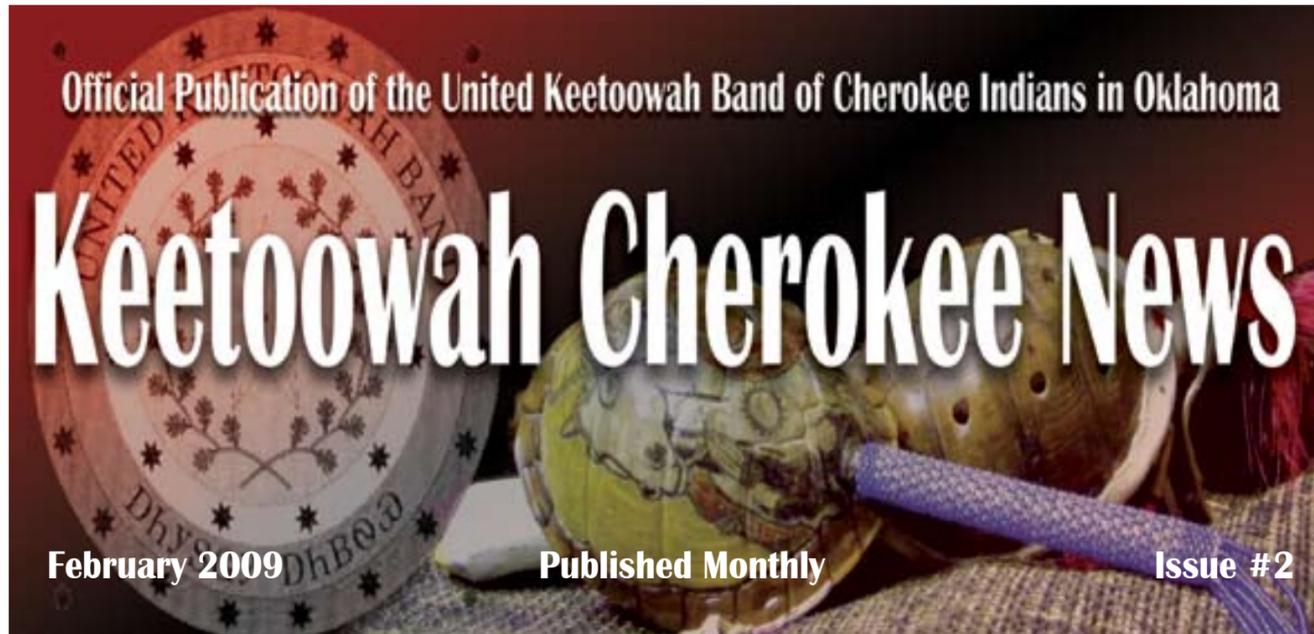


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UKB Provides Manpower, Generators to Help Out in Ice Storm Disaster

Tribal officials and maintenance department workers from the United Keetoowah Band stepped in to provide aid to tribal members and others affected by the recent ice storm. Many Keetoowah Cherokee tribal members were without electricity because of downed power lines and fallen trees blocking roadways making it impossible for people to travel in case of emergencies.

Mickey Spears, crew supervisor and UKB Casino Surveillance Director, stated that the day the ice storm began, the crew was out in the communities cutting fallen tree limbs and trees away from homes blocking doors, driveways, and checking on the safety of families. The maintenance crew has been busy cutting and clearing trees in the Bell, Rocky Mountain, Cherry Tree and Piney communities. Despite limited resources, tribal members also assisted rural electric companies with heavy equipment and manpower to help return power to people throughout the region.

Many homes still remain without electricity and are still recovering from the devastating storm. "Today we are focusing our attention to Adair County, where there are still downed power lines and many homes still without electricity. We are picking up three generators today and relocating them to community centers in Adair County. We will also be cutting and clearing trees and limbs helping people with emergency needs," said Spears.

Spears also added that the generators have been sent to community centers where the generators will benefit everyone who seeks shelter and food and where emergency crews can come to recharge their communication devices so they will be able to stay in contact with other emergency crews. "In extreme emergency cases such as tribal members who are on oxygen or other medical emergencies where the patient cannot be moved from their



KEETOOWAH CONSTRUCTION Inc. cleared blocked roadways, entrances and parking lots from fallen trees and limbs during the recent ice storm. Over 23,000 homes were without electricity from down power lines in Cherokee and surrounding counties.

home, we are providing generators for them," stated Tim Good Voice, UKB Tribal Administrative Officer.

"We are working with the Red Cross Organization to see if they are in need of any supplies or equipment for people in need," said Bryan Shade, UKB Federal Programs Director. Tribal members in the Tahlequah District who did not have electricity or shelter were asked to go to the First United Methodist Church located on 301 W. Delaware Street for shelter. The United Keetoowah Band provided a generator to the shelter to help with electricity.

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Keetoowah Cherokee
Spring Break
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Info: 918-772-4388

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.



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band of Cherokee Indians of Oklahoma Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with the new Washington Administration and attend the historic inauguration of the first African American President of the United States Barack Obama.



A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe

the Keetoowah Cherokee Syllabary. The teachers are fluent, and well-known in their communities, and each has their own teaching style and materials. Depending on class enrollment, teachers can change the class' content from 'beginning level conversational skills,' to teaching a fluent speaker to read and write in the Syllabary. Classes are free of charge, and are open to anybody interested.

