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# Keetoowah News

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## UKB Council Discusses Membership and IHS Facility Takeover Concerns

United Keetoowah Band's Chief George Wickliffe addressed the tribal representatives during their February council meeting discussing the dual membership roll. Chief Wickliffe addressed concerns regarding the list of names that were published in the tribal newspaper, the Keetoowah News. In the January issue the names of dual members that were listed were asked to come into the UKB Enrollment Office to complete their information on their files or make changes to become exclusive members. This is in preparation of this year's tribal election in November. In order to vote in this year's tribal elec-

tion, you must be an exclusive member of the United Keetoowah Band. The concerns were that if you did not make changes by the end of the last working day in February that you would be taken off the UKB rolls. In clarification to this, if anyone listed does not make changes to their membership, they would still be considered dual members and would be placed on the rolls as non-exclusive.

"No one is going to be dropped from the rolls. The only thing we're doing is, we're telling people if you want to vote, or if you want to share in the services we provide, you have to become

exclusive. If you don't make these changes, we are going to put you on the list that is non-exclusive," stated Chief Wickliffe. As a non-exclusive member you will be ineligible to vote in any UKB tribal elections, ineligible to receive any tribal services and ineligible to run for any type of tribal office.

Elections for all four officers and for the nine district representatives will be up for election in November of this year. Anytime there is an election, whether state, local, national or even tribal, there are going to be slight discrepancies in voting procedures. By eliminating dual enrollment, this year's election will be voted by exclusive members only. "We are doing this because we want to be fair with everybody. It's not because we're trying to take anyone off the rolls, we want to serve all people," added Chief Wickliffe.

The list of names in the February issue of the Keetoowah News are for UKB tribal members to check if they are listed in their correct districts, if they have a change of address or change of residency since the last election they must notify the UKB Enrollment Office to make these changes. This process is to ensure that all tribal members vote in their designated districts.

In other council action, Tahlequah District Represent-



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.



UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND Assistant Chief Charles Locust, addresses the tribal council during their February meeting discussing the Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (C.D.I.B.) process.

## UKB provides Assistance to Lost City

In a special meeting on February 21, 2008, the



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

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's Tribal Council unanimously moved to assist Lost City School with financial needs in keeping the school open. The grant will cover payroll, utilities and transportation costs. The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee recognizes the school is governed by state law and even though it has a large Native American enrollment the tribe is assisting the Lost City Community regardless of race. The assistance is to help get the school through the year.

"As traditional Keetoowah Cherokees, we need to be involved with all people, and especially children," stated Chief George Wickliffe.

Chief Wickliffe further explained that the grant comes with 'no strings attached.'

tative Albert Shade reported to the council that community elders wanted to show support against the Cherokee Nation takeover of Hastings Hospital. Suggestions made by the elders for a possibility of organizing a non-violent protest near Hastings Indian Hospital or sending a delegation of UKB Elders to Washington, D.C. to lobby against the hospital takeover by CNO. "The people out there are concerned and they want to help somehow," stated Shade.

"How can Cherokee Nation run Indian Health Service programs when they can't even run Cherokee Nation landfill? That's a business, they can't even run Cherokee Nation Enterprise

to serve their people," added Woodrow Proctor, UKB Flint District Representative. Chief Wickliffe told the council the UKB had a bid in for the Indian Health Service facility and that the UKB could do a better job in serving people. The Indian Health Services has been trying to transfer responsibility to tribes. "To be honest, if you really analyze the history that we have, compared to Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, they shouldn't even be eligible to apply for an application," said Chief Wickliffe.

According to UKB Economic Development Authority Executive Director and former Indian Health

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## UKB Tribal Offices Closed for Easter

The tribal offices of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will be closed Friday, March 21 & Monday, March 24 in observance of Easter. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, March 25 at 8:30 a.m.

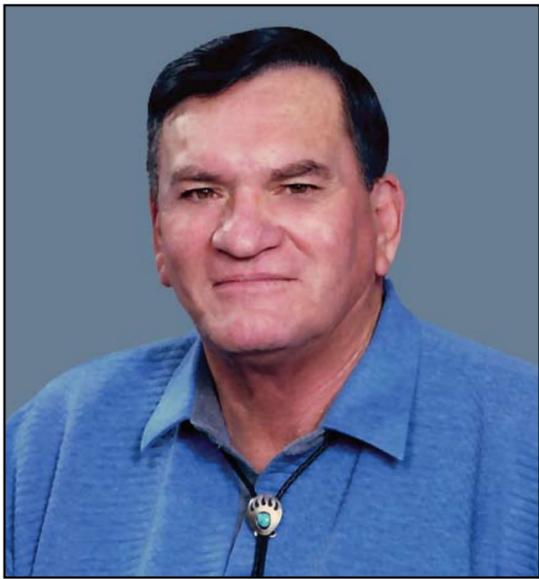
## Spring Break Culture Camp on Tap

Do your kids get bored during Spring Break? This year, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is offering a chance to get the kids out of doors, and learn something about Keetoowah history and culture at the same time!

The UKB's Spring Break Mini Culture Camp will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18-19, 2008 at the Oak Hill Community Center just south east of Jay, Oklahoma. The camp will last two days, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp is free to students and anyone interested in attending are welcome to participate in the camp.

Several Cherokee traditionalists will be teaching crafts including: Corn Husk dolls, Finger Weaving, Flint Knapping, Basket Weaving and other traditional crafts. There will be a traditional meal prepared for the students on Wednesday. Elders will also assist with the camp.

For more information, call Lisa LaRue Stopp, Interim Director of Language, History and Culture at 918-431-9998.



## A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe

is not mentioned in these statements by the CNO that the current Chief and Deputy Chief of the CNO both had fathers who ran unsuccessfully for Chief and Assistant Chief of the UKB, as well as other situations which are irrelevant to the real issues at hand.

**Myth:** CNO has treaty rights and the UKB never has.

**Truth:** The United States government refrained from making treaties with Indian Tribes after 1868, so it is true that there are no treaties which specifically name the "United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma." Likewise, there are no treaties which specify "Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma." However, the UKB Charter, again approved by the Department of the Interior's Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, specifically states, "To protect any interest which the United Keetoowah Band or its members may have in treaties made with the Cherokee Nation." This provision was made because Keetoowahs are Cherokees, too.

Likewise, the UKB government's well-documented descent stems from the Western Cherokee, or Old Settlers, with whom the U.S. Government did treat.

**Myth:** "Tribes that have inherent sovereignty, as the Cherokee Nation (sic) does, do not need to ask Congress for a corporate charter to create their organization, as the UKBCIO had to do in 1950."

**Truth:** In fact, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the other 'civilized' tribes also 'asked' Congress for a corporate charter, as this is one of the requirements of organizing under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA). The OIWA is the only way a dissolved tribe, such as the Cherokee Nation, can legally reestablish court systems and other vital functions of tribal government.

In addition to the federally-mandated charter, the UKB has a Constitution. The UKB also has a fully operating and independent government with historical records which reflect that UKB leaders continued to meet. The UKB leaders were surely

organized enough in the 1940's to begin this process, and in 1950 to seek federal recognition. Regardless of the continuous attack by CNO to discredit the UKB, there is no question whatsoever that the UKB is a federally recognized tribe. Anyone can log onto the Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs/ website and determine from an official source that the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is, indeed, a federally recognized tribe.

**Myth:** "In a 1976 federal court case, Harjo v Kleppe, the federal government ruled that the Cherokee Nation could develop a new Constitution 'as an exercise of the tribe's inherent sovereignty'."

