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Keetoowah Cherokees Provide Ice-Storm Relief for Members and Neighbors in Oklahoma

Tribal officials and volunteers from the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians rallied quickly to support tribe members and others effected by the ice storms that recently paralyzed much of central and eastern Oklahoma in January.

To assist them in their efforts, they received financial assistance from their eastern brethren in North Carolina, the Eastern Band of Cherokees.

Clearing roads and driveways, cooking meals, delivering food, and providing generators and fuel to tribe members trapped by the storm, the Keetoowah activated a team that provided for the basic food and shelter needs and clean up to

people in 14 counties in northeastern Oklahoma. Despite limited resources, tribe members also assisted rural electric companies with heavy equipment and manpower to help return power to people throughout

Eastern Cherokee Tribe donates to disaster relief.

the region.

The Eastern Cherokees provided funds that helped purchase food, water, other necessities and even some generators. The Eastern Cherokee and the United Keetoowah Band of Chero-

kees comprise two of the three federally recognized tribes of Cherokee Indians.

“It is difficult to find adequate words of thanks to express our gratitude for the generosity of our brothers and sisters from the Eastern Band”; said United Keetoowah Chief George Wickliffe. “This is truly the embodiment of the Cherokee sense of community and compassion. Our tribe doesn’t have unlimited resources, and with the recent loss of HUD funding we’re having to work very hard to take care of our members in need. The generosity of our brothers in North Carolina couldn’t have been more appreciated or timely.”



Keetoowah volunteers unload a dozer to clear the roads.



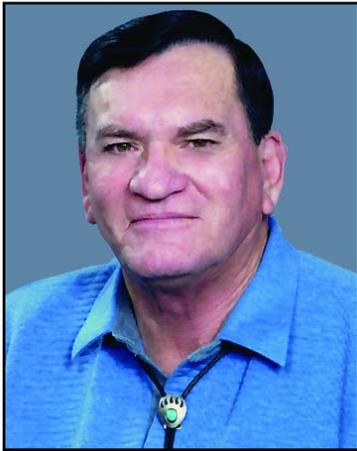
Tribal officials look on as the first load of water, generators and chain saws are about to be taken to communities.

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A Letter to the UKB People

From Chief George Wickliffe

Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) was organized new in 1976 A.D. It has NO HISTORY prior to 1976 A.D.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma was organized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act in 1950 and is federally recognized, and has a GOVERNMENT to GOVERNMENT relationship with the United States.

The New Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (1976 A.D., CNO) is not the Cherokee Nation of 1839 A.D. When CNO makes the claim it is the 1839 A.D. Cherokee Nation, it is a lie

because it has no history before 1976 A.D.

The New (1976 A.D., CNO) tells people the UKBCIO and Cherokee Nation should work together and then follows up with lies about the UKB. Most of the lies CNO tells are not worth writing about because this corporate organized CNO has not been around long enough for anyone to take anything serious it says. The UKB knows the TRUTH, and that is why it is easy to respond to CNO LIES. The main problem that CNO has is their top leader Chad Smith, it is not the CNO members.

The UKB is a home-based Keetoowah Cherokee Band. We rub 'ELBOWS' with our members everywhere in the nine districts of the 1839 A.D., Cherokee Nation. We deliver SERVICES to our people using funds generated from our One Casino. We believe in serving our members. CNO

wants to close our casino down, and keeps writing it is not legal which is a LIE, because there is a DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT ruling that keeps our casino open. Also, CNO tells the UKB car tags are not legal. They are, because the UKB tag office is located at the same property.

The NEW (1976 A.D., CNO) tells people that the UKB has NO LAND CLAIM, and has no treaties with the United States which are LIES. The UKB's ORIGIN is 'The Old Settlers' who left the Old Cherokee Nation in 1817 A.D. under a treaty with the U.S., and came to a reservation in Arkansas, thus making Arkansas our FORMER RESERVATION. In 1828 A.D., 'The Old Settlers' moved on west to what today is Oklahoma, again under a treaty with the U.S. In 1833 A.D., 'The Old Settlers' agreed to establish boundary lines with the

Creeks near Ft. Gibson, also members in the UKB own over 2,000 acres of RESTRICTED Indian land throughout the 9 Districts of the Cherokee Nation of 1939 A.D.

The UKB (The Old Settlers) were in the present state of Oklahoma 10 years before the forced removal (the Old Cherokee Nation) came here as immigrants in 1838-39. The UKB is made of members from all Keetoowah Societies, and most other TRADITIONAL Cherokee people groups. We have 12,000 members and are growing daily.

The UKB will NEVER HONOR ANDREW JACKSON by placing a wreath on his grave like CHAD SMITH did last year. Would a SOUIX Indian do that for General Custer? NEVER.

CNO's top leader Chad Smith is so 'out of it' when it comes to THINKING like a CHEROKEE, he is will-

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Dear Tribal Members,

Topic: CNO (1976 A.D.) Lies (Chad Smith has decided to have a FREE FOR ALL with the UKB)

The New 1976 A.D., Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (STYLED CNO) is telling lies about the UKB in many newspapers throughout Oklahoma. The

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UKB Regular Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 02, 2006

Keetoowah Community Building

10:00 a.m. – 2:28 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Liz Littledave

III. Roll Call: 7 present + Chief, answered call; Quorum declared

IV. Chief's address to the Council

Chief: The weather is bad especially once you get out of Cherokee County and going North, into Mayes County it gets worse. You get into Craig County you can't go anywhere. Councilman Jerry Hansen, had telephoned and informed the snow and ice was not allowing him to get out of his yard but he was trying to get to the meeting. He stated Councilwoman Adalene Smith probably had the same problem.

