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District Representatives Sworn In, Council Ready to Continue their Progress for the People

Nine United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma District Representatives were sworn into two year terms as part of the 2007-2009 UKB Tribal Council at Inauguration Ceremonies on Saturday, January 6. The event was held at the NSU University. UKB District Judge DeWayne Littlejohn was in charge of swearing the representatives, who, along with the four officers, make up the UKB Council. The officers, Chief George Wickliffe, Assistant Chief Charlie Locust, Tribal Secretary Liz Littleddave, and Tribal Treas-

urer Shelbi Wofford were sworn in to four year terms in January of 2005.

The District representatives who were sworn in on Saturday include: Canadian District Representative Eddie Sacks; Cooweescoowee District Representative Cliff Wofford; Delaware District Representative Jerry Hansen; Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor; Goingsnake District Representative Joyce Fourkiller; Illinois District Representative Barbara Girty; Saline District Representative

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(back row left to right) Barry Dotson, Eddie Sacks, Jerry Hansen, Woodrow Proctor, Albert Shade, Cliff Wofford, and Charles Smoke

(front row left to right) Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Shelbi Wofford, Joyce Fourkiller, Barbara Girty, Liz Littleddave, Chief George Wickliffe

Keetoowah Cherokee Tribe Begins Two New Building Projects

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma begins the New Year with two new building projects. Construction is set to begin in February.

One of the new building projects will be a civil defense station. The facility will provide fire protection, house the UKB fire truck and feature an underground storm shelter should disaster occur. This station will help to protect UKB facilities, clients, children and staff located in the surrounding buildings. Funding for this

project is provided by the Indian Community Development Block Grant program. Projected completion for the UKB Civil Defense Station is November 2007.

The second building project will be a Keetoowah Cherokee Elderly Community Center. Funded by an \$800,000 Indian Community Development Block Grant, the Elderly Center will be a 6,400 square foot facility.

The site for the community center is located on the 80 acre tract purchased by the

tribe in 2000 and is part of the Master Plan designed for this area. The area is already home to the UKB Community Services Center, the UKB Wellness Center, and the Henry Doublehead Child Care Center.

“The United Keetoowah Band strives to address the needs of our elderly and feel the need for a center has been long overdue. We currently operate an Elders’ Nutrition Program that has outgrown the space in the UKB Community Services building. Additional activi-

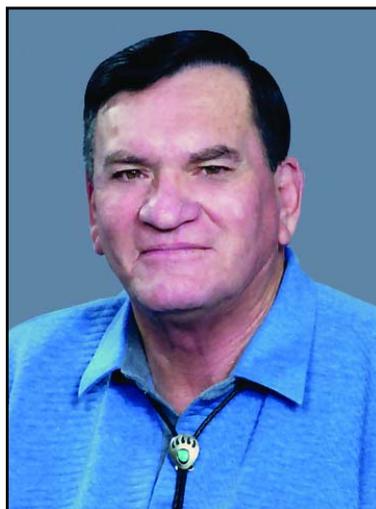
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A Letter to the UKB People

From Chief George Wickliffe

according to UKB Chief George Wickliffe.

"We can go to Washington and walk the halls," he told the audience at the inauguration of the 2007-2009 UKB council inauguration.

"Nowadays, when you say 'United Keetoowah Band,' they know who the United Keetoowah Band is. We have a lot of friends in Washington."

UKB Judge DeWayne Littlejohn swore in the tribe's nine district representatives Saturday at the NSU Ballroom. The council includes seven of the district representatives who served before the recent elections, as well as Barbara Girty, who replaced Susan Adair as Illinois District Representative; and Charles Smoke, who replaced Adalene Smith in Saline District. A protest of the run-off election for Saline District

Representative, filed by candidate Betty Mouse, was denied by the tribe's election board. That denial was upheld by Littlejohn, and Mouse's appeal of his decision is scheduled to be heard by the UKB Supreme Court.

"I think a good job has been done [by the council], as witnessed by the last election for council," Wickliffe said.

Wickliffe said his administration and the council have made good on the promises they made two years ago when, in his inaugural address, he vowed to develop programs that would provide jobs for Keetoowahs.

He also mentioned the tribe's programs that provide assistance to the elderly, and educational opportunities to Keetoowah youth.

"We know who we have to educate to keep our tribe running," he said.

"And it is our children."

Wickliffe also mentioned the ongoing tension between the UKB and the Cherokee Nation, and said that the disagreements between the tribes wouldn't exist if Cherokee Nation Principal Chief, Chad Smith, were a full-blood Cherokee.

Wickliffe said the UKB tries to build friendly relations with all Indian people, but that Smith has made it difficult for the two Tahlequah-based tribes to get along.

An appeal by the Cherokee Nation last year of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development decision to continue providing housing funds to the UKB resulted in those funds being cut. In 2005, the UKB Council banished Smith – who held citizenship in both tribes – from the tribe.

"I hate to say this, but they are selfish – we're not," said Wickliffe.

"It would be nice if they would pick a full-blood chief. I don't think a full-blood chief would do what they've been doing."

Wickliffe said enrollments in the UKB have increased since his administration took over in 2005, with a record 85 new members in December of last year and 40 this month.

"If you want to belong to a Cherokee group that is based right here in Tahlequah, and you qualify, you need to belong to the United Keetoowah Band," Wickliffe said.

He added that the tribe's one casino, in Tahlequah, is not illegal, as reported in newspapers, specifically, "the Tahlequah paper."

The state of Oklahoma contends that the casino is illegal because the land where it's located isn't considered "Indian Country" by the federal government. In January of 2006, U.S. District Judge Ronald White remanded a lawsuit between the state and the UKB to

the National Indian Gaming Commission, so the commission could clarify its definition of "Indian land."

Two months later, Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson issued an opinion stating that Indian tribes that do not possess "Indian Country" land, which the UKB does not, cannot legally sell car tags, which the UKB does.

In his address Saturday, however, Wickliffe said the tribe is not breaking any laws.

"We are a proud Cherokee people," he said.

"We do not lie, we do not cheat, we do not do anything illegal."

Assistant Chief Charles Locust also addressed the audience, saying that – as successful as the UKB may have been during the last two years – the tribe still has a long way to go.

"Remember what 'Keetoowah' means," he said.

"It means 'help the community,' not 'help yourself' – but 'help the community.' We're going to get what's due to us, and I think if you keep watching the UKB, you're going to see we're going to get what's due to us."

UKB district representatives are elected every two years. Council officers – chief, assistant chief, secretary, and treasurer – are elected every four years.

Dear Tribal Members,

This article written by Eddie Glean, appeared in the Tahlequah Daily Press, CNHI Newspapers, on Sunday, January 7, 2007 following the Inauguration. This is a re-cap of the speech I made that day.

The United Keetoowah Band is gaining political clout despite efforts by the Cherokee Nation,

George G. Wickliffe
Chief

Charles D. Locust
Assistant Chief

Liz Littledave
Secretary

Shelbi Wofford
Treasurer



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UKB Regular Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting Saturday, November 13, 2006 Keetoowah Community Building 6:00 p.m. – 10:20 p.m.