**Truth:** The Harjo v Kleppe case makes no ruling whatsoever regarding Cherokee Nation. The case is entirely regarding the Creek Nation. In that ruling, it is stated, "Moreover, there is no doubt that the tribe as a whole (Creek Nation) is legally entitled to develop a new constitution to be adopted either as an exercise of the tribe's inherent sovereignty or pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act. However, under the 1867 Constitution, which is the prevailing law governing the current organization of that tribe, any such action would have to be approved by the duly constituted national legislature, which does not now exist." In order to get their legislative and other governmental functions restored, the Creek Nation organized under the OIWA in 1979 and later that same year, ratified its constitution and corporate charter under that act.

**Myth:** "In 1906 Congress specifically continued the government of the Cherokee Nation past statehood and through until today, when it said in the Five Tribes Act that our government 'continued in full force and effect'."

**Truth:** The section referred to of the Five Tribes Act is section 28. This states in its entirety, "That the tribal existence and present tribal governments of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek and Seminole tribes or nations are hereby continued in full force and effect for all purposes authorized by law, until otherwise provided by law, but the tribal council or legislature in any of said tribes or nations shall not be in session for a longer period than thirty days in one year: Provided, That no act, ordinance, or resolution (except resolutions of adjournment) of the tribal council or legislature of any of said tribes or nations shall be of any validity until approved by the President of the United States: Provided further, That no contract involving payment or expenditure of any money or affecting any property belonging to any of said tribes or nations made by them or any of them or by any officer thereof, shall be of any validity until approved by the President of the United States."

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Dear Tribal Members,

What's the REAL Story Behind Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Misleading Statements?

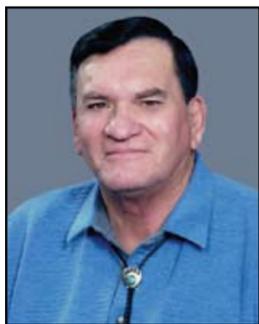
**Myth:** "The UKBCIO's claims of jurisdiction are really just a massive case of identity theft on a national level."

**Truth:** The United Keetoowah Band (UKB) Constitution, which was approved by the Department of the Interior on May 8, 1950 and ratified by Keetoowah Cherokee voters on October 3, 1950, consistently refers to the 'nine districts of the Old Cherokee Nation' for purposes of representation and voting and is consistently used as a basis for numerous tribal services. However, the "Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma" is an entity not known historically until adoption of the so-called 1976 constitution. Because of this, the UKB does not recognize existence of the CNO prior to 1976; it is just not substantiated. If anyone is committing identity theft, it is that of the CNO claiming to be the historic Cherokee Nation.

**Myth:** The UKB Chief has ran for Chief and Council in the Cherokee Nation and was rejected numerous times so he 'turned' to the UKB.

**Truth:** I have been involved in UKB tribal business for several decades, as records will show. In addition, prior to the BIA-recommended resolution disallowing dual citizenship in both Cherokee tribes, I served successfully on the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma tribal council. In addition, it

## UKB Council



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## UKB Flint District Meeting Set

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's Flint District will have a meeting on Saturday, March 29 from 2-5 p.m. at the Stilwell Satellite office. For more information, contact Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor at (918) 822-3811.

**George G. Wickliffe** **Charles D. Locust**  
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## Making Healthy Food Choices

Knowing what to eat can be confusing. Everywhere you turn, there is news about what is or isn't good for you. Some basic principles have weathered the fad diets, and have stood the test of time. Here are a few tips on making healthful food choices for you and your entire family.

- Eat lots of vegetables and fruits. Try picking from the rainbow of colors available to maximize variety. Eat non-starchy vegetables such as spinach, carrots, broccoli or green beans with meals.

- Choose whole grain foods over processed grain products. Try brown rice with your stir fry or whole wheat spaghetti with your favorite pasta sauce.

- Include dried beans (like kidney or pinto beans) and lentils into your meals.

- Include fish in your meals 2-3 times a week.

- Choose lean meats like cuts of beef and pork that end in "loin"

such as pork loin and sirloin. Remove the skin from chicken and turkey.

- Choose non-fat dairy such as skim milk, non-fat yogurt and non-fat cheese.

- Choose water and calorie-free "diet" drinks instead of regular soda, fruit punch, sweet tea and other sugar-sweetened drinks.

- Choose liquid oils for cooking instead of solid fats that can be high in saturated and trans fats. Remember that fats are high in calories. If you're trying to lose weight, watch your portion sizes of added fats.

- Cut back on high calorie snack foods and desserts like chips, cookies, cakes, and full-fat ice cream.

- Eating too much of even healthful foods can lead to weight gain. Watch your portion sizes.

Want more information on foods that are healthier, or how to establish a plan for eating healthy foods? Let the American Diabetes Association help point you in the right direction. \* For more information call 1-800-Diabetes or 1-800-366-1655 or go to their website at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

## From The Chief

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This makes it clear that the existence of Cherokee Nation is very limited, and only federal law (Congress) can change that status. That is what the OIWA did, which Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma has refused to organize under. In addition, this very section which Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma cites on numerous occasions, states that the President of the United States is required to approve all legislative actions. Congress has not changed this provision, either, yet CNO recently voted to not require Presidential or federal approval of their 'new' Constitution.

To further clarify this, a BIA memorandum from 1953 states, "On the 2nd day of March, 1906, Congress by resolution, extended the tribal existence and tribal governments of the Five Civilized Tribes, for the purpose, under existing laws, "until all property of such tribes, or the proceeds thereof shall be distributed among the individual members of said tribes unless hereafter provided by law.....All of the power, executive, Legislative and judicial of the Tribes expired on March 4, 1906, and the tribal governments were extended in name only, as a local entity, for the purpose of conveying tribal property by their executives, and this power was qualified to the extent, that the Secretary of the Interior could convey the property without their consent or signature of their executives.

. . .The purpose of the extension of these tribal governments was not to continue the governmental powers and authority, because that authority had already been destroyed...The

tribal Chiefs and Governors were continued in office for the purpose of passing title only, and the tribal governments were continued to avoid the possibility of the M.K. & T. Railway Company's grant attaching."

Today's young people do not remember the origins of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, and take these media 'spin doctors' at their word. Know your history, and know the law. Your children's future depends on it.

In the late 1960's as Cherokee Nation's Presidentially - appointed Chief, W.W. Keeler used residual funds owned by the tribe to try and establish some help for the Cherokee people. Ralph Keen, Sr. who was a young attorney at the time, and several others were instrumental in helping get the movement started. These were the roots for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. The senior Keen later became a Chief Justice in the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma's 'court' system.

"Our main problem with the Cherokee people was...well, they usually had two questions that illustrate what their state of mind was: First of all, they would ask if we worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs? We would tell them no, we work for the tribe. Where's the office? In the Muskogee area they would ask. They didn't understand the distinction between the BIA and the tribe because for sixty years, there was no tribe."