The department also provides many materials in the Keetoowah Cherokee language. Recently, they distributed a "K - 3 Keetoowah Cherokee Language Curriculum" to schools in the 14 county. The curriculum is available to others who wish to homeschool their children in our native language. We also have available a curriculum designed for older students and adults, called "The Keetoowah Cherokee Language Starter." Both books are available free of charge to community members. The Language page on the Keetoowah Website offers many downloads for those who are online. This includes Animal Flashcards, a Counting Worksheet, an Emergency Contact List in Keetoowah Cherokee for your refrigerator or to put by your phone, coloring sheets, The Keetoowah Cherokee Constitution and By-Laws in Keetoowah Cherokee, a Keetoowah Cherokee story book compiled by Durbin Feeling, and most recently, Syllabary Trading Cards. The cards are viewable by a special script on the internet that lets them appear randomly by 'shuffling' the deck, and each can be printed out. A pronunciation key is with each card. Currently, several children's books as well as math work sheets are being developed. The department also houses archives of many documents in the Keetoowah Cherokee language, as well as historic word lists and other items.

Lastly, the department can assist tribal members with interpreters, should they need.

History - The department has several resources to help educate members and the public about Keetoowah Cherokee history. A booklet is available titled "Cherokee History as You've Never Heard It," both as a paper booklet, or as a ODF file downloadable from the tribe's website. The tribe is currently nearing completion on a more extensive history of the Keetoowah Cherokee people to be published as a book. Also avail-

able for special events is the Keetoowah Cherokee History Exhibit. The exhibit takes a look at our people's history since our creation until today, and each panel is currently being expanded upon for full-fledged museum exhibits. In addition, the department houses an archive of literally thousands and thousands of pages of historic documents and information, pertinent to both our people and our tribal government. These documents are arranged and cataloged for easy reference, and have been used extensively in the research and development of legal briefs to benefit our people. The archives are also called upon for many questions, issues and situations on a day-to-day basis. The tribal archives also contain items other than documents, such as photographs, artifacts, art items, and more.

Under History also falls "Historic Preservation," which is available for the fulfillment of federally-mandated laws. Any agency using federal money, or a federal permit, for a building project is required by federal law to consult with federally-recognized tribes who have a historic interest in the geographical area where the project is occurring. For the United Keetoowah Band, that area covers 16 states! Therefore, the department reviews projects on a daily basis and works with federal agencies in these areas to protect not only our historic sites in our previous homelands, but the graves of our Keetoowah Cherokee ancestors. At any given time, the department is working on active projects to protect graves. The department is also responsible for the repatriation of our ancestor's remains which have unfortunately been excavated by projects in the past, and are currently working on repatriation of over 6,000 ancestors to ensure they are returned to the earth as soon as possible.

Culture - As Keetoowah Cherokee people live their culture everyday, the "Culture" segment of the department assists tribal and community members in such areas as, locating supplies and materials, connecting artisans, answering questions, and assisting in community projects. For schools and other organizations, the department provides cultural presentations in areas such as basket weaving, cornhusk doll making, marble games, stickball games, storytelling, and other events. Special events are often offered, such as making greeting cards in the Keetoowah Cherokee language, Syllabary Bingo, and more.

The Keetoowah Cherokee Language, History and Culture Department is dedicated to maintaining the importance of these three elements in the daily lives of Keetoowah Cherokees through many different avenues.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Chief's letter contains information in regards to the United Keetoowah Band Language, History, and Culture Department provided by Interim Director Lisa Stopp. The UKB history does derive from the "Burning Phoenix" which can be viewed on our website www.ukb-nsn.gov)

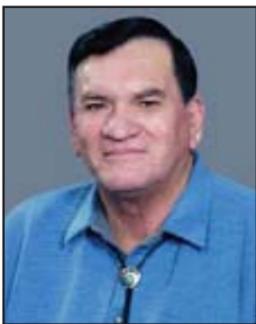
Dear Tribal Members,

Keetoowah Cherokees value their history, culture and their traditions. They honor their elders with respect and learn from their knowledge. The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has always known their way of life and teaches this today to our Keetoowah Cherokee youth. The tribe strives to involve our elders even today by listening to their stories, teachings and listening to the elders as they speak their Keetoowah Cherokee language. This is the Keetoowah way; this is our tradition, our culture and our history. Today, our Language, History and Culture department to obtain endeavor on these goals as they continue daily to teaching our Keetoowah Cherokee youth, members and the public of who the Keetoowah Cherokee people are, why we are here and why we must continue to teach our tradition. We have a valuable staff that oversees our Culture department to ensure that these values are portrayed and that they dedicated themselves to this cause.

The Language, History and Culture Department handles each section in a different way. Following is a break-down of the many tasks the department covers.

Language - The activity readers will be most familiar with are the community classes. Offered in sessions each lasting 10 weeks (or ten classes), the department utilizes Keetoowah Cherokee language teachers who have passed a written examination, written and 'answered' completely in

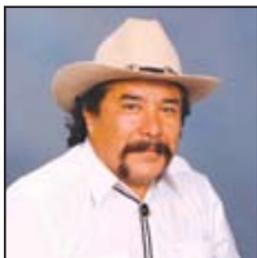
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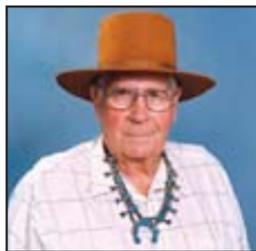
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1. Assuring the use of Keetoowah Cherokee language in tribal activities and materials;
2. Representing the tribe's interest in the areas of Historic Preservation in all geographic areas of historic and current interest to the tribe;
3. Presenting an accurate history of the Keetoowah

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UKB Tribal Offices Closed for President's Day

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Monday, February 16 in observance of President's Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, February 17 at 8:30 a.m.

