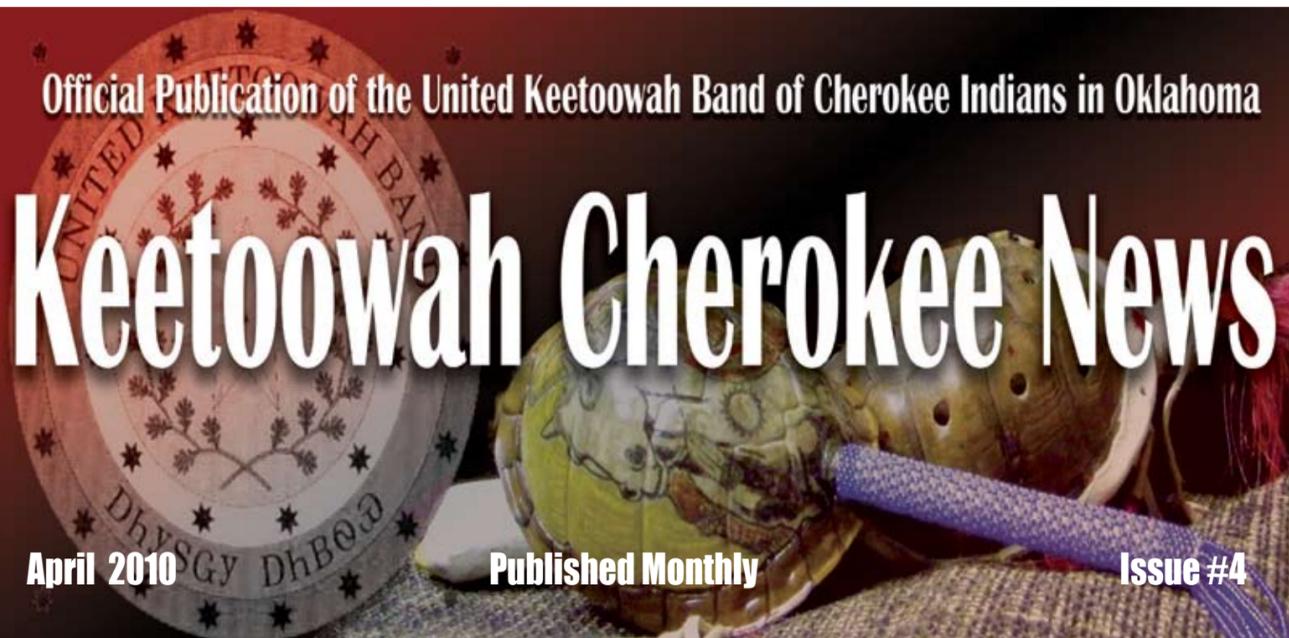


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The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians presented housing deeds to tribal elders

As a tribe steeped in tradition, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians continued in that vein on a Thursday in early March by honoring half a dozen of its elders.

UKB Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust presented housing deeds (or releases) to members over 65 years old during a reception at the UKB Elder Community Center.

Wickliffe first addressed the group in Cherokee, as many of the elders nodded and acknowledged his words.

"I come from the traditional people of Kenwood," said Wickliffe, in English. "My first language is Cherokee, and I know my people – all of us – come from one creator, God, who gave Cherokee people religion. We're living according to tradition, and we're honored to give you these homes. You earned them. Our elders guide us in our council meet-

ings, and we will never forget that."

In February 2006, the UKB was notified HUD would cut funding to the UKB Housing Authority from \$800,000 to just \$25,000.

The Keetoowah Cherokees had been funded since the late 1990s; however, 16 years later, HUD told the UKB the tribe was no longer eligible for funds because it lacked the jurisdiction to receive them.

During that time, the council spent its limited resources returning deeds to elders who have liens on their homes.

Recently the U.S. Office of Housing and Urban Development reinstated the tribe's funding, and according to tribal officials, more deeds will be given to elders.

"Approximately 22 households will be affected," said UKB spokeswoman Marilyn Craig.

Locust said he's pleased to give back to his community.



GEORGE WICKLIFFE, United Keetoowah Band Chief, presented Susie Riddle with a deed to her house during a reception at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center in March. Pictured in the background is Francine Rozell, UKB Realty/Court Clerk.



THE UNITED Keetoowah Band presented Housing deeds to tribal elders in March. Elders receiving their housing deeds were, front row, left to right, Susie Riddle, Molly Washington and Ora Owl. Back row, left to right, Family member of Geneva Proctor, UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Go Back Sanders, Nathan Christie, and UKB Chief George Wickliffe.

"With us receiving money back from HUD, one of the first things we can do is honor our elders," said Locust.

"We're people-oriented, and are proud to have this opportunity."

Wickliffe said after losing five years of federal funding, the UKB feels it has a lot to make up for. Locust said the deed project is a joint effort with HUD.

"The UKB has come a long way, and we're honored to be able to do this," said Wickliffe. "You are the people who have helped keep us all together. To us, one Cherokee is just as important as any other. Anyone can join us at the UKB."

UKB elder Mollie Washington is 88, and said she is happy to have a debt-free home.

"We bought that house for \$45,000, and have been paying on it

every month," said Washington.

Before the reception began, UKB housing processor Terri Kindell sat with Washington and shared conversation.

"We're glad we're able to finally do this," said Kindell. "It's very important to us to honor our elders."

Washington was concerned about the paperwork, and asked if they would also be receiving abstracts, along with the deeds.

Wickliffe confirmed they would be provided with all the paperwork necessary to make their homes debt-free, but that they would be responsible for the taxes on the property in 2011.

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Keetoowah Cherokee Wins Court Case; UKB Constitution Cited

The UKB has prevailed in a lawsuit that has been pending in court in the Cleveland County District Court for three years. The lawsuit itself concerned events that happened six years ago during the Dallas Proctor administration when seven tribal council members entered into what turned out to be an invalid contract with an attorney, Jon Velie.

Velie sued to recover \$25,000 from the UKB, which he claimed was due under what he claimed was a contract signed by the former council members. Velie can still appeal the decision.

Following a trial, the state court recognized that because the contract was not approved by the Council, and because Velie could not show he performed any work authorized under UKB law, the Court ruled in favor of the UKB.

The contract was first purportedly adopted on April 23, 2004, at a special meeting which was not called by the Chief, although the Plaintiff presented evidence that seven of the members of the council had requested that meeting in writing. The April 23, 2004, meeting was not conducted at tribal headquarters. According to Velie, the contract was adopted pursuant to a resolution purportedly adopted at that meeting.

The seven tribal councilors called a special meeting with the purpose of hiring an attorney. Article VI of the UKB Constitution states that seven members of the thirteen member council constitutes a quorum. However, although Article III of the UKB Constitution states that seven councilors could request that the Chief call a special meeting, only the Chief can call a special meeting.

As a result of this meeting, the seven tribal councilors signed an agreement with the law firm Velie and Velie, and agreed to pay a \$25,000 retainer. The actions taken by the seven was declared null and void because they were not within constitutional guidelines in calling a special meeting. Therefore, any agreements they entered into that day were null and void.

"When the new administration took office in 2005, the tribe was divided, the District Representatives were divided with one group against the other. It was a case where certain District Representatives attempted to hire Velie against other council members which included the Chief. The new Administration attempted to get all of this behind them and move forward, but Mr. Velie was not agreeable. With the March 11, 2010, decision Velie was denied compensation based on the illegal actions of seven tribal councilors whose meeting was declared null and void for not being conducted according to the UKB's Constitution," stated Assistant Chief Locust.

Locust stated, "This decision gives protection to the tribe's sovereignty and an insight to other tribal leaders, that you cannot form your own laws without the consent of the whole tribal legislative body and expect to triumph in the court of law. The trial brought out inconsistencies from the District Representatives who sought the services of Mr. Velie."

Locust continued, "This demonstrates the strength of our legal system, where justice prevails and injustice is brought forth. This has been accomplished placing the tribe in a new position to move forward."

10 Volunteer Jobs Available as VISTA Summer Associates

The United Keetoowah Band will once again be able to host the VISTA Summer Associates Project grant. This project will accept up to ten applicants who have the desire to volunteer for the tribal community affecting elders.

Applicants need to be at least 18 by the date service starts (June 16, 2010). They do not need to be college graduates and it would be great for people that will really benefit from this type of program (including youth and others that are new, near or did not graduate from High School, as long as they are at least 18).