- Ralph Keen, Sr. 1993

*Ralph Keen, Sr.*

## Try this delicious recipe

### Fruit Smoothies

Makes 4 servings

Start to Finish: 10 minutes

#### Ingredients

2 8-ounce cartons vanilla low-fat yogurt

2 ripe small bananas

1 cup sliced fresh strawberries or unsweetened frozen strawberries

1 cup fresh mixed berries, such as raspberries, blueberries, and/or blackberries, or unsweetened frozen mixed berries

#### Directions

In a blender container, combine yogurt, bananas, and berries; cover and puree until nearly smooth. *Makes 4 servings.*

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Nutrition facts per serving:

Calories: 125

Total fat: 1 g

Saturated fat: 0g

Cholesterol: 2 mg

Sodium: 88mg

Carbohydrate: 24g

Fiber: 3g

Protein: 7g

Vitamin A: 2%

Vitamin C: 52%

Calcium: 24%

Iron: 3%



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## UKB Council Discusses Membership

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Service Health System Administrator Don Ade, if the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma succeeds in taking over the Indian Health Service facility, patient care will be condensed and will suffer. With the CNO takeover, the tribe will automatically received six million dollars for administration cost. This will create a 10 percent cut in resources that equates to a 10 percent reduction in the quality of service. "There are doctors, nurses and other professional health care providers that enter the Indian Health Services for long range purposes. They come in to establish a career, so they can have federal retirement. If CNO comes in and takes over the facility, many of these health professionals will be seeking employment elsewhere," stated Ade. Hastings Hospital employees are not guaranteed they will keep their federal employee status under the supervision of CNO. After two years the employees will be required to re-negotiate with no guarantees as to their federal employee status," said Ade.

Another concern is the way Indian Health Service is registering Keetoowah Cherokee members in their medical records department. When a UKB tribal member registers for medical aide at Hastings Hospital, the registration clerk lists the member as Cherokee, and I.H.S. automatically enrolls them as a Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma tribal member. The question asked to the individual is not if they are a UKB member, the individual is asked if they're Cherokee. The responsibility falls on the Indian Health Service to ask this person if they are a member of CNO or UKB.

"If you really think about this, it really starts with the Certificate De-

gree of Indian Blood card (C.D.I.B). Because the Bureau of Indian Affairs (B.I.A.) contracts with Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and they give everybody a card that says Cherokee. They don't list United Keetoowah Band on the card, but they type Seneca, Delaware, Cherokee, etc. on the cards, why won't they allow this for our tribe? It's because they don't want to separate the two tribes. They're using the C.D.I.B. against us," stated UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust. "We discussed this with I.H.S. that they were allowing the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma not to classify the United Keetoowah Band on the C.D.I.B. cards. That's the problem we are running into with B.I.A., they are allowing this to happen," added Assistant Chief Locust.

With the new ruling regarding the recent case law that was ruled by a federal judge in California another problem evolves. In that ruling it states that any Indian tribe that has taken over an Indian Health Service facility through self-governance can charge Native Americans for health services. "If the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma takes over operation of this hospital under self-governance they will have the authority backed by this case law to charge for their services," added Ade.

In other council items the Revised Election Ordinance and the revision of EDA By-Laws were tabled until the February 21st Special Meeting. The United Keetoowah Band tribal council meetings are generally held on the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. in the UKB Community Services Building conference room.

# 36th Annual Symposium on the American Indian

Keynote speakers - Nancy Maryboy & David Begay; Jerry Elliott; John Herrington; N. Scott Momaday; Akira Yamamoto; Robert Conley, and Doug McDonald Symposium Theme

NSU Powwow – April 18 & 19 Center for Tribal Studies

## The Agenda

Tentative – Subject to Change  
(Revised January 10, 2008)

### Special Pre-Symposium Events

#### Monday, April 14

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

NET Auditorium

2008 American Indian Symposium Film Series Nathan Young, IV and Donita Oosahwee

#### Tuesday, April 15

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

NET Auditorium

2008 American Indian Symposium Film Series Nathan Young, IV and Donita Oosahwee

Showcasing contemporary films written, produced, and/or directed by American Indian, Alaska Native, and First Nations film makers. Coordinated by Nathan Young, IV (Pawnee/Delaware), Rockefeller Foundation Media Arts Fellow, and Donita Oosahwee (Cherokee/Three Affiliated Tribes), National Indian Women's Health Resource Center. Co-sponsors: American Indian Resource Center, National Indian Women's Health Resource Center, and Native Airspace Productions.

### Wednesday, April 16 - Friday, April 18

#### All Day Activities

Ballroom Lounge, 2nd Floor

Traditional Arts Vendor Booths

Ballroom A, 2nd Floor

Institutional Information Booths

2nd Floor Landing

NSU Bookstore Display and Sale

Ballroom A, 2nd Floor

Publisher Book Display

Room 222, 2nd Floor

Art Exhibit

### Wednesday, April 16

General Assembly

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Ballroom B, 2nd Floor

Opening Ceremony, Native American Student Association James White (Ponca/Keetoowah), NASA President, presiding

Keynote Address: Title TBA

Nancy Maryboy, Ph.D. (Navajo/Cherokee), Indigenous Education Institute

David Begay, Ph.D. (Navajo), Stargazer Program, Northern Arizona University

The presentation will focus on the juxtaposition of Native astronomy and western science.

Sponsor: Oklahoma EPSCoR

11:30 a.m.

Lunch on your own On campus: UC Market Café, UC, 1st Floor; Food Court, UC Basement; Flo's Place in Wilson Hall

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Questions Answered in the Pawnee Sky

Mary Ann Bloom, Coordinator, Pawnee Earth Lodge Exhibit, Field Museum of Chicago

People all over the world, throughout time, ask common questions about life, but have different responses to those questions based on their history, environment and creativity. The Pawnee were surrounded by an encompassing doming sky. In the stars, planets, sun and moon, Pawnee found the answers to common questions we all wonder about, such as creation, how to live, what happens when you die. This session will explore questions all cultures ask and how Pawnee cosmology offers answers to common questions. [http://www.chicagofieldmuseum.com/museum\\_info/press/press\\_pawnee.htm](http://www.chicagofieldmuseum.com/museum_info/press/press_pawnee.htm)

Sponsor: Oklahoma Humanities Council

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Sound Waves: Native Americans at High Risk for Hearing Problems Speaker TBA NSU Speech Language Pathology

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Title TBA

Stacy Pratt (Muscogee [Creek]), ABD, University of

Southern Mississippi

Sharon Mouss (Muscogee [Creek]), Regent, College of the Muscogee Nation

2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Rhythms and Cycles of the Kiowa Universe

Kelly Anquoe (Kiowa/Cherokee), Kiowa traditionalist; Social Work Assistant, Hastings Indian Medical Center, Tahlequah

Sponsor: Oklahoma Humanities Council

2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Scholarship of Discovery: Student Research and Language Projects Wyman Kirk (Cherokee), Instructor, Cherokee Language Program

Scholars from the NSU Cherokee Language degree program will present individual projects delivered in the Cherokee language.

2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Title TBA

Nancy Maryboy, Ph.D. (Navajo/Cherokee), Indigenous Education Institute

David Begay, Ph.D. (Navajo), Stargazer Program, Northern Arizona University

Presenters will discuss traditional knowledge of the Navajo Sky.

Sponsor: Oklahoma EPSCoR

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Beta Field

SPECIAL EVENT: Traditional Stickball Game Native American Student Association

The game of stickball, traditionally referred to as the "little brother of war" is an activity shared by Southeastern tribes. In the Northeast, the game of lacrosse is assumed to have come from this ancient sport. Adapted by contemporary cultures, this indigenous game still provokes fierce competition in tribal communities today. Audience participation is welcome. Signed waivers of liability are required.

Sponsor: NSU Native American Student Association

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Cedar Room, 3rd Floor

RECEPTION: Crowning of Miss NASA 2008-2009 Join members of the Native American Student Association in a reception to honor the crowning of Miss NASA 2008-09. Former Miss NASAs are invited as special guests.

