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KEETOOWAH CHEROKEES INAUGURATE OFFICIALS

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians of Oklahoma chief George Wickliffe said in his inaugural address Saturday that he expected resolution to several legal issues that could strengthen the tribe's future position as a new president prepares to take office.

"We're seeing good things and good things are going to happen," Wickliffe said. "Things are happening in Washington."

A crowd of around 200 watched nine council representatives and four tribal officers take their oaths of office at an inaugural ceremony at Northeastern State University's Herb Rozell Ballroom.

Tribal councilors who were sworn in for two-year terms are Eddie Sacks, Clifford Wofford, Jerry Hansen, Woodrow Proctor, Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk, Barbara Girty, Barry Dotson and Betty Holcomb. UKB officers who took their oaths are Treasurer Ella Mae Cooksey, Secretary Liz Littledave, Second Chief Charles Locust and Chief George Wickliffe, who were elected to four-year terms after a tribal election last fall. UKB Chief Justice, judge John Garrett, administered the oaths.

Meanwhile, Wickliffe said tribal officials were hopeful that issues relating to their Arkansas River bed settlement and trust land status decisions will get new life breathed into them with the upcoming presidential administration. The 12,000-member tribe has appealed a decision for trust status from the Bureau of Indian Affairs after it was initially rejected by Eastern District Superintendent Jeanette Hanna. George Skibine, acting BIA secretary in Washington, intervened on the UKB's appeal following Hanna's move. A decision is still pending.

Trust status for the 76 acres of purchased land deserves to have trust status imparted to it, Wickliffe said. At present, several federal and tribal program buildings sit on the purchased land near Tahlequah.

"It's only right we have a land base...the same playing position other tribes have that are federally recognized," he said.

Wickliffe predicted a favorable decision for them would come about despite intervention of other tribes to curtail their trust application. He took aim at tribes who opposed their legal goals as coming under their own brand of strife, a reference to the other Tahlequah tribe, the 250,000-member Cherokee Nation. The two Cherokee language-based tribes claim concurrent status over the Cherokee's 14-county jurisdiction.

"They (Cherokees) have gone afoul all kinds of ways to continue their position," Wickliffe said. "It's going to fall apart



The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Chief George G. Wickliffe, left; and Assistant Chief Charles D. Locust visits with Keetoowah Cherokee members during the January 3, 2009 Inauguration in the ballroom of Northeastern State University. Durbin Feeling, Oklahoma University Language Professor and UKB tribal member congratulates Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust following the Inauguration ceremonies.

on them and it won't be long now."

At the same time, Wickliffe assured tribal members that they would uphold their language, traditions and culture in the next four years. The tribal council would also work to build up their educational, health care and housing programs while in office, he said. Wickliffe recounted the tribe's growth from having a \$3 million input to having over \$196 million. He reminded Keetoowahs that they should all work together because it was their ancestor's will.

"We would all hold hands together until we fall dead, because the people I came from did and I will never let them down," he said.

Emcee for the inaugural event was former Muscogee (Creek) Nation councilor George Tiger who said that his elders favored invitations and considered it an honor to uphold them.

"I'm grateful to the Creator to be among my relatives at the United Keetoowah Band," he told attendees. "We

are all related."

A reception followed the event. Also in attendance were state and local officials including Cherokee councilor, Bill John Baker and state Sens. Jim Wilson and Cherokee County district attorney Jerry Moore and former UKB chiefs, John Hair and Jim Henson.