Note: This meeting was originally scheduled for November 11, 2006 but by telephone contact with all Council members it was approved to move November 11, 2006 meeting to November 13, 2006

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Shelbi Wofford

III. Roll Call: 11 present + Chief, answered call; (Hansen absent)

IV. Chief's address to the Council

- Congratulations was given to all Council members in winning their District Elections.

- He and Assistant Chief were in Washington on the Election Day. He believed the voting went well. There can always be small problems. He informed there was a re-count in Saline District which did confirm the original correct count of Saline ballots. There will be a run-off election in Saline District on December 4.

- The Chief talked about the housing issue. A law suit is now the only approach. We will stay in close contact with our attorneys on this situation. Filing such a suit could be in either Muskogee BIA or Washington.

- Currently we participate in the same health facility program that CNO has. Anywhere CNO has a health clinic, UKB can participate in such. CNO cannot ask us to relinquish from the United Keetoowah Band, although they (CNO) offer a few programs that are funded by CNO, such as eye glasses, dentures, etc. but the UKB has programs which allows for eye glasses and dentures, etc. There was a lengthy discussion on IHS issues and how the UKB members are being discriminated against. Locust said this health situation has been a concern since this administration came into office. We are still fighting it, we must find a solution because our people are suffering. Bellmark: IHS now understands the Keetoowah is not going away. They are aware of the other fights and how law suits have been brought on other issues. He believed IHS believes the UKB is serious. After we get out of our meeting with Mr. Wilson, IHS will tell the people "this is the way you have to do it." How do we document if IHS directive is not followed? Need someone on staff from here, go with the patient and help them with the registration process. Hospital staff will learn they can't just say, "you don't have the right card".

- We also attended a hearing in Washington on the Arkansas Riverbed Issue for oral arguments. There were three judges who heard the oral arguments. The United States Department of Justice and UKB attorneys were allowed to present arguments. CNO was present and allowed time to speak. We are now waiting for an answer from the

three appellate judges.

- There has already been a judge, who in his opinion did what he believed was the right thing to do and that was Judge White of Muskogee Federal Court. This issue was the Keetoowah Casino which is our life-line. Over 80% of the money from the casino funds UKB programs.

- Proctor: He thanked Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust for traveling to Washington and speaking for the Keetoowahs. He said he would never give up on the jurisdiction issue. The issue is we don't have to speak loudly, we are the original people according to our Corporate Charter in 1951. CNO in 1969. This should raise the question; who has the Constitutional authority over the 14 county jurisdiction area?

V. Approval of Minutes for the month of October

- DISCUSSION

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the minutes of October 14, 2006 and October 23, 2006; SECONDED by Adalene Smith; VOTE on October 14, 2006 minutes: 11 Yes, 1 No (C. Wofford), 0 Abstention. Motion passed.

VOTE on October 23, 2006 minutes: 11 Yes, 1 No (C. Wofford), 0 Abstention. Motion passed.

VI. Presentations

Bryan Vann

- Proctor: introduced Bryan Vann, Sequoyah High School Senior. Bryan's mother, Cora Vann, was also introduced. Bryan is a UKB member and a Track athlete. A document of his accomplishments, his future goals and his needs was presented. His mother was his source of support in his achievements and his financial needs. He had the opportunity to represent Oklahoma at the AAU Nationals and he was in need of financial assistance to attend this track meet in Orlando, Florida. The family has had fund raising events for Bryan's trips, such as car washes, pie suppers, etc. Sequoyah High School does not sponsor such trips even though he is representing Sequoyah High School. Councilman Proctor wished the UKB would sponsor Bryan to Orlando.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to sponsor Bryan Vann at his track meet in Orlando, Florida; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

Sonja Hartness: Election Board member

- Reported for the most part the election went very well.

- She asked Council about using the electronic voting machine for the run-off election on December 4, 2006 for Saline District.

- Council: by affirmation approved the use of Electronic Voting Machine.

Enrollment Committee Report: Littledave (verbal & written)

- 60 New membership applications presented for Council's approval.

- 9 relinquishment requests presented for acknowledgment and honor by the Council.

MOTION by Adalene Smith to approve the 60 applications for Tribal membership in the United Keetoowah Band and to acknowledge and honor the 9 requests for relinquishment; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

VII. Reports to Council

- Housing Report: Woodrow Proctor (verbal)

- The RAP money has come in roofing repairs, water, heat is being worked on.

- Housing is being bombarded with requests. There will be a Special Board meeting for tomorrow night. There was a lengthy discussion on housing needs, other avenues to obtain funding to help members, including grants, etc. All the council expressed concerns for the people, and talked about setting up procedures to help the individuals who needed help the most.

MOTION by Shelbi Wofford to return Emergency Assistance money back to Council with dollar amount determined by district enrollment minus what has already been spent in FY 2007 on Housing, Education, TVA/ICW and Humans Services with 10% increase upon recommendation of Budget and Finance committee; SECONDED by Adalene Smith; VOTE: 11 Yes, 1 No (Adair), 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

- Chief: informed his authority to over-ride on Emergency Assistance remains active.

MOTION by Shelbi Wofford that the Treasurer assess the Housing situation in regards to funding and organization; SECONDED by Adalene Smith; **Motion and Second withdrawn before a vote.

MOTION by Charles Locust that an ADHOC Committee be set up to evaluate current applications for emergency assistance in all RAP programs until December 1, 2006. Assistance from remaining emergency funds of December 1, 2006 will adhere to resolution number 06-UKB-115, RE: distribution of funds into each district; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 11 Yes, 1 No (C. Wofford), 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

- Budget and Finance Committee Report: (C. Locust; verbal and written)

- Verbal delivery on specific issue and/or motions by committee

- Albert Shade made a motion that there be Merit Raises instead of Evaluations Date Raises for all General Fund employees as of today and make raises retroactive as of October 1, 2006. Mr. Shade also made a motion that if no district meeting is held \$150. will be deducted from next month's stipend. A sign-in sheet for district meeting must be turned in to accounting for verification of meeting held. No sign-in sheet means no payment. Councilman Shade wished to bring up his Budget and Finance meeting motions to be addressed by Council. Mr. Shade also wished to revisit regular and special meeting stipend payments. Mr. Shade stated district representatives didn't

need to raise they got.

- The Budget and Finance committee made a motion to send all IHS denials to Bryan Shade in Human Services and he will then send an appeal letter to John Daugherty with documentations to request that Mr. Daugherty to request he over-ride denials for medical assistance.

- Shade: informed some people from other districts attend his district meetings because they can't find such meetings in their district. He said he was glad for the attendance of these people but representatives are receiving \$150. for conducting these meetings but meetings are not being held. He stressed how representatives need to hold their meetings so people can know what is going on. He referred to \$1,600. for stipend where in the past the amount was \$1,000. he believed the past amount was plenty. He cited there are people we can't help, why should the stipend be increased?

MOTION by Albert Shade that Regular Monthly stipends be returned to the previous amount of \$1,000.00 and \$400.00 allowed only if a Special/Emergency meeting is held and that a sign-in sheet for District meeting attendance is required in order to receive \$150. check for District meeting; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford;

- DISCUSSION:

- Council person will pay the \$150. and then be reimbursed

- Any checks received is taxable to Council

- Sign-in sheets are utilized in Grant applications

- Sign-in sheets to be turned in to Liz

- Liz will present sign-in sheets to accounting then check will be requested for Council members.