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Oklahoma Attacks the Crystal Darkness

On Tuesday, January 13th, Oklahoma launched an attack against the methamphetamine threat to our state and its people through a campaign called Crystal Darkness. Childhelp, an advocacy, prevention, treatment and community outreach agency, first developed the Crystal Darkness campaign for the City of Reno. Oklahoma is only the fourth state to implement the campaign, which broadcast this hard hitting video across all major television networks in the state.

The video showcased stories of several Oklahomans whose lives had been devastated by the drug. More than 255 Watch Parties were organized across the state for neighborhoods to watch the impact of methamphetamine, a.k.a., crystal, crank, meth, ice, tweek, and discuss what they as communities can do to stop the destruction.

Crystal Darkness Co-Chairs Wes Lane and First Lady Kim Henry organized this event, which they called "an historic ear in our state. Never before have Oklahomans been as mobilized and united to combat a single issue as they have with Crystal Darkness." Gena Timberman, Executive Director, American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, led an initiative to mobilize Native American communities across the state.

Two days before the Crystal Darkness broadcast a collaborative effort produced an Anti-Meth training for tribal leaders sponsored by Lamar Associates. "This training helps law enforcement and tribal community programs come together," said Walter Lamar, president and CEO of Lamar Associates. "Through a collaborative problem-solving approach our training will help communities develop a realistic and sound strategy to attack the methamphetamine problem." Topics included the meth crisis in Indian Country, signs and effects of meth in a tribal community and criminal jurisdiction. The sessions will be presented by law enforcement experts.

"The best way to prevent methamphetamine addiction is not to do it at all," says Dan Cross, Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services, Tulsa. "Meth can be addicting the first time it is used because of the effects it has upon the pleasure centers of the brain." Cross explained that Oklahoma has been one of the leading states for methamphetamine abuse for several years, despite new laws enacted in 2004.

These laws limited access to the ingredients needed to make meth and became a model for other states to follow. "While they reduced the number of meth labs in the state, they didn't reduce the demand, the addiction," Cross observed. "Supplies of the drug continue to flow from neighboring states, Mexico, and the Caribbean to meet that demand, because people are addicted," he added. Oklahoma continues to have a meth abuse rate 42% greater than the national average.

Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services, in Tulsa, is an outpatient treatment center that specializes in methamphetamine and opioid (prescription painkillers and heroin) addictions. Cross pointed out, "Until we address the demand for the drug, suppliers will find a way to make money on the addiction. Prevention and treatment are the answers to demand." The Crystal Darkness campaign was a beginning toward this end. The "end" depends upon what we do as communities.

By Dan Cross

Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services

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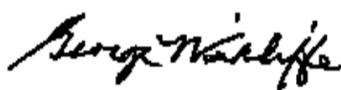
4. Maintaining archival and educational materials important to the Keetoowah Cherokee people;
5. Assuring the integrity of the Keetoowah Cherokee culture and its role in the everyday lives of all tribal members;
6. Providing education in all above areas to the public and particularly Keetoowah Cherokee children.

For information on Language class scheduling or to request a copy of language materials, contact the department's Administrative Assistant, Mary Ballou at 918-772-4388

For History and Historic Preservation matters, please contact the department's Interim Director, Lisa Stopp at 918-772-4389

For Cultural Presentation requests or information, please contact our Cultural Coordinator Cindy Hair, at 918-772-4387

General e-mail inquiries may be sent to: cultural@unitedkeetoowahband.org



Natural Resources Taking Applications for Water Well Testing

The United Keetoowah Band Natural Resources Department is now taking applications from tribal members who wish to have their wells tested for bacteria, nitrites and nitrates in an environmental study. One hundred wells will be sampled over the course of two years, from January 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Due to federal requirements, only wells in Cherokee, Adair, Mayes and Delaware Counties will be sampled.

This is just a study of private water wells; the Natural Resources Department staff will only be testing water, they will not be providing any remediation activities at this time. All data collected from this study will be used to apply for federal funding for any contaminated well remediation.

Any tribal members wishing to participate in this study are asked to pick up an application available at any tribal office or fill out the form below and send it to the UKB Natural Resources Department. Priority will be given to tribal elders, disabled, households with children under the age of 18 and to households with expectant mothers. The applicant will also need to include a copy of their membership card and detailed directions to their home.

For more information contact UKB Natural Resources Department at 918-453-2823 and ask for Brandi Ross.

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma		
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Directions to your home:	_____	

<i>If you need more room, or need to draw a map, please use the back of this sheet.</i>		
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Natural Resources Director	Date	

Spring 2009 Keetoowah Cherokee Language Classes

Sanders Flat Baptist Church

Stilwell, OK
Mondays, beginning Feb. 9, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Tom Duncan

Elm Tree Baptist Church

Tahlequah, OK
Mondays & Tuesdays,
beginning Feb. 2 & 3, 6:30 -8:30 p.m.
Instructor: D. J. McCarter,

Webbers Falls Museum

Webbers Falls, OK
Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 3, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Dorothy Powell,

Sallisaw Vo-Tech

Sallisaw, Oklahoma
Mondays, beginning Feb. 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: George Byrd,

Oaks Community Building

Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Lawrence Panther

Sparrowhawk Village

Tahlequah, OK
Mondays, beginning Jan. 5, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Hastings Shade

Keener Baptist Church

Lost City, OK
Thursdays, beginning March 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Hastings Shade

Tyio Baptist Church

Kenwood Community
Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 11, 8:30 – 10:30.
Instructor: Sequoyah Guess



ASSISTANT SECRETARY of Indian Affairs for the Department of the Interior, Carl J. Artman, center; poses with top United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma officials during Mr. Artman's visit. Pictured left to right are, UKB Tribal Secretary Liz Littlelaved; UKB Chief George Wickliffe; Artman; Muskogee Regional B.I.A. Director Janette Hanna; and UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust.