Summer Associates perform direct service. Activities can include: starting or maintaining gardens, intergenerational programs, elder chore services, building walking paths, community clean ups, helping at community events and variety of other projects.

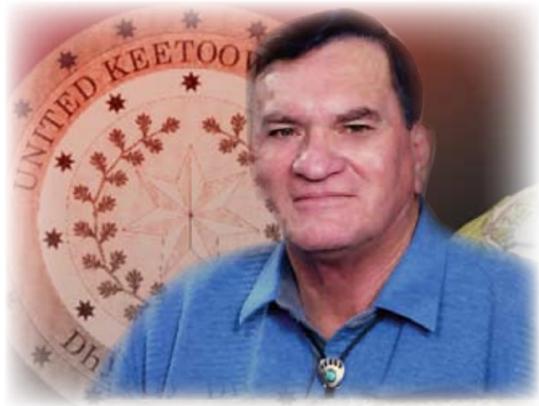
The group will have a Team Leader. The Team Leaders will be college students or recent graduates, preferably Native students.

"We are very excited about the second year of this program; a lot of very good work can be accomplished in eight weeks," said Georgia Dick. The 2009 team was one of the first tribal programs funded nationally.

The living allowance for Summer Associates is \$200 per week. Hours are normally 8:30 a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Directions for submitting a NSAIE Tribal Summer Associates application: Ask for Amanda Mink/Georgia Dick to complete application at United Keetoowah Band Federal Programs.

A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe



Dear Tribal Members,

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Regarding the Supreme Court Decision in *Carcieri v Salazar*, a decision regarding land in trust, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is not likely to be affected by this ruling.)

Why the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Is Not Affected by *Carcieri v Salazar*

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is not affected by the Supreme Court Decision in *Carcieri v Salazar*. The reasons are outlined below.

Carcieri v Salazar only affects tribes eligible for reorganization under the IRA. Oklahoma Tribes have not ever been eligible under the IRA; thus, the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA) was adopted in 1936.

'Land in Trust' is central to the purposes of the OIWA. Section 1 states, "That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to acquire by purchase, relinquishment, gift, exchange, or assignment, any interests in lands, water rights, surface rights to lands, within or without existing Indian reservations, including trust or otherwise restricted lands now in Indian ownership..."

In addition, the UKB's OIWA Constitution and By-Laws, approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, states in Article III - Objectives, Section 1: "To secure for its members the benefits, rights,

privileges and powers as provided for under the Act of Congress approved June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), known as the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act..." The Band's OIWA-mandated Charter, also approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, states that "All officers and employees of the Interior Department are ordered to abide by the provisions of the said Constitution and Bylaws, and the Charter, if and when ratified by the Band." Both the Charter and Constitution and By-laws were ratified on October 3, 1950.

Both the OIWA and the UKB's organic documents cannot be revoked except by an Act of Congress.

THE OIWA was adopted to return rights of tribal government to tribes who had been terminated by the Curtis, Dawes and other Acts at the end of the nineteenth century. In order to have these rights returned, the tribes needed to follow certain lengthy procedures, and receive recognition through Congress, followed with the development of a mandated Charter and Constitution and By-laws, which were then in turn, ratified by tribal members. If *Carcieri v Salazar* were to pertain to OIWA tribes, the decision would be meaningless. However, *Carcieri v Salazar* only refers to IRA tribes, which does not include Oklahoma tribes.

Existence of the Keetoowah Cherokee as a Body Politic in 1934

The Keetoowah Cherokee met with President Thomas Jefferson in 1808 when the Upper and Lower Towns of the Cherokee made the decision to divide into two separate governments (conservative traditionalists and assimilated). President Jefferson granted permission to travel west of the Mississippi to find a suitable location for the conservative traditionalists.

Upon deciding on land in present-day Arkansas, the Keetoowah Cherokee signed a Treaty in 1817 with the United States to cede their homeland for this new land, with a new tribal government informally referred to as the Cherokee nation on the Arkansas. The treaty stated, "the treaties heretofore between the Cherokee nation and the United States are to continue in full force with both parts of the nation, and both parts thereof entitled to all the immunities and privilege which the old nation enjoyed under the aforesaid treaties."

In order to remove from non-Indian encroachment, in 1828 the Keetoowah Cherokee

traded the land on the Arkansas and White Rivers in exchange for lands in Indian Territory, now known as Oklahoma. In this treaty, the tribal government was formally referred to as The Cherokee Nation, West of the Mississippi. This caused the arrival of the Keetoowah Cherokee into Northeastern Oklahoma ten years prior to the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation in the southeastern United States, known as the "Trail of Tears."

In 1833 (five years prior to the Trail of Tears), the Keetoowah Cherokee signed the Treaty of 1833, with the tribal government name of Cherokee nation of Indians west of the Mississippi. This treaty established tribal boundaries between the Keetoowah Cherokee and the Muscogee Creek, Choctaws, etc.

In 1835, the unauthorized members of the eastern Cherokee Nation signed the Treaty of New Echota. Knowing this would cause a huge influx of immigrants into their territory, the Keetoowah Cherokee sent to delegates to ensure an amendment for their protection was attached to the Treaty. In this document, the government name was informally referred to as western Cherokees. The amendment read, "Whereas the western Cherokees have appointed a delegation to visit the Eastern Cherokees to assure them of the friendly disposition of their people and their desire that the nation should again be united as one people and to urge upon them the expediency of accepting the overtures of the Government; and that, on their removal they may be assured of a hearty welcome and an equal participation with them in all the benefits and privileges of the Cherokee country west and the undersigned two of said delegation being the only delegates in the eastern nation from the west at the signing as sealing of the treaty lately concluded at New Echota between their eastern brethren and the United States; and having fully understood the provisions of the same they agree to it in behalf of the western Cherokees. But it is expressly understood that nothing in this treaty shall affect any claims of the western Cherokees on the United States."

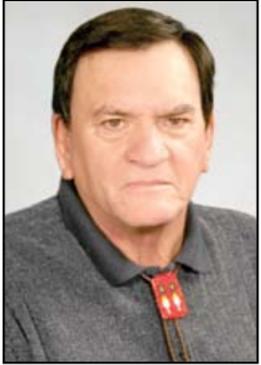
The Keetoowah Cherokee formed a Constitution and By-Laws in 1859, and fought in the Civil War for the Union Army. The 1859 Constitution continued throughout the end of the nineteenth century. After the Cherokee Nation's affirmative vote to accept the Cherokee Agreement in 1902, which terminated Cherokee Nation tribal government and courts effective March 4, 1906, the Keetoowah Society filed for and received a Federal Charter as a "Body Politic" in 1905.

The Keetoowah Cherokee continued to meet, hold elections and regular meetings, file for claims upon the United States on behalf of the Cherokee people throughout the early twentieth century. Upon adoption of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act in 1936, the Keetoowah immediately began to make arrangements, preparations, and hold regular correspondence and meetings with officials of the Department of the Interior, to be recognized under the OIWA.

This was accomplished when President Harry Truman signed the Act which recognized the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians under the OIWA on August 10, 1946. The Keetoowah Cherokee people ratified the governmental OIWA-mandated Charter and Constitution and By-Laws on October 3, 1950

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Chief Wickliffe Reports on Meeting with Eastern Band

Chief George Wickliffe addressed the council at their March 6 meeting informing the council of his trip to Cherokee, N.C. to meet with the Eastern Band of Cherokees and with Duke Energy Carolina. Chief announced their meeting was well conducted and had a positive outcome. "I think there will be a solution; I think there will be a decision made between the Eastern Band and Duke Energy to trade lands. But we have to be ready to defend for our rights," stated Chief Wickliffe. During his meeting with Duke Energy representatives, Chief requested that any information or news they released through their organization, be provided to the United Keetoowah Band as well. "If you (Duke Energy) and the Eastern Band go into litigation, the United Keetoowah Band will also provide lawyers, this is how important it is to our people, It is our home," added Chief Wickliffe.