- HUD's decision was to agree with CNO having jurisdiction and gave housing to Cherokee Nation just like CNO has control over clinics. We are going to be filing a law suit against HUD

- We're still waiting on an answer on the Riverbed issue. We were told an answer from the appellate court could be in 2 weeks or 30-90 days. Chief said he believed UKB will get something out of this issue.

- We have our trust application filed on the casino acreage, 76 acres in area Community Services Building, Child Care Building, Wellness Center. There is a land trust application in Ft. Smith which is moving along very well. Ft. Smith acreage is our former reservation area. It will probably take another year or longer. Actually our reservation area extended to the town of Moffet and across the Arkansas River so we're not reservation shopping.

- Elderly Assistance Program will be continued to those who meet the qualifications; each will be allowed \$200. School children will be receiving a \$25.00 Christmas gift card as well as receiving candy.

- When bad weather is present,

use your own judgment in safety. If you can get to work, then come to work but you must call in if you can't make it into work. He stated he didn't want to be responsible for people being involved in car wrecks because areas differ in road conditions.

- Chief: announced a protest hearing on the Saline District Election is being heard today at 11:00 AM. The run-off election for Saline District will be Monday, December 4, 2006.

V. Approval of Minutes for the month of October

- Littledave: stated how minutes had not been received by Council in time for reading and reviewing due to reasons such as illness, bad weather, problems with contact by phone to make arrangements and she requested action on the minutes be later in today's meeting in order to allow all Council to read and be better aware of contents.

MOTION by Charles Locust to place Item # V, "action on minutes" at the end of today's meeting; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention. Motion passed.

VI. Presentations

Albert Shade

- Shade: stated he had attended the promotion event on Thanksgiving Day/Night at the casino. He stated he was very proud of the casino employees in working with a packed house. The employees did a good job and he appreciated their performance of their duties. Chief and Assistant Chief: stated the casino employees would receive recognition for a job well done.

Woodrow Proctor

- Proctor: asked when the Employee Christmas Dinner was scheduled. The response was December 19, 2006 at the Tahlequah Community Building beginning at 6:00 PM then after this dinner/party everyone would be invited to the casino. Woodrow Proctor stated he planned on expressing his appreciation to the casino staff during the Christmas Party.

VII. Reports to Council

- Enrollment Report: Liz Littledave (written & verbal)

- 83 New applications for Tribal Membership plus 3 memberships associated with the '49 Roll

- 3 requests for relinquishments from UKB Tribal Membership

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept 83 New Tribal Memberships which does include 3 memberships associated with the '49 Roll; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0Abstentions. Motion passed.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to recognize and honor 3 tribal membership relinquishments from UKB membership roll; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0Abstentions. Motion passed.

- Proctor: asked if 83 new members had been the highest increase.

- Response: this was the largest increase since the current administration came into office.

- Housing Report:

(Woodrow Proctor; verbal)

- Housing Board met twice in the last two months and still having problems with the new emergency allocation money (RAP) Housing Board approved 3 policies; 1) Roof and Repair; 2) Water Resources; 3) heat. They wanted 3 policies that were passed for allocation money be used for that. The board felt there were a few problems disbursing the funds because there are problems with what to use the money for.

- The discussion was, what could be done to try to the fair with all the districts because some districts were concerned that the majority of the money not being spent in their district so we tried to come up with some available options to try to help out and address some of the concerns we had with the applicants. All this money is tribal money from Gaming. We don't have HUD money for these needs. So because of that we make decision on how this money is spent so we put this back on the Housing Board to try to come up with these decisions.

- The question is, where do we want to put the responsibility, who makes that decision, do we leave it with Housing and let the board make that decision, do we appoint an ADHOC committee to review

applications or do we say, okay, split the money from this point and go on?

- Dotson: he stated he believed someone ought to go out and see these places and send somebody that is neutral that it don't make any difference to. Let them go out and look and see who needs the help the worst.

- Proctor: asked Chief if it would be fair to ask for a motion to have a Special meeting.

MOTION by Barry Dotson a Special, Executive Council meeting be held on 12/05/2006, 6:00 PM at the Community Services building for review of Housing applications and assist Housing Board in determination of emergency priority; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0Abstentions. Motion passed.

- DISCUSSION:

VIII. Public Forum: NONE

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 (Liz Littledave).

- Proctor: said out of respect for two Council members not present, he felt those two needed to have input in this item. He stated he would like to table this item.

- Chief: stated Item #IX1 would be tabled until the next meeting.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to table IX of Unfinished Business #1 until next regular scheduled Council meeting in December; SECONDED by Albert Shade; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

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UKB February Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

February 3	UKB Regular Council Meeting 10 a.m. UKB Community Services Building , Tahlequah
February 8	Sequoyah District Meeting , 5:30 p.m. Old Gaming Office, Sallisaw
February 8	Illinois District Meeting , 6:30 p.m. Vian Nutrition Center
February 9	Tahlequah District Meeting , 6 p.m. Keener Church , Lost City
February 10	Saline District Meeting and Chili Supper 1-6 p.m. Kenwood Community Building
February 10	Canadian District Meeting , 12:30 p.m. Ataloo Lodge, Bacone College Campus, Muskogee
February 21	Cooweescoowee District Meeting 6 p.m. First Christian Church, Pryor
February 24	Flint and Goingsnake District Meetings and Potluck Dinner, 2-5 p.m. Stilwell Sub-Office
March 3	UKB Regular Council Meeting , 10 a.m. Piney/Oak Hill Community Center For more info. call 918-456-5126
* No other meeting information available at press time.	