UKB Chief George Wickliffe; presents a check to Lost City School Board President Sharon Gifford.



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band Assistant Chief Charles Locust placed a wreath below the three flags in honor of all Keetoowah soldiers and all members of the United States Armed Forces in recognition of Memorial Day.

2008 Year

2008 has seen a very productive year for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. With the visit of United States Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Carl J. Artman; the dedication of the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center; and they re-election of Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust, the future holds strong for another positive year for the tribe.

Now with the induction of a new President of the United States, Barack Obama, changes seemed to be the focus of the new Administration. "It's a whole new day for all races in the United States. President Obama is going to concentrate on being fair to all people. This is what the United Keetoowah Band has been waiting for. This is all we want is to have an opportunity to provide for our people by using what we have received as a result of being a sovereign nation," stated UKB Chief Wickliffe. "We are not asking for handouts, we want to earn



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE Lighthorse Color Guard carried the United States flag along with the United Keetoowah Band flag into the powwow arena as the host Color Guard for Northeastern State University's 36th Annual Symposium on Native American Indians powwow.



ELDER COMMITTEE Chairman John Goodrich, Vice-Chairman John Hair and Committee member Frank Mink listen intently to guest speaker Jackson Barnett, Muskogee Creek member, as he speaks to the group regarding elder care programs.



FORMER CHIEF John Hair, prepares for a interview by Stephanie Lewis, Education Producer for the Arkansas Education Television Network.



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band Assistant Chief Charles Locust, left, Treasurer elect, Ella Mae Cooksey Worley, center, and Chief George Wickliffe celebrate victory at their Monday, Nov. 3 watch party. Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust were re-elected for another four-year term.



UKB OFFICIALS met at IHS Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. Left to right, Ron Demeray, Director of Tribal Affairs; Max Tuhsuda, OKC Area Tribal Affairs Officer; Don Ade, Acting Director for UKB Health Programs; Robert McSwain, Director of IHS; Chief George Wickliffe; Lindsay Naas, UKB Attorney, and Bryan Shade, UKB Federal Programs Director.



JACOB LITTLEDAVE, received the 2008-2009 Keetoowah Valor Veteran Award for his distinguished services in the United States Marine Corps. Pictured are 2008 Junior Miss Keetoowah Kristy Feather, left, and 2008-2009 Miss Keetoowah, Samantha Keen, right, honoring Littlelaved with an Honor Blanket.

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as much as we can and if we can't provide all the needs for our members, that we will still have the right to receive grants. Our tribe is very close to becoming self-sufficient," added Chief Wickliffe.

With a new President in Washington , D.C. and with the changes that are promised, all Native Americans have a hope of optimism for their tribes. "There is a lot of optimism between all tribes. It seems as though more attention will be focused on Native American tribes throughout the United States . This will give United Keetoowah Band an opportunity to have their voice heard in Washington, D.C. ," said UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust.

With a positive change in Washington , D.C. and the continuation of a strong Administration within the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma , Keetoowah Cherokee members will continue to see growth in the tribe for the next four years.



DON ADE, Economic Development Authority Executive Director for the United Keetoowah Band, speaks to the UKB tribal council regarding Hastings Hospital takeover. Pictured in the photo is Ken Belmard, seated left, UKB General Attorney, and Bryan Shade, seated right, UKB Federal Programs Director, along with other attending tribal members.



FAMILY MEMBERS of one of the most prominent leaders in Keetoowah Cherokee history, the late Jim Proctor, gathered along with tribal officials and friends, in front of the Keetoowah Cherokee Elder Community Center named in his honor, during a ribbon cutting ceremony. Two hundred plus attendees were entertained by the Kenwood School Choir, Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir and Cherokee Baptist Choir as each choir group sang Cherokee hymns in their native language.



TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR Tim Good Voice, left, reviews the master plan of development for 76 acres to U. S. Senator Tom Coburn's Legislation Assistant Brian Treat as UKB Chief George Wickliffe , Assistant Chief Charles Locust and Senator Coburn's Field Representative Connie L. Person looks on.



PAWNEE SUE Crabtree, J. C. Watts and Walter Buffalomeat at the J. C. Watts Companies office in Washington, D. C. Both Crabtree and Buffalomeat were selected for the 2008 J. C. Watts Companies internship program. Pawnee and Walter are members of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma .



SPRING BREAKERS enjoyed a two-day culture camp hosted by the United Keetoowah Band Language, History and Culture department by learning Keetoowah Cherokee history and traditions.



ASSISTANT CHIEF Charles Locust shows Archaeologist Dr. Dorothy Lippert some UKB historical and tribal photographs during her visit to the tribe.



DIRECTOR OF the Office for Victims of Crime, Mr. John Gillis, center, is pictured between Miss Keetoowah Pawnee Crabtree, second from left, and Junior Miss Keetoowah Rozlyn Locust, second from right, during the 5th Annual Unified Solutions TVA Conference in Albuquerque , N.M. Also pictured are Ms. Barbara Walker, Deputy Director of the Office for Victims of Crime, left, and Mrs. Dianne Barker-Harrold, UKB Legal Counsel and Unified Solutions Program Manager.