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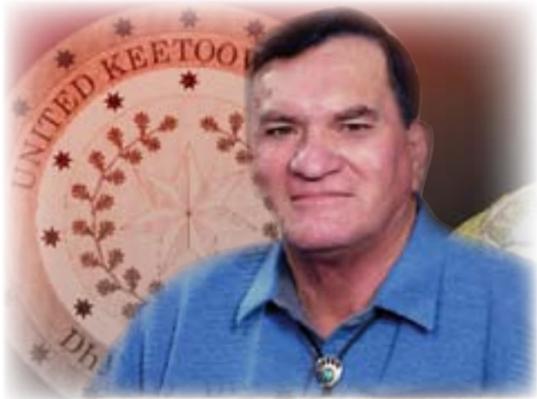
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The Inauguration of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma 2009 Administration, Officers and Tribal Council were held Saturday, January 3, 2009 in the Herb Rozell Ballroom, Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Seated front, left to right; Ella Mae Cooksey Worley, Tribal Treasurer; Charles D. Locust, Assistant Chief; Chief George G. Wickliffe; and Liz Littledave, Tribal Secretary. Back row, left to right, Clifford Wofford, Cooweescoowee District; Charles Smoke, Saline District; Barbara Girty, Illinois District; Barry Dotson, Sequoyah District; Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk, Going-snake District; Woodrow Proctor, Flint District; Betty Holcomb, Tahlequah District; Jerry Hansen, Delaware District; and Eddie Sacks, Canadian District.



A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe

clan killed the member of another, then balance must be restored. Blood revenge was considered very sacred and was carried out under the utmost sincerity.

The Blood Revenge Law was abolished by the Cherokee National Government on September 11, 1808. Also in 1808, the Cherokee Nation passed an act appointing "regulators" to eliminate crime and keep peace. This action was taken when the Cherokees were located in the South United States, before the "Trail of Tears". On November 13, 1844, the Cherokee National Council had passed a bill authorizing the Lighthorse Company. It was composed of a captain, lieutenant and twenty-four horsemen. Their assigned duty was to pursue and arrest all fugitives from justice.

In the matter of the July 4, 1986 incident in a subsequent action, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals stated that absent a statutory grant of authority by Congress or consent from the tribe itself, Oklahoma law enforcement officers have no criminal jurisdiction "in Indian country". So how were Cherokee people suppose to enforce their laws on Indian Land? With the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, there were already jurisdiction established on Indian Land with the signing of the 1844 and the passing of the bill authorizing the Lighthorse Company. But with the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) with the 1968 incident, it brought out the question of who had authority on Indian Land.

We must remember that Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma was established as an organization in 1975; with their written constitution ratified in 1976. With the 1986 incident the Bureau of Indian Affairs wanted to step in to provide law enforcement in the 14-County Jurisdiction of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, but the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma denied the request saying they had the that right to enforce law on their Indian Land not the Bureau of Indian Affairs. So the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Council in 1987 presented a resolution to enact a law to create their own law enforcement. Thus began the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Marshal Service. When Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma received Housing Urban Development (HUD) grants, this organization began erecting housing for their members. The newly formed Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Marshal

Services began to police these housing areas. When the 1968 incident which involved the arrest of a Keetoowah Cherokee on Indian Land by a county deputy, and the tenth circuit court of appeals stating that Oklahoma law enforcements had no jurisdiction on Indian Land did an agreement between Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and the local, city, state and federal signed a cross-deputization agreement. The agreement allow local, city, state and federal law authorities to aid Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Marshals in arresting Cherokees on and off Indian Land.

The signing of the cross-deputization agreement did not involve the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. With the passing of the 1844 bill creating the Lighthorse Company the United Keetoowah Band Lighthorse Police was already established. Even though the bill was passed in 1844 the United Keetoowah Band Lighthorse was enacted in 1991 by a resolution passed by the UKB Council as a law enforcement under the UKB Department of Justice. The Keetoowah tribe does not have a written agreement with the city, state and federal law enforcements for cross-deputization, they have a mutual agreement or understanding where they may contact the Lighthorse officers in need of assistances or in need of special equipment that the Lighthorse has available for night time operations. They have verbal agreement with the United States Marshal Service for tracking down suspects on Indian Land or Native people with warrants for their arrests. Locally, counties such as Cherokee, Adair, Delaware and other surrounding counties it is known that the UKB Lighthorse officers can be called for assistance if needed. They get calls from time to time to have them assist in crimes committed on and off Indian Land.