Health Tips for a Healthy New Year

By Ida Sue Gray

BE YOUR BEST IN 2007

As a new year begins, it's time to make wellness your top priority. Start by setting realistic health goals for the months ahead. Include good nutrition, regular exercise, and checkups on schedule in your wellness plan. Add plenty of opportunities to relax and reflect. Although

you can't expect improvements overnight, a can-do attitude will guide you towards success. January

TAKE HEALTH TO HEART

Invest in your health by helping your heart stay strong. Keep up the beat with aerobic exercise, such as brisk walking, swimming, or bicycling for 30 minutes or more on most days of the

week. A diet low in cholesterol, saturated fat, and sodium is another heart-helper. Losing excess weight is also vital. And if you smoke, quit the habit. You'll add years to your life. February

EAT RIGHT WITH EASE

Choosing a variety of foods helps you get all the nutrients and fiber you need. Watch serving size and make fruits, vegetables, and grains (especially whole grains) the basis of your everyday diet. The American Heart Association recommends no more than 5-7 oz. of meat, fish or poultry daily. For flavorful meat substitutes, expand your menu options with beans and tofu. March

STEP LIVELY FOR HEALTH

Regular physical activity is a must for good health. Exercise helps reduce your risk for

heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, and several types of cancer. It also helps to lower blood pressure, and reduce stress and depression. Fit in at least 30 minutes of physical activity on most days. Even moderate activities – such as walking or gardening – can enhance your health. April

MAKE NO BONES ABOUT HEALTH

You can do a lot to reduce your risk of becoming one of the 10 million Americans who have osteoporosis, the bone disease that leads to fractures. Protect your bones by getting enough calcium and vitamin D and exercising regularly, avoiding excess caffeine, quitting smoking. Weight training is especially valuable, as are weight-bearing exercises (those done standing up) such as walking and stair climbing. May

WARM UP TO SUN SAFETY

Take advantage of the warm summer sun without it taking advantage of you. Stay in the shade when you can, espe-

cially from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher on exposed skin, even on cloudy days. Wear a wide-brimmed hat, long-sleeves, and sunglasses with UV protection. Sun exposure harms your health and your looks, so think sun safety. June

SCHEDULE IN HEALTH

Early detection offers a greater chance of successfully treating many diseases as well as wider treatment options, so have checkups on time. Schedule routine physicals, and gynecological and breast screenings, as well as dental exams. Ask your doctor about additional screenings, including bone density, thyroid and colorectal tests. Encourage your loved ones to do the same. July

ENJOY THE SUPREME THIRST-QUENCHER

Water is the best beverage around. It has no calories, yet it fills you up, tastes great, and does your body good. Water improves your skin, circulation, and digestion,

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Flint and Goingsnake Districts Host Community Meeting and Dinner in Stilwell

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor and Goingsnake District Representative Joyce Fourkiller will host a Community Meeting and Dinner for Keetoowah Tribal Members on Saturday, February 24 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the UKB Stilwell Sub Office. Ladies are asked to bring a covered dish. For more information, contact Woodrow Proctor at (918) 822-3811 or Joyce Fourkiller (918) 822-3809.

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.



UKB Title VI Menu February 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call 456-8698	Lunches served 11:30-1:00			1 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish rice Refried beans Salad Dessert	2 Breakfast Served At 10:30	3
4	5 Fried Chicken Mashed taters Corn Biscuits Salad dessert	6 Polish Sausage with Cabbage Tomato Zucchini Breadsticks Salad dessert	7 Lemon-dill Salmon Wild rice Yellow squash Salad Dessert	8 Texas Chili Jalapeño Cornbread Salad Dessert	9 Breakfast Served At 10:30	10
11	12 Chicken Kiev Wild rice Asparagus Breadsticks Salad dessert	13 Hungarian goulash Seasoned cabbage Breadsticks Salad Dessert	14 Rib Eye Steak Baked potato Baby carrots Hot roll Salad dessert	15 Pub battered fish Chips Hushpuppies Cole slaw Dessert	16 Breakfast Served At 10:30	17
18	19 Closed For President Day	20 Beef Stroganoff Broccoli-in-cheddar Hot roll Salad Dessert	21 Spaghetti and Matsauce Green beans Rococcia bread Salad dessert	22 Cultural Foods day	23 Closed For Cleaning	24
25	26 Brown Beans Turnip greens Cornbread Salad Dessert	27 Rosemary Roast Pork w/applesauce Red potatoes Grilled veggies Salad dessert	28 Marinated Chicken Veggie Kabobs White rice Salad Dessert	Menus Subject To Change		Coffe, milk, tea offered with each meal

UKB Hosts Environmental Meeting

The United Keetoowah Band hosted a meeting between the Environmental Protection Agency and several Oklahoma tribes on Friday, December 15th, 2006. This meeting was to discuss Treatment as an Affected State under the Clean Air Act. In attendance from EPA were Dr. Jonathon Hook, Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs, Mr. Len Pardee from the Air Branch, and Mr. Ben Harrison from General Council. Oklahoma tribes represented included the United Keetoowah Band, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Muskogee Creek Nation, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Nation, and the Miami Tribe.



Keetoowah Youth Carry on Traditions and Culture

One of the hallmarks of the Keetoowah Cherokees is the importance of tradition and culture. While we respect our Elders, and they are given the most respect we give, our youth are carrying the Keetoowah Cherokee culture into the future.