THE KEETOOWAH Cherokee Youth Choir, under the direction of Janice Ballou, entertained the large crowd during the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration.



IN A historical event for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma , Chief George Wickliffe signs an Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act contract with the Indian Health Service.

Nine MELD Participants begin Mentoring Program with Tribe

The United Keetoowah Band received nine Mentoring Emerging Leaders Destiny, "MELD" participants who began January 12, 2009. The MELD Project is funded through the Social Economic Development Strategies Program.

The project goal is to train tribal members in business learning opportunities through on-the-job training, leadership workshops, and business/computer classes. The objective of the project is to foster the potential leadership of our members into becoming more productive citizens through the business learning opportunities.

Administration for Native Americans, ANA, promotes the goal of economic and social self-sufficiency for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American Pacific Islanders. ANA projects are planned, designed, and implemented by Native American community members to address the particular needs of their society.

The MELD participants will rotate through six modules in various departments/businesses within the tribe. This program will end September 18. There will be second group beginning in October. "We are very excited about this project since it is the first of its kind for the tribe," stated Georgia Dick, UKB Grants Director.

"The MELD program is a good learning ex-



MELD PARTICIPANTS, left to right front row, Amanda Mink, Stilwell, Education/Library; Carrie Grayson, Tahlequah, Elder/Caregiver; Bethany Vance, Tahlequah, Family Service; Winona Johnson, Tahlequah, Grants; and Alisha Johnston, (Not pictured) Tahlequah, Accounting. Left to right back row, Tony Ballou, Tahlequah; Darrell Smith, Tahlequah, Information Technology; Gaye Cochran, Salina, Human Service; Brenda Gonzalis, Tahlequah, Lighthorse; and Travis Wolfe, Stilwell, Language, History and Culture.

perience. I would recommend other tribal members to participate in this program. You have the opportunity to work in six different departments, learning a variety of skills and knowledge of how the tribe operates," stated Carrie Grayson, MELD participant. Grayson is training in the Elder Care program,

where she helps answer phones, assist elders, help serve them breakfast and lunch and help with cooking. Her goal is to finish the MELD program, attend college, continuing her education in the field of business and to someday return to the tribe to work for her people.

UKB Colcord Bridge Project Slowed by Archeological Finds

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma have been waiting for a bridge project in Delaware County to begin for the past five or six years. After the UKB Tribal Council passed a resolution to apply for BIA funding to fix the bridge, and was granted funding approval, the BIA began the design process. It was during the design process in 2003, that several unearthed artifacts including a grinding basin and several arrowheads were found. After these findings, nothing could be done until an archeological study was concluded, as provided by the National Historic Preservation Act.

In 1966, Congress passed the National Historic Preservation Act which stated:

It shall be the policy of the Federal Government, in cooperation with other nations and in partnership with the States, local governments, Indian tribes, and private organizations and individuals to — (1) use measures, including financial and technical assistance, to foster conditions under which our modern society and our prehistoric and historic resources can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations; (2) provide leadership in the preservation of the prehistoric and historic resources of the United States and of the international community of nations and in the administration of the national preservation program in partnership with States, Indian tribes, Native Hawaiians, and local governments; (3) administer federally owned, administered, or controlled prehistoric and historic resources in a spirit of stewardship for the inspiration and benefit of present and future generations; (4) contribute to the preservation of non federally owned prehistoric and historic resources and give maximum encouragement to organizations and individuals undertaking preservation by private means; (5) encourage the public and private preservation and utilization of all usable elements of the Nation's historic built environment; and (6) assist State and local governments, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States to expand and accelerate their historic preservation programs and activities.

The tribes consulted on the project were the Caddo, the UKB and CNO. The Caddo deferred to UKB and CNO, however only UKB responded to consultation requests. A couple of months ago, archaeologists unearthed about 16,000 stone artifacts at the site. The lithics, or stone made artifacts, are said to be from 2,000 to 8,000 years old and appear to have come from two campsites. Now that the artifact excavation has been completed, the construction can begin on the bridge.

The Tulsa World mistakenly reported in an article earlier this year that CNO was responsible for getting the funding, however, this was not the case. After investigation by UKB staff, it was found that Delaware County Commissioner Dave Kendrick was mistaken when he gave the Tulsa World the information. He is reported as saying he believed that the BIA and CNO were all the same entity. The record has been set straight and residents can rightfully thank the BIA and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma when the bridge is complete.

U.S. Census Jobs Available

There will be several temporary jobs available for individuals to work in their hometown area through the U.S. Census Bureau. Most of the jobs will be field work and will pay approximately \$10.50 to \$13.75 for non clerical positions, plus mileage reimbursements. Supervisor positions will pay between \$13.75 to \$16.75. Several days of testing are set on Fridays in February including February 16, 23, and 30. For more information, call the Census Recruiting Office in Tulsa at (918) 877-3440.

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

**UKB Wellness
Center**

For Students in Grades 9-12

*Lunch provided,
Door Prize Drawings*

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Elder Inspirational Speakers

Keetoowah Tag Agency P. O. Box 746 Tahlequah, OK 74464

ATTENTION:

Renew your tag or Register your vehicle by mail. If you would like further information you may contact the UKB Tag Agency at (918) 456-3235.