The UKB Lighthorse will aid local officers if there is a crime committed off Indian Land, but their only authority is to detain the offender until local law enforcement arrives to arrest them. The Lighthorse officer has no authority to make the arrest. The Lighthorse only has authority to arrest offenders that are tribal members who have committed a crime on Indian Land.

Unlike the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma has to have written agreement with outside law authorities before they can be assisted by local or state law enforcements.

The United Keetoowah Band Lighthorse do and have requested assistance from outside law enforcements when dealing with a crime on Indian Land if it's a non-Native American crime on a suspect. Because of federal laws if a crime is being committed by a non-Native American on Indian Land the Lighthorse officers have no jurisdiction, depending if it's a major crime or not. All that can be done is to detain the offender until Federal law

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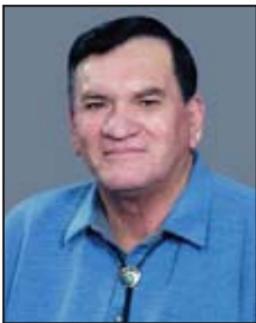
Dear Tribal Members,

When a crime is committed on Indian Land who has the jurisdiction, state, local, or federal authorities? This was the question that was sought in federal court back in the early 1980, when an incident occurred in southern part of Adair County on July 4, 1986. A United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB) tribal member, Ronnie Fay Ross, was shot in the leg and arrested by a Deputy in Adair County, Oklahoma on Indian land at Wheeler Ball Park in Greasy Community. This started the cross-deputization with local, city, and state law enforcements. Federal and United States Marshals were the only law enforcement who had jurisdiction on Indian Land at that time.

Does Tribal Sovereignty come into play? Sovereignty is classically defined as supreme legal authority. The legal history of "tribal sovereignty" starts with colonialism. From the earliest contacts with the "new world," colonizing powers asserted sovereignty over indigenous people. The result of colonial assertions of sovereignty was that indigenous nations were legally stripped of their independent status. Indigenous people were declared to have a "right of occupancy" but not ownership of their lands. In either instance, the fundamental principle was that supreme legal authority lay outside the indigenous nations. With this in mind, how were indigenous nations allowed to police their own jurisdiction if they were not the owners of their own Indian land?

Cherokee people had their own tough laws when dealing with crimes committed on their lands. When both, aggressor and victim were Cherokee, two Cherokee clans would confront one another to settle the matter by the customary rules of domestic law. Thus the "blood revenge law" was created. Blood revenge was a question of harmony, not necessarily of a vendetta. If a member from one

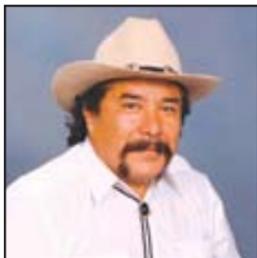
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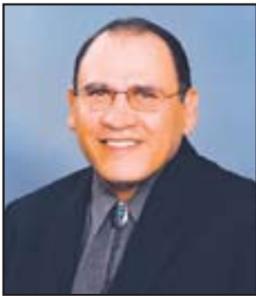
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**UKB Tribal Offices
Closed for Martin Luther
King Jr. Day**

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 20 at 8:30 a.m.

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UKB Grants Department Works Behind the Scenes to Help Tribe

There are many employees who contribute to the UKB that work behind the scenes to help tribal members. One important department is the UKB Grants Department. Thanks to the work of UKB Grant Writer Georgia Dick and Grant Writer Assistant Deborah Pritchett, the tribe has received a number of grants.

The tribe recently received funding for the expansion of the Community Services Building with a HUD ICDBG grant. This will be the fourth HUD ICDBG grant the tribe has received during Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust's administration. They include funding to build the Jim Proctor Elder Center, the Civil Defense Station, the UKB Cultural Museum and now the Community Services expansion. Each grant has been for \$800,000.

Other grants the tribe has recently received include a grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council for the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration, Tribal Transit System, Department of Justice Indian Tribal Government grant, DOJ SMART grant, DOJ Tribal Victims Assistance grant, NASIE 100 Communities, ANA Infrastructure grant, and a Diabetes Grant.