VOTE: 10 Yes, 1 No (Hansen), 1 Abstentions (Locust). Motion passed.

VIII. Public Forum:

1. Betty Holcomb asked about the Christmas Gift Card Program

- Locust: said plan is cards will be purchased this week and ready by November 30, 2006.

- Tribal Secretary will issue cards to district representatives.

- Representative will sign for cards received.

- Tribal Secretary will present representatives with a list of 0-17 year old children in the representative's district.

- Children/parent will sign representative's list upon receiving the gift card.

- The signed list and any excess cards are to be returned to the Tribal Secretary.

- Representatives are responsible for any cards not signed for/by the child.

- Dotson: asked if staff would be sent to the issue site for Christmas Gift Cards.

- Littledave: issue of Christmas cards will be at the decision of individual Representative.

- Locust: stated if a list of district meetings giving place and is presented in time a press release will give notice if you plan to give out the Gift Cards at your district meetings. Need your District Meeting dates by next Monday.

- Locust: announced the Employee Thanksgiving Luncheon will be on November 17, 2006, this Friday at the Wellness Center.

- Elder Assistance applications will start December 1, 2006.

o Applications will not be accepted after the last day of February 2007. Applications have minor changes from last year. Application presented to Enrollment Personnel by noon on Friday will have their check ready after 4:00 p.m. on the following Tuesday. Check will be received at the Enrollment Department.

o Eligibility will be checked by Enrollment Personnel. Required documents must be on file with UKB Enrollment.

2. Susan Ishcomer, member and employee of the accounting department spoke to Council. She stated today was her first meeting and found it to be very interesting. She presented her employment resume to Council. She stated she knew Liz was the current Council liaison and she wished to be placed in the liaison position. She stated she wished to become more involved with the tribe. She stated how it appeared a lot of extra work had been assigned to Liz and she now wished the Council to think about her being interested in the Council Liaison position, although she had no knowledge if the liaison position was open.

3. Betty Holcomb (2nd time on Public Forum)

- She spoke of Bryan Vann, she wished to make it understood that Bryan was not being discriminated against when he was not sponsored by Sequoyah High School.

- Proctor: informed people are pleased with satellite office in Stilwell. There has been over 60 people come in since the opening. There is more planned for use of the building such as space for Council meetings.

4. Betty Mouse:

- Inquired into membership seniority in consideration for services. There are many people in her area who do not receive services and many have been Keetoowah members for a long time.

- Hansen: stated the clinic, at Jay where medical equipment was requested utilizes IHS funds, she wasn't denied services but she was denied needed medical equipment.

- Bellmark: much of these types of denials are because there is sometimes just not enough money at the facility and they can't serve everybody and so it results in discretion in making decisions on who gets the service needed. Now if the denial was because a Keetoowah was denied because of tribal affiliation then that's the issue we're trying to get to.

- Locust: is there discretion that determines life or death situations? Isn't this what Contract Health is for according to IHS?

- Bellmark: denial because of being Keetoowah was part of the discussion with John Daugherty because there is so much discretion built into the hospital system



TAG OFFICE OPEN SOME SATURDAYS

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Tag office will be open the first and third Saturdays of every month from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.. The only exception is if the UKB is closed on a Friday for a holiday. For more information, call the Tag Office at 456-3235.

UKB Thanks Vets

Aaron Paul Isham receives his jacket at the UKB Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon.



Children's Christmas Gift Cards Available Until January 31

Parents of UKB children still have until the end of the month to pick up the UKB Children's Christmas Gift Cards. Parents should bring the child's membership card to Tribal Secretary Liz Litledave in the UKB Administration Building to receive the gift cards. For more information, call (918) 456-5126.

ATTENTION ELDERS

UKB ELDERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR \$200 ELDER STIPEND FOR FALL/WINTER STILL HAVE UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY TO APPLY. ELDERS MAY PICK UP THE APPLICATIONS AT ANY UKB TRIBAL OFFICE OR SUB-OFFICE. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE TURNED INTO THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (918) 453-9375.



The UKB Elderly Assistance Program disbursed its second \$200 check this year to eligible tribal elders, age 55 and older this month.

UKB January Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

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| January 6 | UKB Tribal Council District Representatives Inauguration, 10 a.m.
NSU Herb Rozell Ballroom, Tahlequah |
| January 6 | UKB Regular Council Meeting Noon
UKB Community Services Building, Tahlequah |
| January 11 | Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Former UKB Gaming Office, Sallisaw |
| January 12 | Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.
Keener Church, Lost City |
| January 13 | Saline District Meeting 3-6 p.m.
Kenwood Community Building |
| January 13 | Canadian District Meeting, Noon
Ataloo Lodge, Bacone College Campus, Muskogee |
| January 17 | Illinois District Meeting, 6 p.m.
Vian Nutrition Center |
| January 22 | Delaware District Meeting, 7 p.m.
Piney/Oak Hill Community Center
Weather Permitting |
| January 23 | Coowescoowee District Meeting, 6 pm
First Christian Church in Pryor |

*no other dates available at press time

Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Program Menu for January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS	2 CLOSED	3 Grilled chicken sandwich Pasta salad French onion soup dessert	4 Puerca Pabil Spanish rice Chips & guacamole Refried beans dessert	5 BRUNCH SERVED AT 10:30
8 Prito chili pie w/ "fixins" Salad dessert	9 cal zone Zucchini w/ tomatoes Salad dessert	10 herb baked chicken Wild rice Green beans Salad breadsticks dessert	11 rib eye steak Baked potato Yellow squash Hot roll Salad dessert	12 BRUNCH SERVED AT 10:30
15 CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	16 beef stew Cornbread Salad dessert	17 beer battered cod White rice Cob corn Salad dessert	18 Mexican cabbage Tomato w/ zucchini Cornbread Salad dessert	19 BRUNCH SERVED AT 10:30
22 potato ham chowder Greens Cornbread Salad dessert	23 chicken quesadilla Spanish rice Refried beans Salad dessert	24 hamburgers w/ "fixins" Chips Beets dessert	25 CULTURAL FOODS DAY	26 CLOSED FOR CLEANING
29 Lasagna Garlic bread Asparagus Salad dessert	30 brown beans Spinach Jal. Cornbread Salad Dessert	31 meatloaf Mashed potatoes w/ gravy Corn hot rolls Salad dessert		

KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Provided by the UKB Language, History, and Culture Dept.

The UKB Language, History and Culture Department will present workshops and cultural programs for schools and other organizations, for



students and adults. Some of the programs available are cornhusk doll making, basket making, stickball games, marble games, and general Keetoowah traditions. The programs are free of charge and are made available to benefit, promote, and sustain our proud Keetoowah Cherokee culture. If you are interested and need more information please call 918-456-9200.

ATTENTION!!!!

FORMER UKB YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS

We are looking for former members of the UKB Youth Council. We are in the process of re-establishing the Youth Council and need to locate the last active members of the Youth Council to move forward with the process and to revisit goals and achievements of the youth of the UKB Tribe. Please call 918-456-9200 if you have any information concerning any of these past youth. Wa-do

Keetoowah Cherokee Language Instructor Certification Classes Begin

On Saturday, February 24 the Keetoowah Cherokee Language Instructor Certification classes will begin. Registration is at 10 a.m. with the class beginning afterwards.