We are working with several youth who have learned and are mastering skills such as speaking the Keetoowah Cherokee language, basket-making, crepe-paper flowers, stomp dancing and traditional foods. The Language, History and Culture Department would like to photograph, videotape, and document these future "Tradition Keepers" while they are young. In addition, opportunities may arise to use these children as teachers to other youth and adults, including elders in nursing homes.

If you have any children in your family, or know of any children in your community who are 'tradition keepers,' please let us know! Wouldn't it be great if these children are someday honored as elders, and they can show photos and videos of them working as children?

Contact Sammy Still, Director of Language, History and Culture at 918-456-9200.

Bobbie Barr makes President's Honor Roll at Bacone

Congratulations go to UKB tribal member Bobbie Barr, who has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Bacone College for the Fall 2006 semester. Barr has a 4.0 grade point average.

In a letter to Ms. Barr, Rev. Dr. Robert J. Duncan, Jr. Bacone College President said, "Your strong work ethic and focus on pursuing your academic goals is noteworthy. You will find that your efforts to achieve and maintain academic excellence will not go unrewarded. Certainly greater opportunities are available to those who have demonstrated their willingness to reach for a high standard of success.

This is especially impressive as Barr, in addition to going to college also works a full time job, along with a part time job and is a single mother.

Barr is majoring in Accounting. She resides in Tahlequah with her three children Whitney Barr, Morgan Drywater, and Dakota Sanchez.

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

Child Development Center

W. Keetoowah Circle, Tahlequah, OK

Starting Date: Monday, February 5, 2007

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

Instructor: DJ McCarter

Fort Gibson Middle School

Starting Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2007

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

Instructor: Dorothy Powell

Collinsville

The Cochran's Residence at

11618 N. 95 E. Ave., Collinsville, OK

Starting Date: Tuesday, February 6, 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

Vian Nutrition Center

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

Health Tips for a Healthy New Year

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and fuels your muscles so fatigue doesn't zap your energy. Drink at least 6-8 cups a day, and even more when you're out in hot weather or exercising. To play it smart, carry a bottle of water with you everywhere. August

STAY CONNECTED!

One of the keys to good mental health is keeping up your ties with others. Spending time with optimistic people helps improve your outlook and fight depression. Stay in touch with friends and family. Add to your connections by joining clubs, volunteering, and taking classes with others who share your interests. Friends you can count on will enrich and brighten your life. September

SUPPORT WOMEN EVERYWHERE

All women share a common goal; to find a cure for breast cancer. While we may not all be on the frontlines of research, we can do our part by staying informed and following the recommended breast screening guidelines. We can also support friends and family members who have breast cancer by offering our compassion and any assistance we can provide. October

KEEP HEALTHY, KEEP STRONG

Do your best to keep the cold and flu season from getting the best of you. Strengthen your immune system with lots of sleep, exercise, and good nutrition. Avoid letting stress wear you down. Wash your

hands often to keep from spreading germs, and drink lots of fluids. Ask your healthcare professional about a flu shot to help you weather the flu season ahead. November

CELEBRATE IN GOOD HEALTH

Plan ahead this holiday season so you have plenty of time to get everything done. Avoid over-booking your social calendar. Watch your alcohol intake and be responsible about drinking and driving. Savor this month's meaningful moments with family and friends. Review how well you've met your goals for 2007, and get set for a fresh new year.

Tribe Responds to Ice Storm Disaster



“When we went out to help people, we didn’t ask for tribal membership cards, we helped everybody. It is the Keetoowah Cherokee Way. We always consider our people first, but we would never do anything to hurt another Native American”, Chief George Wickliffe.

The Keetoowah Cherokees sent rescue teams into the hills and woods of the counties hardest hit by the Ice Storm and Blizzard. The tribe set up rescue centers where hot food was prepared so that community members, work crews and electric company crews could grab a hot meal and continue their work. Tribal councilors, tribal and gaming maintenance employees, and Keetoowah Construction Incorporated workers went out with bulldozers and chain saws.

“When the district representatives and the administration came together, we identified a lot of people that we needed to check on. Some of the district reps were out there with chain saws cutting down trees, while other reps were on the phone checking on people. Some needed food, water, wood or propane. We had to get generators to the elders and disabled members who needed electric to run dialysis or oxygen machines. We did everything we could

do with the resources available,“ said Assistant Chief Charles Locust.

On February 3, according to reports by the Tulsa World, FEMA will reimburse 75% of money spent by agencies due to the icy blizzard. Tribal Secretary Liz Littledave said, “We didn’t help people expecting to get reimbursed, we did it because there was a need.”

“There are no district boundaries when there is a Keetoowah Cherokee who needs help,” said Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor. “The elders brought us up to help each other.” Proctor asked M & W Builders to provide their dozer to help clear driveways and roads.

Of all the resources the Keetoowah Cherokee casino has generated, the storm relief was one of the most important. We saved lives – kept electric on for dialysis and oxygen machines, etc.” — UKB District Representatives Barry Dotson and Woodrow Proctor.



Other employees, headed up by UKB social workers went out to communities to identify needs and check on those most vulnerable to the weather. In some cases, those people were delivered generators, food and water.



Tribal employees are still going out to help with clearing trees and limbs from yards. The tribe is helping to restore power to members. It will take a while to accomplish these goals. “We are setting up disaster plans for the future, and continue trying to get to the people who still haven’t been served,” said Assistant Chief Charles Locust.



Chief George Wickliffe said it has been a long time since we have had a blizzard of this magnitude. The last one he remembered was in 1959. He said the tribe is working to put together an emergency response group to prepare for future emergencies.



