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Keetoowah Cherokees Speak up to Protect Sacred Mound

Chief George Wickliffe of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB) joined Chief Michell Hicks of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to meet with leaders of Duke Energy Carolinas on Wednesday, February 17 in Cherokee, North Carolina. The meeting was to discuss the proposed Hyatt Creek Tie Station, a power substation planned to be built at Kituwah, the Mothertown of the Cherokee people.

Just across the Tuckaseegee River from the property the Eastern Band owns, where the ceremonial mound is located, the proposed site is part of the original town which is the mothertown and where the Creator first gave the religious fire and instructions to the Cherokee people. The small portion of Kituwah that is owned by the Eastern Band is on the National Historic Register, and would be adversely affected by the tie station. The United Keetoowah Band claims the entire area of Kituwah to be a Traditional Cultural Property, and recognizes it is still used for religious purposes today.

"It is like the Vatican to the Catholic, or the Garden of Eden to the Christian," said UKB Chief George Wickliffe.

During the meeting, the Duke Energy leaders acknowledged they had not approached the project with due diligence in regards to the federally recognized Cherokee tribes, and assured the UKB and the Eastern Band that they would



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band of Cherokees Chief George Wickliffe meets with Duke Energy President Brett C. Carter during a hearing at the Eastern Band of Cherokees Council house. Special photo by Eastern Band of Cherokee Lynne Harlan

maintain an open line of communication with both tribes, effective immediately.

Chief Wickliffe issued a statement earlier reciting not only the ancient history of the site, but

its continued religious importance to traditional Keetoowah Cherokee people.

"Keetoowah Cherokee religion, and origin as a people, are centered around the townsite of Kituwah," the statement read.

The UKB's Council recently passed a resolution to support the Eastern Band, and as a federally recognized tribal government, expects to continue working adamantly in resolving the issue for the benefit of all people involved and affected.

"We are taught as Keetoowah Cherokee people to be kind and humane. We realize the tie station is necessary, but not right there," said Wickliffe.

Several options were discussed to relocate the tie station, and Chief Wickliffe feels satisfied that a resolution to the situation will be forthcoming.

The CNO Chief Chad Smith was not at the meeting. Everyone has different priorities. Smith was in California funding a reception for a California Representative hopeful that CNO is supporting in an effort to oust freedmen supporter Diane Watson.



UKB CHIEF George Wickliffe was officially invited to join the Eastern Band Tribal Council in discussions with Duke Energy. Chief Wickliffe is seen with Tribal Council Vice Chairman B. Ensley. Special photo by Eastern Band of Cherokee Lynne Harlan

Keetoowah Cherokees Mourn the Death of Cherokee Traditionalist Hastings Shade

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma join together to mourn the death of Cherokee traditionalist Hastings Shade.

Hastings Shade passed from this life on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa. His funeral service was held at Sequoyah High School Gymnasium on February 12, 2010. The Keetoowah Lighthorse, followed by the CNO Marshalls led the procession to Keener Baptist Church Cemetary in Lost City, Oklahoma.

"Hastings was a traditionalist who was respected by all Keetoowah Cherokee children, adults and elders. We as a tribe have the highest esteem for him. We don't discriminate tribal affiliation, we value all our Cherokee people," stated United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe.

Mr. Shade was involved with the Keetoowah Cherokee on many different levels. First and foremost, he was a Keetoowah Cherokee Language Instructor whose classes in Basic and Intermediate Keetoowah Cherokee were always well attended and very popular. Hastings was involved in many culture camps that the Keetoowah Cherokee sponsored. The UKB tribe also funded several master-apprentice programs where Hastings taught fish gig making. "The Keetoowah Cherokee want to insure that many of our basic

crafts and lifeways continue long after the elders have gone," said Wickliffe.

Insuring the old ways continued were central to Hastings as well. Several years ago, he was one of the only known makers of Cherokee marbles, so he taught Keetoowah Cherokee Sam L. Still how to make marbles. In turn, after the Keetoowah Cherokees received a grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council for their master-apprentice program, Still taught Dennis Sixkiller and Ed Fields to make marbles.

A story teller by nature, Hastings was a charter member of a Cherokee storytelling group, "The Turtle Island Liars Club". He also participated in starting the Youth and Elders Camp, which evolved into the Seven Clans of the Fire Camp.

Chief Wickliffe also stated, "Just as our past great leaders, such as John Ross, the first ever Principal Chief of the original Cherokee Nation and Sequoyah, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians will always honor Hastings Shade, and I believe I speak for all Cherokee people as well."

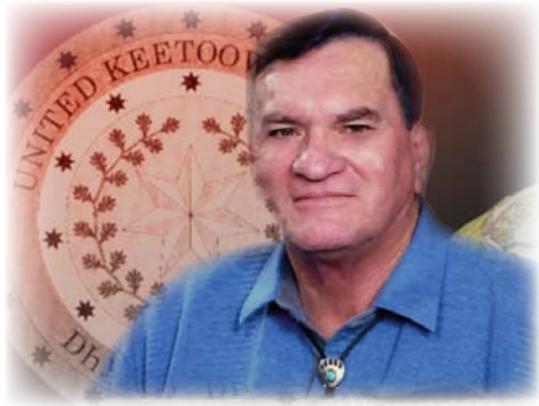
Hastings Shade is survived by his wife Loretta, of the home, three sons; Larry Shade, Thomas Shade and Ronnie Shade, several grandchildren, extended family, and many, many friends.