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Kituwah Powwow Singers Wanted

UKB men and women interested in becoming singers as part of the Kituwah Drum Group are encouraged to attend a meeting set for Saturday, February 21 from 1 – 5 p.m. at the UKB Wellness Center. The meeting will consist of interviews and auditions and the members that are selected will be traveling to Powwows as part of the Kituwah Drum Group. For more information, contact Wes Proctor at 316-5440 or call the UKB Language, History and Culture Department at (918) 772-4388.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu February 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Clam Chowder Oyster Crackers Hushpuppies Salad Dessert	3 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Carrots Hot Roll Salad Dessert	4 Grilled Chicken Wild Rice Catalina Vegetables French Breadsticks Salad Dessert	5 Hot Links Curly Fries Baked Beans Texas Toast Cole Slaw Dessert	6 BREAKFAST SERVED AT 10:30 a.m.
9 Brown Beans Jalapeño Cornbread Chopped Spinach Salad Dessert	10 Taco Salad Chili Beans Chips and Salsa Dessert	11 Chicken Casserole Tomato Zucchini Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	12 Catfish Galley Chips Beans Hushpuppies Cole Slaw Dessert	13 BREAKFAST SERVED AT 10:30 a.m.
16 Closed	17 Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Bread Caesar Salad Dessert	18 Polish Sausage Cabbage Black-eyed Peas French Breadsticks Salad Dessert	19 chicken Kiev Red potatoes Broccoli Hot rolls Salad dessert	20 BREAKFAST SERVED AT 10:30 a.m.
23 Texas Chili Jalapeño Cornbread Salad Dessert	24 Baked Chicken Wild Rice Green Beans French Breadsticks Salad Dessert	25 Goulash Hominy Tomato Zucchini Hushpuppies Salad Dessert	26 CULTURAL FOODS DAY	27 CLOSED FOR CLEANING

UKB Regular December Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At UKB Community Services Building December 06, 2008 10:00 a.m. – 11:56 a.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Liz Littledave

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

- S. Wofford, C. Wofford, Proctor, Fourkiller and Hansen absent at Roll Call

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

IV. Chief's Address

- Many things will be happening in Washington with the "take-over" of President Elect Obama

(Fourkiller & S. Wofford arrived at 10:06 AM)

- Appointments to positions in Washington are currently being made by the President elect. The most dangerous kind of appointment we can ever have is three people who might be being considered for an Interior Department appointment who are governors.

(Proctor and C. Wofford arrived a 10:07 AM)

- When governors and Indian tribes are involved there are problems. There are too many governors who do not understand Indian tribes have sovereignty and they want to take away sovereignty of tribes. Taking away sovereignty happened because of contracts, like the Tobacco Contracts. This problem was under the administration of Wilma Mankiller.

- Now the state comes after Indian tribes from all directions, like gaming.

- There will be more contracts for the UKB in the future but we will be cautious about contract agreements.

- The worst kind of appointment that could ever be made for an Indian tribe would be the appointment of a governor to the position in the Interior Department.

There appears to be some good appointments planned of people who will be friendly to small tribes.

Obama says he will treat all people alike. He says it doesn't matter if people were Democrats or Republicans. His appointments would be decided on "if the person can do the job." It already seems his appointments are based on ability to perform not political party affiliation.

The UKB is waiting for some key decisions from Washington as soon as Washington has reorganized under the new administration and gets through the transition period.

As UKB keeps the relationships with Washington, the more unity will be needed because there will be more work required of us.

(Hansen arrived a 10:10 AM)

It always takes the vote of Council for determining the direction of the UKB.

The economy is bad, times are hard. We have employees who request financial help and the tribe has helped. Gasoline cards and repair on automobiles have been given to assist with transportation in helping get people to work. The UKB considers the human factor in situations. Foreclosures on homes is a concern for some and our attorneys check into these situations to see what could be done to assist and if we can help we will assist. UKB intervention in reference to foreclosure is not an indefinite type of assistance to a client.

With his (Chief) recent re-election as Chief of the UKB it will be his position that for the next four years, he will continue to work to get things done and the Council will hold hands and go to work.

He pledged his friendship and his continued relationship with every member of the current Council.

Let us help everyone we can. Let's run the tribe for the people.

A real Cherokee Indian is elderly and children led and a preservation person. We must recognize the Cherokee way of life.

We must do the best we can to provide the best services to the people, to provide a place for employment and provide the best education. We must build for the future.

The Inauguration of Council will be on January 3, 2009 at 10:00 AM, at the NSU Herb Rozell Ballroom with the regular January Council meeting to follow at 1:00 PM at the Council room.

The future will probably bring more contracts and work will increase but work will be for the good of the people.

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

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the Council minutes of November 01, 2008; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

VI. Presentations -

1. Jerry Hansen: Requested his scheduled presentation be cancelled because he would be unable to give full attention to the scheduled topic due to an unforeseen medical need.

2. Albert Shade: RE: Eddy Mouse, a cancer patient who is bed ridden, parent of three children and could truly use some assistance for the household and financial assistance in transportation to his medical appointments and medical costs incurred. He asked the family be kept in prayers and he encouraged visits to the family.

DISCUSSION:

- Home visit will be made in assessing needs and making application
- Current programs can assist
- There is a \$500 allowance for medical expenses
- Council members can make suggestions out of their district
- The emergency assistance program is set up for this type of need.

Chief Wickliffe: announced the tribe had received a letter from the Rudy Gourd Family thanking the UKB for kindness and help during their time of grief due to the loss of three members of their family.

3. Liz Littledave: RE: I.D. Cards issued to minor age children

- A follow-up was done with Enrollment staff in discussion of required equipment for the project.
- Contacted the State Tag Agent where it was learned such a program is already available with no age limit and requirement is to present a Birth Certificate and a second form of I.D. with the cost being \$10.00.
- Issuance of such a document from the UKB would involve changes in Enrollment software and possibly equipment and a cost would be the responsibility of the client.
- With a program already available it was recommended that the UKB not initiate a program for issuing I.D.s to minor age children.