It took two days to get over that mountain in Delaware County with two dozers operating, one provided by the UKB.



This work crew included Tribal Councilor Woodrow Proctor, UKB employees and Keetoowah Construction Incorporated employees. From left to right: Kneelin’ Jacking Unger, Edmond Killer, Frankie Still, Proctor, Adam Chuculate, Richard Maudlin, Joe Proctor.

Keetoowah Construction Incorporated Moves New Ground

The brand new Keetoowah Construction Incorporated is literally moving new ground, and as of January 2007, also moves trees, ice and the like, as the tribal construction company worked hard to clear the roads in surrounding communities to make way for utility company trucks, propane delivery trucks, emergency vehicles, and people seeking warmth.

The construction company was formed last fall, and was a project that grew out of the Keetoowah Economic Development Authority. The EDA Board was established after Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant

Chief Charles Locust came into office in 2005. Assistant Chief Locust was committed to establishing new businesses and federal programs, so the Keetoowah Cherokees could provide an increase in services, which in turn would develop a brighter future for the members of the Keetoowah Band. The top priorities for Locust's campaign platform were "to increase new business enterprises by researching and developing in and out of state corporations by utilizing UKB Gaming profits with more scrutiny and to invest in new businesses that produce a higher and faster rate of return, so the

tribe could get the full benefit and use of gaming money." "This will allow the Band to become self sufficient and provide more benefits and jobs for tribal members," said Locust.

The EDA provided the seed money to hire two employees for the first two months, and a Rural Business Enterprise Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture provided funding for the heavy equipment. The Construction Manager is Richard "Pidge" Maudlin. "One of the most rewarding projects we just completed was installing a tin horn in Nicut. We had a mother of several children that couldn't get their car across the creek to their house when it rained, and they had to cross the creek in rubber boots. We installed a couple of tin horns, and now they can drive to their home," said Maudlin.

The construction company has almost completed a project for the Seneca Cayuga tribe in Grove for the tribe's Public Works Authority Plant. KCI did the concrete paving, pad, sidewalks, curb and guttering. They are currently building a helicopter pad for the Seneca Cayuga for the tribe's emergency helicopter.

KCI assisted Nations Point Contractors in Stilwell at Klein's Retail Center, a new strip mall located next to Wal-Mart. They installed sidewalks, dumpster pads and finished concrete walls.

KCI hopes to purchase a track hoe soon, which is used for digging ditches up to 14 ft. deep, and is also used to excavate gravel and

soil from the tribe's clay gravel pits. Other equipment on the wish list is a curb and gutter machine, a road grader, a pneumatic sheep foot roller, and a water truck. "The business is growing and we will hire more Keetoowah Cherokee tribal members as we get more projects and equipment. Right now we are looking for Keetoowah sub-contractors," said Maudlin.

KCI recently assisted with the Ice Storm Relief efforts in Kenwood, and took their dump truck and backhoe out and used the bucket so that workers could cut broken

limbs from the trees, so that they could be loaded and moved from the roads. "Lots of people stopped to say thank you, and it really felt good to make a difference at a time when people really needed the help," said Maudlin. "I am proud to work for the Keetoowah Cherokees, who do everything possible to help their tribal members and neighbors. I have always heard what goes around comes around, and if that is true the UKB has many good things coming their way," said Maudlin.





Brittney Wofford President of Cherokee Club at Haskell

Tribal member Brittney Wofford, is the president of the Cherokee Club at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. The club is made up of Cherokee students from the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, the Eastern Band of Cherokees from North Carolina, and the Cherokee

Nation of Oklahoma. "The club doesn't focus on the differences between the three tribes, we focus on our common ground, heritage, and culture. It is a way for us to take pride in being Cherokee," said Wofford.

Brittney, 22, is the daughter of Tribal Council Cooweescoowee District Representative Cliff Wof-

ford of Pryor, and Wanoka Wofford of Philadelphia, Mississippi. She has a one year-old son, Hayden. She has two brothers, Kellen, 23 and Tiger, 5.

Tribal Councilor Wofford gave a presentation at the Cherokee Club's January meeting when he spoke about the history of the United Keetoowah Band.

Brittney is a sophomore at Haskell and will graduate in the spring with an Associate's Liberal Arts Degree in Theatre. "I got interested in theatre when I got involved with the local theatre in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Brittney plans to continue her education at a four year college this fall, but is undecided about where she will

attend. She said she would eventually like to teach theatre.

**UKB Spring Break
Mini Culture Camp
March 19 & 20
9 am – 4 pm
Old Gaming Office
in Sallisaw
Info: (918) 456-9200**



Julia Bryant, Tomassina Hernandez, Devin Call, Julie Dumler, Tara Hammer, Brittney Wofford, Robert Rodgers, Angela Hummingbird (UKB Member), Cliff Wofford.



Brittney Wofford also serves as a cheerleader for the Haskell Indians.

Keetoowah Foster Families Needed

The United Keetoowah Band Indian Child Welfare (UKBICW) department is always seeking Keetoowah foster families to provide care giving and a temporary home for Keetoowah children who have been removed from their home.

A child's time in a foster home could be as brief as 48 hours or as long as a year until they are returned to their families or parental rights have been terminated. If possible, children are placed in a Keetoowah home with Keetoowah foster parents. In most cases, these individuals understand and appreciate the culture and it is a more normal environment for the child.

"Our goal is to insure that every child of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is given the opportunity to live in a safe and healthy environment and to be raised with an understanding and appreciation of their tribal culture," said Sonya Cochran, UKB Indian Child Welfare and Tribal Victim's Assistance Director.