Update: On March 9, a 90-day moratorium was issued by North Carolina's Swain County board of commissioners, to delay the construction of a substation by Duke Energy near the historic Kituwah mound. The 90-day moratorium prevents the issuance of soil erosion control and building permits related to the construction of the towers and substations. Related story: Swain County reps issue

moratorium on substation near Kituwah (Cherokee Phoenix 3/19)

Chief Wickliffe also announced to the council the presentation of deeds to tribal elders on March 5, at a reception in the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center. "Assistant Chief Locust and I were honored to be able to present the housing deeds to our elders. Our elders have kept the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe together," said Chief Wickliffe. In February 2006, UKB was notified by HUD of funding cuts to the UKB Housing Authority, because of the loss of federal funding the UKB felt that it had a lot to make up for and with joint efforts with HUD, Chief Wickliffe presented housing deeds to the elders making their homes debt-free.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust informed the council that the UKB hosted a Legislative Reception. "We hosted 75 to 80 people along with UKB staff. It was great to see all of Tahlequah's dignitaries and State Representatives present, you can be proud of UKB represented at the reception," said Assistant Chief Locust. Oklahoma State Representatives John Auffet, District 86 (D), and Mike Brown, District 4 (D), along with Oklahoma Senator Jim Wilson, District 3 (D) were in attendance to present updates to the attendees. The UKB was complimented on how well the grounds

on the complex were well kept, the calmness and peaceful atmosphere of the area and appreciation to the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe for their willingness to hosting the event. UKB Title VI provided dignitaries and guest with a delicious breakfast.

In March's council, there were no old or new businesses on the agenda, however due to the upcoming Easter holiday on April 4, the UKB tribal council meeting was moved back a week setting the date for April 10. Because of the rescheduling of the meeting two resolutions were presented to the council due to time restraint regarding deadline for grant applications. These two resolutions were presented to the council for discussion and approval. The first resolution for discussion and approval was for permission to apply for Social Economic Development grant, receiving this grant could provide infrastructure planning on 43 acres of land just west of Tahlequah. The second resolution introduced was a grant for the Native American Language Preservation. Both resolutions were discussed and each resolution was voted on separately, with both passing unanimously.

Next tribal council meeting will be April 10, rescheduled from April 3, due to Easter holiday, in the UKB Community Services Conference room.

UKB Hosts Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce Legislative Focus

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma hosted the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Focus on March 5 at the UKB Jim Proctor Elderly Community Center. Over 75 Tahlequah area community Chamber members and UKB staff members attended the event.

UKB Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust welcomed the dignitaries to the Keetoowah Cherokee tribal complex. "We assimilate with all communities, as progressive people we initiate various productive planning for our tribe. Our tribe will be collaborating with the city of Tahlequah, we want to be a part of your city," remarked Chief Wickliffe. "I know there are many State Legislators from this area and we welcome you to our tribal complex. We appreciate the city of Tahlequah for involving the United Keetoowah Band with the city and Chamber of Commerce," added Wickliffe.

This is the second meeting of the Legislative Focus, presented by the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce this year. "The United Keetoowah Band is honored you have chosen our tribal facility and our tribe to host your meeting. Keetoowah Cherokees are proud people, they are



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band hosted the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Focus March 5 at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center. Pictured are, left to right, Oklahoma Senator Jim Wilson, District 3 (D); UKB Chief George Wickliffe; Oklahoma State Representative John Auffet, District 86 (D); Oklahoma State Representative Mike Brown, District 3 (D); and UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust.



OKLAHOMA STATE Representative John Auffet, District 86 (D), right, visits with UKB Tribal Treasurer Ella Mae Worley, left, and UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust during the Legislative Focus at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center.

community and people oriented, this is how our people were raised. The tribe values the close relationship it has with Tahlequah and Chamber of Commerce, we will continue to be good neighbors and friends with the city and community," stated Assistant Chief Locust.

Oklahoma State Representatives John Auffet, District 86 (D), and Mike Brown, District 4 (D), along with Oklahoma Senator Jim Wilson, District 3 (D) gave brief updates followed with questions and answers session.

Dignitaries were provided with a delicious breakfast prepared by the UKB Title VI staff. The breakfast included hot biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fried potatoes, orange juice, coffee and milk. Many of the attendees complimented the UKB for their beautiful landscape on the 76 acre complex and the peaceful and calm serenity of the area.

Check out our website at:
www.ukb-nsn.gov or
www.unitedkeetoowahband.org

2010 Keetoowah Cherokee

Thank you note from UKB Cultural Camp 2010

First of all I would like to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers for your help with the UKB Cultural Camp (March 15th through March 19th). Thanks to Choogie Kingfisher, Wes Proctor, Frankie Hair, Kamisha Hair, Brenton England, Robbie England and Stevi Kingfisher and many more. And most of all, I would like to say thank you to our Tahlequah District Councilwoman Betty Holcomb. She was there helping out with lots of things such as getting ready for lunch and mostly for her making the cobblers for Friday's meal.

This year we did things a little different, we had two classes with the Keetoowah Cherokee language. Those two classes were grades K thru 3rd and 4th on up. This way every student got a chance to learn at their level as they would in school. We had a wonderful teacher, Peggy Girty, and her helper was Lawrence Panther. Peggy is one of our Adult Language teachers and also assisting was Brenda Gonzales. The K thru 3rd class was taught in the morning and 4th thru 9th was taught in the afternoon. The participants had Cherokee Language ev-

ery day for one hour and 20 minutes.

Thank you goes to Summer King and David McCarter from UKB Natural Resources for doing their presentation on Monday and Tuesday morning.

A thank you also goes to Albert Shade, former Tahlequah District Tribal Councilman. His presentation for the children was on bows and arrows. It was a little cold but the kids didn't mind, they went out there and watched him demonstrate and saw all his good work.

On Wednesday, the kids made corn husk dolls. This was taught by Frankie Hair and Kami-sha Hair. They all had fun making these dolls. First, they were told about the history of the dolls and why the dolls don't have a face and questions were asked by the instructor Frankie Hair. And responses from the students were answered correctly.

Thank you also to Danny McCarter, for his blowgun demonstration. Also, on Wednesday afternoon, Choogie Kingfisher entertained and educated the kids with his presentation with different kinds of flutes and showed the drum. I was very interested in that presentation. I think that makes a beautiful sound - thank you, again.

On Thursday, our presenter was Wes Proctor who showed the kids how to do finger weaving

and he does a beautiful job with it. The belts that he makes are so beautiful and have many colors. The children enjoyed this activity and seemed anxious to learn. Thank you, Wes.

Thursday afternoon, we had a stick ball exhibition with Teresa Webber. She enjoys working with the kids, doing the demonstration and telling the kids how the game is played. She told the kids what the game was about and showed the kids how it is played. The way it was played with her on that day was by the grades.

We had a special guest on that day while the game was going. His name was Ken Heupel from Muskogee. He told us he had never seen this game before, that he just read and heard about it. He said he was very pleased to see how the game was played and stayed to watch the children take part in it.

On Friday, we had a special dinner prepared for everyone that wanted to eat with us. This lunch was prepared by Woody Hair and his son from Kenwood. The meal was a Hog Fry that was served with beans, fry bread, corn, potatoes and hominy and our dessert was cobbler prepared by UKB Tahlequah District Council Member Betty Holcomb. Thanks to Shawna Drywater Terhune for making the fry bread. Our drink was Kool-aid. Everyone enjoyed

PEGGY GIRTY, Keetoowah Cherokee Language instructor, teaches Culture Camp participants to speak their Cherokee language by introducing familiar words the student can understand



WITH THE aide of Lawrence Panther and Brenda Gonzales, Peggy Girty teaches the young camp participants how to speak the Keetoowah Cherokee language.



ALBERT SHADE, Traditional Culturist, displays his Indian bows and arrows to the young Cherokee boys and girls at the Keetoowah Cherokee Culture Camp.



DAVID McCARTER, UKB Fish and Wildlife Officer, instructs camp participants on the rules and regulations on handling wildlife and how to recognize different plants and trees.



TWO YOUNG Cherokee boys greet each other at the 2010 Keetoowah Cherokee Spring Break Culture Camp.



CULTURE AND Traditionalist Sammy Still, displays the Keetoowah Cherokee language chart explaining the various Cherokee language symbols and their pronunciations to the young participants at this year's Keetoowah Cherokee Spring Break Culture Camp.

2K10 KEETOOWAH Cherokee Spring Break Culture Camp staff members, front row, left to right, Ashlynn Watie, Cindy Hair, Culture Camp Coordinator; Sonny Gonzales, and Tiana Watie. Middle row, left to right, Brenda Gonzales, Lawrence Panther, Peggy Girty, and Rylee Grimmatt. Back row, left to right, Wesley Proctor, Brenton England, Robbie England, and Kami-sha Hair. Not pictured are Choogie Kingfisher and Stevi Kingfisher.



