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Indian Trust Settlement to benefit UKB Restricted Land Owners

Attorneys for the Indian trust fund lawsuit visited several locations throughout Oklahoma to discuss the \$3.4 billion settlement case.

On Wednesday, March 16, Keith Harper, Class Counsel; and Attorney Rob Harmala met with various Oklahoma tribal representatives and tribal members to clarify the Cobell lawsuit. The meeting was held in the Muskogee Civic Center hosted by the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, and was one of four meetings scheduled in Oklahoma.

Harper explained that in the mid 1980s Elouise Cobell, a former Treasurer of the Blackfeet Tribe of Montana discovered many irregularities in the management of funds held in trust by the Federal Government. Harper stated that year after year, decade after decade, generation after generation, the Federal Government has had a broken trust system that had mismanaged financial funding throughout Indian Country.

The Federal Government undervalued leases, failed to make payments, failed to collect and failed to provide basic information to trust beneficiaries about their own properties. A trust is where one person or entity serves as a trustee holding property of another and managing it to the best interest of that land owner.

People who own trust land or land in restricted status have suffered because their lands are supposed to be leased for the benefit of selling their resources, oil and gas, timber, grazing and farming all throughout Indian Country and those people have not received any payment.

What this lawsuit did is make the trustee, who has the absolute responsibility to provide trust land owners with accounting, to provide that accounting. The accounting produced errors in that account and miscalculation problems, this was to correct those accounts to reflect accurate balances, and for the Federal Government to recognize they have a broken trust and to fix it.

Harper continued by informing tribal members that this lawsuit was not about the money, the principal cause was about accountability. For a century there has been a trustee whom has not been held accountable, this case is about assuring that in the future children and grandchildren of trust land owners will have an accountable trustee. That is what this lawsuit principally focused on.

On December 21, 2010 the U.S. District



A concerned tribal member of one of various Oklahoma tribes attending the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement meeting in Muskogee asks a vital question during the question and answer session of the March 16 meeting. Photo by Thomas Jordan

Court for the District of Columbia granted preliminary approval to a \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement allowing Historical Accounting Class members and Trust Administration Class members to become eligible for payment.

The settlement includes a \$1.5 billion fund to pay open Individual Indian Money (IIM) Account holders with an additional \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by tribal members.

The payout from the settlement, if approved on June 20 by the U.S. District for the District of Columbia, will be in two separate payments, the first payment will be a \$1,000 paid across the board for all Historical Accounting Class members, people who have open IIM accounts. The second payment will be for both open IIM account holders and Trust Administration Class members who owned trust land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009. These payments could be anywhere from \$800 to \$125,000, depending on the sum of

the account's ten highest years of revenue.

Any members interested in becoming a part of the class action settlement must have their application filled out by April 20. If Trust Administration Class members disagree with the settlement and would like to file an individual lawsuit against the government they can do so by electing to opt out of the settlement, but must do so by April 20.

For more information or to obtain an application you can go to www.IndianTrust.com or call 1-800-961-6109.

The United Keetoowah Band Realty Department has been assisting UKB tribal members in filling out their application forms and providing copies of proper documentation they may need for their land descriptions. UKB Realty Director Francine Rozell recommends that all tribal members contact 1-800-961-6109 or visit www.IndianTrust.com before contacting her office. If assistance is needed they may contact her office at (918) 458-4714.

UKB Spring Break Camp Fun and Educational

While most children spent their spring break sleeping in, lounging around the house and basically just taking it easy, 100 out-of-school students spent their time learning more about traditional Keetoowah Cherokee ways.

The United Keetoowah Band's (UKB) Language, History and Culture department, through the direction of Lisa LaRue, director, Cindy Hair, cultural coordinator, Choogie Kingfisher, cultural coordinator, and Wesley Proctor, cultural coordinator, sponsored a one-week culture camp at the Wellness Center on the UKB Celebration Grounds. The camp targeted children in grades Kindergarten through ninth.

Kingfisher said in today's world most children are caught up with the internet, video games and sports. The camp gave the children a chance to get away from the high tech world and see how their ancestors lived and spend some time outdoors.