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John Herrington; Jerry High Eagle Elliott; Robert Conley;  
Dr. N. Scott Momaday; Dr. Doug McDonald

APRIL 14 & 15 - Pre-symposium filmseries, NET Auditorium, 7 p.m.  
APRIL 18 & 19 - NSU Annual Powwow, UC Ballroom

For agenda visit [www.cts.nsuok.edu](http://www.cts.nsuok.edu) or email [tribalstudies@nsuok.edu](mailto:tribalstudies@nsuok.edu)

Free and open to the public

## NSU POWWOW

Friday and Saturday,  
April 18th & 19th

Second Floor Ballroom,  
University Center Northeastern State  
University Tahlequah, OK 74464

### Head Man Dancer

Larry Scraper, Cherokee

### Head Lady Dance

Sun Rose Iron Shell, Sicangu/Oglala Lakota

### Head Singer

Vincent Townsend  
Owen's Valley, Paiute

### Master of Ceremonies

Kelly Anquoe, Kiowa/Cherokee

### Arena Director

Warren Hawk, Hunkpapa Lakota

### Color Guard

United Keetoowah Band

### Head Gourd Dancer

Christopher Chanate, Kiowa/Cherokee

All drums, singers and dancers welcome!!!  
For more information on the NSU Powwow  
or other Symposium events, contact the  
NSU Center for Tribal Studies  
(918)456-5511 ext. 4350.

Drugs, alcohol, and weapons are prohibited.  
Not responsible for theft and/or accidents

# The Sun, the Moon, the Stars: Rhythms of Life

April 16-19, 2008 NSU University Center 600 North Grand Avenue Northeastern State University - Tahlequah

Sponsor: Muscogee Creek Nation Casino

## Evening Session

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

NET Auditorium

2008 American Indian Symposium Film Series

Documentary film premiere: Houston, We Have a Solution Sara Barnett-Flores (Muscogee [Creek]), Educational Talent Search Coordinator, Oklahoma State University, film director

Jerry (High Eagle) Elliott (Osage/Cherokee), retired physicist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient

The documentary presents the personal reflections of Oklahoma native Jerry Elliott, an Osage/Cherokee physicist whose career with NASA involved nearly four decades of advances in space science. His many outstanding contributions to science and to humanity began with his dreams and explorations under the Oklahoma skies. His inspiring story is directed by his mentee, Barnett-Flores, in her first documentary film. A discussion will follow.

Sponsor: Oklahoma Humanities Council

## Thursday, April 19th

General Assembly

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Ballroom B, 2nd Floor

Opening Session, *American Indian Science & Engineering Society Sara Snell* (Cherokee), AISES President, presiding 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Ballroom B, 2nd Floor

Keynote Address: *Title TBA*

John Herrington, USN Cmdr., Ret., (Chickasaw), former NASA Astronaut

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11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Ballroom C, 2nd Floor

Luncheon with Keynote Speaker: *Title TBA*

Robert Conley (United Keetoowah Band Cherokee), Writer.

A member of the Western Writers of America, Conley has won three Spur Awards, Oklahoma Writer of the Year, Wordcraft Circle Writer of the Year, and is an inductee in the Oklahoma Professional Writers Hall of Fame. [www.hanksville.org/storytellers/conley](http://www.hanksville.org/storytellers/conley) Sponsor: Oklahoma Humanities Council

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

NSU Soccer Field

SPECIAL EVENT: *Traditional Cornstalk Shoot Competition* Coordinators: Kate Felzien & Debbie Grayson, Cherokee Cornstalk Shoot Society, Tahlequah

The traditional cornstalk shoot began in the days of our ancestors. Games were often held in a central location hosting many archers from near and far; other games were held in back yards of archers who would invite local archers over for a good game and betting on the side. The Cherokee Cornstalk Society will lead this competition an audience participation is encouraged. Signed waivers of liability are required.

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Scholarship of Discovery: *Student Research and Language Projects* Wyman Kirk (Cherokee), Instructor, Cherokee Language Program

Scholars from the NSU Cherokee Language degree program will present individual projects delivered in the Cherokee language

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

*Title TBA*

William Isminger, Assistant Site Manager, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

Prehistoric structures, including "Woodhenge" at Cahokia Mounds show some relation to structures at other mound sites such as Spiro, Moundville, and Ocmulgee in the southeast United States. Believed to function as a sun calendar, the post locations of Woodhenge are aligned with the positions of the sun. Through excavations and studies of these sites, there is evidence to compare and contrast the various cultures that are responsible for these structures.

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1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

*Title TBA*

Speaker TBA

Cherokee Cosmology

2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

*Title TBA*

Davy Arch (Eastern Band Cherokee), Eastern Band Cherokee traditionalist, storyteller, artist, mask carver, and cultural educator.

2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

*Title TBA*

Warren Hawk (Hunkpapa Lakota, Standing Rock Sioux Reservation), Lakota traditionalist; Volunteer Field Specialist, Cherokee Nation Community Services

The focus will be on the significance of star knowledge within the Lakota culture and its iconography in the contemporary design motifs of the star quilt and other objects. Native traditions and teachings are important everyday practices of the Lakota people. For Hawk, this heritage inspires lifelong learning, encourages dialogue, and sparks

imagination. As an educator, mentor, and consultant, he integrates the songs, music, art, stories, and teachings into knowledge that he passes on to others.

Sponsor: Oklahoma Humanities Council

2:30 - 4:15 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT: *Third Annual Cherokee Language Forum* Coordinator: Harry Oosahwee, NSU/Cherokee Nation

Panelists: Shirley Oswald and Nannie Taylor, Eastern Band Cherokee; and others TBA

Fluent Cherokee language speakers from North Carolina and Oklahoma will discuss the current tribal issues surrounding the

revitalization of the Cherokee language, giving the audience a unique opportunity to experience the spoken Cherokee language.

## Evening Sessions

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Morgan, 3rd Floor

SPECIAL EVENT: *Native Language Revitalization Seminar Part One*

Team leader: Dr. Akira Yamamoto, Linguistics Professor Emeritus, University of Kansas

Seminar faculty: Marcellino Berardo, Kelly Harper Berkson, Tracy Hirata Edds, Durbin Feeling, Phyllis Fife, Wyman Kirk, Mary S. Linn, Brad Montgomery-Anderson, Lizette Peter, Gloria Sly, Kimiko Y. Yamamoto

The evening seminar begins with a survey of current global efforts to document, reclaim and revitalize indigenous languages. This will be followed by various language programs in Oklahoma and neighboring states that utilize innovative and scholarly approaches to documentation, teaching, learning, and program development.

Sponsors: Oklahoma Humanities Council, Oklahoma Native Language Association, and the Center for Tribal Studies

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

(weather permitting)

Cherokee Heritage Center Marble Field located south of Tahlequah

OUTDOOR EVENT: *Indian Marbles under the Moon & Stars*

Coordinator: Dennis Snell (Cherokee), Principal, Jay High School

The Cherokee game known as Indian marbles is played today by both male and female players using an outdoor playing field comprised of a course of five marble holes. The traditional hand-made stone marbles are now replaced with various pool balls that players move during game action from a standing position. This challenging game involves physical skill, team strategy, competition, and memory. Cultural protocol keeps the game friendly, respectful, and inclusive of all ages.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

(weather permitting)

Site TBA

OUTDOOR EVENT: *Stargazing*

Details TBA

## Friday, April 20th

Special Concurrent Seminar

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Morgan, 3d Floor

SPECIAL EVENT: *Native Language Revitalization Seminar Part Two* Team leader: Dr. Akira Yamamoto, Linguistics Professor Emeritus, University of Kansas

Seminar faculty: Marcellino Berardo, Kelly Harper Berkson, Tracy Hirata Edds, Durbin Feeling, Phyllis Fife, Wyman Kirk, Mary S. Linn, Brad Montgomery-Anderson, Lizette Peter, Gloria Sly, Kimiko Y. Yamamoto

Native American teachers in a number of communities have been working over the past several decades to develop language education programs, usually with extremely limited technical resources. Unlike teachers of European languages, they often lack not only usable grammars and dictionaries of the languages they are teaching, but also curricula and language teaching materials. The focus of this session is on the time-concept expressed in the verbs of various indigenous languages, and proceeds on applying the knowledge to create stories and language teaching materials. The seminar invites all Native language teachers, speakers, learners, and individuals interested in joining the Native language reclaiming and revitalization efforts.