Hastings Shade Gig Fishing

Photo courtesy of Tulsa World

A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe



Dear Tribal Members,

Redbird Smith was a traditional Cherokee person, he was one of the most revered and respected leaders, and he was a truly religious person, who cared for all mankind. He was a fluent Cherokee speaker and had difficulty with English to the point that he needed an interpreter with him. The following is an example of the type of person he was.

As World War I approached, Redbird directed all the eligible young men to register for the draft. Some of the Nighthawks did not agree with this kind of patriotism to the United States, but most of them went along with it and many young Cherokee enlisted. A special ceremony was held each month during the war for the protection of the Cherokee soldiers-and all of them survived. There was not even a serious injury among them.

In 1917 the Nighthawk Keetoowahs, with the advice of C. P. Cornelius, made the first of a number of community investments. Two hundred head of Aberdeen Angus cattle were bought-much of the money coming from mortgages taken on individual property owned by the Nighthawk Cherokee members. For one reason or another (maybe lack of support) Cornelius did not have the Society incorporated and when financial disaster struck them in the years to come, they were individually liable and lost heavily. Why Cornelius, a lawyer, failed to do this has caused many questions to be raised. There were some other questionable transactions, such as some land being deeded directly to Cornelius. However, the economic disaster brought on by the manipulations of C. P. Cornelius mercifully did not take place until after the death

of Redbird Smith.

Redbird died in November of 1918 and was buried with the death ceremony of the Nighthawk Keetoowahs. There is a story that a large white crane appeared at the stomp ground on the morning of Redbird's funeral, flying in from the East. This is the way John Smith told the story to Robert Thomas:

"We were up in the stomp ground fixing to have services for my father when this crane was sitting in the tree by the stomp ground. C. P. Cornelius said, 'You watch and see if that crane isn't down by the graveyard when we bury your father.'" Pretty soon the crane flew off and lit in a tree just west of the graveyard. When we carried my father's coffin down to the graveyard, the crane sat there in that tree and hollered. After we buried my father, the crane sat there until sundown and then flew off to the west."

About a year before Redbird Smith's death, he wrote the following letter (in Cherokee), to Gabe Parker, the Indian Agent at Muskogee. Redbird, being a religious man, wrote it coming from his religious philosophy. Every word that he wrote was religiously based and the following is what he wrote in Cherokee. It was interpreted by someone else.

"I have endeavored in my efforts...for my people to remember that any religion must be an unselfish one. That even though condemned, falsely accused and misunderstood by both officials and my own people I must press on and do the work of my convictions.

This religion as revealed to me is larger than any man. It is beyond man's understanding. It shall prevail after I am gone. It is growth like the child-it is growth eternal. This religion does not teach me to concern myself of the life that shall be after this, but it does teach me to be concerned with what my everyday life should be.

The Fires kept burning are merely emblematic of the greater Fire, the greater Light, the Great Spirit. I realize now as never before it is not only for the Cherokees but for all mankind..."

STATEMENT OF REDBIRD SMITH - an example of how his interpreter interacted when Redbird was interviewed - Mr. John R. Smith, Interpreter) By the Chairman:

Q. What is your name? - A. Redbird Smith
Q. Where do you live? - A. Near Campbell, Ind. T.
Q. (To the Interpreter) What is your name? - A. John R. Smith
Q. Where do you live? - A. I live near Campbell, I.T.
Q. (To Redbird Smith) Are you a full-blood Indian? - A. I am a Cherokee Indian.
Q. Are you a full-blood or part-blood?

The Interpreter: From my experience he must be a full-blood.

A. I think I must be a full-blood; I don't know, but I think I am.

Q. From your experience you must be a full-blood Cherokee Indian? - A. Yes sir.

Q. Well, go ahead and state what you have to say. - A. Today I am more than glad to meet my old fathers. Today has been intended by our God, who rules over our souls and looks on us, that we should meet together and talk together over the things that trouble the Indians. Now I would like to say a few words, but I am not educated and I can't talk English very well and don't know much about the English and it is hard for me to explain it to you.

Q. Yes, we know it, Mr. Smith that is all right. We appreciate the difficulty you are under. Mr. Smith, but go ahead and do the best you can. - A. The people that live at their homes in the different districts of the Cherokee people of the full-bloods have sent me here today to talk with you and to come before your respected committee, that I now have the opportunity to express my remarks to you. The condition of the four nations together, and we the full-blood Indians, there is still a great many of us that still contends for our original rights. We want our old original rights which our grandfathers made; a treaty and agreement with one another in the presence of our God, and declared that we would love it, respect it as we love our God, and we have done so up to the present time. We made that treaty and agreement with the great father that we love at Washington and he guaranteed with us when that treaty was made that it would remain as long as the grass grows, trees grow, water runs, and the sun rises and shines. I mean that the United States Government was to be the guardian of the Indians. I live under these respective treaties that have been made between the Government of the United States and the Indians, and I am resting now under these treaties, but I am suffering from the infraction of them. I have suffered in the past and I am still suffering up to the date. According to the treaty I made with my father I am trying to live in peace and happiness and friendship, and raise my children up in good, and I am respecting these treaties and have respected them up to this time.