Each day started at 8:30 a.m. with registration and recess. At 9 a.m. Kingfisher made his opening remarks concerning the day's events and said a prayer asking for a blessing on the camp and the children who attended.

Then, staff broke the children into two groups according to age and spent each day teaching the children about the Keetoowah Cherokee language and various crafts.

Peggy Girty, Illinois district representative, and Lawrence Panther, MELD participant, taught the language section often using the children in the examples to bring home the lesson. Girty would give them a word such as the color of a child's shirt and then have each table repeat the word with her until they had it.

Betty Frogg and Barbara Keen taught the children how to make baskets, corn husk dolls, necklaces and key chains. Each child got to make their own project and take it home with them.

Ana Bearpaw, 10, said this was her favorite part, especially, the baskets.

In the ancient tradition of storytelling, Sequoyah Guess and Woody Hansen stopped to instruct the children with some moral-steeped tales and, according to Bearpaw, some tall tales as well.

Hansen also taught snake safety while he was there.

Teresa Webber taught the children how to play stick ball, which 11-year-old Jayson Oobbin said was his favorite.

The children were also treated to a stomp dance lesson and its importance to the Keetoowah Cherokee Friday afternoon, with the finale stomp dance that evening after the camp was over.

Danny McCarter, UKB HHS advocate, brought his blowgun out Thursday and taught the children the basics of how blowguns are made. He then supervised the children as they took turns shooting darts at a target.

Campers also discovered the difficulty in using an atlatl. It was soon discovered that some of the children might go hungry if the atlatl was their only means of gathering food.

Tim Grayson set up an 1800s era campground. He instructed the campers on the uses of a variety of crafts such as basket making and flint knapping and how those skill sets allowed the Keetoowah Cherokee to live with their environment.

Hair says the success of the camp was due in large part to the large number of volunteers and employees who took time to add something to the camp experience.

Kamisha Hair, Carmen Daniels and Zack Adair served as counselors.

Stevi Kingfisher, Brenton England, Solomon Scott, Nikiah and Jakkie Wright and Rylee Grimmett from Sequoyah High School and Jay High School served as volunteers for the camp.

Chief George Wickliffe, Ella Mae Worley, treasurer, Betty Holcomb, Tahlequah district representative, Jerry Hansen, Delaware district representative, and Barry Dotson, Sequoyah district representative, showed up at



Tim Grayson, traditional Indian Bow craftsman, displays a handmade river cane arrow to UKB Spring Break Culture Camp participants. The Keetoowah Cherokee Culture Camp was held Monday, March 14 through March 18, ending with a ceremonial stomp dance Friday evening. Photo by Thomas Jordan

various times in the camp to show their support.

Indian Child Welfare, Education, Lighthorse, Media, Environmental and Henry Lee Doublehead Childcare Development Center departments all contributed supplies and/or personnel to the camp and Danny Hair, driver, and Richard Bailey, driver from the Keetoowah Transit Service, transported children from the Stilwell area.

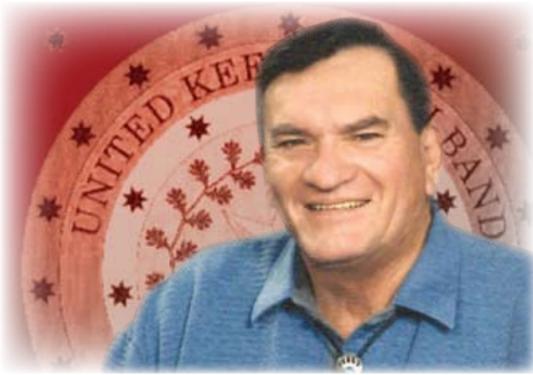
The Language, History and Culture department says thank you to everyone who supported the camp.

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A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe



Treaty of New Echota part 1 December 29, 1835

Articles of a treaty, concluded at New Echota in the State of Georgia on the 29th day of Decr. 1835 by General William Carroll and John F. Schermerhorn commissioners on the part of the United States and the Chiefs Head Men and People of the Cherokee tribe of Indians.