Foster parents are paid monthly depending on the age of the child they are providing a home. Children can range from newborns to 18 year olds. The foster home may also be a group home. ICW workers prefer to keep siblings together if at all possible

Generally speaking, if you have a stable home and some solid parenting skills, you can become a foster parent. You can be single or married and it doesn't matter whether you have children of your own.

People who work outside the home, an elder, or the child's family member can also be foster parents.

There are some specific requirements you have to be able to meet. You must be at least 21 years old. Have enough room (and beds) in your home for a foster child to sleep and keep his or her belongings. Have a home that can meet basic fire, safety and sanitary standards. Be physically and emotionally capable of caring for children and have no alcohol or drug abuse problems.

Be able to pass a criminal background check and have no substantiated record of abusing or neglecting children. Make enough money to provide for your own family, so you do not need to depend on the foster care reimbursement you might receive as income.

If you meet these requirements, call ICW toll free 800-794-6514 or 918-456-9200.

Letter from the Chief

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ing to FORGIVE Andrew Jackson, a man responsible for the deaths of over 4,000 Cherokee people during "the Trail of Tears".

The TRADITIONAL Cherokee people do not celebrate anything about the "Trail of Tears." We don't even want to talk about it. Chad Smith supported having Andrew Jackson's former home made part of the memorial route where over 4,000 Cherokees died. The New Echota Treaty of 1835 signed by mostly mixed bloods still affects Cherokee people today.

In conclusion, Chad Smith's corporate organization has no place in Chero-

kee History prior to 1976 A.D. His organization is called the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) also, the 76 acres trust land decision, and the Arkansas Riverbed decisions are both under appeal by the UKB, with the support of the U.S. Dept. of Justice. Chad Smith fails to tell you that.

Regardless of the lies CNO tells, the UKB will stay FOCUSED, and continue looking for jobs and other opportunities for the members, we are proud Cherokee people. (The GEEH-DUE-WAH people). We are HUMANE people interested in all people regardless of their RACE which is the Cherokee Indi-

an Way. Chad Smith doesn't care about SERVING the people like the UKB does, and if he should close the Casino down (which will NEVER happen), he will cause the loss of around 300 jobs which doesn't matter to him because it is all about POWER with him. The UKB will never do anything that will HARM another NATIVE AMERICAN in the United States and it will NEVER do anything that is not legal. We are HONORABLE people. *God Bless All Our Keetoowah Cherokee People*

Benny Washlife



UKB Inclement Winter Weather Policy

The UKB Personnel handbook states that in cases of Inclement Winter Weather, the closing policy is, "If Tahlequah Schools are closed, United Keetoowah Band tribal offices will be closed."

Chief George Wickliffe has also said to employees of the tribe, many of which live in the Cherokee, Adair, and Delaware Counties, "We put a lot of human factor in the decisions we make. If the school in your community is closed for weather, employees living in that community are excused as well. This keeps employees from having to travel in unsafe conditions, as well as allowing parents to stay home with their children while they are out of school."

UKB Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 05, 2006
Keetoowah Community Building
6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe – 6:00PM

II. Invocation: Jerry Hansen

III. Roll Call: 9 present + Chief, quorum declared (Adair absent, Locust absent; in Washington, D.C.)

IV. New Business

- Chief: reminded tonight's agenda carried only one item; the agenda item regarding Housing.

- After discussion it was decided Housing Board members; Joann Tidwell, Billy Heath and Housing Director, Steve Wilson would be included in the Executive Session of the Council.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to go into Executive Session and to include Housing Board Secretary Joann Tidwell, Board Vice Chairman, Billy Heath and

Housing Director, Steve Wilson but none having voice in the discussion; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; (NOTE: the wording of "having voice in the discussion" was an addition by Barry Dotson. Woodrow Proctor agreed to this addendum to the motion) VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No (S. Wofford absent due to death in family; Locust absent due to in Washington, D.C. on tribal business), 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

MOTION by Adalene Smith to come out of Executive Session; SECONDED by Albert Shade; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (S. Wofford absent due to death in family; Locust absent due to in Washington, D.C. on tribal business). Motion passed.

V. Announcements - None

VI. Benediction: Adalene Smith

VII. Adjourn: MOTION to adjourn by Adalene Smith; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: Affirmation; TIME: 8:15 PM

Keetoowah Youth Goes to Reno for National Wrestling Tournament

Keetoowah Cherokee youth, Griffin Qualls, 9, has a shot at winning the "triple crown" of wrestling when he travels to Reno in April to compete in one of the three major wrestling tournaments in the Nation. The youngster has already won two of the top tournaments; the Cliff Keen Wrestling Tournament last November which drew 1,600 kids from 38 states and the Tulsa National Wrestling Championship, which drew over 1,700 competitors from 40 states. The Tulsa Tournament is known as the toughest tournament in the nation where he was selected as the top seed in his division. Qualls competed in the Division II Heavyweight Division. He has won tournaments in Catoosa, Wagoner, Claremore, Coweta, Broken Arrow, and Vinita. He also competes in Division III, which places him in competition with older youth. Griffin has an overall record of 25-6, all

six losses coming to four very good wrestlers (three of which are state qualifiers) in Division III.

To qualify for the Reno Tournament, April 6-8, competitors must have placed in one of the previous two tournaments. Should he win the Reno Tournament, he will win the prestigious Trinity Award and will be honored by being a member of the World All-Star Team.

Griffin will be going to Sallisaw this month for OKWA Northeast Regional Tournament, where he will most likely be the top seed once again. If he qualifies for the state tournament, it will be the following week in Tulsa. He won the Division I State Tournament in 2005.