The language certification course will be held on Saturdays for ten weeks from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the UKB Community Services Center, 18263 W. Keetoowah Circle in Tahlequah. There is no charge for the classes.

Text materials will be provided. The course is open to individuals interested in becoming a certified Keetoowah Cherokee language instructor.

Mr. Durbin Feeling, University of Oklahoma linguistic professor, will be the instructor. For more information please contact the UKB Language, History and Culture department at 918-456-9200.

Keetoowah Cherokee Language Classes for Spring 2007

UKB Stilwell Sub-Office

Starting Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Della Wolfe

Piney/Oak Hill Community Center

Piney Community, Jay, OK

Starting Date: Monday, February 5, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: George Stopp

Henry Lee Doublehead

Head Start Center

W. Keetoowah Circle, Tahlequah, OK

Starting Date: Monday, February 5, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor to be Announced

Fort Gibson Middle School

Starting Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Dorothy Powell

Collinsville

11618 N. 95 E. Ave.

Collinsville, OK

Starting Date: Tuesday, February 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Hastings Shade

Locust Grove High School

Starting Date: Monday, February 5, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Anne Christie

UKB Vian Sub-Office

Starting Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Peggy Girty

Marble City Food Pantry

Starting Date: Monday, February 5, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: George Byrd

Sallisaw Central High School

Starting Date: Monday, February 5, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Jim Henson

Kansas Boys and Girls Club Building

Monday, Feb. 5 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sequoyah Guess Instructor

Kansas, Oklahoma

What the Elders Say

By King Fisher

I've been asked to write a short column about culture. The Encarta World English Dictionary explains culture as "people with shared beliefs and practices: a group of people whose shared beliefs and practices identify the particular place, class, or time to which they belong." I guess culture can mean many different things to many different people, but what does it mean to us, as Keetoowah people. That is what I want to hear from you as a community. Write to me and let me know what culture means to you. Tell me what the granny's' and dudu's use to say and/or what you remember.

I guess culture to me is about how I was brought up during my younger years which affect

my life as an adult such as, values, family, food, stories, and life in general. So let me get things started with what granny use to tell me. "Don't ever look behind you when you're walking by yourself," I always wondered why until I looked behind me one night and saw something I didn't want to see. At that time those scary stories weren't that enjoyable. When any of the women in my family were pregnant it was always, "don't let her stand in the doorway, don't let her sit on hard surfaces, don't let her eat popcorn, DON'T, DON'T, DON'T." I guess it was all for a good cause, because we never questioned "Granny." These old tales were to avoid things such as a hard birth or so the baby wouldn't be late. It was all for a good reason and still heard among Keetoowah

households.

I remember some of the funny ones like, don't sit your baby on a table or the child's rear end would get big. I know a lot of adults who were sat on the tables of life. One of the funniest sayings I remember was don't wipe your mouth with a dish towel, we called it a dish rag at Granny's house. If you wipe your mouth with a dish towel your lips will get big. Again, I know a lot of people that didn't heed that warning.

These are just a few of the things I remember from my childhood and into my adult life. Now, send us some of your memories and let's see what you have to say.

Write to King Fisher at United Keetoowah Band, Language, History and Culture Dept., P.O. Box 746, Tahlequah, OK 74465.



District Representatives Sworn In, Council Ready to Continue their Progress for the People



The Keetoowah Cherokee Children's Choir pose with the Chief after their performance at the Inauguration. (Front row, left to right) Chief George Wickliffe, Joseph Wolf, Skylar Proctor, Kyla Sanders, Choir Director Jan Ballou, Tamica Leach, Danelle Budds, Assistant Chief Charles Locust. (Back row, left to right) Miss Keetoowah Felicia Jones, Jordan Proctor, Taylor Budds, Destini Hogshooter, Leah Martin, Jamie Budds, Jr. Miss Keetoowah Kaheya Hooper

Continued from page 1 Charles Smoke; Sequoyah District Representative Barry Dotson; and Tahlequah District Representative Albert Shade. All but two representatives just completed 2005-2007 two year terms. New among this group is Illinois District Representative Barbara Girty and Saline District Representative Charles Smoke.

The UKB Lighthouse Color Guard opened the ceremonies with the posting of colors, followed by an invocation by Hominy Littledave. Both Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust spoke and the Keetoowah-Cherokee Children's choir, under the direction of Jan Ballou, performed.

In his address at the inauguration of the 2007-2009 District Representatives of the Tribal Council, Chief George Wickliffe stressed the importance of the elders and the children, and talked about the elder assistance program and the programs those benefits the UKB youth from birth through college. He also talked about jobs for

the people. (Chief Wickliffe's speech is included in his column on page 2).

Assistant Chief Charles Locust said the tribe, council and administration had accomplished many things in the past two years and have made sure that the money has gone back to the people and to services, and with everybody's prayers and help the tribe can accomplish even more. Locust also said, "We are constantly attacked by different sources over our federal recognition and jurisdiction, and our services are being attacked. We are gonna fight, we're gonna continue to fight. We have got a lot of people who have put trust in us and so that's why I want to guarantee everybody we are going to continue to fight, we are not going to go down, we are not going to stop, we are not going away, the UKB is here to stay."

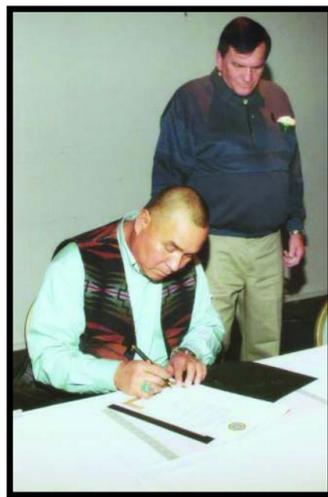
After the reception, the council met at the UKB Community Services Building located off West Willis Road where Chief Wickliffe called the first regular meeting of the new year to order.



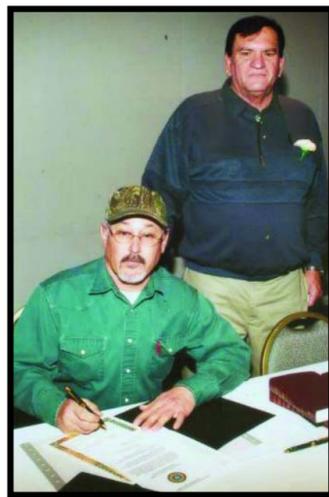
UKB District Representatives are sworn in by UKB District Judge DeWayne Littlejohn.



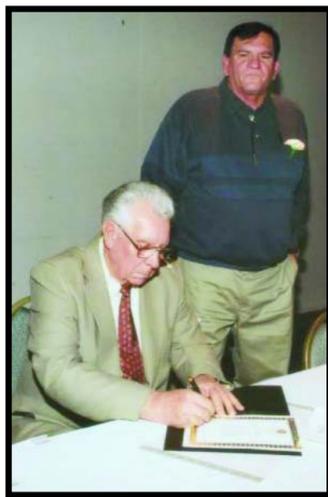
Barbara Girty, Illinois District Rep. signs the oath of office while Chief George Wickliffe looks on.