WHEREAS the Cherokees are anxious to make some arrangements with the Government of the United States whereby the difficulties they have experienced by a residence within the settled parts of the United States under the jurisdiction and laws of the State Governments may be terminated and adjusted; and with a view to reuniting their people in one body and securing a permanent home for themselves and their posterity in the country selected by their forefathers without the territorial limits of the State sovereignties, and where they can establish and enjoy a government of their choice and perpetuate such a state of society as may be most consonant with their views, habits and condition; and as may tend to their individual comfort and their advancement in civilization.

And whereas a delegation of the Cherokee nation composed of Messrs. John Ross Richard Taylor Danl. McCoy Samuel Gunter and William Rogers with full power and authority to conclude a treaty with the United States did on the 28th day of February 1835 stipulate and agree with the Government of the United States to submit to the Senate to fix the amount which should be allowed the Cherokees for their claims and for a cession of their lands east of the Mississippi river, and did agree to abide by the award of the Senate of the United States themselves and to recommend the same to their people for their final determination.

And whereas on such submission the Senate advised "that a sum not exceeding five millions of dollars be paid to the Cherokee Indians for all their lands and possessions east of the Mississippi river."

And whereas this delegation after said award of the Senate had been made, were called upon to submit propositions as to its disposition to be arranged in a treaty which they refused to do, but insisted that the same "should be referred to their nation and there in general council to deliberate and determine on the subject in order to ensure harmony and good feeling among themselves."

And whereas a certain other delegation composed of John Ridge Elias Boudinot Archilla Smith S. W. Bell John West Wm. A. Davis and Ezekiel West, who represented that portion of the nation in favor of emigration to the Cherokee country west of the Mississippi entered into propositions for a treaty with John F. Schermerhorn commissioner on the part of the United States which were to be submitted to their nation for their final action and determination:

And whereas the Cherokee people, at their last October council at Red Clay, fully authorized and empowered a delegation or committee of twenty persons of their nation to enter into and conclude a treaty with the United States commissioner then present, at that place or elsewhere and as the people had good reason to believe that a treaty would then and there be made or at a subsequent council at New Echota which the commissioners it was well known and understood, were authorized and instructed to convene for said purpose; and since the said delegation have gone on to Washington city, with a view to close negotiations there, as stated by them notwithstanding they were officially informed by the United States commissioner that they would not be received by the President of the United States; and that the Government would transact no business of this nature with them, and that if a treaty was made it must be done here in the nation, where the delegation at Washington last winter urged that it should be done for the purpose of promoting peace and harmony among the people; and since these facts have also been corroborated to us by a communication recently received by the commissioner from the Government of the United States and read and explained to the people in open council and therefore believing said delegation can effect nothing and since our difficulties are daily increasing and our situation is rendered more and more precarious uncertain and insecure in consequence of the legislation of the States; and seeing no effectual

way of relief, but in accepting the liberal overtures of the United States.

And whereas Genl William Carroll and John F. Schermerhorn were appointed commissioners on the part of the United States, with full power and authority to conclude a treaty with the Cherokees east and were directed by the President to convene the people of the nation in general council at New Echota and to submit said propositions to them with power and authority to vary the same so as to meet the views of the Cherokees in reference to its details.

And whereas the said commissioners did appoint and notify a general council of the nation to convene at New Echota on the 21st day of December 1835; and informed them that the commissioners would be prepared to make a treaty with the Cherokee people who should assemble there and those who did not come they should conclude gave their assent and sanction to whatever should be transacted at this council and the people having met in council according to said notice.

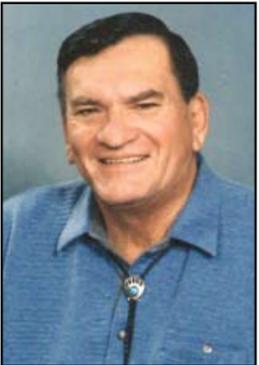
Therefore the following articles of a treaty are agreed upon and concluded between William Carroll and John F. Schermerhorn commissioners on the part of the United States and the chiefs and head men and people of the Cherokee nation in general council assembled this 29th day of Dec 1835.