Griffin attends Northwest Elementary School in Coweta and is a member of the Coweta Take-Down Wrestling Club. He is the son of Dana Qualls of Broken Arrow and Jeff and Jenny Qualls of Coweta. He has two



brothers, Nick, 15 and Gage, 3; two sisters Piper, 2 and Taryn, 1 and a step sister Madison Fike, 10. His grandparents are Clark and Iris Qualls of Haskell, Mike and Cindy Drain of Haskell, Chuck and Kathy Hevezi of Indianapolis and great grandmother Alyene Hogner of Stilwell and great grandparents Lorin and Norma Drain of Haskell..

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.

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UKB Council Meeting Minutes

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X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council to discuss to vote to approve/disapprove inaugural dinner at NSU Ballroom for newly elected district Council Representatives and perform swearing in ceremony and invite tribal members to attend (date TBA). (Shelbi Wofford)

- S. Wofford: stated this was her suggestion. This was like two years ago and it was a very good event and she would miss Susan (Adair). She said this would allow recognition of people who have been here and are now gone.
- Proctor: state he only wanted to swear in, get down to business and go.

- Dotson: state he believed it was a waste of money but we're going to have a maximum of two new members and he didn't see spending the money on this.

Motion by Eddie Sacks to strike Item #X, 1 from the agenda; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 7 Yes, 2 No (Locust, Littledave), 1 Abstentions (C. Wofford). Motion passed.

2. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove codes for Board and Committees for review and revision for January 2007 meeting (current codes need to be provided by the UKB Secretary's office for revision); (Shelbi Wofford).

- S. Wofford: state we had previously gone over this, in September, that's when we kinda gave it to the ADHOC to do it and revise it for us and they really need to be revised because some of our committee payments are higher than what I think are in there. We just need to upgrade ourselves in these things.

- Proctor: stated he agreed with Shelbi's explanation but at this time he would like to table this item because in January he'd like to propose a resolution to revisit all committees and to reappoint all committees. He believes this should be standard procedure when new Council is sworn in every two years, it should revisit all committees and all boards to be reappointed and reconfirmed by the Council.

- Locust: said, some boards are appointed to terms.

- Proctor: those with staggered terms of committees and board office don't need to be touched.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to revisit all committees and boards in January 2007 Council meeting and look at revisions of the codes for committees and boards, RE: Item X, 2; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

3. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the need to put Craig Legner on the agenda for Executive Session and have discussion of Audit '04-'05 (Shelbi Wofford).

- S. Wofford: stated Craig Legner was supposed to be here to present an Exit Audit Hearing; a review of the audit he has completed. She said she had not received a copy of the completed audit. She believed Mr. Legner was absent due to weather.

- Chief: stated Exit Audit Hearing, RE: Audit '04-'05 will be entertained next month in an Executive Session.

MOTION by Charles Locust to table agenda item X, 3 New Business until January 2007 Council meeting; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the Treasurer to continue Joint Council meeting plans and scheduling (Shelbi Wofford). There was a brief discussion.

MOTION by Albert Shade to approve the Treasurer to continue plans and scheduling for a Joint Council meeting with CNO; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

4. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove a request to hire a CPA Firm to conduct FY '05-'06 Audit (Shelbi Wofford)

- S. Wofford: stated it was standard practice to get this item on the agenda and get it rolling for next year.

MOTION by Charles Locust to table; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0

Abstentions. Motion passed.

5. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove hiring Susan Ishcomer as Council Liaison for all districts (C. Wofford)

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to move this item down into Executive Session meeting at the end of today's agenda; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: by affirmation. Motion passed.

6. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove to make a formal motion of request regarding enrollment of my membership (Eva Little). Mrs. Little was not present.

MOTION by Charles Locust to strike agenda item #7, New Business; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

7. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the establishment of a payroll advance policy which will include a percentage processing fee and will be contingent upon final approval of policies by the Budget and Finance Committee and full Council.

MOTION by Shelbi Wofford to approve agenda item #8, New Business as is and upon approval of the Budget and Finance Committee and Council; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

8. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the contracting of services to projected future funding requirements for increasing enrollment which may include the assessment of Enrollment Ordinances, records retention, requirements and standard operating procedures. (Charles Locust)

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve agenda item #9, New Business with the amendment vote to approve the research of contracting of services; that way we can research and do all the background and before a contract is actually signed it will be brought back and let all the Council know about it; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

9. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the construction of bathrooms meeting the needs of the handicapped and disabled on the Charley Tucker Memorial Park in Oaks, OK be built to service UKB Tribal Members and other of the community of Oaks total cost for construction is \$14,577.66 and are requesting help in funding this project (Jess Reed & Phillip Postoak)

MOTION by Charles Locust to refer this Oaks project item to the Gaming Board for review of assistance in finances whereas then try to work with the international construction crew; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

MOTION by Susan Adair to approve an Elder Survey of UKB members be conducted by the Vista Program; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the minutes of the November Council meeting; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 No (Shade), 2 Abstentions (C. & S. Wofford). Motion passed.

- Chief: Council will decide what happens with the left over cards.

- Proctor: reported the satellite office in Stilwell has a lot of people coming in over there for different needs. The last few days I had some phone calls about 10 o'clock when it was sleeting from people who ran out of propane. There was nothing I could do. The offices was closed the next day. He asked if cell phones could be given to people who work in these offices cause sometimes I have to send some people out there for their membership some these old people can't come out so we send Lucy (Wolf) out there.