Sponsors: Oklahoma Humanities Council, Oklahoma Native Language Association, and the Center for Tribal Studies

## General Assembly

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Ballroom B, 2nd Floor

Opening session, *Indian University Scholars Society* Miranda Knight-Brown (Cherokee), IUSS President, presiding

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Ballroom B, 2nd Floor

Keynote Address: *Title TBA*

Dr. N. Scott Momaday (Kiowa/Cherokee), Oklahoma Centennial Poet Laureate, Pulitzer Prize winning author  
Sponsor: Oklahoma Humanities Council

11:30 a.m.

*Lunch on your own*

On campus: UC Market Café, UC, 1st Floor; Food Court, UC Basement; Flo's Place in Wilson Hall

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Terrace

SPECIAL EVENT: *Basket Weaving Workshop on the Terrace* Shannon Snell (Cherokee), Advanced Research Chemical, Inc. chemist

A demonstration of traditional Cherokee double-walled basket making will be presented. Snell, a chemist by profession, learned the skills of basket making at a very young age as a summer apprentice at the Cherokee Heritage Center. She has developed a technique for creating miniature double-walled baskets for which she has won awards. With 16 years of experience, she generously shares her expertise and cultural knowledge with others who want to learn. Audience participation is encouraged. Limited supplies will be provided.

Sponsor: American Indian Science & Engineering Society 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

*Storytelling: Title TBA*

Davy Arch (Eastern Band Cherokee), Cultural educator, mask maker, artist, lecturer

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

*Teachings of the Keetoowah Cherokee Elders*

Sammy Still (United Keetoowah Band Cherokee), Keetoowah News Media Director and Editor; Keetoowah Cherokee traditionalist and cultural advisor

Still has over thirty years of experience with tribal affairs with a wide range of professional contributions including mass communications, cultural education, photography, and historical documentation.

Sponsor: United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

The Sun, the Moon, and the Stars in Native Film

*Speakers TBA*

Sponsor: American Indian Resource Center

## Closing General Session

2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Ballroom B

*Title TBA*

Dr. Doug McDonald (Lakota), Indians into Psychology Program Director, University of North Dakota

Sponsor: Oklahoma Humanities Council

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Ballroom B

Closing Ceremony

Evening Event

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Herb Rozell Ballroom

2008 Annual NSU Alumni Powwow Honored Alumnus TBA

Powwow Head Staff

Master of Ceremonies: Kelly Anquoe (Kiowa/Cherokee)

Head Man Dancer: Larry Scrapper (Cherokee) Head Lady

Dancer: Sun Rose Iron Shell (Sicangu/Oglala Lakota)

Head Singer: Vincent Townsend (Owen's Valley Paiute)

Host Color Guard: United Keetoowah Band Color Guard

Head Gourd Dancer: Christopher Chanate (Kiowa/Cherokee)

Arena Director: Warren Hawk (Hunkpapa Lakota)

Traditional Arts Vendor Booths

Giveaways Friday evening only

## Saturday, April 21st

Special Events

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bacone House

*1st Annual Oklahoma Workshop on North American Indigenous Languages* Coordinator: Brad Montgomery-Anderson, Assistant Professor of English, NSU

The workshop focuses on descriptive studies of indigenous languages of North and Central America. Presentations will be followed by discussion.

3:00 p.m. - Midnight

Ballroom, 2nd Floor

## OPENING CEREMONY:

*Annual NSU Alumni Powwow*

POWWOW HEAD STAFF

Master of Ceremonies: Kelly Anquoe (Kiowa/Cherokee)

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Arena Director: Warren Hawk (Hunkpapa Lakota)

3:00 p.m. Gourd Dancing

5:00 p.m. Supper

Followed by Grand Entry

\$1,800 in Contest Prizes

Traditional Arts Vendor Booths

# Congresswoman takes heroic freedmen stance

By Marilyn Vann

Cherokee Nation Chief Chad Smith and his supporters denounced HR 2824 by U.S. Rep. Diane Watson, D-Calif. The bill is designed to strip federal funding from the tribe if it denationalizes Cherokee freedmen citizens.

An ethics complaint against Watson states the bill oversteps her authority. Smith called the congresswoman an outsider who misrepresents facts, and stated that the 1866 Treaty was forced on the Cherokee Nation. Some Cherokee leaders even called HR 2824 a "termination" bill. Smith supporters stated Cherokees want only "Indians" in the tribe. Smith stated that Cherokee freedmen who received land allotments received "reparations."

The U.S. Supreme Court upholds Congress' right to pass laws affecting Indian tribes, including federal funding. Cherokee leaders never classed congressional members as "outsiders" who supported bills they requested — including an act which removed United Keetoowah Band's federal funding.

In 1866, to re-establish relations with the United States, the Cherokee Nation signed a reconstruction

living within the tribe in 1861 and their descendants. Federal cases (Redbird, Whitmire) have held that Cherokee freed-men were granted citizenship by treaty and that freedmen citizenship was not forced on the tribe.

Chief Smith states the treaty agreement was forced. Does he believe in the Confederate's policy of slavery and that the tribe should still have that right?

Smith falsely states that Cherokee freedmen received tribal allotments as reparations. Historically Cherokee citizens owned land in common. Cherokee freedmen received shares of common lands just as other Cherokee citizens — which is no different than that of freed slaves of Confederates who received U.S. citizenship and could receive federal land under the Homestead Act.

Clearly, Cherokee freedmen, whose ancestors came across the Trail of Tears on foot, carrying baggage, shackled and who toiled unpaid for generations, receiving the same equal rights as native Cherokee was reasonable by both the Cherokee Nation and the United States. Both Cherokee Indians and freedmen received U.S. citizenship in 1901.

Smith's references to Cherokee

regardless of "Indian ancestry" or lack of, have legal citizenship guaranteed by the tribe and America. The Dawes rolls listed Cherokee tribal members living between 1902 and 1906 for land allotment purposes and were not simply lists of Indians and non-Indians.

HR2824 is not a termination bill. If passed it will not shut down the tribal council or courts, or remove the chief. The tribe is not forced to continue freedmen citizenship. But if passed the tribe loses federal funding and casino operation rights if not in compliance with the 1866 Treaty. Funding and casino rights will continue after legal compliance.

Cherokee freedmen have treaty rights of federal intervention to protect our tribal citizenship. The Cherokee Nation, which annual

receives \$300 million in federal funding, has spent millions lobbying Congress under Smith's leadership to denationalize its slave descendants.

Congresswoman Watson's brave decision to help the freedmen is like members of Congress who helped black citizens of Mississippi during the Civil Rights Movement. She is a heroine for justice of people who have been overlooked and discarded.

If Smith succeeds in breaking the treaty agreement for freedmen citizenship, he will send a termination message to those who desire to have the United States end tribal governments by declaring all Indian treaties void.

No tribe will be safe.

Marilyn Vann is president of the Descendants of Freedmen Association.

## Rodney Eagle Gets Degree in Organizational Management

Rodney Eagle of Stilwell graduated from John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management. Mr. Eagle is a United Keetoowah Band tribal member and is employed with McKee Foods, in Gentry, Arkansas, as a production supervisor.