ARTICLE 1. The Cherokee nation hereby cede relinquish and convey to the United States all the lands owned claimed or possessed by them east of the Mississippi river, and hereby release all their claims upon the United States for spoliations of every kind for and in consideration of the sum of five millions of dollars to be expended paid and invested in the manner stipulated and agreed upon in the following articles But as a question has arisen between the commissioners and the Cherokees whether the Senate in their resolution by which they advised "that a sum not exceeding five millions of dollars be paid to the Cherokee Indians for all their lands and possessions east of the Mississippi river" have included and made any allowance or consideration for claims for spoliations it is therefore agreed on the part of the United States that this question shall be again submitted to the Senate for their consideration and decision and if no allowance was made for spoliations that then an additional sum of three hundred thousand dollars be allowed for the same.

ARTICLE 2. Whereas by the treaty of May 6th 1828 and the supplementary treaty thereto of Feb. 14th 1833 with the Cherokees west of the Mississippi the United States guarantied and secured to be conveyed by patent, to the Cherokee nation of Indians the following tract of country "Beginning at a point on the old western territorial line of Arkansas Territory being twenty-five miles north from the point where /D/ the territorial line crosses Arkansas river, thence running from said north point south on the said territorial line where the said territorial line crosses Verdigris river; thence down said Verdigris river to the Arkansas river; thence down said Arkansas to a point where a stone is placed opposite the east or lower bank of Grand river at its junction with the Arkansas; thence running south forty-four degrees west one mile; thence in a straight line to a point four miles northerly, from the mouth of the north fork of the Canadian; thence along the said four mile line to the Canadian; thence down the Canadian to the Arkansas; thence down the Arkansas to that point on the Arkansas where the eastern Choctaw boundary strikes said river and running thence with the

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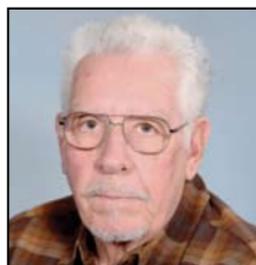
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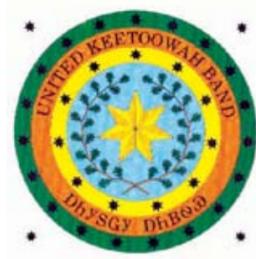
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UKB Housing Department Hosts Money Management Workshop on April 14

The Keetoowah Cherokee Housing Program is working with OSU Extension Office and will be hosting a Money Management Information Day at the Jim Proctor Elder Center on Thursday, April 14th @ 11:30 a.m. Please join us for some money management, budgeting and money saving tips. For more information please call Denise Rooster at (918) 431-1808.

UKB April 2011 Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

- April 2** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
UKB Community Services Building
- April 8** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.
Jim Proctor Elder Community Center
- April 14** Illinois District Meeting
Vian Satellite Office, 6:30 p.m.
- April 14** Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Sallisaw Satellite Office
- April 16** Flint/Goingsnake District Meeting, 1 p.m.
Stilwell Satellite Office
Lunch will be provided

* No other meeting dates available at press time.

West Willis Road project begins



United Keetoowah Band tribal Administration along with Tahlequah City Mayor Ken Purdy ceremoniously broke ground for the new \$2 million dollar West Willis road project. Standing left to right are, Rick Glory, UKB Director of Transportation; Bryan Shade, Executive Director of Tribal Operations; Ken Purdy, Tahlequah Mayor; Tim Good Voice, Executive Director of Planning and Development; UKB Chief George Wickliffe; Ella Mae Worley, Tribal Treasurer; UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust; and Felicia Hadley, Assistant Director of Transportation. Photo by Thomas Jordan

UKB Tribal Offices Closed for Easter Holidays

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, April 22 in observance of Good Friday and on Monday, April 25 for Easter Monday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, April 26 at 8:30 a.m.

Mary Jo (Pratt) Longhorn

Mary Jo (Pratt) Longhorn graduated from Tulsa Community College (Northeast Campus). She is the daughter of Polly Drywater and Stacey Kipp Pratt. Her grandparents are Iona (Walker) Drywater, Sam Drywater Jr. and Freda L. Kipp.