At the present time the Indian's land is divided up in severalty and that was done without my agreement or consent, for I never agreed or consented for anyone to make any such a treaty and the full-blood Indians never consented to it. I never consented to any agreement to divide up my land, and I don't want it divided up. I want the old treaty. When the Dawes Commission was here for the purpose of making the enrollment for final settlement by the allotment of the land, I stood up for my rights. I stood for the treaties and agreements that were made by my fathers with the Government of the United States; and I was at home enjoying myself in peace when I was arrested and taken to prison.

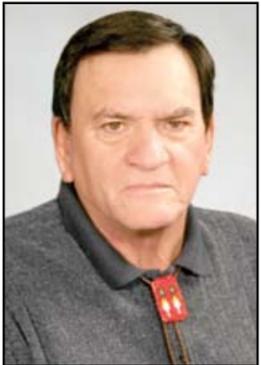
Redbird Smith was arrested for one night, released the next morning and took him to the commissioner's office and made to enroll against his will.

George Wickliffe

UKB Tribal Offices Closed for Easter Holidays

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, April 2 in observance of Good Friday and on Monday, April 5 for Easter Monday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, April 6 at 8:30 a.m.

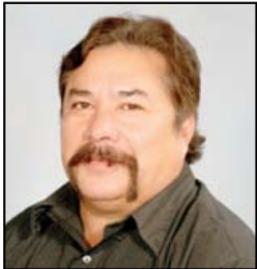
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February Tribal Council Meeting

In the February Tribal Council meeting of the United Keetoowah Band, the council responded to the request for support by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in their quest to halt the construction of a substation and multiple towers by Duke Energy, this project runs across EBCI's property. A EBCI Resolution was read to the UKB council stating that Duke Energy failed to obtain proper state certification for this project for the process which would have included notice to the tribe and the opportunity to be heard. Concerns arose when Duke Energy, a utility company, had plans to put an electric substation near the Kituwah mound, threatening the tribe's sacred site. EBCI tribal council passed a resolution to prevent Duke from moving forward with the substation and a transmission line expansion. The site of the construction is located on the mountainside that is considered a part of the Kituwah Mother Town and would damage a viewshed. "Our Administration office has already responded with a letter of support sent to the Eastern Band of Cherokees' Administration and tribal council. We have made a strong statement regarding the Kituwah mound as a tribal sacred and holy ground. As a Cherokee tribe we were not notified by Duke Energy on this project. We fully support the Eastern Band Cherokee Indians and we will be represented during an upcoming hearing between the Eastern Band and Duke Energy," stated UKB Chief George Wickliffe. A motion was made on the floor to support EBCI's resolution by Sequoyah District Representative Barry Dotson and seconded by Cooweescoowee District Representative Cliff Wofford, council voted and the motion passed unanimously.

In Chief Wickliffe's address to the council the Chief discussed the plight of many of the small rural schools within the 14-County area which are in danger of closing due to school budget cuts and lack of enrollment. Chief Wickliffe mentioned to the council that the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees was asked by the smaller schools to come to their aide. With the passing of a 2008 state law that gives tribes the eligibility to participate in aiding public schools. With so many people out of work and many more losing their jobs, it's really hard on many of the small school districts. One way the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe can help these school districts is acquiring land/property to establish housing, and establishing businesses, thus bringing families into the community and with opening pre-schools in the small rural school dis-



SECRETARY OF the United Keetoowah Band, Liz Littledave, reads a resolution to the council from the Eastern Band of Cherokees concerning Duke Energy during their February tribal council meeting.

tricts, this will give parents a place for their small children to attend while the parents work. "We are not like Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, we are not going to take the opportunity to go in and take over a school district. That is not the way we look at things. If we are asked to help provide aide to a small school district, that is what our tribe will do, not go into that district to take it over, we are coming in to help. That is our philosophy, to help people. This is why we have partnered with White Oak School, to help restore their pre-school program. We are going to participate with White Oak only as a partner. We will jumpstart the program until the school can receive state aid and then the tribe will be reimbursed for the money we provide the school," stated Chief Wickliffe. The White Oak area is one of several areas within the United Keetoowah Band's jurisdiction that will be receiving such projects. Other targeted locations include Nowata, Bartlesville, and Tulsa areas.

In Public Forum, Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor commended Raven Owl, UKB Elder Advocate, for her dedication and hard work with tribal elders. "I appreciate her help and assistance for taking care of our tribal elders; she is doing a good job. The Stilwell Memorial Hos-

pital Administration commended the Keetoowah Cherokees on how well we help our elders. The Doctors and staff couldn't believe the care that was given to our elders. I want to thank Raven and her staff for doing an outstanding job", said Councilman Proctor. Council applauded her for her efforts.

In new business, the council approved a resolution for submission of an application to the Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Integrated Resource Management Planning Development Project. A motion made by Assistant Chief Locust and seconded by Tribal Treasurer Ella Mae Worley, motion passed unanimously.

In another resolution the council voted to approve the Banishment of Erb Mitchell Kimble. In discussion, it was noted by the Administration that Kimble had not been a member of the tribe since 2004. Banishment didn't enter into this resolution; Kimble automatically banished himself from the United Keetoowah Band, because of his failure to report that he was a member of another tribe while claiming membership with the Keetoowah Cherokees. According to the 1990 Membership Ordinance, Section 2, paragraph 3d, "Any Enrolled Member of the Band, who shall enroll as a member of any other Indian Tribe, Band, or Nation shall, by such act, forfeit all rights as an Enrolled member of the Band, and their names shall be stricken from the rolls of the Band." Also in Section 7, paragraph 7 and Section 16. Dual Enrollment. Because of these rulings, Kimble was automatically banished from the tribe. Under the tribe's Attorney General Bellmard's advisement, the council changed the word "Banishment" to "Exclusion" excluding Kimble from association and involvement in any business ventures with the tribe and disallowed any contact within the jurisdiction of United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. A motion was made by Assistant Chief Locust, seconded by Tribal Treasurer Ella Mae Worley. Eleven yes and one no vote, motion passed.