The VISTA Program was obtained through the grants department in which a VISTA volunteer came to the tribe and assisted in elder projects. The grants department was instrumental in completing the necessary applications for two earmark programs including a DOJ Edward Byrne and a DOJ COPS Technology grant.

It was through grants that the tribe has been able to create a small business known as the Keetoowah Construction Company. Another new program funded by an ANA grant includes the Mentoring Emerging Leadership Development (MELD) grant, which begins this month.

"The Grants Department has done a great job and we want to acknowledge them for their contributions to the tribe and all their hard work," said Assistant Chief Charles Locust.



THE UNITED KEETOOWAH Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Tribal Community Services Building will soon be expanded to twice its size thanks to a HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant.

Are you a Keetoowah Cherokee with traditional skills??

The Keetoowah Cherokee Language, History and Culture Department is looking for traditional Keetoowah people who would like to share their skills with youth. Whether it is basket-making, stickball, marbles, bow-making, traditional cooking or any other skill, we need you!

Please contact Cindy Hair, Cultural Coordinator at: 918-431-9998



ATTENTION LIHEAP APPLICANTS

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2008: The first three days of the month will be reserved for our eligible Keetoowah elders and disabled members only.

The application process will be open to all eligible Keetoowah Tribal members on the 4th working day of the month.

This change of policy was approved during the April 5th Council meeting.

The UKB Health and Human Services Staff thank you for your cooperation.



UKB Grants Director Georgia Dick, right, and Grants Assistant Debb Pritchett

NOTICE

UKB Tribal members should make it a point to change registration for Indian Tribe at the IHS hospitals and clinics to the full title of United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees to be registered properly.



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officers arrive and arrest them.

With the shooting and arrest of Keetoowah Cherokee Ronnie Fay Ross in 1986, this incident has had historical implications for all jurisdictional issues for local and state intervention on Indian Land. It has established the cross-deputization between local, state and Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and established a closer working relationship with the United Keetoowah Band Lighthorse and with outside law enforcements.

George Wickliffe

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Life long Keetoowah Cherokee member Ronnie Fay Ross has recently passed from this life. Because of the 1986 incident of the shooting and arrest of Mr. Ross in the Greasy Community in Adair County, tribal law enforcement has been established on Indian Land. This incident was the incentive for cross-deputization agreements between local, state and federal law enforcements and tribal law enforcements to aid each other on and off Indian Land.)

UKB Youth & Elder Social Sat., Feb. 14, 1 p.m.

**UKB Wellness
Center**

For Students in Grades 9-12

*Lunch provided
Door Prize Drawings
Youth Motivational Speakers
Elder Inspirational Speakers*

RSVP 822-3809 or 457-7067





UKB CHIEF George Wickliffe stands proudly with his daughter Portia Wickliffe-Kelley and his two granddaughters, Jennifer Kelley and Shannon Kelley. Chief Wickliffe was sworn in for his second term as United Keetoowah Band Chief, Saturday, January 3 on the campus of Northeastern State University.



UKB ASSISTANT Chief Charles Locust, center, with daughter, Rozlyn left, and wife, Brenda, right, was sworn in for his second term as Assistant Chief, Saturday, January 3.



GEORGE TIGER, executive producer and host of Inside Native America, seated, served as Master of Ceremony for the 2009 United Keetoowah Band Inaugural ceremony held in the Herb Rozell Ballroom on the campus of Northeastern State University. Pictured with Tiger is UKB Gaming Commissioner Joe Bunch.



CHIEF WICKLIFFE visits with Dianne Barker-Harrold, UKB Legal Counsel, left; and Liz Littlegrave, UKB Tribal Secretary, right, prior to the 2009 Inaugural celebration ceremony.

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KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE Color Guard open the 2009 UKB Inauguration ceremony with the Posting of Colors. UKB Lighthorse officers are front to back, Mark Doublehead, Officer; Raymond Wickson, Corporal; Chris Thompson, Captain; and Travis Foreman, Officer.