Eagle attended and graduated from Stilwell High School, "I attended college right out of high school, but did not finish, I got a job and went to work," stated Eagle. "Since I had my basic courses finished, I decided to attend John Brown University and major in Manufacturing. This was in line with what I wanted to do and it was a good opportunity to attend JBU."

Eagle has continued to work for McKee foods while attending John Brown University. Receiving his B.S. Degree has given him the opportunity to advance to the next level as a production supervisor. He stated that receiving his education has taught him to relate better to people and their different personalities. He also added that he would one day look forward to working within the United Keetoowah Band tribe, his way of thanking UKB for all of the assistance he has received from the tribe. Eagle would like to work in the Education department working with young tribal members; helping them to seek their educational goals.

"I want to thank my employer, McKee Foods, for their assistance with my education. I also want to thank Della Wolfe, Education Intake Specialist for the UKB. I appreciate all of her assistance and encouragement she has given me. She has really encouraged me to do more than what I could do and I just appreciate everything she has done for me," Stated Eagle.

Rodney Eagle is married to Angela; they have been married for over 6 1/2 years. Angela is a student at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. She is majoring in Optometry and was accepted to NSU'S Optometry school beginning in August of this year. Rodney's parents are Nanny Sue Eagle and the late Jim Eagle, Jr.

### United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu March 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Beef Stew Cornbread Salad Dessert	4 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Potato Chips Salad Dessert	5 Burritos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad Dessert	6 Tuna Casserole Tomato Zucchini French Bread Sticks Salad Dessert	7 Breakfast Served At 10:30
10 Brown Beans n Ham Mixed Greens Jalapeño Cornbread	11 Smothered Chops Wild Rice Corn Salad Dessert	12 Fish Sticks Tater Tots Peas Salad Dessert	13 Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Salad Dessert	14 Breakfast Served At 10:30
17 Corned Beef & Cabbage Potato O'Brien Salad Dessert	18 BBQ Hot Links Corn On The Cob Baked Beans Salad Dessert	19 Stuffed Crab White Rice Hushpuppies Cole Slaw Dessert	20 Smoked Ham Cornbread Dressing Green Beans Salad Dessert	21 CLOSED Happy Easter
24 Tortilla Soup Baked Potato Garden Salad Dessert	25 Meatloaf Mashed Potato Peas Salad Dessert	26 Cal-Zone Caesar Salad Dessert	27 Cultural Foods Day March Birthdays	28 CLOSED For CLEANING
31 Chopped Beef on a Bun Potato Chips Salad Dessert				

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Every one invited to attend!

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Learn how to create beautiful crafts by hand such as:  
•Corn Husk Dolls •Baskets •Finger Weaving  
•Clay beads •Pottery

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•Stickball •Marbles •Ring Toss

Craft making/Storytelling—Tuesday  
Craft making/Traditional games—Wednesday  
Hog Fry—Wednesday, 12 noon

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For more information please contact the United Keetoowah Band Language, History and Culture department, 918-456-9200, ask for Lisa Stopp or Cindy Hair

# UKB Regular January Council Meeting Minutes

**CORRECTION:** In the Council Minutes of December 1, 2007, Council Meeting. Reference; Page 3 # 6. Minutes stated Council had the authority to amend the UKB Constitution. Information should have read; Council has the authority to propose an amendment to the UKB Constitution. Councilman, Barry Dotson wished this correction be made to inform he does acknowledge any Constitutional change must be through the Secretary of Interior. Mr. Dotson was concerned because the December 1, 2007 minutes implied he had asked that the Secretary of Interior be eliminated when he had only asked for information on amending the Constitution. Sincere apologies for confusion and/or misunderstanding caused by the December 1, 2007 Council Minutes Reporting. Submitted by: Liz Little-dave

**UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the UKB Community Services Building January 05, 2008 10:00 a.m. – 2:14 p.m.**

## I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

## II. Invocation: Larry Adair

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

- S. Wofford, C. Wofford, Proctor, Sacks and Fourkiller did not answer Roll Call.

## IV. Chief's Address

- Reminded recently set rules of parliamentary procedure will be practiced.

- Keetoowah-Cherokee Language is sometimes used in Council Meetings but such is translated into the English language (10:06 a.m. C. Wofford, S. Wofford arrived)

- Reminded November was election month

- Couples sometimes are listed in different voting districts because they fail to notify enrollment of their living in the same residence.

- People speak of ineligible voters being allowed to vote but working on cleaning this up.

- The Dawes Roll used for enrollment, by CNO "knocked the bottom out of blood quantum" but UKB Roll started with the '49 Roll. Everyone listed was at least ½ degree of Cherokee blood. Now you must prove at least ¼ degree Cherokee blood to be enrolled as a Keetoowah. In the past we were all Keetoowahs and there was only one government; Government of the United Keetoowah Band. The other (CNO) was completely stalled under the Curtis Act. There is a difference between the Cherokee Nation and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

- We continue to struggle for our government as we have for 179 years.

- CNO is now claiming health care is under attack. This is not true. The B.I.A. can make sure I.H.S. Hospital(s) and clinics can continue to provide health care and the United Keetoowah Band can run those facilities too. The UKB would

not have employee layoffs. News from CNO, health care will disappear and this is not true. Our hospital, etc. will continue to be funded.

- UKB is in the count of these I.H.S. hospitals, clinics, etc.

- The Election Board has been working on modification of the voters list. This is a major problem because of dual tribal membership. The UKB cannot provide services to dual members. UKB can only serve exclusive UKB tribal members.

- We cannot tell people to relinquish CNO citizenship if they wish to remain dual enrolled. Only when a dual enrollee comes for services is it discovered they are dual enrolled.

- The only reasonable attempt to correct dual membership and to eliminate dual members from voting in Keetoowah Elections is; prepare a list of all people listed as UKB but who have incomplete membership documents on file. The list will be published and a deadline will be allowed to complete needed paperwork and if those people fail to respond by deadline then their name will be removed from the UKB membership roll. This is the only way to have an exclusive election.

(10:19 AM Proctor, Fourkiller arrived)

- Chief Wickliffe: supported the "list" approach to cleaning up dual membership be approved. He said there will continue to be a few problems in elections but this approach to clean-up our voters list will help in getting a more exclusive voters list and this is what we are trying to achieve.

- There is a problem in the method being used in issuance of scholarships. Scholarships are being sent directly to the student instead of being sent to the school Business Office. Students are not using scholarships for education cost which is causing them hardship in education cost. It has been said; the Education Committee is making the recommendation that scholarship funds be sent to the student's school of attendance. Balance of finances after school's cost will be received by the student. There needs to be an education counselor to assist students in college preparation, etc. The scholarship money must be mailed to the school to ensure education cost is paid.

- We are still waiting for a decision on HUD law suit.

- Arkansas Riverbed continues to be in negotiations.

- High government officials are expected to visit the UKB. These types of visits are not always announced far in advance and visits are not always long in duration. Such visits imply an interest in working with/for us. Our lawyers are very informed on negotiations. If pending decisions are disappointments it is my job to make recommendations of change in approach to issues. Any disappointments may give cause for calling a Special Meeting of Council.

- Chief stated how the Election Board and their attorney had worked diligently on revisions of the Election Ordinance in working

toward an improvement in procedures and the voting process. He said he believed the Council had done a great amount of important work.

## V. Approval of the minutes for December 2007 (December 1st = Regular Meeting; December 20th = Special Meeting)

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the minutes of December 1, 2007; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 10 Yes, 1 No (Proctor), 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent; Proctor explained his NO vote was due to failure to receive his Council Packet).

2. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the minutes of Special Meeting on December 20, 2007; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 10 Yes, 1 No (Proctor), 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent; Proctor explained his NO vote was due to failure to receive his Council Packet).

## VI. Presentations

1. Albert Shade: inquired if UKB could give support to UKB members in County Live Stock Shows. The request was for finances associated with their premium sales.

a. Assistant Chief directed something be presented in writing about this request and such would be presented to the Gaming Board at their Tuesday Board Meeting.

2. Barry Dotson: expressed a need for a store to be located in the Marble City Community. Mr. Dotson stated the population in the Marble City area was approximately 90% Indian.

a. Chief Wickliffe said the EDA would put this subject on their agenda.

3. Bryan Shade: reported on a situation from the last Regular Council Meeting. He reported his findings in reference to the house mortgage of Dale and Sandra Cheater. He presented to each member of Council a copy of a release of mortgage document wherein; he stated such document reflected removal of liability.

a. The document was signed by W. Proctor and notarized by Housing Attorney, Tina Jordan.

b. Proctor stated he didn't remember signing this document and the signature was not his but later did agree the signature was indeed his.

c. DISCUSSION: d. Proctor said, such signing would require Housing Board approval. He insisted he didn't remember signing it. He requested this be checked into.

e. Chief Wickliffe: Housing Board Minutes must be checked. There must be authorization for such action and could then compare/confirm signature.

f. Proctor: stated he didn't remember meeting with the Housing Board on the date of Mortgage Release.

g. Chief Wickliffe: said the date could be checked on.

h. Attorney Michael McMahan: said minutes of the Housing Board needed to be checked.

i. Chief Wickliffe: the document submitted today does release that mortgage.

j. Mr. McMahan: said, yes unless the document can be nullified. Need would also be to verify if the doc-

ument had been recorded and there may be a time limit for canceling such document. Need Housing Board Minutes a couple of months before June 2006.

k. Chief Wickliffe: this Release of Mortgage situation will be looked into.

## VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: MOTION by Albert Shade to approve and accept 28 applicants for UKB tribal membership (This includes 4 CDIB cards issued to 0-3 year of age children); (11:45 a.m. Eddie Sacks arrived) SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Albert Shade to acknowledge and honor 2 requests for relinquishment from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

- FYI:

1. Elder Assistance Program was completed. 631 applications were processed for a total of \$126, 200.00

2. Enrollment reflects 74 members have returned to CNO citizenship. Letters will be mailed to those people notifying they will be removed from UKB membership roll. (Not eligible for services)

3. Enrollment reflects 693 are "inactive"; meaning some documents are missing from their enrollment file. These people need to provide such documents no later than 5:00 p.m., February 29, 2008 if they wish to remain on the UKB membership roll. This list will be published in the January 2008 Keetoowah Newspaper. The people are to contact Enrollment to learn what document (s) is needed.

4. Each District Representative will receive a list of people in their district from the 74 list and the 693 list.

5. Christmas Gift Cards are to be turned back to the Tribal Secretary or assistant during the week of January 7, 2008.

- Chief Wickliffe: needs committee to hear reasons for returning to CNO citizenship for consideration of circumstances but rule is "can't come back to UKB."

## VIII. Public Forum

1. John Hair: announced the death of UKB member Roosevelt Jumper, funeral services to be held at Ribben Church in Spavinaw, 2:00 p.m., Monday, with burial at Euwasha Cemetery.

- The Elder Committee makes the recommendation that the New Elder Care Center be named; Jim Proctor Elder Care Center. This recommendation is submitted to recognize all his work, influence and loyalty to the Keetoowah people. Jim Proctor made outstanding contributions to the Keetoowahs.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to name the Elder Care Center; Jim Proctor Elder Care Center; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen;

(End of Tape 1) VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to name the United Keetoowah Band Muse-

um; John Hair Keetoowah Museum; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. Ed Foreman: spoke highly of Jim Proctor of how he praised the Lord because he knew such a person and he was proud to be a product of Jim Proctor and to be a Keetoowah under Jim Proctor. He stressed looking to the future. He complimented the Council.

3. Eva Little: spoke of her enrollment status. During a time when she went to pick up her daughter's Christmas Gift Card, she spoke with Joyce Fourkiller about her UKB membership and Joyce directed her to come and talk to Council on this subject to see if her enrollment could be approved. The same topic was discussed one year ago when Council gave Ms. Little Special Consideration with a deadline for application of membership but Ms. Little failed to meet the deadline.

a. DISCUSSION:

b. Albert Shade: suggested possibly Ms. Little be allowed to come to the Enrollment Committee and present her situation. He said this situation did not appear to be one that should be discussed in Public Forum.

c. Little-dave: agreed to hear Ms. Little at an Enrollment Committee meeting.

d. Georgia Hogner: (Enrollment Committee member) agreed to allow Ms. Little to present her situation at the next scheduled Enrollment Committee Meeting which would be January 22, 2008 where Ms. Little was expected at 5:30 p.m.

4. Darlene Sanders: Cherokee Nation Home Health Services Representative presented bags containing information on CN Home Health Services to each member of Council. She said she and her program were not associated with Cherokee Nation. She said this was an old program with the name Cherokee Nation but her program was not a part of Cherokee Nation. She came to inform of available services. Her supervisor is Rick Richards.

a. Lengthy discussion:

## IX. Unfinished Business

1. Approve/disapprove revised Election Ordinance – Leroy Adair-Election Board Chairperson

- Not ready to present ordinance

- A meeting with Enrollment Committee is scheduled for Tuesday.

- Attorney Michael McMahan is working closely with the Election Board.

- It will come to: without a membership card you will not vote.

- Will vote in the district indicated on your membership card

- Requested this be placed on the February agenda because work is still being done on revisions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to table item IX, 1 until the Regular Council Meeting of February 2008; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Smoke not

available for vote).

## X. New Business

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to table agenda item X,1 until further notice; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve submission of payment of annual fees for the Gaming Board and Casino to the National Indian Gaming Association; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention.

3. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve submission of a grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services Administration of Aging, to extend the funding for the title VI Program Parts A & C from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2011; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

4. MOTION by Liz Little-dave to indefinitely table Council discussion to approve/disapprove a resolution pertaining to Indian Health Services within the United Keetoowah Band Service Area; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

5. MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve opening a new account at the Bank of Cherokee County, to be used as a Reserve Account for 10% of the monthly payment (\$1,092.00m per month) up until it reaches an annual payment (\$13,104.00) for Rural Development; a requirement by USDA for loans (15 year note); SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to enter into Executive Session to include Attorney Michael McMahan for discussion relating to finances; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 10 Yes, 1 No (Sacks), 0 Abstentions (Smoke not available at vote; TIME = 12:46 p.m.).

MOTION by Liz Little-dave to exit from Executive Session and return to Regular Council Meeting Session; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (S. Wofford & C. Wofford not available at vote; TIME = 2:00 p.m.).

6. New Business: Don Ade (Not an agenda item)

a. Subject: Indian Health Service Under DHHS (See Attached Supplement: Indian Health Service)

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve a resolution to invoke all rights and privileges as provided by P.L. 93-638, Indian Self-determination and Education Assistance Act as amended; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

## XI. Announcements

**XII. Benediction:** Shelbi Wofford

**XIII. Adjourn:** MOTION by Eddie Sacks; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 2:14 PM

## Lisa LaRue named Native American Artist of the Year by 2008 Okahoma Music Awards

With an overwhelming response, Lisa LaRue was named Native American Artist of the Year. "I was shocked, and this breathes new inspiration into my life!" said LaRue. This comes with the announcement of a new CD; the announcement of the CD came last week in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Music Awards are sponsored by Payne County Line Promotions, Stillwater, and LaRue will also be receiving studio time at Flatland Studio. Other nominees for the category included Cherokee Nation Youth Choir among a host of others. As runner-up, Jay Red Eagle was awarded studio time, as well. Also awarded was the Musician Honoree in the Hall of Fame to Leon Russell.