Her siblings are Gabriel Pratt, Diamond Pratt, and Say-Gi Drywater.

Her hobbies are sewing, going to powwows and stomp dances with her children and volunteering in the community. She is currently attending Rogers State University where she is majoring in forensic accounting.

She plans to obtain her CPA and create a non profit organization to give back to the community and specifically the youth.



Mary Jo (Pratt) Longhorn

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UKB Tribal Council Approves Resolutions

United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe gave his monthly address to the tribal council and attending audience during the March 5 UKB tribal council meeting. Chief Wickliffe informed the tribal representatives that the tribe was moving forward at a steady pace. He also updated them on the new construction projects on the grounds of the UKB Complex.

During New Business three resolutions were approved by the council. One resolution voted on was the submission of an application to the Administration of Native Americans Social and Economic Development Strategies Project. The second resolution approved was the submission of an application to the current grant competition period due April 1, 2011 to the Administration of Native Americans for a Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance project. Third resolution voted for approval was the submission of an application to Job Access Commute (JARC) Section 5316.

The council adjourned and the next UKB tribal council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the UKB Community Services Building.



UKB Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust go over important documents before the start of the March 5 tribal council meeting. Photo by Thomas Jordan

UKB Hosts Legislative Focus

For the second consecutive year, the United Keetoowah Band hosted the Legislative Focus Breakfast, March 4, 2011. The event was held in the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center on the grounds of the UKB tribal complex just south of Tahlequah.

Dignitaries from the city of Tahlequah, UKB Administrators, Officers and Directors, enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by UKB Title VI staff. The attendees listened to Oklahoma Senator Jim Wilson, District 3 (D); Oklahoma State Representatives Mike Brown, District 3 (D); and William Fourkiller, District 86 (D); as they spoke on issues facing the state of Oklahoma.

One of the topics discussed was Oklahoma's education. Senator Wilson elaborated on the condition of the future of Oklahoma education. "Common education in the future is not going to look like common education today. We are going to take a lot of money out of common education. Common education is being dismantled..." stated Senator Wilson. These are concerns Oklahomans face down the road and the type of education our children might receive in the future.

The United Keetoowah Band was honored to host the Legislative Focus again this year. The tribe values the close relationship with the city of Tahlequah and with the Chamber of Commerce.



Oklahoma Senator Jim Wilson, District 3 (D); spoke to city officials, members of the Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce and Tribal officials regarding the status of Oklahoma's future funding regarding retirement benefits and education. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Attending the Legislative Focus breakfast hosted by the United Keetoowah Band were, left to right, Oklahoma Senator Jim Wilson, District 3 (D); Oklahoma State Representatives Mike Brown, District 3 (D); and William Fourkiller, District 86 (D); as they spoke on issues facing the state of Oklahoma. Photo by Thomas Jordan

From The Chief

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western line of Arkansas Territory as now defined, to the southwest corner of Missouri; thence along the western Missouri line to the land assigned the Senecas; thence on the south line of the Senecas to Grand river; thence up said Grand river as far as the south line of the Osage reservation, extended if necessary; thence up and between said south Osage line extended west if necessary, and a line drawn due west from the point of beginning to a certain distance west, at which a line running north and south from said Osage line to said due west line will make seven millions of acres within the whole described boundaries. In addition to the seven millions of acres of land thus provided for and bounded, the United States further guaranty to the Cherokee nation a perpetual outlet west, and a free and unmolested use of all the country west of the western boundary of said seven millions of acres, as far west as the sovereignty of the United States and their right of soil extend:

Provided however That if the saline or salt plain on the western prairie shall fall within said limits prescribed for said outlet, the right is reserved to the United States to permit other tribes of red men to get salt on said plain in common with the Cherokees; And letters patent shall be issued by the United States as soon as practicable for the land hereby guarantied."