Charles Smoke, Saline District Rep. signs the oath of office while Chief George Wickliffe looks on.



Albert Shade, Tahlequah District Rep. signs the oath of office while Chief George Wickliffe looks on.



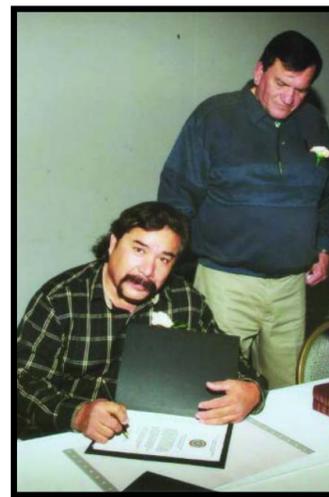
Barry Dotson, Sequoyah District Rep. signs the oath of office while Chief George Wickliffe looks on.



Cliff Wofford, Cooweescoowee District Rep. signs the oath of office while Chief George Wickliffe looks on.



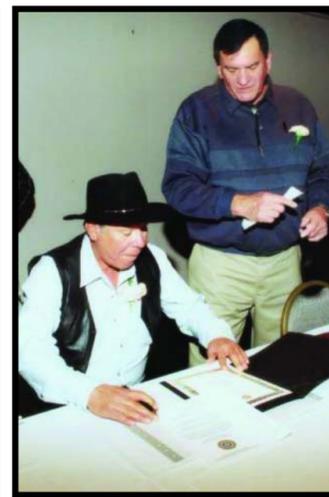
Eddie Sacks, Canadian District Rep. signs the oath of office while Chief George Wickliffe looks on.



Jerry Hansen, Delaware District Rep. signs the oath of office while Chief George Wickliffe looks on.



Joyce Fourkiller, Goingsnake District Rep. signs the oath of office while Chief George Wickliffe looks on.



Woodrow Proctor, Flint District Rep. signs the oath of office while Chief George Wickliffe looks on.



Keetoowah Cherokee Tribe Begins Two New Building Projects

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ties can now be expanded with the new center, like adding activities such as arts/crafts, recreational dances and charity bingo.

The center will provide meals for the qualified tribal elders in the area and in the future, will be greatly beneficial as the tribe is currently working to get funding for

elderly housing to be built around the center. This brings us to the current need for a center allowing for the need to grow and expand meeting the needs of this growing population. The UKB has established an Elders committee and will involve this committee ensuring the senior participants will continue to have a

voice in governance of the center," said Chief George Wickliffe.

The center will provide a wide range of services including counseling, recreation, educational activities, legal information, preventive medical education, social, and intergenerational activities.



Keetoowah Cherokee employees, Administration and Gaming employees, along with USDA and HUD officials, break ground for the Center. (l to r) Rick Glory, Mickey Spears, Teresa Chuculate, Georgia Dick, HUD Administrator Wayne Sims, Chief George Wickliffe, Assistant Chief Charles Locust, USDA Area Director Jerry Efur, Joe Byrd, Stephanie Wickliffe, Rod Fourkiller, Tim Good Voice and Joe Bunch. Earlier in the day, the tribe also broke ground on the UKB Civil Defense Station. The facility will provide fire protection, house the UKB fire truck and an underground storm shelter.



Wellness Center Ribbon Cutting

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma held a ribbon cutting ceremony on the new Keetoowah Cherokee Wellness Center. The center houses a half court basketball gym which can be utilized as an indoor walking track, a weight and training room, dressing rooms, a teaching kitchen, staff break room and a combination meeting/classroom. UKB Tribal Officials, Employees and HUD and USDA officials were present for the event. (l to r) Rick Glory, Stephanie Wickliffe, Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Chief George Wickliffe, HUD Administrator Wayne Sims, USDA Area Director Jerry Efur, Tim Good Voice, and Georgia Dick.

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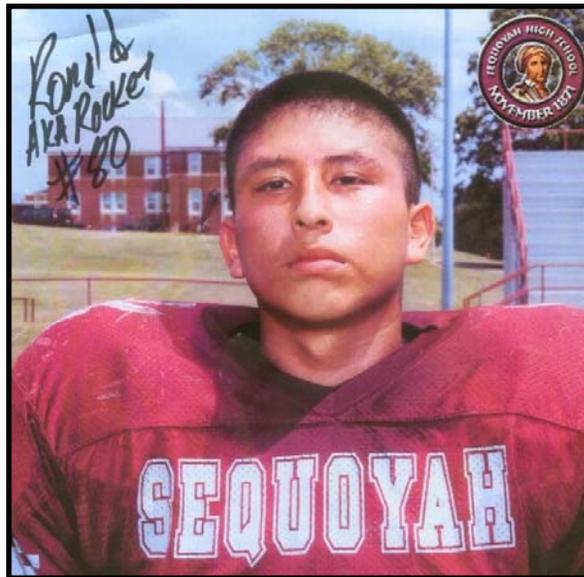
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UKB Tribal Youth Ronald Holden Named All-District in Football

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal youth Ronald Holden has been named All-District in Football as a result of his contributions to the 2006 Sequoyah Indians Football team. The Indians finished the season with an 11-1 record.

Holden, a senior, played cornerback and had six interceptions, one of which resulted in him running one hundred yards for a touchdown. Holden is the son of Joni Wacoche and Ronald Holden. He has two brothers, Coby Thompson and Alex Wacochee and one sister Gaydawn Thompson. Holden hopes to attend college and play football. Holden has also played varsity baseball.



The Keetoowah News wants YOU!

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A Word from the Delaware District Tribal Representative

I want to thank all of the UKB members of this district for allowing me this position for another two year term. I have learned so much from a lot of things that happen and don't happen here in our part of Indian Country. I especially want to thank the UKB folks that come to every meeting. I know that a lot of times you go away thinking, why did I come tonight? Let me assure you that I am trying to do better and I really appreciate your input at our meetings.

There is so much to do, with little resources for the betterment of the UKB Tribal Government and the people. I feel like the current administration has done a lot of good things and will continue to do so in the future.

I urge each and every one of you to truly pray to our true God in the name of Jesus Christ that our leaders can have success upon success in helping out people in the courtrooms, in Washington, in all our communities and in their own hearts and homes.

It is so easy to find fault with someone in their position but be better than that! Find a way to help them, be a part of the solution.

When you think you can do nothing to help, then pray for them. The Bible is full of stories about success through true prayer and also full of stories about disaster and calamities for lack of prayers.

Our leaders go into a hostile world that never is for the Indian people; but they are fearless in my view. They go to Washington to look some stranger is the eye and demand equality and justice for all; this requires a lot of courage and humility because it is for the betterment of every life from the cradle to the end.

I promise to do my personal best to be considered a worthy council person. It may not be to your standard but it will be the best I can do. Let's start coming to the meetings so I can learn more from all of you. I can't do anything without your help.