OVER NINETY three youths participated in this year's Keetoowah Cherokee history, traditional games, storytelling and the teaching of the Cherokee lunch and snacks during the five-day camp.

Spring Break Culture Camp

their lunch.

To finish the week off, on Friday afternoon we had our Stomp Dance Exhibition. This was presented by George Stopp from Long Valley Ceremonial Grounds and also Martin Teehee from Redbird Ceremonial Grounds. Thank you goes out to two shell shakers, Kristina Teehee and Frankie Hair. George Stopp talked to the kids about the meaning of the Sacred Fire and the songs.

The total number of participants we had for the week of March 15 thru March 19 was 142 people. They were counted even if they came for one, two, three or four days. They were lots of kids that were there all week. Again this year, they were asking if we were going to do this on the following Monday.

I would like to say thank you to the following for your donations: UKB Gaming Commission,

UKB Community Service, UKB Accounting, UKB Media Department, and Denise Rooster for bringing snacks. There was also a donation from Little Debbie's from Gentry, Arkansas.

Others that gave presentations were Sammy Still and Sequoyah Guess for storytelling. Here are some more names that were there to help out. Ashlynn Watie, Rylee Grimmett, Tiana Watie, Jamie Jones, and Suhni Gonzalis, and Junior Miss Keetoowah Allysia Jones. Special thanks to the Keetoowah Lighthorse for keeping the fire going during the night.

Again, I, Cindy Hair, am saying THANK YOU (WA-DO) to all the people that were involved with the 2010 Cultural Camp. I enjoy working with the kids. I cannot do this without your help (Staff and Volunteers) and mainly with the help from our

CREATOR. I leave it all up to him to help us and keep us safe throughout each day.

Parents and Grandparents thank you for bringing the kids to our 2010 UKB Cultural Camp

Thank you again,
Cindy Hair
UKB Culture Coordinator

Lost and Found

There were several coats and jackets left at the culture camp. If your child lost a jacket, contact Cindy Hair at (918) 772-4387 or stop by Cindy's office at the UKB Community Services Building.

YOUNG CHEROKEE boys acquaint each other on the first day of the Keetoowah Cherokee Spring Break Culture Camp at the UKB Wellness Center.



Hello,

I'm not sure who the appropriate person would be to send this to, but I thought you could pass this along to the right person...

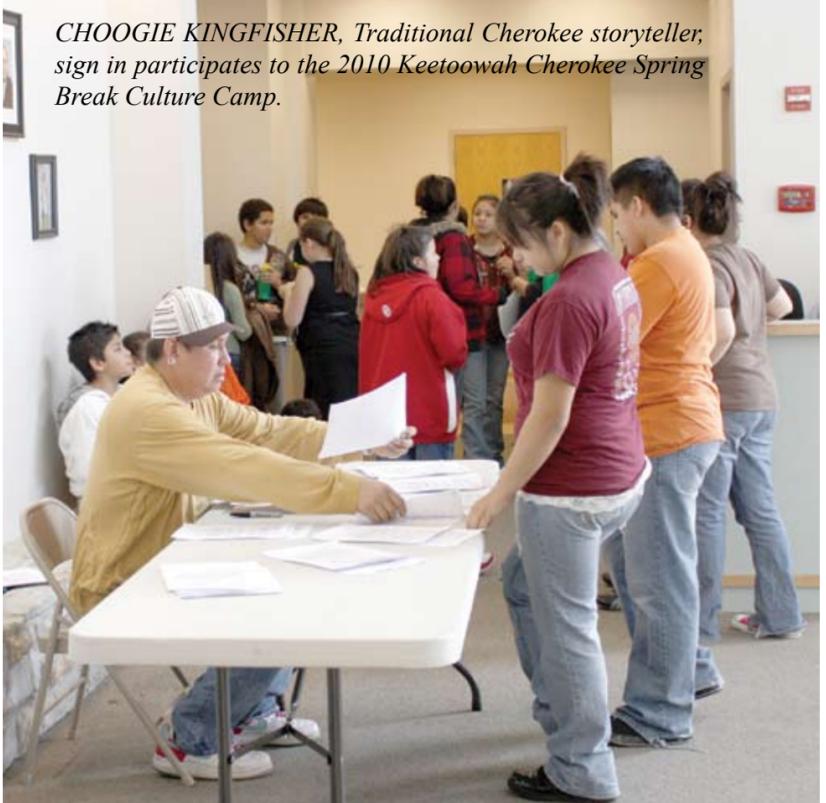
I want to tell the UKB: THANK YOU for holding the Spring Break Culture Camp last week. My two oldest children are 7-year-old twins and they attended every day and they learned so much and had so much to share with my husband and I at the end of the day. I'm Muscogee (Creek), Choctaw and Rosebud Lakota and my husband is Cherokee. It made both of us proud to hear them telling us each day the new Cherokee words they learned.

It was also a great way to keep them active and the camp was a safe and nurturing place for them to be last week while they were out of school. I don't know what we'd have done if the UKB didn't offer the camp.

Thank you again and please pass along our sincere appreciation to all the staff who made the camp possible. We were greeted each day we dropped them off and when we came to pick them up.

Sincerely,
Christina Good Voice

CHOOGIE KINGFISHER, Traditional Cherokee storyteller, sign in participates to the 2010 Keetoowah Cherokee Spring Break Culture Camp.



CAMP VOLUNTEERS prepare healthy snacks for the young camp participates.



A YOUNG Cherokee camp participate readies himself to toss an arrow from an attiladdle under the supervision of Albert Shade.



AS AN assignment, camp participates trekked outdoors to identify various trees and plants under the supervision of Fish and Wildlife Officer McCarter during the UKB Culture Camp.

UKB TAHLEQUAH District Representative, Betty Holcomb, left, sits and visit with Nellie Hunt, traditional basket weaver, left, during a break at the Keetoowah Cherokee Culture Camp. Both Holcomb and Hunt volunteered their services at this year's camp.



Keetoowah Cherokee Spring Break Culture Camp. The participants participated in cultural language. The young participates were also provided with a daily healthy

UKB Observes National Crime Victim's Week

The United Keetoowah Band Tribal Victims Assistance Program observes National Crime Victim's Rights Week, April 18-24, 2010. This year's theme---Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness: Dignity, Respect.---evokes powerful memories of a time when victim compensation and support services were not available to those harmed by crime. In the not so distant past, victims were being routinely excluded from courtrooms and blamed for their victimization, realities that unfortunately still exist for far too many victims. Victims and advocates demanded fairness, dignity, and respect, and the time

has come to acknowledge the progress made toward realizing these ideals.

While there has been tremendous progress, challenges do remain. The current epidemic of violence against children in the streets, in their homes, and even in schools victimizes and isolates too many of our young people. They need adults to protect them, to listen to their stories, and to provide caring support. The well-being of our children, and the future of our Nation, depends on all of us standing up for these young victims.

In addition, there are too many discourag-

ing stories about adult victims---failed notification systems, denials of compensation, violent offenders released on bail, and in these trying financial times, stories of victim assistance programs forced to sharply curtail the services they offer. Some states have weak victims' rights legislation and little enforcement of these rights. Too many victims do not know they have rights or where to turn for assistance.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week serves as a call for action---an urgent summons for fairness, dignity, and respect for all victims of crime.

Child Abuse Awareness

April marks the return of National Child Abuse Awareness Month. The staff of the United Keetoowah Band Indian Child Welfare Department would like to remind everyone what that means.

Child abuse is defined as any act to harm or to threaten harm to a child's health or welfare which can occur through non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or attempted sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or attempted sexual exploitation. The impact of abuse is far greater than its immediate, visible effects. Abuse and neglect are associated with short- and long-term consequences that may include brain damage, developmental delays, learning disorders, problems forming relationships, aggressive behavior, and depression.

Abused children tend to lack development in social, cognitive, physical and emotional skills. Many become dependent on drugs, get into legal trouble or become runaways. Girls tend to get into serious relationships at very early ages to escape their family life and often find themselves in abusive relationships all over again. There are characteristics that are common to many abused children. If you notice one or more of these symptoms in a child, it is possible that the child has been abused in some way. They include mood swings, withdrawal or depression, bed wetting, eating problems, fear of adults, sleeping problems or nightmares, self-destructive behavior, frequent school absences or tardiness, bullying or aggressive behavior, and strange bruises, burns or bites. If you know of a child that has the symptoms above or know of a child that is being abused please contact the Indian Child Welfare Department of the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe at 918-456-9200 or 1-800-794-6514. Family Services Investigator Jim Teehee and Advocates Loretta Shade and Brenda Teehee along with Director Sonya Cochran are on call 24 hours a day.