DISCUSSION: Chief Wickliffe: his thoughts were to keep on doing as is, to just fill the gap for 3 years or whatever time it takes until we get self-governance and then we can issue our own CDIB cards. He then stated this was his recommendation on this but a decision was up to the Council.

4. Ella Mae Worley: has taken 2 girls whose mother was UKB but was killed in an auto accident. The mother was in the process of obtaining CDIBs for the girls. Currently girls are not members of any tribe. Both girls are older than 3 years of age. Ms. Worley has started the process for the girls but she has heard nothing from CNO. Ms. Worley wishes to enroll the girls as Keetoowah.

A.G. Ken Bellmard: questioned guardianship of the two girls. Ms. Worley does have legal guardianship. Guardianship allows Ms. Worley to collect all paperwork on the two girls and begin working with UKB enrollment.

5. Bryan Shade: RE: Human Services Emergency Assistance Program

Presented to each District Representative their own district data relating to requests and dollars requested.

Requested Council's patience in making the program work better.

Number of requests have increased probably due to the bad economy.

Increase in needs amounts requested.

\$73,000.00 was issued from all 4 funds of Human Services for the month of October and \$112,000.00 for the month of November.

We are working with fixed budgets and the focus is on elderly, children and the urgency of the request.

The economy is impacting the increase of requests for assistance.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledave

43 New Members which include 0-3 age children and 2 associated with the '49 Roll.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve/ accept 43 new members into tribal membership; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 8 UKB members from UKB Membership Rolls; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

NOTE: A total of Elder Assistance checks processed for the month November totaled \$139,400.00.

2. Charles Locust: Budget and Finance

RE: Resolution passed in October, whereas; the budget was passed contingent on a review in 60 days. Based on everything going on with the tribe and the way of the economy, the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the budget remain status quo and to be reviewed in 30 day intervals. We are noticing casinos from all over the country are starting to have layoffs, this same is being said about the casino down the street. The UKB Casino is staying steady. The Budget and Finance Committee will monitor the UKB casino on a daily basis as a precautionary measure. We are doing okay. Currently there is no reason for

alarm. Compared with other gaming facilities, UKB is doing well. Then also when Obama is sworn into office it is thought more funds will be released.

Woodrow Proctor supported Charles Locust's statement of monitoring the budget. He asked Council to tighten up on spending in their districts. He supported the efforts being made in Human Services issuance of Emergency Assistance. He stated how people in the districts should be encouraged in being careful of requests they make. We all need to tighten our belts, this helps everyone and the tribe.

Chief Wickliffe: supported being cautious on spending. He stated people are having problems in having funds even that bunch down south of us. "God does take care of His people."

VIII. Public Forum - NONE

IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

Albert Shade: referred to a discussion at a past meeting in Kenwood where the topic of deer hunting was brought up and he asked what the outcome of this topic was.

A.G. Ken Bellmard: informed the issue is whomever the land owner is whether the land is trust or fee land the owner has the right to provide people with the right to hunt. The problem we have, particularly in Kenwood is some of that land has grazing lease/permits and such lease/permit does not allow giving hunting rights. The hunter must get permission from the actual land owner in order to hunt. It doesn't matter who you are or if you're Keetoowah or not or if you have hunting on that land for all of your life; the land owner must give permission before you can hunt on "that" land.

Albert Shade: said he had spoken with two CNO Council people about Kenwood hunting and neither of them could give an answer but said they would re-contact Albert about this. Albert said he has never been re-contacted by anyone on this matter.

X. New Business - NONE

XI. Announcements

1. Chief Wickliffe: expressed his appreciation to outgoing Council members Albert Shade and Shelbi Wofford for the work they did as members of the Council. He informed newly elected Council member, Betty Holcomb, had called and it seemed she is prepared to work hard with the Council and will do a good job as a Council member. Newly elected Treasurer, Ella Mae Worley, is ready and anxious to work as an officer and member of the Council.

2. Woodrow Proctor: stated his appreciation to the Council for the work done in the past years.

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; Approved by affirmation.
Time - 11:56 PM

500 WARRIORS WANTED

Native American Men's Conference
Sat. March 28 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Muskogee Civic Center

Meal Served - Door Prizes

Info: (918) 686-6980
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Delaney Drywater Named to Superintendent's Honor Roll



Congratulations goes to Delaney Drywater for making the Superintendent's Honor Roll at Shady Grove Schools where she is in the third grade. Her proud parents are Kim Drywater and Rick Panther. She has two older brothers Jeremy Chuculate and Jerrick Drywater; and one younger sister, Erianna Drywater. Delaney's grandparents are Jackie Drywater and the late Archie Drywater, and Elmer Panther and the late Verna Panther. Her favorite subject is reading, and she loves to come home after school and play with her sister and their puppies.

Message from Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Samantha Keen

O-si-yo

My name is Samantha Keen; I am your Miss Keetoowah 2008-2009. February is the month of love, and Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Most couples see this as one of the most important days to them because it is a day to show each other how much they mean to one another. For some couples, it is just another day for abuse.

The couples who treasure Valentine's Day have a great day because they respect and trust each other, whereas the couple that has the abuse in the relationship has no respect for the other. There isn't just one type of abuse, there is physical, mental, or sexual. Many times the abuse goes unnoticed because he/she is afraid to come forth because they feel they might be threatened if they tell and the abuse would get worse.