God Bless You All,
Jerry Hansen
Delaware District Representative

I Carry a History More than People See

*Grandfather, I remember you as autumn leaves fall.
Old ancestral faces no longer call
Their songs of yesterday's spiritual cheer.
Yet, I find Grandfather, you still appear
Through life's twisting roads and places,
Amongst them all, Grandfather, I see their faces.*

*A prayer for today, just for you.
A prayer to resurrect something ancient and true
So I walk in your footsteps through sunshine and rain
For I walk, Grandfather, alone sometimes and in pain.
It's hard to hold on to the last of your nation,
For it's hard to find, Grandfather, our culture outside
the Reservation.*

*For I walk, Grandfather, carrying your pipe
I walk, Grandfather, in the field when the air is clear
and the harvest is ripe*

*Some people forget just who you are,
The Indian Nation's brightest star.
Grandfather, help me to fight this battle with sacred-
ness of prayer and not by hand.*

*For tomorrow comes and the fire is dying.
Grandfather, I'm too old and scarred from crying
And my bones are sighing.
Who will keep this fire through the long dark night?
Who will fight the power of darkness in the hour of twi-
light,
For the fire you see at dawn,
I pray, is passed on when I am gone.*

*Grandfather, I have walked many roads and seen many
faces.*

*I no longer see your face amongst those places.
Acculturated is a word, cursed to be.
Grandfather, I'm thankful for the relationship between
you and me*

*For I am not tamed by imperialistic points of view
Like an eagle, native, I still call out to you.*

*Through life's peaks, ups and downs
I still hear your voice in the wind and nature's sounds
Calling out to me with a sigh*

"Don't forget your Grandfathers when they die."

I carry a pipe gifted to me.

I carry a history and more than people see.

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*(Dedicated to Wambli Sina Win – May our ances-
tors'sacred fires always be without end)*



**UKB Special
Council Meeting
Monday, October 23, 2006
Keetoowah Community
Building
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

I. Call to order by Chief
George Wickliffe – 6:02 p.m.

II. Invocation: Adalene Smith

III. Roll Call: 8 present +
Chief, quorum declared

IV. New Business

1. Discussion proposed contract with the law offices wishing to enter a lawsuit on behalf of the UKB.

- Chief: We have letter from our Oklahoma lawyers and Judith Shapiro, ESQ. Washington, D.C. and their take on this law firm's proposal.

- Since the Ft. Smith area is our former reservation that maybe where we should look on a land claim. Maybe the lawyers from California can explain to us what can happen. All of us know the jurisdiction issue is always where CNO comes from.

- Chief inquired of Bellmard if he was in possession of the information from the firm. Chief expressed how the subject always came down to the jurisdictional issue we have here in the 14 county area, however if there is a possibility in Arkansas to take a look before the deadline, in reference to our former reservation.

- Chief: responded he would receive Bellmard's information and would contact the Bureau.

- The attorney for the law firm arrived (6:19 pm); The two letters from McAfee and Taft and Judith Shapiro was presented to the attorney for his viewing and knowledge.

- Proctor (while attorney reviewed the 2 letters): Spoke on Housing RAP (which was inside Council's information). There has been a Housing Authority Meeting and another is scheduled for tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM. The RAP was noted and he asked Council to look it over and make changes if they desired and he would present changes to the Board tomorrow night. The amount of RAP was increased

from \$2,000. to \$3,000. per person. It is understood anything above the \$3,000. can be waived by the Chief. Locust: Asked if Housing RAP would still be reviewed in 30 days? Chief: Stated a 30 day review of Housing RAP would be necessary to be continued every 30 days. Proctor: Stated he could give a report to Council at the Council meeting on the Housing spending per district. Each Councilman could keep track.

- Locust: Social Services is preparing an Excel worksheet to show spending then information is placed in three-ring binders. This will keep track of spending, etc. Proctor: Spoke on details within the Housing RAP. Chief: Sometimes rental assistance can become an emergency, even though rent is not a part of Housing RAP.

- DISCUSSION: Housing RAP details of various assistance needs in association with Human Services, where both programs will coordinate their services. Proctor: Announced Councilman Shade was hosting a chili supper tonight, community meeting tonight, if he's needed we can call him.

- DISCUSSION: Housing RAP continued

- Locust: Read from Human Services RAP; if director can justify an extreme emergency exceeding the designated amount for assistance may be waived at the discretion of the program director with the conversance of the Chief.

- Sacks: We need to decide on what is "extreme situation". Applicants must not be eligible for assistance under Tribal General assistance. If they have already been to the tribe and they're in that time frame where they can't get help and something comes up and they go to housing, if they qualify for HUD but we don't have any HUD monies they're just left out in the cold. Proctor: Each month things might be different and changes could be made.

The visiting attorney is ready to present his view of the agenda item.

- Bellmard: the two letters were discussed between Mr. Bellmard and the attorney.

- Bellmard: This would be for the tribally held part of the

assets not the individuals. What the big concern is we've been making progress on some of these other cases for the first time that anyone can remember. What we're worried about is because we're going to potentially get into the same situation where its going to create a situation where they can argue "they" should handle this for us and we're just the ward and they're the guardian. The problem in dealing with this is we've been down this road for so long on so many different twists and turns. I think this will upset the apple cart. If they (CNO) file then we may intervene in their case anyway just like they would if we filed.

- Visiting Attorney: Yes, according to the U.S. Government and the laws in Oklahoma, you're entitled to a share of percentage of the minerals that have been taken out of the ground on all Cherokee Nation land.

- Locust: Stated he and Chief Wickliffe are scheduled to attend a hearing on the Arkansas Riverbed on November 6 and 7, 2006 to hear an appeal on Successor in Interest Issue. Would that be setting precedence? Locust: If they make a ruling in our favor then "this mineral rights case right here..."

- Bellmard: Would put you in superior position. Locust: If they make a ruling against us then "this mineral rights case" would probably be handled the same way.

- Bellmard: "Yes, it would have presidential value that's what we're all saying. We don't know what's gonna come first, we don't know if we're gonna get a decision on the Riverbed or an administrative decision on one of these other suits we're fighting. What we're afraid of is we don't want all those other things going on then something happen in this case that sets some precedence that's bad for all those other cases. On the Riverbed case we're the master of our own destiny right now because we're at least on an even hand in that litigation where we never have been before.

- Bellmard: Suggested it would be smart to keep all your

options open in case you have to file. Now what's going to happen is I think, to be brutally honest with our visiting attorney, with many lawyers in this I don't think we'll ever agree to do that contract exactly that way and so what we do is...

- Chief: But we would leave the door open.

- Chief: The Riverbed hearing of Oral Arguments will be on November 7, 2006. Three appellate judges are scheduled to hear this. CNO is to be given 10 minutes. The UKB will be given 10 minutes with the U.S. Justice Department who will speak in our behalf. We are told there could be a quick decision, or could be 30 days or longer before a decision is made.

- Bellmard: If we prevail, decision can be appealed so then there is still not a final decision
- Proctor: So your point of view you think the safest, cautious way for the Keetoowahs, like if something goes wrong in November at that hearing, we could always fall back on something else, on this case here what he's talking about.

- Bellmard: What I'm saying is we should work with these guys to prepare to get a filing.

- The Visiting Attorney: We need to look at your old lands and old treaties then come back and report that maybe we have a claim here.

- Chief: We are very interested in anything that will help our people and leaving this open is something we must do now.

- Locust: Do we need two resolutions, one to post-pone our meeting or can we do all this in the same meeting or...