The last resolution was to approve/disapprove guardianship code. A motion to approve the code was made by Sequoyah District Representative Barry Dotson and seconded by Tribal Treasurer Ella Mae Worley. Motion passed unanimously.

Next tribal council meeting will be March 6 in the UKB Community Services Conference room.



UKB TRIBAL Attorney General, Ken Bellmard, advises the tribal council to change the wording of "Banishment" to "Exclusion" during the discussion of Mr. Kimble during the tribal council's monthly meeting.

Have a Question about Health Services?

UKB Tribal Members who have been denied services or feel they have been discriminated against at IHS Clinics are encouraged to report the incident to the Keetoowah Cherokees. All tribal members with health issues or concerns should contact UKB Health Director Don Ade at (918) 457-7264.

Well Monitoring Free of Charge

The UKB Natural Resources Department is still taking applications for tribal members who would like to have their private well monitored free of charge. Participants must live in Mayes, Delaware, Cherokee or Adair County. If you would like more information, call (918) 453-2823 or pick up an application at any UKB tribal office.

Are you a Keetoowah Cherokee with traditional skills??

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

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



Keetoowah Cherokee Spring Break Culture Camp

March 15 - 19

UKB Wellness Center

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

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UKB Member named OKAHSAs Employee of the Year

Jim White has been selected as the Employee of the Year by the Oklahoma Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. He will receive his award at the OKAHSAs luncheon set for March 11 in Oklahoma City.

A valued member of the maintenance department since Oct. 8, 2008, Jim's nomination read as follows:

In addition to the many important attributes Jim White shares with residents as a member of the maintenance team at Westminster Village, he brings more in the way of his volunteer services.

A lay mission representative for the Ponca Indian Methodist Church, Jim helps with hearing-impaired residents, teaching them sign language and helping them interpret the oral word. He volunteers at the local soup kitchen and hosts a special Sunday School on Monday for those who cannot attend the Sunday programs. Staff at Westminster say Jim is a model employee, with an excellent re-

cord of attendance. "He is always pleasant to others, employees and residents," says Jann Schieber. "He is very patient and always smiling."

Jim is never too busy to stop and listen to others, comprehending their needs and then working to solve any issues they may have. One of his greatest strengths lies in his ability to make others feel important and valued.

A member of the United Keetoowah Band and descendent of the Ponca tribe, Jim has also help residents and staff understand the culture of the Native Americans by bringing the native dancers to visit and perform at Westminster. Jim's daughter, Lily Fawn White, also presented a program to the Villagers in January about her work as a missionary in Alaska.

Albert Schweitzer once observed, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be happy are those who have sought and found how to



Jim White has been chosen as the OKAHSAs employee of the year.

serve." Jim White knows how to serve.

Why is the dog doing that?

By Durbin Feeling

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I remember as a boy, we had no electricity hooked up in our house. We really like to watch television so we would go to our neighbors' house and watch television. They lived about a mile from us. One night when we returned home from watching television, our dog was barking viciously at something. It would run after something and the return to the house and run after it again. My dad became curious and said, "Why is the dog doing that?" He went in the house and got his shotgun and said to my brother and me, "Let's follow the dog." It was a moonlit November night and the leaves had fallen from the trees. You could see the silhouette of the branches against the full moon. We followed the dog about a quarter-mile into the wooded area. The dog stopped at this one certain huge oak tree. It barked and barked up into the tree as it went around it. Dad didn't see anything and we didn't see anything. Dad finally said to us, "Stand here and I will go around the tree and if something is there it will surely come around." He went all around it none of us saw anything. So Dad aimed his shotgun up into the tree and a flaming ball, about the size of a basketball, rose up about ten yards above the tree and it just faded out. At that moment our dog ceased his vicious barking.



The Keetoowah Cherokee News wants YOU!

If your son or daughter, niece, nephew, or extended family members are students either attending K-12, vo-tech, college or a university, and are doing exceedingly well or showing strong leadership abilities or talents through their academic performance, sports, art, music, chorus and/or in other areas of interest, please contact the media department at (918) 456-6533. We would like to feature your student in an upcoming Keetoowah Cherokee News Article!



NOTICE

UKB Tribal members should make it a point to change registration for tribal membership at all Indian hospitals and clinics to the full title of United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

Census 2010 - be counted as Native American

How to be Counted as a Native American

Come Census time, it's very important that every American Indian and Alaska Native person is counted -- and counted as an American Indian or Alaska Native. The way a person is counted as American Indian or Alaska Native is simply by checking off the box that says "American Indian or Alaska Native" on the Census form.

Whether a household is counted as an American Indian or Alaska Native household depends entirely on the race of "Person 1" -- the first person listed on the Census form. If that person says he or she is American Indian or Alaska Native, then the household will be counted as one with an American Indian or Alaska Native "householder."

List Your Enrolled Tribe

The instruction is pretty simple. After checking the box to identify your race as American Indian or Alaska Native on your 2010 Census form, print the name of your "enrolled or principal tribe." There's a 19-space blank line for the answer.