Many times in abusive relationships the abuser has come from a past of being abused. This in return starts a chain reaction of abuse not knowing how to trust or respect their partner. The abuser didn't get respect in his/her past therefore doesn't really know how to give it. So this Valentine's Day, please remember to respect those you love, and if you're in an abusive relationship please don't be afraid to come forward. There are people willing to help.

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Benefit Set for UKB Tribal Member

A Benefit Breakfast and Luncheon for 24 year old UKB Tribal Member, Michael Hudson has been set for Saturday, March 14 at the Cherokee County Community Building. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 10 a.m. and the luncheon will be served beginning at 11 a.m. The food at the luncheon will be spaghetti, green beans, salad, toast and dessert. There will be a silent auction and a quilt raffle.

According to a story printed in the Tahlequah Daily Press, on September 20, 2008, Hudson was shot in the abdomen area with a rifle. He was shot by his girlfriend's dad, who blamed his daughter and Hudson for something they were not responsible for. Alan Stuart Taylor, 45, of Tahlequah was arrested at the scene in the shooting. In a subsequent article in the Tahlequah Daily Press, Taylor is quoted as saying the bullet he shot Hudson with was a 6.5 Italian, 'the same caliber used to shoot Kennedy.' Taylor has been charged with shooting with intent to kill, first-degree burglary and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Taylor is being held over for trial.

Michael Hudson saw his life change forever that day. He was a healthy, active young man and he knew what he wanted to do with his life. He had been living in Tulsa, had just gone from a part time position in an engineering firm to a full time position. His insurance would have taken effect less than ten days later. He was also planning on attending night classes at Tulsa Community College this spring.

With a gunman's bullet, Hudson became a paraplegic who is confined to a wheelchair. He was in St. Francis Hospital, for about two months. He is now living with his grandma and attending physical therapy twice a week. His medical bills and the medication he must take to tolerate the nerve damage is very expensive, and is not provided through Indian Health Services.

"We want to thank the UKB for all their help and support," said Tonya Hudson, Michael's mother. "The tribe has helped us in so many ways and we feel blessed by the support of the tribe." she continued.

Michael has the love and support of his mother, aunts, uncles, cousins, and his grandma, Tahlequah District Tribal Councilwoman Betty Holcomb. Mrs. Holcomb, who retired last year from Sequoyah High School after serving many years as cafeteria manager is heading up the benefit breakfast. Helping others is nothing new for Holcomb, who has a reputation and track record for helping others. This time it is for one of her own.

The family hopes to use the money raised to go toward purchasing a wheel chair for Michael. The family asks that tribal members continue to keep Michael in their prayers. A statutory trust fund has been set up in Michael Hudson's name at Arvest Bank in Tahlequah. For more information, call 822-3805.



2008 Graduates

Sheila Brixey

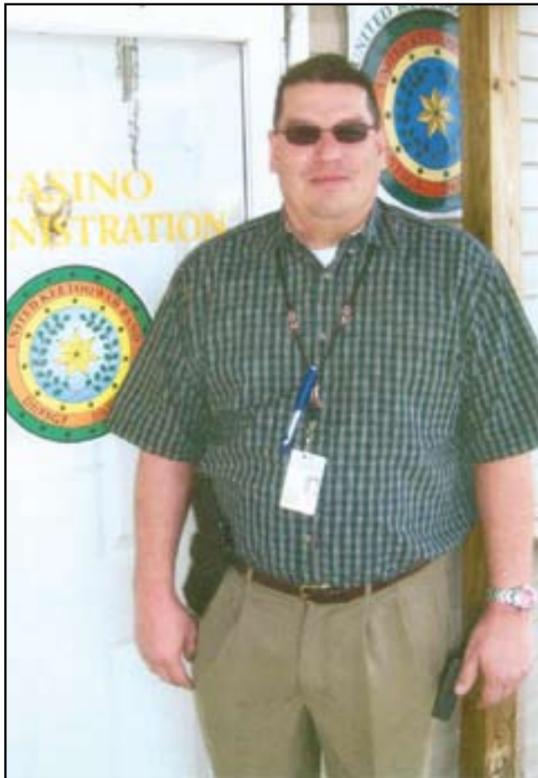
Sheila Brixey from Kenwood, Oklahoma, graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Her husband is Henry Brixey and their sons are Trenton and Isaiah Brixey. Her parents are Mary and Clarence King, Jr. Her grandparents are Emma and Clarence King and George and Ada Budder.

Sheila plans to get a job teaching close to home and may go back for her Master's degree in a few years.



Charles Dreadfulwater

Charles Dreadfulwater from Tahlequah graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree. He is the son of Bennie and Phyllis Dreadfulwater. His grandparents are Mike Dreadfulwater and Lucille Hair. In the future, he hopes to be working with the troubled youth in the community or with a law enforcement agency.



Denise Whitekiller-Rooster

Denise Whitekiller-Rooster from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated with honors from Northeastern State University with a degree in Human and Family Science. She graduated as a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, a National Honor Society and was on the President's Honor Roll for her last semester with a 4.0 GPA.

Denise is the Wife of Dobson Proctor. Their sons are Jorden and Joshua Rooster. She is the daughter of Bill and Mary Whitekiller and Polly Ann and Jerry Malsarka. Her grandparents are Polly Jane Whitekiller and the late Annie Mae Soap.

Denise plans to work with families to assist them with a better quality of life. She is currently employed as the UKB Meld Project Assistant.

Denise said, "I'd like to say thank you to the tribe and family and friends for all the support and encouragement. Wa-do!"

