meeting proceedings. The open forum will normally be before the beginning of the council meeting, however special events might cause schedule changes\*

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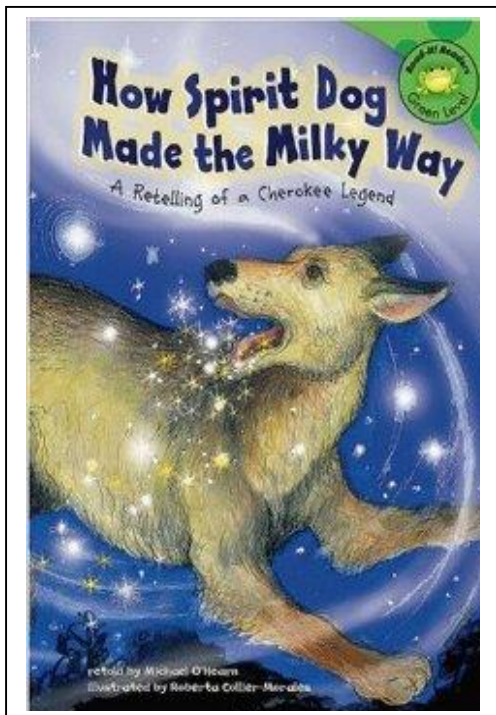


Check out the links and information on our local recycling center – just drop off under CCIE's name. A good way to support the community and the environment.



## ***Gitli Ulisvdanvyi***

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## ***The Origin of the Milky Way***

Some people in the south had a corn mill, in which they pounded the corn into meal, and several mornings when they came to fill it they noticed that some of the meal had been stolen during the night. They examined the ground and found the tracks of a dog, so the next night they watched, and when the dog came from the north and began to eat the meal out of the bowl they sprang out and whipped him. He ran off howling to his home in the north, with the meal dropping from his mouth as he ran, and leaving behind a white trail where we see the Milky Way, which the Cherokee call to this day, Gitli uli shv sda nvyi, “where the dog ran”.



## *The Story of Two Wolves*

An old man told his grandson, "My son, there is a battle between two wolves inside us all".

"One is evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego. The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy and truth".

The boy thought and thought about it and he finally asked his grandfather, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?"

Grandfather replied quietly, "The one you feed."

## Online language classes are available! Visit [Cherokee.org](http://www.cherokee.org)

[http://www.cherokee.org/AboutTheNation/Culture/Dikaneisdi\(WordList\).aspx](http://www.cherokee.org/AboutTheNation/Culture/Dikaneisdi(WordList).aspx)

a = as in ah      e = as the a in ate      i = as the e in easy      o = as the o in open  
u = as the oo's in oops      v = like saying ugh

idigalvladi	i-di-ga-lv-la-di	Stories
suli	su-li	Buzzard
tsisdu	tsi-s-du	Rabbit
gitli	gi-tli	Dog
waya	wa-ya	Wolf
kanogeniigvnadodi	ka-no-ge-ni-i-gv-na-do-di	Bracelet



## Highlights from the Nation



A Cherokee White Eagle corn seed, as shown here, is one of the varieties of heirloom seeds the Cherokee Nation keeps in its seed bank inventory to distribute to Cherokee Nation citizens each year.

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — The Cherokee Nation will begin dispersing seeds on Feb. 1 from its limited supply of heirloom seed bank inventory to tribal citizens interested in growing traditional Cherokee crops and plants.

The Cherokee Nation keeps an inventory of seeds from rare breeds of corn, beans, squash, gourds, Trail of Tears beads and tobacco traditionally used for Cherokee customs. The seeds distributed are generally not available in stores.

In 2014, the tribe distributed seeds to more than 1,500 Cherokee Nation citizens. This year the Cherokee Nation has the largest inventory of heirloom seeds since the program began in 2006 to meet demands.

“These are varieties of heirloom seeds that Cherokees planted and sustained long before European contact. The varieties we are offering through the seed bank program are healthy, strong and unique to the Cherokee people. That cultural connection to our history is critical,” said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker. “The process of harvesting seeds and passing them down has kept these specific crops sustainable to Cherokee people. It is an essential part of Cherokee heritage, and today it is extremely popular with a new generation of Cherokee growers.”

Cherokee citizen Randy Duncan, of Stilwell, received Georgia candy roaster and corn seeds last year and said growing traditional crops offered an opportunity for him to connect with his roots.

“It’s rewarding to grow and harvest a crop that came directly from our ancestors,” Duncan said.

Citizens are limited to two varieties. To get the seeds, citizens can either make an appointment to pick them up or email their request to [seedbank@cherokee.org](mailto:seedbank@cherokee.org) to have them sent by mail. Individuals must include a copy of his or her Cherokee Nation tribal citizenship card, proof of age and address.

For more information, contact Pat Gwin at 918-453-5704.

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Cherokee Nation YouTube home page

You can follow along to current happenings in the Nation through YouTube and watch videos of council meetings as well as the most recent state of the Nation address. Just use the address below to connect to the home page.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRX-8MCNvhzPMejv4oi\\_FRA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRX-8MCNvhzPMejv4oi_FRA)

Julia Coates YouTube home page

Readings by Julia Coates on history of the Cherokee Nation in relationship to current events in the Nation.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgUx-kBl8SuEptma0wxJ9rQ/feed>

CCIE now has its own YouTube page! Check it out! Videos of past presentations and happenings in our community will be posted here. The link is also on CCIE's website.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqPByQSQ7QDCRGtKFquErXg>



## VOTE! ᏍᏏᏉᏗᏰ!

It is time once again for candidates to begin declaring their intention to run for Principal Chief in our next election. Make sure you have registered with the election commission at the Cherokee Nation to vote. You can connect to the Cherokee Nation election commission through the website link listed below.

<http://www.cherokee.org/OurGovernment/Commissions/ElectionCommission.aspx>

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