Please keep our kids safe - - stop child abuse and neglect now!

Elder Abuse Awareness

How would you define elder neglect? There are various levels of neglect. There can be neglect as far as an elder living at home alone, or a relative living at home with the elder and neglecting the elder's needs. There is a lot of financial exploitation going on among Cherokee elders from false scams preying on elders or from family members. These incidents are not talked about because people don't want to talk about their personal losses or fear of getting family members into trouble.

Raven Owl, is the Elder Advocate for the tribe and works closely with Family Services Tribal Investigator James Teehee. "There is a vital need for this program, there are a lot of elders being neglected and being abused by family members," stated Owl. Whether it is in their own homes or maybe in their children's homes, the elders do not get the proper care they need. This is where Owl and Teehee step in, to aide the elders when a referral comes to them asking them to investigate such incidents reported of elder abuse in the homes. "We are pretty much on call, we work the regular hours during the day and are on call after hours," added Owl.

"Many times when a call comes in with concerns of elder abuse in the home, the Department of Human Services DHS, will come to the home and investigate the incident. The DHS has a stricter attitude with the elders, they come to the elder's home seeking answers and to the elders it's like an invasion of their home. We have a different style of approach, when we have knowledge of a referral, we go to the home and we talk to the elders and try to build trust with them, because a lot of times they aren't going to tell you anything. We try to build that trust," said Owl. "We also try to build trust with their families to where we can work with them and let them know that we are going to do whatever it takes to provide for their needs. We are not there to accuse the family of abuse; we are there to work with the family so that the elder will receive the needed care they deserve. We understand that families work, have children, and there are situations within those working hours that no one can control," added Owl. The goal of the Elder Advocate is to try to keep the elders at home if possible; many of the elders prefer to be in their own homes.

Owl has been involved in presenting her program by speaking to various groups of elders regarding elder abuse. She will also be presenting her presentations at various Keetoowah Cherokee tribal district meetings throughout the nine districts as well as at the UKB Tribal Council.

Families can contact the Elder Advocate office from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 918-456-9200 and ask for Raven Owl, Elder Advocate; or Jim Teehee, Family Services Investigator.

Domestic Violence Awareness

Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Domestic Abuse can include many varieties; physical abuse, mental abuse, financial abuse, threatening to take the kids away. Domestic Violence occurs between family members or people living in the same house.

Domestic Violence is three times more likely in Indian Country. Indian women are ten times more likely to get raped. Oklahoma ranks second in the nation in Domestic Violence and ranks 3rd in Indian Country Homicide.

When Family Services gets a call, they usually send an investigator and an advocate. Depending on the situation, the advocates can be an Indian Child Welfare Advocate, a Domestic Violence Prevention Advocate, or an Elder Advocate.



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE Indian Child Welfare and Tribal Victims staff members, front row, left to right, Loretta Shade, Indian Child Welfare Advocate; Sonya Cochran, Family Services Director; and Mary Lea Carey, Family Services Receptionist. Back row, left to right, Brenda Teehee, Indian Child Welfare Advocate; Lois Fuller, Tribal Victims Advocate; Raven Owl, Elder Advocate; and Jim Teehee, Investigator. Not pictured is Sue Gaytan, Tribal Victims Advocate.

UKB Family Services Investigator Jim Teehee

Jim TeeHee is the UKB Family Service Investigator. His job includes investigation of Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse, Child Abuse, Rape and Elder Abuse. His job is to go out and check allegations, get the police report from the county sheriff or city police and to take a statement from the victim. He is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He can be reached at 822-1961.

Mr. TeeHee has been involved in police work for the past 25 years. He has worked as a Campus Police Patrolman for Northeastern State University, for the Stilwell Police Department, and was the former Police Chief at Watts, Oklahoma. He started working with the UKB as a Keetoowah Cherokee Casino Security Officer before transferring to Family Services as an Investigator.

If you are a victim of a crime, you may call:

Keetoowah Cherokee Lighthouse – (918) -453-9961 (office)
(918) 822-3381 (cell)

Keetoowah Cherokee Family Services toll free – (800) 794-6514
(918) 456-9200

Keetoowah Cherokee Family Services Investigator – (918) 822-1961

The UKB Family Services Offices are located at the UKB Round House on Jules Valdez Road just south of Tahlequah.

Check out our website at:
www.ukb-nsn.gov

Jerrick Drywater is a Member of the All Star Elementary Band



Jerrick Drywater, 11 performed in a concert on March 23 as a member of the Eastern Oklahoma 7th Annual All-Star Elementary Band. He played snare drum . Jerrick is in the 5th grade at Shady Grove Elementary School. He is the son of Kim Drywater and Rick Panther. His sisters are Delaney, 10, and Erianna Drywater, 8.

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).

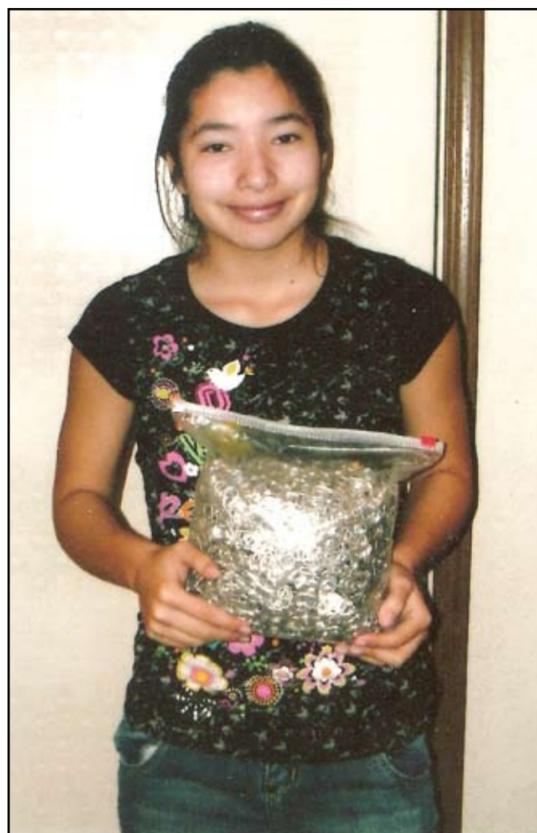
The event will be held Friday, April 9, at the Coleman Theater in beautiful downtown Miami, OK. Doors open at 6 p.m. with Cherokee singing and other musical performances. Storytelling will begin at 7 p.m.

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.

UKB Member wins Regional Wrestling Competition

Michael Scott Adair won the Regional Wrestling title and also was the State Runner-up at 70lbs. His record was 18 wins, 6 losses this season. Michael wrestles for the Stilwell Wrestling Club. This is his 3rd year of wrestling. He is coached by Mike Sheets. He attends Woodall School and is the grandson of Leroy Adair and State Representative Mike Brown. The UKB congratulates him for doing a fine job.

Junior Miss Keetoowah Alyssia Jones



Junior Miss Keetoowah Alyssia Jones has been collecting pop tabs for patients that are on dialysis and can't afford to pay for treatment.



Miss & Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant



Entry Deadline:
Thursday,
September 2

Pageant Date:
Friday,
September 17

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to the winners



Help us encourage eligible young ladies to enter the competition. It is a great place to meet new people and make lasting friendships. Excellent learning experience. Awards presented to first, second, and third place. Participants must be between 13-17 years old for Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee and 18-21 years old for Miss Keetoowah Cherokee.

Call (918) 456-8698 for more information.

2009 UKB Graduates



Billie Webster gets Bachelor's Degree



Billie Joe Webster, from St. George Kansas, graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He served as president of the Native American Student Association.

Billie is the son of William Webster and the grandson of the late Maggie Vann. He will soon be employed by Kansas State University as a recruiter of Native American students.

Gavin Lee Smoke Celebrates 1st Birthday



Gavin Lee Smoke celebrated his first birthday on March 5, 2010. He is the son of Pete and Katie Smoke of Kenwood. His grandparents are Charles and Betty Smoke of Kenwood and John and Callie Panther. Gavin's birthday party had a Winnie the Pooh theme.