LADY MEMBERS of the Cherokee Baptist Choir perform "One Drop of Blood" in their Cherokee language during the 2009 UKB Inauguration ceremony.



MEMBERS OF the newly elected and re-elected UKB Tribal Council take the oath of office from Honorable Judge John Garrett, Chief Justice Keetoowah Cherokee Supreme Court.



MISS KEETOOWAH Cherokee 2008-2009 Samantha Keen, left; and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2008-2009 Kristi Feather Daugherty, right, visit with members of the Cherokee Baptist Choir at the 2009 UKB Inauguration. Pictured in the center is D. J. McCarter, Cherokee Baptist Choir Director.



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band royalty participated in the 2009 UKB Inauguration ceremonies on January 3 at Northeastern State University. Standing left to right are, former Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2007-2008 Pawnee Crabtree; Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2008-2009 Samantha Keen; former Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2007-2008 Rozlyn Locust; and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2008-2009 Kristi Feather Daugherty.



THE BALLOU Sisters, Keetoowah Children's Choir, and the Cherokee Baptist Choir under the direction of Janice Ballou and D. J. McCarter perform in the Keetoowah Cherokee language "Orphan Child" during the 2009 UKB Inauguration ceremony.



WALTER BUFFALOMEAT, Indian Studies Major, Senior, University of Oklahoma and Gates Millennium Scholar, and Pawnee Crabtree, former Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2007-2008, share duties introducing Master of Ceremony Mr. George Tiger.



APPROXIMATELY THREE hundred Tahlequah City officials, tribal dignitaries, and UKB tribal members attended the United Keetoowah Band Inauguration held on the Northeastern State University campus.



JUDICIAL MEMBERS of the United Keetoowah Band Cherokee Supreme Court are, seated left to right, Brian Berry, Appellate Judge; Lynn Burris, Appellate Judge; John Garrett, Chief Justice; Richard Lerbance, Appellate Judge (Oklahoma State Senator); and Dewayne Littlejohn, District Judge.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
LUNCH SERVED MON-THU 11:30-1:00				1 closed	2 closed
4	5 Taco Soup Crackers Chips and Salsa Salad Dessert	6 Herb Baked Chicken Wild Rice Grilled Vegetables Hot Rolls	7 Brown Beans Jalapeño Cornbread Mixed Greens Salad Dessert	8 Liver and Onions Lima Beans Mashed Potatoes Hot Roll Salad Dessert	9 Breakfast Served at 10:30 a.m.
11	12 Tuna Casserole Broccoli/Cheddar Garlic Toast Salad Dessert	13 Chimichanga Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad Dessert	14 Chicken Tenders French Fries Tomato/Zucchini Texas Toast Salad Dessert	15 Catfish Brown Beans Hushpuppies Cole Slaw Dessert	16 Breakfast Served at 10:30 a.m.
18	19 Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20 White Beans with Ham Corn Muffins Salad Dessert	21 Pepperoni Pizza Pasta Marinara Caesar Salad Dessert	22 Childdogs Tater Tots Salad Dessert	23 Breakfast Served at 10:30 a.m.
25 MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE	26 Beef Stew Cornbread Salad Dessert	27 Enchiladas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad Dessert	28 Clam Chowder Oyster Crackers Hushpuppies Salad Dessert	29 Cultural Foods Day January Birthdays	30 Closed For Cleaning

UKB February 09 Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

- Feb. 7 UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
Tahlequah Community Services Building
- Feb. 12 Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- Feb. 12 Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Vian UKB Satellite Office
- Feb. 12 Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.
Keener Baptist Church
- Feb. 17 Cooweescoowee District Meeting, 6 p.m.
1st Christian Church, Pryor
- Feb. 19 Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.
UKB Jim Proctor Elder Center
- Feb. 21 Flint and Goingsnake Combined District Meetings
1 to 5 p.m. Stilwell Satellite Office
- Feb. 24 Canadian District, 1 p.m.
Bacone College Campus, Muskogee