- Bellmard: The motion you made was for all legals to get together, work out a contract and present it back to you so that is still in place. He then gave the visiting attorney the phone number of Jim McMillan and asked that he call Jim McMillan.

MOTION by Adalene Smith to move the November Council Meeting from November 4th to the 11th; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No (Shade & Dotson absent; Proctor unavailable), 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

MOTION BY Charles Locust to go into Executive Session;

SECONDED by Eddie Sacks;

- Chief: Announced two members of UKB Lighthouse were present and would present the packet of information. Those members were required to sign a form of verification they had delivered this packet. Verification form was signed by Lighthouse Captain, Chris Thompson witnessed by Lighthouse Officer B.J. Guthrie and Lighthouse Director David McCarter. (7:23 PM)

VOTE: 9 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Shade & Dotson absent; Proctor unavailable)

MOTION by Charles Locust to come out of Executive Session; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Dotson absent, Hansen left earlier, Shade arrived). Motion passed.

**Investigation appointment to Councilman Barry Dotson working in conjunction with UKB Lighthouse; RE: Personnel Issues is concluded. Situation is settled.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor that the nine district representative visit with the Human Resources Director, with the four officers excluded.

- Bellmard: suggested the representative just agree to talk with the Human Resources Director, the problem is; it's not on the agenda. If you guys just agree to talk with Human Resources and you can't take any action. Bellmard said the motion could read; Motion by Woodrow Proctor for 9 District Representative to discuss ongoing personnel matter with H.R., Director, Rick Quarry on November 11, 2006 at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers at the Community Services Building; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 9 Yes, 1 No (Sacks), 0 Abstentions (Dotson & Hansen absent). Motion passed.

V. Announcements

VI. Benediction: Adalene Smith

VII. Adjourn: MOTION to adjourn by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: Affirmation; TIME: 8:30 PM



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they can say it was for this or that when in reality the denial was based on being a Keetoowah. Hansen: The equipment needed by the lady was a breathing machine. The lady goes to sleep any time and her breathing is affected. Equipment can range from \$1,500. to \$3,000. depends on the vendor.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove modification of Enrollment Ordinance; RE: required/acceptable documents for Tribal Membership and Tribal Relinquishment, etc. with attention to Sections 16, 17 and 18 of current Ordinance.

- DISCUSSION

- Bellmard: discussed how this modification was talked about 3-4 months ago covering Due Process, type of required documents. The big issue seemed to be involvement of Tribal Court (Section 1, Part 2) and Enrollment decision being filed and an appeal to Council in decisions of loss of Tribal Membership. He reminded; in administrative law there is a concept that all administrative remedies to utilize before you go to court and because UKB Council is more an Executive/Legislative body, even if you've heard an appeal and you didn't have any language in the process that the case was appeal able to the Tribal Court you would still probably set stuck in Tribal Court because if you denied somebody due process or their rights to membership, you can't cut them out without letting them go through the whole system. Mr. Bellmard's office prepared the first part, particularly on Section 4. If someone called Enrollment and informed "Bob" was enrolled in another tribe.

Enrollment would inform "Bob" that you're enrolled in another tribe. "Bob" can argue that. The "other" tribe could then be contacted and request tribal enrollment to.

- Proctor: said due to time and the importance of this Enrollment Ordinance document he wished to recommend this item be tabled and information be taken back to the people for their input. He stated he would schedule a district meeting and would invite Liz or Enrollment to come to the meeting and explain to the people about this Enrollment process.

- Littledave: accepted Mr. Proctor's invitation to attend his district meeting for the stated purpose. She stated Mr. Proctor had stated before how he would take this ordinance to the people for their input and because of his invitation for her to attend his district meeting it would seem he had not taken the information to his people.

- Proctor: agreed he had not informed the people about the Enrollment Ordinance revision. He said he had been waiting for the Ordinance.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to table IX of Unfinished Business #1 until next

regular scheduled Council meeting in December; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council to discuss to vote to approve/disapprove a resolution adopting the National Incident Management System. (David McCarter)

- Chief: stated how Mr. McCarter was the new director of Lighthouse and has established good rapport with Lighthouse, is very organized and keeps up to date and is very qualified.

- Dotson: interrupted and asked if he could bring up something under New Business. He said it wouldn't take just a minute. He then referred to Council meeting of 01-07-2006. A resolution had been passed, whereas; the AG was to present some rules on Robert's Rules of Order and nothing has been done about this and that has been about 11 or 12 months ago seems its time he makes a move on this.

- Chief: said Woodrow Proctor likes our meetings the old Indian way, but he (Chief) believed the Council needed some kind of rules. He then stated he remembered Mr. Bellmard was going to look into the possibility of going by Robert's Rules dearing what this Council could do in similar procedures.

- Bellmard: stated his position on use of Robert's Rules, (1) to go by Robert's Rules would lock in all the problems and then lawyers could say that whole meeting was wrong because you didn't follow Robert's Rules. Mr. Bellmard had promoted a meeting where the Council would decide what the internal rules were going to be and he then could formalize them. Mr. Bellmard's recollection was there would be a meeting then the results would be formalized. Such as, limit discussion time and that kind of thing. Mr. Bellmard said he could write up rules but the Council can write up rules also.

- Dotson: stated how the last time he had talked of Robert's Rules with Bellmard he had been told the rules were about 70% completed.

- Bellmard: stated the last time Robert's Rules were discussed he had asked for a time to meet with Council where we could discuss how "you guys" wanted to put this together. I could have this 100% complete but "you guys" maybe want it your way. Dotson: stated he had thought we would go through Robert's Rules and pick out those things that appealed to us. Well anyway he said he was sorry he brought it up. He didn't want to delay business any longer. Chief: stated he believed the intent associated with using Robert's Rules of Order as a guide.

- Dotson: said it made no difference to him but it was ridiculous in bickering back and forth, talking about this and that and everybody not waiting for a second to a motion and all that before you go into discussion. There should be a time limit on all that stuff but if everyone thinks

there's not one then it suited him.

- Bellmard: said people could shoot him ideas on Robert's Rules and he could put in some type of form but without any kind of input about what your limitations are he would just be "spinning his wheels." C. Wofford: asked Mr. Bellmard if Barry Dotson could work with him on this (Robert's Rules). S. Wofford: added she too would work with Barry on this item. Dotson: accepted Shelbi's offer to help.

- David McCarter: had previously handed out written material to all Council. David then verbally stated he was requesting a resolution to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS). He then explained Homeland Security is actually a presidential directive by President George W. Bush for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to develop a National Security Management System. David McCarter: stated NIMS strengthens each state's capabilities. **States are mentioned because tribes are sub-grantees of the state Homeland Security; tribes can apply directly to FEMA for grants. The UKB were the recipients of a decontamination trailer last year. It is his understanding the UKB was the only tribe in the state of Oklahoma that has received this type of trailer. This trailer has not been utilized but has been set up once. You may question why we would go through the state, but the state presented the trailer, we are a sub-grantee of the state. This was arranged through FEMA. NIMS basically implements training guidelines and implements a over-all command system where all governments can work together on the same level of training. NIMS must be implemented in our policy and procedure to receive federal preparedness funding in the future. This NIMS resolution should have been completed when the decontamination trailer was received.