That should be an easy matter for American Indian or Alaska Native people. The basic federal law setting out US Indian policy¹ defines an Indian person as "a member of an Indian tribe." Historically, the government dealt with Indian people as part of a tribe or a band of a tribe. Treaties were made with tribes.

Membership in an Indian tribe is determined by a process called "enrollment." Each tribe uses an enrollment process, applying specific eligibility criteria to determine who belongs to that tribe. Tribal members are citizens of a tribal government, with voting rights and other privileges according to the tribe's constitution and/or ordinances.

The instructions on the 2010 Census form asks the person to list the name of his or her enrolled (or principal) tribe. It's important that the tribal name that's used be the proper name of the tribal government involved even if that takes up more than the space provided on the form.

There are nineteen spaces on the form, which is enough to write "United Keetoowah Band". Write "of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma" below the boxes, so that the complete name, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Okla-

homa is listed.

What are the benefits of listing your tribe?

The Census Bureau uses the information that people provide on the Census form to tabulate statistics on how many people are associated with a tribe or a group of tribes sharing a similar language or other characteristics. This data can help to provide an idea of the number of persons associated with a tribe living in a particular city or other off-reservation area. Even on a reservation there may be a significant number of Indian people who are not enrolled in the tribe with jurisdiction over that reservation. These show up in the Census Bureau's numbers on the Indians on a reservation when tabulated by tribe. Tribes, planners, grant writers, and others can use this information to supplement enrollment data and other data sources.

At the same time, it is important to recognize that only a tribe's enrollment office -- not the Census Bureau -- has the official count of the number of members of that tribe. The right to determine who belongs to an Indian tribe is a fundamental aspect of tribal sovereignty and is held exclusively by each and every tribe.

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Hastings Shade Memorial Storytelling Event

The Turtle Island Liar's Club will be host to the first annual storytelling event giving honor and memorial to the late elder – Hastings Shade (former Deputy Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and member of the Liar's Club).

The event will be held Friday, April 9, at the Coleman Theater in beautiful downtown Miami, OK. Doors open at 6 p.m. with Cherokee singing and other musical performances. Storytelling will begin at 7 p.m.

Featured storytellers will be; Sammy Still, Woody Hansen, Choogie Kingfisher, Tonya Russell and Sequoyah Guess (members of the Turtle Island Liar's Club). The event is free to the public.

Check out our website at:
www.unitedkeetoowahband.org

My Friend

By Sammy Still



An elder once told me, "Why worry about problems you can't control." I've learned to live by this advice; I've learned a lot from this elder who my teacher, mentor and my friend

was. In your lifetime you will meet someone who will touch your life, by his actions, his words and by his friendship, such a person was Hastings Shade. When Hastings passed from this life, a part of me left with him.

His knowledge of history, culture, and his traditions were a part of us, a special group that stood together, holding our Cherokee culture close to our hearts. These people know who they are, they are a group that are close and respect each other. I am so proud and honored to be a part of this special circle which was a part of Hastings. We shared Hastings' thoughts, wisdom and traditions. It was an honor and a privilege to be a friend of Hastings Shade, but Hastings was more than a friend, I considered him my brother.

Hastings is gone now, but his legacy lives on in the lives of the many people he has touched. He was a teacher and a mentor to all, he embraced the people he met with honor and dignity. Hastings was true to the meaning of the word Elder. He was a Cherokee ambassador for the Cherokee people, sharing his craftsmanship, teachings and his language. But to me, it was the little things that we shared together that meant the most that I will never forget.

Hastings didn't look to see if a person was a tribal member or if they were even affiliated with any tribe, to him everyone was special, Hastings treated them all equal. He shared himself to all, teaching the ways of culture and tradition.

Joe Byrd, talked about the amazement he had for Hastings, the knowledge that he possessed, of the time they visited a wooded site in Sequoyah County, and how Hastings could name all the plants and type of medicine each plant possessed. A visit from his brother-in-law, Jerry Henson, spoke about Hastings' humility. "He was just an ordinary man who treated people with respect. He was a very humble person," said Henson. An ordinary and humble man, with great values and admiration from so many.

I now find myself asking, where do I go for answers? If I had a question about religion, culture or tradition, I always contacted Hastings, now who do I call? We have been the students, now we must step up to the plate and become the teacher; this is what Hastings prepared us for. We cannot replace him, but we can honor him by continuing his teachings.

We will never forget you Hastings, you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu March 2010				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Chicken Fried Steak Com Mashed Pot. Hot Roll Salad & Dessert	2 Brown Beans Spinach Galley Chips Cornbread Salad & Dessert	3 Shepherds Pie Broccoli Breadsticks Salad & Dessert	4 Spaghetti w/Meatballs Green Beans Garlic Bread Caesar Salad	5 CLOSED
8 Catfish Black-eyed peas Hushpuppies Salad & Dessert	9 Tortilla Soup Crackers Spanish Rice Salad & Dessert	10 Chicken casserole Tom/Zucchini Hominy Hot Roll Salad	11 Sour Kraut Polish Sausage Lima Beans Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	12 BRUNCH Served from 10:30-12:00
15 Goulash Hominy Tom/Zucchini Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	16 White Beans Turnip Greens Galley Chips Cornbread Salad & Dessert	17 Chicken Noodle Soup Peas Crackers Salad & Dessert	18 Pork Chop Scalloped Pot. Yellow squash Hot Rolls Salad & Dessert	19 BRUNCH Served from 10:30-12:00
22 BBQ Smokies Baked Beans Corn Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	23 Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Bread Caesar Salad Dessert	24 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Salad Dessert	25 Cultural Day & March Birthdays 	26 Closed for Cleaning Day 
29 Frito Chili Pie w/Fixins Salad Dessert	30 Chicken Kiev Wild Rice Carrots Hot Rolls Salad & Dessert	31 Beef stew Cheese sticks Cornbread Salad Dessert	Menus are subject to change w/ out notice. For more info: call 918-772-4380.	Inclement Weather Policy: If Tahlequah Sch. are closed due to bad weather our



The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will have the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2010 at 1 p.m.