**no other meeting dates available at press time*

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UKB Regular November Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At UKB Community Services Building November 01, 2008 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Sammy Still

III. Roll Call: 7 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared.

- S. Wofford, C. Wofford, Sacks, Smoke and Hansen absent at Roll Call

- Hansen informed he would not be in attendance due to being out of state

IV. Chief's Address

- UKB closed on the purchase of the 40 acres adjacent to the South of the 76 acres where the celebration grounds are located. Plans will be made for building structures for education and vocational training and other plans for use of the property. Utilities are already available on said property. There will be an application for placing the newly purchased 40 acres into trust as soon as there is a conclusion on the application to place the 76 acres in trust that is currently pending a decision in Washington.

(C. Wofford & S. Wofford arrived at 10:05 AM)

- The Arkansas Riverbed Project could have been dropped if CNO did have exclusive jurisdiction. The opinion of the solicitor from the Albuquerque office did not allow the Riverbed Project to be closed to the UKB.

- Carl Artman, previous Assistant Secretary of the Interior, stated the UKB was entitled to having Land in Trust. This is why we can be involved in the Arkansas Riverbed issue.

- Many negotiations continue and the Presidential Election will be an influence on many decisions.

(Sacks and Smoke arrived a 10:08 AM)

- The 648 Contract we have received was because we presented many documents to prove the identity of the UKB. These documents contained the land description of the 7 million acres we came into when we left Arkansas and crossed into Indian Territory which is now known as Oklahoma.

Secretary of Health, Robert G. McSwain, admitted we were the authentic Indian Tribe and had been shunned for 58 years.

There will be more contracts for the UKB in the future.

It is believed the UKB will be informed of good things for the Band in just a few days.

Settlement of the Arkansas Riverbed is in the final stages. The decision on successor and interest in the Arkansas Riverbed Issue and the 76 acres being placed in Trust should be decided in a few days. A decision in favor of the UKB in the Riverbed Issue will include a monetary settlement and entitlement to lawyer fees. CNO

is expected to file law suits in any decisions made in favor of the UKB relating to the Riverbed Issue and Land in Trust.

Mr. Carl Artman directed Jeanette Hanna, Director of the Muskogee Office of the B.I.A. to place UKB land in Trust but she denied the directive.

There is a great future for the UKB people.

Plans are underway for building our UKB Museum and the Fire Station. These structures will be located on the 76 acres.

The UKB people are causing a move forward in the Band. The Council is making the move possible in working to complete all that is required to continue making forward progress.

The future of the UKB is bright.

We are participants in the National Indian Gaming Association. The membership in this association is due and a resolution relating to such is required. \$3,500.00 is the annual membership fee for participating in these National Board. At some time during today's Council meeting we must entertain a motion in reference to this membership in the National Indian Gaming Association.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve membership in the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) with Assistant Chief, Charles Locust, named as delegate and Gaming Commissioner, Joe Bunch, as alternate; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk; (Charles Locust explained the involvement of the Gaming business and the need to identify those who are authorized to attend such associations) VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Hansen absent)

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of October 2008

1. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the Council minutes of October 11, 2008; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Hansen absent)

VI. Presentations -

1. Littledave: Elder Assistance information whereas; she referred to a cover letter of explanation for criteria of this program, blank applications and dates for issue of assistance checks. Applications will be accepted beginning on November 4, 2008. A started packet of all the information was presented to each Council member.

2. Proctor: recognized 3 members of the Rudy Gourd family who lost their lives in an automobile accident. He gave his condolences to this family. This accident had caused the death of a father and 2 sons. Proctor and Chief Wickliffe had attended the funeral of these 3 and UKB Representative Albert Shade had served as Pall Bearer. He stated how FEMA trailers had been received.

• Shade: requested prayers for the daughter of Rudy Gourd. He encouraged visiting this daughter

and the Gourd family members. He stated the family would appreciate a visit.

• Proctor: stated he had talked with Bryan Shade and it was said Human Services would see to the needs of the Gourd Family.

