

# MILK AND HONEY

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## STEP UP

Is the name of a program different from and larger than anything we have previously attempted. Let me explain.

Last year, following the hurricanes in Florida, FEMA moved in thousands of mobile homes as temporary housing. They served that purpose, but now are sitting there vacant.

A member of the Craddock Center Board, Doug Leman, saw them and thought how great it would be to have some of those homes in our area to replace substandard housing. Conversations with other Board members and civic leaders were encouraging. Tom Gilliland, also on our Board, volunteered his considerable influence with friends in Atlanta and Washington. A number of county commissioners have enthusiastically said Yes to our request for temporary storage space while needy families are applying for and receiving these homes. Other citizens are calling, wanting to help. The Center, as a non-profit organization, will process applications for the homes.

So, here is where this program stands. Information and letters have gone to the office of Sen. Johnny Isaacson asking him to Step Up. Through him, FEMA is being asked to Step Up and give us 75 of those homes. The Office of Faith Based Initiatives is being asked to Step Up and fund the cost of transporting the homes from Florida. County commissioners are Stepping Up by offering storage spaces. Civic clubs, churches, businesses, and individuals are asked to Step Up to provide labor and materials to meet all code requirements in setting up these homes as permanent dwellings. The Craddock Center will Step Up as the office handling communications, applications, necessary paper work, etc. vital to such a major project, as well as keeping the public informed. And the goal is for a family to Step Up into a safe and comfortable home.

This is a grand project, but not a grandiose one, full of blessings for many. We will keep you informed about who has Stepped Up and when it will be your turn to Step Up.



## THANK YOU

- Tom Cousins Foundation, for underwriting the cost of all the Preaching Workshops we hold, both now and in the future.
- Wilds Pierce, for establishing a fund in memory of your late wife, Georgia, with an initial gift of \$25,000.00. The interest from this fund will buy books and tell stories to bless the children.
- Carl "Bud" Crowe, for the gift of \$50,000.00 in memory of your parents, William and Emily Crowe. This gift is the beginning of an Endowment to undergird our programs for children.
- Doug and Judy Leman, for establishing a \$25,000.00 fund, not for endowment, but to support our operating budget.
- Perkins-Prothro Foundation, for your expression of confidence in the Craddock Center with a gift of \$100,000.00. This gift last year launched our Endowment Fund.
- Friends from all across the country, for your gifts, some of which I know are sacrificial gifts, which keep our doors open, our program running, and all our children listening, laughing, and singing.

## IF

You plan to have a craft booth at Appalachian Weekend, please notify the Craddock Center soon. There is no charge.

You plan to attend the Autumn Preaching Workshop on Oct. 3, there is no charge but registration is required because of limitation of space. Contact the Center office by letter, P.O. Box 69, Cherry Log, GA 30522, phone, 706-632-1772, or email, [craddockcenter@tds.net](mailto:craddockcenter@tds.net).



## SINCE YOU ASKED



Yes, there are places to stay when you come for Appalachian Weekend (Sept. 24-25). Not in beautiful downtown Cherry Log; all those motels and hotels are booked, but in both Ellijay and Blue Ridge, each within 7 miles, there are rooms available. A few possibilities are listed below, but hurry; already folks are coming from Colorado, West Virginia, and North Carolina.

**Days Inn—Blue Ridge:** 706/ 632-2100

**Douglas Inn & Suites—Blue Ridge:**  
706/ 258-3600

**Ramada Limited—Blue Ridge:** 706/ 632-4444

**Best Western—Ellijay:** 706/ 515-1500

**Budget Inn—Ellijay:** 706/ 635-5311

**Stratford Motor Inn—E. Ellijay:**  
706/ 276-1080

For more information about the area, contact the Chamber of Commerce in Fannin County: 800/899-6867; [www.blueridgemountains.com](http://www.blueridgemountains.com); in Gilmer County: 706/635-7400; [www.gilmerchamber.com](http://www.gilmerchamber.com).

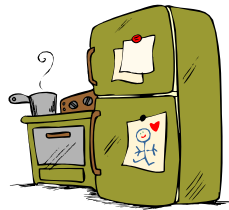
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## FOR YOUR REFRIGERATOR DOOR

- Sept. 24-25, 2005. Appalachian Weekend at the fairgrounds in Ellijay, GA. Crafts and food a plenty. The program, including music, crafts, and stories, will be provided by the Cherokee.
- Oct. 3, 2005. The Autumn Preaching Workshop at Cherry Log Christian Church, 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Topic: "By What Authority Do You Preach?"
- Jan. 28, 2006. An Evening of Songs and Stories at Brasstown Valley Resort, Young Harris, GA with Steve Darsey and Fred Craddock. 8:00 p.m.
- March 3, 2006. The Helen Lewis Lecture to be delivered by Darlene Wilson of Wise, VA. Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Center (old courthouse) in Blue Ridge, GA. Appalachian music at 7:00 p.m., lecture at 7:30.



## A LETTER TO ALL OF US (AN EXERPT)

I am the special education teacher at Lumpkin County Headstart. My students range from having small communication delays to severe physical and mental impairments.

This school year we were introduced to Pam Lindsey and the group of women that make up HeARTSongs. It was amazing to see the children's reaction to the program. The excitement and energy that Ms. Pam and her associates had was contagious.

My class joined a regular education class weekly to participate in HeARTSongs. These children can be overlooked because people just assume that they can't perform. My students were always included, regardless of their disabilities. They were always asked to come up and assist, and they were always praised and encouraged.

I must say that these women are great. It was amazing to see how these precious children were treated like normal children, to see that it challenged them. To see the looks on the faces of their parents when their child would respond to the music.

All the women of HeARTSongs showed love to these children. Thank you for allowing them to be a part of my student's lives. Their selfless love and education of these children will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Heather Talton, Special Education Teacher

## MEET ELIZABETH HAY

Our newest member of the Craddock Center Board. Elizabeth is from Princeton, West Virginia and has received her education in West Virginia and North Carolina. She has worked as a Programmer/Analyst for several major companies and as a teacher in public school and in college. Of special interest to us is her record as a volunteer. Elizabeth has been a volunteer with hospice, a learning center, an historical society, and a number of community and civic committees. Elizabeth is a vital citizen of Andrews, NC.

Welcome Elizabeth.

The next regular quarterly meeting of the Board of the Center will be on Tuesday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Craddock Center.

Several program decisions will be made and a partial year budget approved. Beginning Jan. 1, 2006 our fiscal year will follow the calendar year.

## ON THE TRAIL OF THE CHEROKEE

Some of you have expressed interest in visiting sites important in Cherokee history when you are here for Appalachian Weekend. Good idea.

Sharon Meek, our fearless researcher into all things Cherokee, has come to our rescue. She recommends



Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook by Barbara Duncan and Brett Riggs. A copy is in the Craddock Center library available for checkout. Contact Tammy at the Center office. Sharon has also posted on our website

([www.craddockcenter.org](http://www.craddockcenter.org)) a list of some significant stops on a driving tour, along with brief descriptions.

As for me, I am going first to New Echota Cherokee National Capital and Cemetery. I am embarrassed that I have not been and I have lived here 10 years. A plague on me!

## WE RESPECT PRIVACY

Of course, but I wanted you to know that the Center sponsored this summer two teen age boys from foster homes to participate in a Rites of Passage wilderness camp. It is a good program and will make a difference in their lives.

Thank you.



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