Location: UKB Celebration Grounds
 Age categories: 1-3 yrs, 4-7 yrs, and 8-12 yrs
 1st & 2nd place winner for finding the Chief's, and Assistant Chief's prize egg in each category

Water Balloon Toss for 13-15 years of age
 1st and 2nd place winners



UKB Regular December Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At the Jim Proctor Elder Care Center
January 09, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 1:35 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Jerry Hansen

III. Roll Call: 9 + Chief answered Roll Call (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks, and Wofford absent) (NOTE: Fourkiller-Hawk contacted and informed she was not going to be in attendance today due to the hospitalization of her father)

IV. Chief's Address

- A few days ago, CNO reported in the newspaper, they had appropriated \$300,000.00 for providing jobs for people. Many people relinquished UKB membership in order to gain employment through CNO. Some people were hired for one day and were paid by a gift certificate/voucher.

- Many who relinquished UKB membership in order to be employed through CNO are now asking if they can change their decision to relinquish from UKB membership.

- Current laws and regulations for UKB membership does not allow for returning to UKB once a membership relinquishment has been processed.

- Many inquiries for returning to UKB membership are younger age people who are truly looking for jobs.

- CNO is notorious for making themselves appear to be doing something great.

- The UKB would never use situations to hurt our people. UKB employment positions are not for a day or two and pay is not by voucher.

- CNO entered into their budget 429 employment slots but this was not "new jobs" these were vacated jobs which had not been filled. Employment was not actually increased.

- Relinquishment from UKB membership is a serious situation because CNO is taking advantage of people because of promises for employment.

- CNO conduct is inhumane in their treatment of unemployed people.

- Exclusive membership is no longer a topic for discussion because UKB has successor-in-interest with CNO. In the past UKB was required to have exclusive membership but this was never required of CNO.

CNO continues to mistreat UKB tribal members even though UKB has successor-in-interest.

There is no acceptable reason why CNO would treat people as they do.

EchoHawk, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, made a decision about 6 months ago where it was decided UKB has equal authority/jurisdiction as CNO did assume in the past.

EchoHawk's decision made provisions for UKB land to be put in trust. There will be action on provisions after the Carcierra case is settled.

UKB is presently in the process of opening up new jobs. There will be some jobs in housing. We would like to hire Keetoowahs when possible.

UKB job applications are offered in-house initially but if no one qualifies for that particular job then the hiring is offered to Native Americans after this then employment is opened to the general public. The 1990 Membership Ordinance (The Black Book) states hiring process is; in-house, associate members, Native Americans. This "Black Book" needs to be revisited.

Bryan Shade: RE: Hiring process

• UKB Housing has received the award letter stimulus with \$373,000.00 allocated. We can begin applying our housing plans for rehab. There is also an additional \$21,000.00 of stimulus money we can begin drawing down.

• B.I.A. told UKB we didn't have any money for you. UKB contacted Washington about this. Washington office stated for UKB to keep them informed of this situation and they would make sure UKB receives funding. This B.I.A. approach was a carry-over from previous B.I.A. personnel; wherein, it was stated the tribe had not reported any housing needs therefore; there was no funding but at the same time B.I.A. funded positions for administrative personnel who had no job responsibilities. It should be noted, UKB could not plan because we had not been given notice of housing funds being returned to UKB until just recently.

Chief Wickliffe deferred to Charles Locust

• Received check for restitution from Erb Kimble in the amount of \$67,000.00. UKB attorneys were hesitant to accept this restitution because it was not arranged through the Federal Prosecutor's office. It was thought Mr. Kimble's action was because he hoped of receiving a shorter jail sentence. UKB accepted the restitution check based on discussions with our attorneys and the Federal Prosecutor's office.

• Restitution check was deposited into General Funds

• Yesterday we learned this check bounced. The check has been re-deposited to see if the check would now clear the bank. If the check does not clear this time we will just claim our insurance.

• The insurance claim would be the same amount as Mr. Kimble's check. The UKB will receive this money amount either from Mr. Kimble or through insurance.

• Erb Kimble was investigated for "double dipping." He was a paid employee of the UKB while he utilized his own real estate company in conducting UKB housing business.

• DISCUSSION:

Tribal court involvement

Possible Civil Action

Future membership

• The Federal Court sentenced Erb Kimble to one year and one day in federal prison then two years supervision. This is a federal court sentencing, therefore; he must actually serve his full sentence.

Chief Wickliffe: Before Mr. Kimble presented his \$67,000.00 check to UKB accounting department he (Chief) had directed there would be no association with Erb Kimble or his real estate business. (NOTE: Accounting personnel had not received this directive before Mr. Kimble presented his check.) Chief Wickliffe: Our attorneys must push to get Erb Kimble situation settled because funding is an emergency, people need housing repairs now.