- David McCarter: stated there were rumors that CNO was trying to take this trailer away from us because it wasn't being utilized. He attended a Homeland Security training in Oklahoma City at about the time he began his UKB employment. There were three tribes in attendance, the Choctaws, Keetoowahs and Cherokee Nation. Cherokee Nation doesn't have funding from Homeland Security at this time they have tried to get that funding but have been unable to do so because UKB is under the same jurisdiction, we got the trailer. He (David) is trying to take the trailer and run with it. Basically he has attended Region IV Response training which includes, Choctaw Nation, Keetoowahs and Muskogee Creek Nation. He is a part of the emergency management coalition. At the time of attending Homeland Security training in Oklahoma City and when rumors were that CNO was trying to take our decontamination trailer, an individual person in attendance informed the rumor of CNO going after our trailer was most likely true. NIMS does not give away any of our sovereignty. Other tribes have implement-

ed this system and basically this allows all forms of government can work together on national disaster situations.

- Locust: stated since Mr. McCarter has come on duty many of the issues we were having to address with Lighthouse has stopped. The presence of Lighthouse is always on schedule and always very professional. We have been very impressed with how Lighthouse has come along. Based on all this,

Motion by Charles Locust to approve to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and give him the authority to do what he needs to do; Seconded by Adalene Smith; VOTE: 11 Yes, 1 No (Dotson), 0 Abstentions

- DISCUSSION:

- Some Council members were surprised to know there was a decontamination trailer. Trailer had been kept at Housing for a year or so. Now trailer is secured and is now on casino property. Security cameras are an added security

- This NIMS must be implemented into UKB Emergency Operation Plan but the resolution is the first step in going into the Emergency Plan.

- Bellmard: said this process is entering NIMS into your infrastructure under your constitution. You are using your constitution authority to adopt this program.

- Resolution should have been completed in October when the trailer was received.

- Today's resolution will allow applications for grants.

2. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove a limited waiver of sovereignty for the Economic Development Authority to do business with the Native Health Systems for Substance Abuse Clinic in Tulsa.

- Hand-out of material was given to each member of Council by Eddie Sacks.

- Bellmard: stated Dianne Barker-Harold has been heading up this item. DISCUSSION:

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve a limited waiver of sovereignty for the Economic Development Authority to do business with the Native Health Systems for Substance Abuse Clinic in Tulsa; SECONDED by Adalene Smith; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

3. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove representation in Tribal Court by Attorney General, Ken Bellmard, RE: my constitutional rights.

MOTION by Shelbi Wofford to table agenda item X, 3 New Business because the next meeting I have an auditor on the December Council meeting agenda for an Exit Audit Hearing and he has given input on this and I would like for you to have an opportunity to ask him some questions if it helps us to produce good audits; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

4. Council discussion to vote to

approve/disapprove an attachment of signed resolutions passed through regular or special Council meetings within three days to the minutes for disbursement to Council.

- Littledave: there would be no problem with attaching signed resolutions. She asked if the motion was requesting signed resolutions be attached to minutes when minutes are mailed. S. Wofford: agreed signed resolutions to be mailed with minutes.

- Littledave: expressed there would be a problem with the time line of three days. The 20th of the month has been set as a deadline for various reasons, one reason was to allow agenda items to be presented for placement on upcoming Council meeting agenda. S. Wofford: stated the three days deadline could be deleted from agenda item and minutes with signed resolutions be mailed after the 20th of the month which was the current scheduled mailing.

MOTION by Shelbi Wofford to approve an attachment of signed resolutions passed through regular or special Council meetings be mailed along with Council meeting minutes; SECONDED by Adalene Smith; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

- Adair: suggested resolutions be produced at the Council meeting, there is no reason which they can't be produced here. Then everyone could have their copies and walk away.

- DISCUSSION:

- C. Wofford: asked how soon the minutes would be out after a meeting? After this meeting?

- Littledave: responded time would depend, we work on minutes as soon as possible. The longer the video tapes the longer the viewing takes. We are already on tape #5 and each tape requires 7 to 8 hours viewing because of the dictation that goes into the minutes. If minutes only reflected actual business you could have the minutes within a week.

- Dotson: said if we had rules of order you might have one tape or not even one.

- Proctor: referred to the system of recording by the Eastern Band where they have a court reporter and she sits and... C. Wofford: said a transcriber. He then asked if we could get a court recorder? Littledave: said you can get a court reporter if you want to pay for it out of Council's budget. Adair: cost is only one time per month. Littledave: referred to cost of court recorder question to AG Bellmard. Bellmard: stated cost would be \$500. - \$600. bucks. If Council time was cut down cost could be absorbed by the less time Bellmard came to Council meetings.

X. Announcements

XI. Benediction: Adalene Smith

XII. Adjourn: MOTION by Woodrow Proctor; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: Affirmation
TIME: 10:20 PM

Keetoowah Cherokees in the Giving Spirit at Christmas

The Keetoowah Cherokees take care of their people, and this past holiday season was no exception. The tribe is delivered a little extra Christmas cheer to their elders, children and employees to help make the holidays a little brighter.

The UKB Elderly Assistance Program disbursed its second \$200 check this year to eligible tribal elders, age

55 and older this month. Tribal elder Albert Ross commented about the elder stipends, "It's been a lot of help, and a lot of people really appreciate this. They (the administration and tribal council) didn't have to do it, but we all can use the money and it is greatly appreciated. In some cultures, the elders are all but forgotten, but this is not the

way of the Keetoowah Cherokee."

In the spirit of the holiday season, the Keetoowah Cherokees also distributed a bag of candy and \$25 Christmas Gift Cards from Wal-Mart to all UKB tribal youth from babies to 18 years of age.

Chief George Wickliffe said, "I think the traditional Cherokee belief has always been that our future is our children, and the elders are the wise ones. What we have become and who we

are is a result of the foundation built by our elders and ancestors. Using this foundation, we can continue to achieve and build services for all our members. Thanks to them, we are able to prepare our children for the future through education, training and every aspect that will contribute to their successful lives. In turn, this will ensure the continuation of the Keetoowah Cherokee people, their culture, traditions and language. The elders said of

the Keetoowahs, "We must not surrender under any circumstances until we shall fall to the ground united. We must lead one another by the hand with all our strength." This attitude is the driving force of what a Keetoowah Cherokee is and our belief in our traditional and Christian religion is present in all we do.

Tribal employees also received an early Christmas present. Human Resources Director Rick Quarry said, "I am very thankful for what the Chief and the Administration have provided for the employees that goes beyond what is required of them. In order to keep employees off hazardous roads we were given paid days off due to the weather conditions. We were assisted with a \$160 gas card during the time of the highest fuel prices and for the Christmas Holiday we have been granted an additional day off and every employee got at least a \$200 bonus for the holiday."

Chief Wickliffe said the things the tribe does for the employees is "the thing to do in appreciation for people doing a good job."



The Award Winning Float.



Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center employees Denise Rooster, and Char Blackbear, designed the award winning float. They can't wait to do the next one.



Members of the UKB Lighthorse Security Dept., enjoy the Christmas feast. (left to right) Dustin Davis, Chris Thompson, and Lighthorse Captain David McCarter.



The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Employee Christmas Party was a fun event for all who attended.