- Chief: he believed we have to go outreach or even be open for phone calls and I think there will be emergencies like what you're talking about also.

- Proctor: I tell the people call Lucy, she what can she tell you even if its 8-9 of 10 o'clock at

night?

- Locust: the problem is what can she do at 10 o'clock at night? He said in discussing cell phones we wanted to give everyone one who was on 23 hour call but there are some people that need to go do something but as far as those staff people, all they're going to be able to do is take a message so that can be done at the office.

- Chief: what we need to do then is to put someone with a cell phone that can be reached 24 hours a day because these emergencies do happen.

- Littledave: Chief what he's (Woodrow) is talking about is emergencies that we couldn't help, even if we had a cell phone because the vendors aren't there.

- Chief: but we could talk. We might even have enough power to call a propane company and say, "Would you please if I give my word?" Council has discretionary money.

- Locust: Bryan's (Human Services) people get calls too but they don't have cell phones.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue, RE: agenda item 6, New Business, session to include Jennifer McBee, legal representative from the office of AG Ken Bellmark; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed (1:41 PM).

MOTION by Charles Locust to come out of Executive Session; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed (2:20 PM).

MOTION by Shelbi Wofford to strike agenda item 6, New Business; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. BENEDICTION: JERRY HANSEN

XII. ADJOURN: MOTION BY EDDIE SACKS; SECONDED BY SHELBI WOFFORD; VOTE: AFFIRMATION

TIME: 2:28 PM

Keetoowah Cherokee Helps Cowboys Win



Oliver Odle pitches for the OSU Cowboys.

The Keetoowah Cherokee Tribe has many talented athletes, and 21 year old Oliver Odle is a gifted athlete who has contributed to one of Oklahoma's favorite baseball teams, the Oklahoma State Cowboys. Odle came to OSU after playing for Pryor in high school where he was a first team All-State selection as a senior. He earned four letters in baseball and won 26 games in three seasons.

Odle began his college career at Connors State College in 2004-05, where he played two seasons at Connors State College. He was 8-0 on the mound as a freshman. Sophomore accomplishments included being named as a first-team All-American and Region II Player

of the Year. He was 15-0 with a 0.69 earned run average during the 2005 season and also recorded 141 strikeouts and allowed just six walks in 130.2 innings.

Last year after transferring to Stillwater in the 2006 season, #31 Oliver Odle, a right-handed pitcher, appeared in 20 games, including making 10 starts. His record was 5-4 with three saves and the 5'11" 230 pound athlete tossed two nine inning games.

Odle's first career win with OSU came against Western Illinois last February 24 as he allowed just two earned runs in six innings. His first complete game came against Stony Brook on March 17 as he allowed just two runs and struck out a career-high five batters. He

picked up first career save against Missouri on April 23, tossing two scoreless innings and striking out three batters. He also earned a save in the series opener against Kansas State the following week.

Oliver hurled a complete game in the series finale against Oklahoma on May 14 to help the Cowboys to a series sweep when he shut out the Sooners and struck out four in the win. The Keetoowah man was the winning pitcher against Arkansas in the Fayetteville Regional on June 4, while he allowed just three earned runs in 6.1 innings against the Razorbacks. Odle also played for the NBC World Series champion Santa Barbara Foresters over the summer.

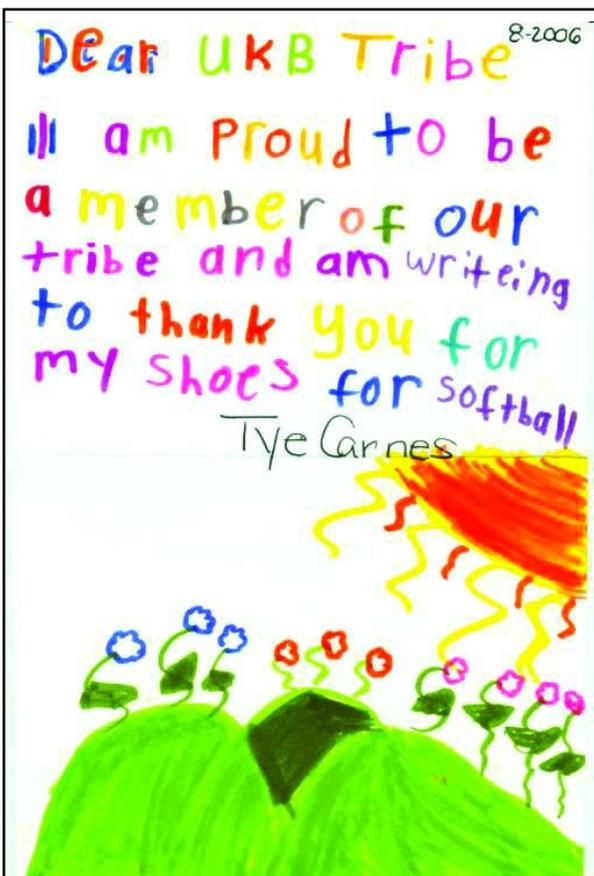
Oliver is the son of



Oliver Odle

Jack and Wanda Odle and has one sister, Justina.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing and playing golf. The education major's career goal is to become a pitching coach.



Paige and Tye Carnes Thank Tribe

UKB youth Kristian Paige Carnes and sister Kassidy Tye Belle Carnes attend Grandview School in Tahlequah where they are on the honor roll and play sports. Their mother Clausia said they truly appreciate everything they receive and learn from the UKB. The attended last years' UKB Spring Break Mini Culture Camp and loved it.