• Littledave: had also spoken with Human Services about requests from the Gourd family and learned all requests had already received attention.

3. General:

• Kansas Sub-Office is open and plans are to keep the site open. If possible a second site could be made available.

• Albert Shade: inquired of issuance of Photo I.D. cards to children under the age of 21 years.

• DISCUSSION:

• Possibly make cards a different color than 21 year old cards

• Make cards vertical instead of horizontal

• Employees should have employee I.D. cards

• Cards to employees are already a reality

• What cost would be involved

• Person requesting such card would be responsible for cost of card. Cost could be \$10.00 or more since such issuance is not a requirement of the tribe there would be cost involved.

• What if applicant is non-UKB member

• As soon as a child is born that child should be issued an I.D. card. Could be useful in clearing in I.H.S. registration of Keetoowah-Cherokees.

• Proctor: put I.D. question on December agenda. The Secretary could investigate the options and report her findings at the December meeting.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledave

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve/ accept 23 new members into tribal membership (this does include one C.D.I.B. card for a child 0-3 years of age); SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Hansen absent)

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 6 UKB members; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Hansen)

VIII. Public Forum

1. Mary Stiglets: (Election Board member)

Announced Election Board is ready for the November 3, 2008 Election. She encouraged everyone to come out and vote.

2. Chief Wickliffe:

Announced on Election Monday, Enrollment personnel would be available to take picture I.D. cards for those people that would come to vote and needed a tribal picture I.D. card in order to vote. Staff will be available in Enrollment from 7:00 AM-6:30 PM

Ms. Stiglets announced

training for all Election workers was scheduled for tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon.

DISCUSSION:

Littledave: only those eligible to vote, who are on the voting list would be eligible to receive a tribal photo I.D. for the purpose of voting in the November 3, 2008 Election. There is no "new member" being allowed to vote. Voting records are not being updated.

Chief Wickliffe: the voting list is not being changed, only accommodating those voters who need a picture I.D.

IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

X. New Business

1. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove to decide on proposed use of balance of 2007 Christmas Gift Cards.

Albert Shade: the gift cards not picked up by the children in their district be returned to that representative to be issued for purchase of groceries to people in that district.

Woodrow Proctor: suggested his district's unused Christmas Gift Cards be presented to ICW/Domestic Violence program.

Charles Locust: both Shade and Proctor had good ideas for use of these gift cards. He supported Domestic Violence might be the better choice to receive these cards. Domestic Violence staff works nights and weekends and they do not have access to our pay system so they are forced to delay needed assistance.

Albert Shade: stated Domestic Violence would be a good program to receive the unused cards.

MOTION by Albert Shade to allocate the balance of unused 2007 Christmas Gift Cards to Family Services for issuance. (Friendly addendum: issue to be documented for accountability purposes.); SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Hansen)

NOTE: There will be Christmas Gift Cards issued for 2008

XI. Announcements

1. Veteran Luncheon, Friday, November 7, 2008, 11:30 PM –Jim Proctor Elder Care Center. All are encouraged to come and support our Veterans.

2. Littledave: Council pick up stipend checks today after this meeting reflecting stipend increase.

3. Proctor: Expressed his thanks to each Council member for the work done in the last four years. He wished all the best in the upcoming election.

XII. Benediction: Don Ade

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Eddie Sacks; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; Approved by affirmation. Time - 11:00 PM

Message from Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Kristy Daugherty

O-si-yo Everyone!

My name is Kristy Feather Daugherty and I am the current 2008-2009 Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee. I would like to encourage our youth of today and future generations to give a helping hand to our parents as well as our elders. This will show how much we care, love, and respect them for everything they do for us.

Here are just a few examples of thing I do for my grandmother and grandfather. I will sweep the six decks they have as well as vacuuming their whole house, and dusting. These small gestures that we make, whether it is for our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or elderly friends, show just how much we really do appreciate them and do love and care for them.