Lisa LaRue is a tribal member of the federally-recognized United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, where she also serves as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

She began playing keyboards as a small child, her grandmother noticing she was playing "These Boots are Made for Walkin'" on her Magnus Chord organ. Sought out by shopping malls and department malls as a young girl, she started writing her own songs and designing her own 'album covers.' This led and inspired her for her future career.

A composer and keyboardist, LaRue became the first female artist signed to the Sound of American Records label (SOAR0 Natural Visions



sublabel. Her debut release was titled "Beloved Tribal Women," produced by Will Alexander (keyboard tech to Keith Emerson, Herbie Hancock, and many other great keyboard players). The CD also received accolades for being a first in combining art with music. The CD booklet featured 14 paintings by the most awarded female Native American artist in the world, Joan Hill. The idea was, "A picture paints a thousand words," so naturally, the music was instrumental, letting the art inspire the listener.

The next release was "Children's Songs in the Cherokee Language," for which she received 2 NAMMY nominations (Native American Music Awards). The third release was a collaboration with Muscogee (Creek) flutist/guitarist John 'Yafke' Timothy titled "That Ol' Sofkee Spoon." 'TOSS' has received numerous requests, so as it is out of print, LaRue and Timothy plan to re-release it as a 'classic reissue including one new never-released track

## Keetoowah Gaming Commissioner Bids Farewell

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma recently presented a Certificate of Service Award to Mr. Jerry Henson, UKB Tribal Gaming Commissioner. Mr. Henson is retiring from his position as Gaming Commissioner after serving three years on the board. "It's a sad day for us, but at the same time we recognize that it's a good day for us, too, in that this is his choice," stated UKB Gaming Commission Chairman Joe Bunch.

Within those three years of service, Mr. Henson has been a part of reviewing and approval process for machines that the people enjoy playing and a safe environment for the customers. "It's been our goal to give them a safe place to enjoy themselves," said Mr. Henson. "It's been a pleasure to work with Chairman Joe Bunch, Secretary Billy Heath and that all of our meetings have been professionally conducted. I wish the Gaming Commission and Board success in taking care of our Keetoowah Cherokee Casino," said Henson.

The Gaming Commission's primary mission is to regulate gaming activities on Indian lands; to ensure that Indian tribes are the primary beneficiaries of gaming revenue; and to assure that

gaming is conducted fairly and honestly by both operators and players. The UKB Gaming Commission is regulated under the National Indian Gaming Commission, it is the regulators of the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino. There is a consortium of three members on the commission that make decisions in regards to regulatory issues for the tribal casino.

"You can't come in here and be a gaming commissioner and hit the ground running, you have to be trained, you have to know all the rules and regulations, because this is a regulatory body," said UKB Gaming Commission Secretary Billy Heath. "During this commission, Jerry and I didn't always agree with Chairman Bunch. You have to be your own person, and Jerry is certainly his own person."

Mr. Henson wears many hats in his community; he enjoys helping others; that has been his life since 1979. "My plans now are spending time in the community in helping people and to enjoy my new hobby, rabbit hunting," added Henson. Mr. Henson resides in the Lost City community with his wife Elva.



UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND Gaming Commission Chairman, Joe Bunch, left, presented a Certificate of Service Award to Mr. Jerry Henson, center, for his service as a Gaming Commissioner for the tribe. Pictured with Bunch and Henson is UKB Background Investigator, Bill Peters, right.

A story told by Charles Coleman, a town warrior for Thloplocco Tribal Town (One of the Muscogee Creek towns), as recalled by Sequoyah Guess, United Keetoowah Band tribal member and story teller. (Try telling this story real fast)

## The Saga of Foot the Rabbit

This is a story about a rabbit named Foot. Foot had two cousins, Foot Foot and Foot Foot Foot. One day Foot was running through the woods and a copperhead jumped out and bit Foot, and Foot started yelling, "Foot Foot, Foot Foot!" Foot Foot finally heard Foot and came running to Foot and Foot Foot looked down at Foot and said, "Foot what's wrong?" Foot looked up at Foot Foot and said, "A copper head bit me." Foot Foot said, "Well Foot what do you want me to do?" So Foot said, "Foot Foot, call for Foot Foot Foot, he knows medicine!" So Foot Foot started yelling, "Foot Foot Foot, Foot Foot Foot!" Foot Foot Foot finally heard Foot Foot and he came running up to Foot Foot and said, "Foot Foot what's wrong?" Foot Foot looked at Foot Foot Foot and then he looked down at Foot, then said, "Foot got bit by a copperhead what can we do?" Foot Foot looked down at Foot and said, "There's nothing we can do!" And Foot Foot said, "Why?" Foot Foot Foot said, "Because Foot's dead!" So Foot Foot looked down at Foot then he looked at Foot Foot Foot and said, "What do we do now?" Foot Foot Foot said, "All we can do is dig a hole and bury Foot." So that's what Foot Foot and Foot Foot Foot did, dug a hole and buried Foot. After they buried Foot, Foot Foot looked at Foot Foot Foot and said, "Well Foot Foot Foot what do we do now?" Foot Foot Foot looked at Foot Foot and said, "I don't know about you Foot Foot, but I'm getting out of here, we got one Foot in the grave already!"



## "Keetoowah Stories" soon to be released

Several stories in the Keetoowah Cherokee language are soon going to be available over the internet, as a downloadable file. Actual 'paper' copies of the book will be available on a limited basis.

The 20-page book contains stories presented in the Keetoowah Cherokee syllabary, roman-character phonetics and the English 'translation.' The stories were recorded, compiled, transcribed and translated by Durbin Feeling for the United Keetoowah Band. Feeling is the most noted Keetoowah Cherokee linguist and author of language materials.

To view and download the booklet online, please visit our website at [www.unitedkeetoowahband.org](http://www.unitedkeetoowahband.org) (or [www.ukb-nsn.gov](http://www.ukb-nsn.gov)) and go to the "Language" section. If you are not online and would like a 'paper' copy, please contact Lisa LaRue-Stopp, Interim Director of the Keetoowah Language, History and Culture Department at 918-431-9998.

## The Ancestor's Voice

From "Notes of A Missionary," Edited by Grant Foreman (The 'missionary' was Rev. Charles Torrey, stationed at Park Hill prior to the Civil War.)

The Cherokee language is very difficult. A Cherokee child with equal opportunities to learn his own language or the English will be almost sure to learn English first. I learned a few words of Choctaw much more quickly and readily than the same amount of Cherokee. The languages of the different tribes are not at all alike, excepting the Choctaw and Chickasaw which resemble each other very closely. To ask for water in Choctaw, one says, "Okasabuna." In Cherokee, "Amu aquituleha." But if you accent the first syllable of *amu*, you will ask for salt.

The Indians at that time lived in very comfortable log cabins, many of them built of hewn logs with the interstices filled with lime mortar. Some of them lived in frame houses. Their way of making their graves was by a little cabin about eight feet long, three feet wide, and about three feet high. The better class used tombstones.

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# UKB Easter Egg Hunt

## March 15

### 11am - 2pm

## UKB Celebration Grounds

Three Age Categories

- 1-3 years
- 4-7 years
- 8-12 years

Water Balloon Toss

13-15 years

For more information, contact Brenda Locust or Hominy Littledave at (918) 431-1818