Lenora M. Doyle gets LPN Degree

Lenora M. Doyle graduated from Indian Capital Technology Center in Stilwell with a Licensed Practical Nurse's degree. Her husband is Gary F. Doyle and her children are Zechariah D. Doyle and McKenzie A.J. Doyle. She is the daughter of Bud and Junie Fletcher. Her grandparents are Polly Vann and the late Isaac "Smokey" Vann and the late Robert and Ora Fletcher.

Her hobbies are reading, writing, and knitting. She plans to continue her education to become a Registered Nurse.

James (Jim) Teehee Graduates from Bacone College

James (Jim) Teehee graduated from Bacone College with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Jim's wife is Brenda Teehee and they have three children, Jamie Gann, Kelly Elizando, and Matthew Teehee. They also have four grandchildren, Jacy Elizando, Jordan Gann, Talon Gann, and Jaden Teehee.

Jim is the son of Norene Teehee and David Teehee. His grandparents are the late Luther and Nancy Morris of Vian and the late Charlie and Rosella Teehee of Vian. Jim is employed as the UKB Family Services Investigator. His hobbies include coaching his grandchildren in fast pitch.

A Tale of Two Hunters

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Two men were hunting, looking for deer. One of the men had a rifle and the other one didn't. And the man with a rifle was a braggart. Everything he did he bragged about it. As the walked along, they saw something in the bush. The man with a rifle aimed and shot the rifle without even paying attention at what he was shooting. Sure enough, they saw something fall. The man without a rifle was all excited and said, "We shot a deer!" Then the man who shot the rifle said, "I shot it!" The men raced toward the bush and as they got closer they saw a dead horse lying there. The man who shot it was terrified and said, "We shot someone's horse." "You shot it," he was told.

Reminders for College Students:

- 1.) College students need to be applying for FAFSA Application for 2010 & 2011 right now if they have not already done so. It takes a long time to receive a Financial Award Notification Letter from the institution. This is one of the required documents to submit to education department when applying for Scholarship.
- 2.) College students must submit their Official Transcript and meet eligibility requirements at the end of their Spring 10 semester to receive their 2nd half of Spring Scholarship.

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



United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu April 2010				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 <i>Brown Beans</i> <i>Spinach</i> <i>Galley Chips</i> <i>Salad & Dessert</i> <i>J. Cornbread</i>	2 <i>Closed</i> <i>For</i> <i>Holiday</i>
5 <i>Closed</i> <i>For</i> <i>Holiday</i>	6 <i>Chicken Corn</i> <i>Chowder</i> <i>Sweet Potatoes</i> <i>Biscuit</i> <i>Salad & Dessert</i>	7 <i>Baked Fish</i> <i>Rice Pilaf</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Cole Slaw</i> <i>Hushpuppies</i>	8 <i>Steak Fingers</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes</i> <i>Gravy</i> <i>Hot Roll</i> <i>Salad & Dessert</i>	9 <i>Fishing Day</i> <i>@ River Park</i> <i>11:30-???</i> 
12 <i>White Beans w/</i> <i>Ham</i> <i>Turnip Greens</i> <i>Galley Chips</i> <i>Cornbread Muffins</i>	13 <i>Enchiladas</i> <i>Spanish Rice</i> <i>Refried Beans</i> <i>Salad</i> <i>Dessert</i>	14 <i>Spaghetti</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Garlic Bread</i> <i>Caesar Salad</i> <i>Dessert</i>	15 <i>Beer Battered</i> <i>Cod</i> <i>White Rice</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Breadsticks</i>	16 <i>BRUNCH</i> <i>Served from</i> <i>10:30-12:00</i>
19 <i>Clam Chowder</i> <i>Broccoli</i> <i>Oyster Crackers</i> <i>Hushpuppies</i> <i>Salad & Dessert</i>	20 <i>Chicken Kiev</i> <i>Wild Rice</i> <i>Grilled Veggies</i> <i>Hot Roll</i> <i>Salad & Dessert</i>	21 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Green Beans</i> <i>Caesar Salad</i> <i>Dessert</i>	22 <i>Mac-n-Cheese</i> <i>Lil' Smokies</i> <i>Mixed Veggies</i> <i>Breadsticks</i> <i>Salad & Dessert</i>	23 <i>Fishing Day</i> <i>@ River Park</i> <i>11:30-???</i> 
26 <i>Meatloaf</i> <i>Mashed Potatoes</i> <i>w/ Gravy</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>Hot Rolls</i>	27 <i>Taco Salad</i> <i>Spanish Rice</i> <i>Refried Beans</i> <i>Salad</i> <i>Dessert</i>	28 <i>Marinated</i> <i>Chicken</i> <i>Grilled Veggies</i> <i>Tomato/Zucchini</i> <i>Breadsticks</i>	29 <i>Cultural Day</i> <i>&</i> <i>April Birthdays</i> 	30 <i>Closed for</i> <i>Cleaning</i> 

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7th Annual All-Indian March Madness

The 7th Annual "4 Love of the Game" Tournament was held on March 17th through Sunday March 21st. The tournament which was started in 2003 with only 18 teams has grown bigger and better every year. This year's tournament had a total of 69 teams, traveling from 11 different states and 50 different tribes being involved. There were 37 Mens teams and 32 Womens teams. Sixteen of those teams (8 Men, 8 Women) were represented by the Mississippi Choctaws.

A total of 700 kids from grades 8 thru 12 registered on Wednesday at the Henryetta Field House. All games were played in three gyms at Henryetta High School

Wednesday evening started with free food, bowling, and free games provided for all participants at Henryetta's Bowling Alley. There were also drawings for an iPod and iTunes cards and also live entertainment provided by "Little Mike and Funny Bone". There was also a live band.

Jay Mule, Evangelist from Oklahoma City delivered a message on "Mark 9:14. Luke Taylor, the director of the tournament says the games were started with a "Dream and a Vision" for Native American kids to be able to compete on a higher level with a lesson on always being a winner with discipline instilled in each athletes. Luke also says he gives all praise and glory to God for all the success he's had with this tournament and all past tournaments.

Starting with pool play, each team is guaranteed three games. Regular play started on Friday with the tournament being single elimination.

One of the most laughable events was the Old-timers All-Star game consisting of former players and coaches. This was played in front of a packed house which also hosted a three point shooting contest and a slam dunk contest. The Slam Dunk Champion was Carl Swallow (Ooglala-Souix) from Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

The winner of the tournament was C & A from Concho, Oklahoma (Boy's Champion) and Illusion from Oklahoma (Girl's Champion). Also on hand were Sterling College Basketball recruiters and former Slam Dunk Champion Randy July and former 3 point shooting Champion Zack Goodridge, whom both now play for Sterling College.

Rita Jenkins who says this was her first time to the tournament said "It was a very good tournament and plans to come back in July when the Summer Tournament begins." Rita is from Mississippi.

Kenneth Scott, a 1956 Haskell Alumni says, "I enjoy watching Indian talent" and says he also watches some of the kids as they play through high school. He also says he follows Sequoyah Basketball and has attended most of the tournaments

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma congratulates Luke Taylor and his staff for a job well done and especially thanks him for his interest to our Native American youth.

Departmental information was given at Saline District Meeting

Departmental information was given at Saline District Meeting on March 16 at 7 pm from the Housing Program Rick Glory, ICW Advocate Brenda Teehee, TVA Advocate Lois Fuller and DV Investigator Jim Teehee, and Health Services Director Don Ade. Elder Committee-Chairperson John Hair also participated during meeting.



John Hair, Jim Teehee, Charles Smoke-Saline District Representative, Lois Fuller, Brenda Teehee and Rick Glory.

UKB April '10 Calendar of Council, District & Special Meetings

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| April 10 | UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
Jim Proctor Elder Center, Tahlequah |
| April 13 | Saline District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Kenwood Community Building |
| April 15 | Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Sallisaw UKB Satellite Office |
| April 16 | Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.
Jim Proctor Elder Center, Tahlequah |

Ohio Missionaries Learn Keetoowah Cherokee Traditions

On March 9, Keetoowah Cherokee traditionalist Sammy Still and Cherokee Speaker/Writer, Ella Mae Cooksey Worley presented a special program to the Central Ohio American Baptist Missionaries.

Sammy Still spoke on how traditions were taught and how they are passed down to the younger generation. They were shown how the game of stickball and marbles were played. They were taught how the ball and the sticks were made. He also showed how marbles were made and how different plants and foods were identified.