Charles Locust: questioned any future involvement of Erb Kimble with UKB.

Chief Wickliffe: there appears to be grounds for Council action in reference to Banishment of Erb Kimble from future UKB Tribal Membership and Association with UKB.

Woodrow Proctor: action should be taken for Banishment from UKB membership for any UKB member whose action is damaging to the tribe.

Charles Locust: need to protect the tribe in the future. We need to have recourse against incidents/people which would do damage to this tribe.

Continued discussion

Specific past situations of damaging actions by UKB members.

AG Ken Bellmard will prepare document of Banishment, for presentation at February Council meeting, which will include specific language to prevent any person banished from Tribal membership from any future involvement with the United Keetoowah Band.

Discussion continued

Chief Wickliffe: the UKB will establish a Real Estate office for UKB lands. UKB Court can act on restricted or trust land questions. This topic will be discussed today under New Business.

Tim Good Voice: with establishment of a Real Estate office applications for B.I.A. Grants will be allowed.

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of December 2009

1. MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve the Council minutes of December 2009; SECONDED by Betty Holcomb; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks and Wofford absent).

VI. Presentations -

1. Ken Bellmard: RE: State Tobacco Compact

Presented verbal explanation

Charles Locust: State is recognizing UKB as sovereign government and did notify UKB of available compact with the state. This action can open opportunities with the state. State recognizes our jurisdiction. This Tobacco Compact will fall under UKB Tax Commission.

Jerry Hansen: inquired of possible purchase of Green Country Store on HWY 59 in Jay area near the lake.

MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to authorize a United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees of Oklahoma – State of Oklahoma Tobacco Compact; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks and Wofford absent).

DISCUSSION:

Tobacco/Smoke Shops

Elder's Land being taken/Elder Abuse

Real Estate office will be a great help to our people

2. Bryan Shade: Presented two items requesting resolutions

The addition of a parking lot for the John Hair Museum and Culture Center

The addition of a parking lot for Community Services Building with both projects using A.R.R.A Dollars for Construction.

DISCUSSION

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the addition of the John Hair Museum and Cultural Center parking lot to the A.R.R.A. (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) T.I.P. (Transportation Improvement Program) using A.R.R.A. dollars for construction; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks and Wofford absent).

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the addition of the Keetoowah Cherokee Community Services parking lot to the A.R.R.A. (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) T.I.P. (Transportation Improvement Program) using A.R.R.A. dollars for construction; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks and Wofford absent).

3. Liz Little-dave: Secretarial Election

Presented packets to each Council Member of data received from Muskogee Regional Office, B.I.A. explaining election process and copies of forms which would be utilized in the Secretarial Election

The data informed an election date of March 22, 2010

3 monthly calendars were presented showing the specific dates of scheduled deadline for B.I.A. process in getting UKB eligible voters registered for this Secretarial Election leading up to the actual election date.

Informed UKB had presented mailing list/disc to Diane Buck, B.I.A. personnel, in preparation for mailing packets to every eligible UKB voter including those who will be 18 years of age by/on the election date (18-19-20 year olds will be allowed to vote)

Strongly encouraged all members of Council to stress to their people the importance to registering for this special election.

Must register (registration form is included in the packet) in order to receive a ballot for voting.

7658 names and addresses were entered on the list/disc presented to Diane Buck

This election will allow UKB to make changes in the UKB Constitution without getting approval to make changes from the B.I.A.

UKB election board members, Elizabeth Bird and Liz Little-dave will be at the B.I.A. at every mail pick up to count all mail received relating to this special election. This mail pick up and counting will be a weekly basis.

Chairperson for Secretarial Election is Diane Buck.

Required votes will be based on number of people who registered to vote. 30% of registered voters must vote on this election, in order for this to be a certified election.

Charles Locust: in February we will attend district meetings to give explanation on Special Election and he would ask Jan Laws, Tim Good Voice and Bryan Shade to give explanation of respective programs. Officers would also be in attendance for comments, explanations, etc.

Liz Little-dave: need district meeting schedule today in order for department personnel and officers to schedule attendance of district meetings.

(Editor's note: Per request by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Secretary's Election has been postponed)

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Little-dave

10 New member applications (currently minor children applicants are not immediately receiving C.D.I.B. cards and tribal membership but names are submitted on the list to Council for Council approval)

9 Requested for Tribal Relinquishment

FYI: 846 Elder Assistance checks were processed for the month of November and December for a payout of \$169,200.00. The number of applicants was 65 more people than assistance checks issued in June and July 2009.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION: Relinquishment of Membership

Reason for relinquishment

Allow window of time to present their case before the Enrollment Committee in requesting return to UKB membership.

Enrollment Committee to listen to review if there was a justified reason for relinquishment. Committee decides if case should be reviewed or not.

Many comments on pros and cons for allowing opportunity to return to UKB Tribal membership after a signed relinquishment form is acted on.

Barry Dotson: announced the death of Leroy Eagle. Barry will follow-up and better inform the administration office on this situation.

Marble City School extended their appreciation for assistance given to the school's athletic program.

Henry Dreadfulwater thanked Mr. Dotson and the tribe for support given during his illness.

Mr. Dotson informed of people questioning a tag agency location down there. A response was given that this would be considered.

Mr. Dotson: made reference to the Buffalo Nickel coin and the Indian Head Penny which have seemed to have disappeared and he questioned why the coins are gone. He asked if this "disappearance of coins" could be looked into.