So, please, I urge you to do something that expresses just how much care, love, and respect you have for your elders in your home as well as your community in this new year. I would also like to wish you a Happy New Year! I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN "09"

Wa-do,

KRISTY F. DAUGHERTY



Allison Foster is a Cheerleader and Athlete

Allison Foster is a ten year old from Jay, Okla. Allison was a cheerleader this year for the fourth grade football team. She was also ask to help cheer for the sixth grade team too. Allison also plays softball, basketball and runs track. She enjoys going to the Nursing Home and singing for the residents. She attends Brush Creek Baptist Church in Jay. Her parents are Javier and Carolee Tanner Crispin and her bother is Taylor. Her grandparents are John and Ruby Tanner and adopted grandparents are Elvis Orr and Pat Coble. She, like her brother has had a lot of support from her friends and Family and wants to thank them but she knows all the THANKS goes to God for giving her these talents.



Taylor Foster Excels in Sports

Taylor Foster, a sixth grader at Jay Upper Elementary has excelled this fall in sports. Hew was a member of the Jay Cross Country team and played tenth grade football all on the same day. Every Saturday morning he ran at least a mile in area Cross Country meets and in the evenings he would play football. He won a medal in all the Cross Country meets this year. And in football his team had a disappointing season and didn't win a single game. But Taylor's talent attracted area coaches and he was asked by two other teams to be on an All Star Team. He had to chose between Broken Arrow and Tulsa Union. He picked Tulsa Union. His team won first place in the Muskogee Classic and they also played in the Sooner Classic in Tulsa. Taylor is now a starting post guy on his sixth grade basketball team. He will run track and play Baseball in the spring.

Taylor's parents are Javier and Carolee Tanner Crispin and he has one sister, Allison. His grandparents are John and Ruby Tanner and adopted grandparents are Elvis Orr and Pat Coble. He attends church at Brush Creek Baptist Church in Jay. He would like to THANK his family and friends for their support and and for traveling with him. Most of all he THANKS God for giving him his talents and strengths



Kaybree Alajah Smith



Kaybree Alajah Smith, was born at 3:29 p.m. Sunday, January 4, 2009 at the Mayes County Medical Center in Pryor, OK. Weighing in at 7 pounds 9 ounces and measuring 19 3/4 lomg. Kabree was two weeks early. She has the honor of being Mayes County Medical Center first baby for the New Year. Her parents are Heather Michelle Stapleton Smith and Jeremy Smith. She will be joining her big sister Raini Amyah Smith.

Landon Allyn Killer

Landon Allyn Killer celebrated his second birthday on October 18, and his birthday was celebrated with a Disney Car theme. His parents are Tyson and Shana Killer who reside in Marble City. His maternal grandparents are Bill and Sandra Thirsty of Marble City and his paternal grandparents are Mose and Lila Killer of Briggs. His great grandparents are Virgil and Gelina Holmes of Bunch, Lillian Thirsty and the late William Thirsty of Stilwell, Clara Killer and John Killer of Stilwell and the late Vernon and Eldee Hays of Oaks.

Landon is the nephew of Ozzie and Lati-sha Hines of Marble City, Trent Thirsty and Shania Thirsty and Kaylea Barks of Marble City and Jared Killer of Briggs.



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Stephanie Collins

Stephanie Collins from Tahlequah, Oklahoma recently received a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. She is the daughter of James and Cindy Collins. She plans to continue to work as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Room Setting.

Jerry Pritchett

Jerry Pritchett from Jay, Oklahoma graduated from Jay High School. He also obtained a Master Welders Certificate. He is the son of Larry and Oleta Pritchett. His future plans are to get started on his welding career and work his way to Alaska and work a few years and buy a home.



Anna Guinn

Anna Guinn from Stilwell graduated from Indian Capital Technology Center's Business and Computer Technology Center. Her parents are Rosa and Larry Littledeer. Her grandparents are Polly Vann and the late Isaac Vann. She plans to obtain a job in the medical field.

Kristie Dawn Bradley

Kristie Dawn Bradley graduated December 20, 2008 from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice.