He also had a storytelling session and told how some stories were passed down.

Ms. Worley, who is a Cherokee speaker and writer of the language, taught the missionaries some words and taught them how to write from the syllabary. Ms Worley is presently the treasurer for the United Keetoowah Band. Ms. Worley is also a retired Educational teacher.

The most important thing that was taught was the value of the traditions being passed down.

Another tradition and culture class will be presented in August on the return of the Ohio Missionaries. Leroy and Beverly Adair, who hosted the event thanks Sammy and Ella Mae for a very fine presentation.

Wanted: Ancient Keetoowah Cherokee Recipes and Remedies

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has an Americorp Vista Volunteer working on a recipe book that encompasses not just food but remedies and medicine. Dawnena Squirrel-Mackey, a Kenwood native is working on this recipe book. She is paid in part by the National Society for Aging Americans.

The recipe book provides an outlet for elders who want to pass on recipes for their children and grandchildren. The type of recipes needed are those that have been passed down for generations from Keetoowah Cherokee ancestors. Recipes that go back before European contact. How to prepare and gather items such as wild onions, poke, wishie, water cress, crawdads, deer meat, rabbit, fish, squirrel, kanuche, berries, etc. (Recipes such as fry bread, hog fry, Indian tacos, are considered new tradition and will not be featured in this cookbook.)

Another feature of the recipe book will be home remedies. An example of one such remedy is for babies cutting teeth, to rub squirrel brains on their gums. Or if you put a baby's feet in deer tracks, the child will be a fast runner.

"We're hoping this cookbook will preserve our elder's recipes, remedies and practices, said Dawnena. We invite anyone who would like to share this type of knowledge to call us at 918-772-4331 or email dmackey@unitedkeetoowahband.org

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary

March 23, 2010

Statement by President Obama on the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act

Earlier today, I signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the health insurance reform bill passed by Congress. In addition to reducing our deficit, making health care affordable for tens of millions of Americans, and enacting some of the toughest insurance reforms in history, this bill also permanently reauthorizes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which was first approved by Congress in 1976. As a Senator, I co-sponsored this Act back in 2007 because I believe it is unacceptable that Native American communities still face gaping health care disparities. Our responsibility to provide health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives derives from the nation-to-nation relationship between the federal and tribal governments. And today, with this bill, we have taken a critical step in fulfilling that responsibility by modernizing the Indian health care system and improving access to health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Wild Onion and Eggs

Wild Onion gathering begins in late February and early March. If you can gather onion near a creek it makes cleaning them much easier. You will need a couple of handfuls. To prepare, cut the roots off then chop the onion about an inch at a time. It is usually cooked in a cast iron skillet but any skillet will be fine. Add the onion and about a cup of water into the skillet and cook until the water is almost gone. Then you can add some oil, enough to keep the onion from sticking to the skillet. After the onions have cooked and are tender you add more oil, then the eggs, which is a scrambled egg mixture with some salt and pepper. After you add the egg mixture, it won't take long and the Wild Onions and Eggs will be ready. Some people like more eggs than onion and some, more onion than eggs so this is a judgment call. An elder named Pete Kingfisher taught me how to cook wild onion. He passed away a couple of years ago but I am glad I have his recipe and the memory of what he shared with me.

Dawnena Squirrel-Mackey
VISTA, AmeriCorps
National Society for the American Indian Elderly
To share your recipes call 918-772-4331 or email dmackey@unitedkeetoowahband.org



UKB Regular February Council Meeting Minutes

**UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At the Jim Proctor Elder Care Center
February 06, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 1:15 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)

IV. Chief's Address

Reminder of a past situation involving Lost City school wherein; UKB Council voted on giving

(Sacks, Wofford arrived at 10:04 AM)

- financial assistance to said school as well as assistance through our Education Director. The State Department did an accredited check and closed the school but closing was unjustified. Representative Jim Wilson informed the State Department was attempting to pass an act which would allow a federally recognized tribe to move in and participate in a school, situated within the tribe's jurisdiction, for a period of 2 years if the tribe was selected to move into said school district

- Lost City school asked the UKB to participate in their situation.

- This Bill/Act was passed but it was too late for Lost City school.

- Greasy school did face problem situations but was not closed. UKB was contacted about equipment needs in the school and UKB did assist in requested need. Skelly school was also having problems but their problem was relating to enrollment and faced possibility of consolidation with Westville schools. CNO stated how they were asked to assist but the area people said they had not asked CNO to move into their school.

(Fourkiller-Hawk arrived at 10:12 AM)

- Chief stated Skelly school could start a pre-school program. Such program would allow state aid from the Department of Education. Such a program allows for care of the very young children while mom and dad are employed.

- Lack of employment is a very serious problem and a pre-school program would help families keep working.

- Bell school has expressed problems also.
The UKB has the right to participate in any school district within the 14 counties. CNO takes advantage of schools having problems in staying open because CNO comes in and takes over. The UKB does not have this same attitude. If a school asks for UKB help, the UKB would help.

- If there is no pre-school program in a school, UKB would get involved only to help people.

- Locust Grove school has contacted the UKB. They are interested in a pre-school program. Locust Grove recognized the UKB has experience in pre-school programs. Locust Grove asked the UKB to participate with them. We will partner with Locust Grove.

- The proposed casino in Vinita will require places of residency for employees of that casino. This will help in school population and employment.

- White Oak school has asked the UKB to participate with them and restore their pre-school program. The UKB will participate as a partner of White Oak school in getting their pre-school program back into operation. White Oak pre-school program may need financial support in start-up of this program awaiting financial aid from the State Department. After aid is received, UKB would be financially reimbursed.

- It is now State Law, the UKB can participate in assisting schools. It is not necessary the UKB be called/contacted when UKB's involvement is focused in increase in school population.

- UKB is not interested in taking over schools. UKB only wants to help the people. By assisting in starting pre-school programs we help children, working parents and the schools.

- If anyone moves onto Indian Land or land leased by a tribe, those people are counted as 874 Indian Students regardless of their nationality, they are counted and this helps the school.

- CNO have appropriated another \$750,000.00 supposedly for employment then wages are paid in the form of vouchers.

- Some UKB members are relinquishing their UKB membership because of CNO's promises of jobs, etc. This is happening at a time when the Keetoowahs are in the best position, as a tribe, than we have ever been.

- UKB does not go and "lie" to people about what we will do in helping people.

- When the current UKB administration came into office, UKB HUD money had already been lost. It was restored. Then CNO used the argument of jurisdiction and HUD funds were lost again. We argued this situation with Washington. The HUD situation resulted in a federal investigation which was supported by the present UKB Administration. HUD problem was not because of anything the present administration did. The present administration worked and restored UKB Housing funds. The investigation involving HUD funds resulted in a Grand Jury indictment of past UKB Housing Director, Earb Mitchell Kimble. Kimble plead guilty to the indictment of Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds. Kimble was sentenced, by a federal judge, to one year and one day in a federal prison with two years supervision after release from prison, fines and restitution in the amount of \$67,270.00. (Past records show Earb Kimble was a CNO citizen during the same time as he was a Keetoowah tribal member) As per the laws and regulations which did exist during Earb Kimble's Keetoowah enrollment status, he would have automatically been dropped from Keetoowah Tribal Enrollment. Based on past record, Earb Kimble has not been a Keetoowah member since 2004. It is written in Membership Ordinance. IF a person signs a statement he/she is not a member of any other tribe/band and it

is later learned the signed statement is not true, that person's name is automatically removed from UKB Tribal Enrollment.

- The UKB has Successor-in-Interest and have the same rights as other federally recognized tribes. The Keetoowah-Cherokee way is to help each other. The UKB has always been Christian.

- Today we will be informed of a situation involving the Eastern Band in their investigation of private construction activities on their land. (Actual resolution prepared and submitted by Eastern Band Chief Michell Hicks was read to Council)

- RE: Resolution passed by Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in the investigation of construction activities of Duke Energy of the Carolinas. (See actual resolution attached)

DISCUSSION:

- Actions of Duke Energy violates regulation 106
UKB will be involved in Eastern Band's suit against Duke Energy.

- A plan to meet the Eastern Band to discuss a particular topic has been scheduled; the UKB Historical Preservation Officer and a member of Council could attend this meeting and could then express support for suit against Duke Energy.

- Ken Bellmard: suggested consideration for a Joint Resolution with the Eastern Band in reference to Regulation 106.

- MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve and support the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in the investigation of Construction Activities of Duke Energy of the Carolinas; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of January 2010

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the Council minutes of January 09 2010; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

NOTE: Program Director and Administration will attend District Meetings for information and explanation of programs questions, etc. This is scheduled to begin in February.

VI. Presentations -

1. Barry Dotson

Informed a Muldrow High School graduate was in need of money for purchase of graduation items such as announcements, etc. He said it had been said, the Education Department funds had all been allocated for tuition. He stated balance amount was due by February 26th, in the amount of \$352.83. Mr. Dotson encouraged assisting this student.

Chief Wickliffe: said we will do everything possible to help in this situation. (Chief reminded all; school funds raised can be a source for this)

Dotson: need to be aware and take action to save schools before CNO moves in on schools. Need to assign someone to follow these type of situations before CNO takes over.

2. Woodrow Proctor:

Schools are in serious trouble but it should be "the school" that present their request to the Council. There must be protocol in facing school situations. School board members should come to Council and Budget and Finance will review requests for recommendation to approve/disapprove requests. The Council needs to have input in helping school districts. Council representatives are approached to request assistance but school board members should make requests.

Fourkiller-Hawk: stated "Open Transfers" has a high financial impact on loss of income for some districts.

3. Barry Dotson:

Inquired as to the status of land in Arkansas.
Response: land is presently leased for oil and gas rights.

4. Jerry Hansen:

UKB member was cutting wood, for a living. Cutting was in the Kenwood area. CNO land management came and politely told him, CNO would get after him and would send out CNO Marshals if such was reported to CNO. Said Marshals did come to this man and politely told him to stop cutting wood or he would be issued a ticket. If it was decided UKB had co-jurisdiction what is the status of the UKB in such a case. This issue is not, "wood" the issue is "co-jurisdiction authority." It is said, permission for cutting wood is given by CNO. CNO will issue a permit for cutting wood. It was told how such permits gave assignment to an area where there was no timber, only shrubs and brush. A CNO Marshall informed this wood cutter he would be arrested if he did not cease cutting wood, (without a permit). If an arrest happens what would be action by UKB?

Tim Good Voice: we have looked into this very situation. CNO has no written procedure or policy for cutting wood. What CNO has is "an internal policy." What they have is "someone's idea," as to what they will do in "wood cutting" situations. If a ticket was written by a CNO Marshall there is no basis for it. Such a ticket is useless. On Monday morning a letter will go out from UKB Human Services Department as a courtesy notice to the Natural Resources Department at CNO that UKB is authorizing wood cutting and UKB Tribal Members can come to UKB Human Services and receive an authorization letter to cut wood on Trust Lands. NOTE: Letter wording will be specific in detail (This approach/action is based on the EchoHawk decision)

5. Betty Holcomb:

Informed of a handicapped UKB member who will not be released from a medical facility until her house is made handicap accessible. Betty reported this need to Bryan Shade and was told Housing would send someone out to assess this need.

Chief Wickliffe: stated the need will receive priority attention.

6. Ken Bellmard: Domestic Relations and Elder Abuse

Codes

- Certain ideas require more than a legal conclusion

Definitions

- Need input on tribal customs

- Divorce; what are the grounds?

- No need to copy state court laws and definitions

- Requested input on customs possibly from elder committee

- Who can perform marriage?

- Tribal Relation Codes should include Tribal Customs

- Elders, pastors, etc. should have input on codes.

DECISION: Eddie Sacks will be Elder Committee member contact person for input in Tribal Relations Codes reporting to A.G. Ken Bellmard.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littlegrave

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to accept and approve 7 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment (This does include one minor); SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks unavailable for vote).

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to acknowledge and honor 8 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks unavailable for vote).

VIII. Public Forum

1. Cindy Hair: announced Spring Break Culture Camp March 15-19, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the UKB Wellness Center, students K-9th grade. (Council was invited to attend/visit/volunteer)

2. Raven Owl: requested the schedule of District Meetings in order that she could present information about programs offered through program (s) she represents.

Proctor: expressed appreciation to Ms. Owl in all work done through the Elder program. He reported how a doctor at Stilwell Hospital stated how he recognized how the Keetoowahs took care of their elders.

Dotson: stated appreciation for people who received help through the elder program.

Assistant Chief: gave praise to all department personnel for a job well done because they are front line and are over loaded.

Dotson: expressed concern for amount of responsibilities placed on Federal Program Director, Bryan Shade. Also stated a "Thank You" should be given to front line staff.

Cindy Hair: stated her appreciation to program personnel for help they presented to her daughter. She said staff was always available for helping.

Holcomb: reported staff was quick to act in giving assistance when needed.

IX. Unfinished Business – NONE

X. New Business

Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the submission of an application to the Department of Interior B.I.A. of Trust Services (Explanation by Georgia Dick)
MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the submission of an application to the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Trust Services Integrated Resource Management Planning Development Project in the amount of \$50,000.00; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. Exclusion/Banishment: Ken Bellmard

Did revisit issues related to exclusion/banishment

Exclusion/banishment is relating to keeping people out of UKB jurisdiction and can also be for excluding from membership.

Exclusion and banishment can be two different things

By operation of law, enrollment in another tribe causes "no longer in UKB membership" therefore; Banishment would not apply.

UKB already has a policy on Exclusion/Banishment

Such action is viewed on a case-by-case basis.

DISCUSSION: Earb Kimble situation

Not a UKB members; thus, there is no rights of membership.

Today's resolution, RE: Earb Kimble excludes him from UKB jurisdiction. This resolution creates an institutional memory of any action.

There is a high/strong possibility that if any future Council attempted to "undo" the tribe's resolution, RE: Earb Kimble, there could be legal action as to whether or not such Council had to legal right to "undo."

Based on a directive to A.G. Bellmard from January meeting a document was prepared RE: Earb Kimble, a resolution had been prepared to "the exclusion of Earb Kimble" with specific addendums. This document does express exclusion from jurisdiction.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the exclusion of Earb Mitchell Kimble and all connected business entities; SECONDED by Betty Holcomb; VOTE: 11 Yes, 1 No (Proctor), 0 Abstentions.

3. Guardianship Codes: Ken Bellmard

LENGTHY DISCUSSION:

Guardianship Code Discussion continues

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve Guardianship Codes; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

XI. Announcements

XII. Benediction: Sammy Still

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Barry Dotson; SECONDED by Barbara Girty; Approve by affirmation: 1:15 PM

2010 UKB Annual Easter Egg Hunt



KANE McCracken, left, stands behind his new Radio Flyer Wagon, which is won for finding the Chief's egg during the UKB Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Maleeyah Sam, right, won a beautiful bicycle for finding the Assistant Chief's egg. Pictured with the winners are Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Victoria Proctor; the Easter Bunny (Raven Owl), and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Alyssia Jones.



SEBASTIAN CARNELL, left, was the winner of the Chief's prize, and Stefany Wagon, right, was the winner of the Assistant Chief's prize for the 4 to 7 age category. Pictured with the winners are Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Victoria Proctor, and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Alyssia Jones.



KIERRA BOLIN, front left, was the winner of the Chief's prize, and Ugnasda Barnett, front right, received the Assistant Chief's prize for the 1 to 3 age category. Pictured in the background are, left to right, Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Victoria Proctor; Unknown Relative of Kierra Bolin, and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Alyssia Jones.

COLORFUL BASKETS in hand, the 4 to 8 year-old Cherokee children wait anxiously for the signal to begin gathering Easter eggs at the Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Easter Egg Hunt.



THE FOUR to eight year-old age group rush in to find the prize eggs for this year's UKB Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Prizes were given to the youths who found the Chief's and Assistant Chief's egg.



THE ONE to three year-olds are all eyes as they stare at the different colored eggs left by the Easter Bunny.



UKB EVENT Coordinator, Brenda Locust prepares to give the go signal to the 1 to 3 year-olds.



OVER 300 youths participated in this year's UKB Annual Easter Egg Hunt, on the grounds of the Keetoowah Cherokee Complex just south of Tahlequah. Three thousand plastic Easter eggs were filled with candy and great prizes were given the lucky children who found the Chief's and Assistant Chief's eggs in each age category.



THE GO signal was given to the 9 to 12 year-old youths as they ran to collect the colorful Easter eggs. This year's UKB Easter event was successful as over 300 children participated in three age categories, 1 to 3 year-olds, 4 to 7 year-olds and the 8 to 12 year-olds.