Woodrow Proctor: returned to consideration of return to UKB membership after action of relinquishment of membership. He stated; according to the UKB Constitution the Council must uphold that Constitution. He said we have the opportunity to change that Constitution after March. People could be allowed to plead their case in returning to UKB

membership but this situation could be discussed after the Secretarial Election.

Chief Wickliffe: since we have successor-in-interest, we are separate from CNO. We can have rules only dealing with UKB membership we won't be dealing with CNO people and CNO will not be dealing with UKB. We can have rules where relinquishment will not be considered. If need be, after the special election, we will present our membership numbers to the I.H.S. hospitals. If I.H.S. wishes to argue with us over services, they will argue in our court then after that would be federal court. This is where the EchoHawk decision will be applied.

CNO citizens come from the Dawes Commission Roll and presently there is only one original Dawes Commission Enrollee. CNO is wiped out when that last enrollee is deceased.

UKB owns the original Base Roll. UKB did not begin with the Dawes Roll in 1975.

Our elders told us what is happening today would happen.

Obama is treating all tribes alike.

Charles Locust: the state is trying to establish a relationship with the UKB.

Chief Wickliffe: we don't need to worry about CNO's membership.

Charles Locust: returning to UKB membership will become an issue. This subject will need attention sometime in the future.

MOTION by Barbara Girty to accept and approve 10 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks and Wofford absent).

MOTION by Barbara Girty to acknowledge and honor 9 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks and Wofford absent).

VIII. Public Forum - NONE

IX. Unfinished Business – NONE

X. New Business

1. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the establishment of a UKB Real Estate office

Charles Locust: since topic has previously been discussed with Francine (Rozell) Court Clerk and Realty Officer...

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the establishment of a Tribal Realty Office to address probate actions, allotments, Title opinions, etc.; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks and Wofford absent).

(The following discussion was actually before the vote.)

Lengthy Discussion:

Regulations

Process (to include license if necessary)

Additional staff: Real Estate Office

Probate – Court Involvement

Policy, procedures, by-laws will be prepared

Etc.

2. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove all Council Meetings be scheduled and conducted in the Council Room at the Community Services Building.

Explanation of reason for item was presented by Liz Little-dave. Chief Wickliffe stated if there was a need for more room, this Jim Proctor Elder Center could be utilized.

MOTION by Liz Little-dave to approve all Council Meetings be scheduled and conducted in the Council Room at the Community Services Building and such begin February 2010; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 7 Yes, 2 No (Proctor, Dotson), 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks and Wofford absent).

3. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the transfer of the former USDA Rental Assistance Program which was under the Former Tribal Enterprise Board... details and explanation by Joe Byrd.

DISCUSSION:

Clarification on plans and how plans will benefit the people

Explanation on need to revisit this program

Six of the Housing units will be utilized for homeless, victim abuse families, burn-outs, etc.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve the transfer of the former USDA Rental Assistance Program which was under the Former Tribal Enterprise Board and will be placed under Keetoowah Economic Development Authority (KEDA) which will allow the Tribal Executive Director and the KEDA Director to be assigned as the contacts for the processing of the USDA Rural Development Loan Application; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks and Wofford absent).

XI. Announcements

1. Chief Wickliffe referred to the need to fill two vacancies on the Housing Committee. He informed there were five names submitted for these positions as of last month's council meeting. Those names were Anile Locust but she had withdrawn her name. Georgia Hogner informed Kenneth Hogner had withdrawn his name from consideration. The vote will consider three names for these two Housing Committee vacancies. Method of selection will be by secret written ballot by the Council members. Each Council member will write two names, fold their vote and place it in the container.

First Vote tally: Secretary called out one by one the name receiving vote

Garland Eagle = 7 votes fill one vacancy

Matthew Budder = 5 votes

Calvin McCoy = 5 votes

Run-off Tally: Secretary called out one by one the name receiving the vote

Matthew Budder = 4 votes

Calvin McCoy = 5 votes fill one vacancy

Garland Eagle and Calvin McCoy are set in as Housing Committee members bringing the committee to a full committee of five members.

2. Liz Little-dave reminded District Representatives un-issued Christmas Gift Cards were to be returned to the Secretary in one week.

NOTE: Applications being accepted for Transportation Drivers. Proposed program to start February 1, 2010. (Detailed explanation: Bryan Shade) Currently working on:

Process, routes, schedule, regulations, etc.

Information will be put in the newspapers.

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Barry Dotson; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; Approved by affirmation.

Time – 1:35 PM

UKB Casino Staff and Lighthorse raise money for Special Olympics



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE Casino Administration, staff and Lighthorse Marshall took the plunge into the chilly waters of the Illinois River to benefit the Special Olympics at this year's Polar Plunge sponsored and hosted by Jack and Brenda Spears, of Arrowhead Resort.



MEMBERS OF the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino and Lighthorse helped raised \$17,865 for the Special Olympics during the annual Polar Plunge at Arrowhead Resort. Members are, front row left to right, Steven Gonzales, KCC Assistant General Manager; Charles Dreadfulwater, KCC Chief of Security; and Melinda Cookson, KCC Promotion Coordinator. Back row, left to right, Raymond Wickson, Corporal, Lighthorse; Cody Quetone, KCC Accounting Supervisor; Special Olympics Bear, and Rod Fourkiller, KCC General Manager.

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