And whereas it is apprehended by the Cherokees that in the above cession there is not contained a sufficient quantity of land for the accommodation of the whole nation on their removal west of the Mississippi the United States in consideration of the sum of five hundred thousand dollars therefore hereby covenant and agree to convey to the said Indians, and their descendants by patent, in fee simple the following additional tract of land situated between the west line of the State of Missouri and the Osage reservation beginning at the southeast corner of the same and runs north along the east line of the Osage lands fifty miles to the northeast corner thereof; and thence east to the west line of the State of Missouri; thence with said line south fifty miles; thence west to the place of beginning; estimated to contain eight hundred thousand acres of land; but it is expressly understood that if any of the lands assigned the Quapaws shall fall within the aforesaid bounds the same shall be reserved and excepted out of the lands above granted and a pro rata reduction shall be made in the price to be allowed to the United States for the same by the Cherokees.

ARTICLE 3. The United States also agree that the lands above ceded by the treaty of Feb. 14 1833, including the outlet, and those ceded by this treaty shall all be included in one patent executed to the Cherokee nation of Indians by the President of the United States according to the provisions of the act of May 28 1830. It is, however, agreed that the military reservation at Fort Gibson shall be held by the United States. But should the United States abandon said post and have no further use for the same it shall revert to the Cherokee nation. The United States shall always have the right to make and establish such post and military roads and forts in any part of the Cherokee country, as they may deem proper for the interest and protection of the same /G/ /H/ /I/ and the free use of as much land, timber, fuel and materials of all kinds for the construction and support of the same as may be necessary; provided that if the private rights of individuals are interfered with, a just compensation therefor shall be made.

ARTICLE 4. The United States also stipulate and agree to extinguish for the benefit of the Cherokees the titles to the reservations within their country made in the Osage treaty of 1825 to certain half-breeds and for this purpose they hereby agree to pay to the persons to whom the same belong or have been assigned or to their agents or guardians whenever they shall execute after the ratification of this treaty a satisfactory conveyance for the same, to the United States, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars according to a schedule accompanying this treaty of the relative value of the several reservations.

And whereas by the several treaties between the United States and the Osage Indians the Union and Harmony Missionary reservations which were established for their benefit are now situated within the country ceded by them to the United States; the former being situated in the Cherokee country and the latter in the State of Missouri. It is therefore agreed that the United States shall pay the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions for the improvements on the same what they shall be appraised at by Capt. Geo. Vashon Cherokee sub-agent Abraham Redfield and A.P. Chouteau or such persons as the President of the United States shall appoint and

the money allowed for the same shall be expended in schools among the Osages and improving their condition. It is understood that the United States are to pay the amount allowed for the reservations in this article and not the Cherokees.

ARTICLE 5. The United States hereby covenant and agree that the lands ceded to the Cherokee nation in the forgoing article shall, in no future time without their consent, be included within the territorial limits or jurisdiction of any State of Territory. But they shall secure to the Cherokee nation the right by their national councils to make and carry into effect all such laws as they may deem necessary for the government and protection of the persons and property within their own country belonging to their people or such persons as have connected themselves with them: provided always that they shall not be inconsistent with the constitution of the United States and such acts of Congress as have been or may be passed regulating trade and intercourse with the Indians; and also, that they shall not be considered as extending to such citizens and army of the United States as may travel or reside in the Indian country by permission according to the laws and regulations established by the Government of the same.

ARTICLE 6. Perpetual peace and friendship shall exist between the citizens of the United States and the Cherokee Indians. The United States agree to protect the Cherokee nation from domestic strife and foreign enemies and against intestine wars between the several tribes. The Cherokees shall endeavor to preserve and maintain the peace of the country and not make war upon their neighbors they shall also be protected against interruption and intrusion from citizens of the United States, who may attempt to settle in the country without their consent; and all such persons shall be removed from the same by order of the President of the United States. But this is not intended to prevent the residence among them of useful farmers mechanics and teachers for the instruction of Indians according to treaty stipulations.

ARTICLE 7. The Cherokee nation having already made great progress in civilization and deeming it important that every proper and laudable inducement should be offered to their people to improve their condition as well as to guard and secure in the most effectual manner the rights guarantied to them in this treaty, and with a view to illustrate the liberal and enlarged policy of the Government of the United States towards /N/ the Indians in their removal beyond the territorial limits of the States, it is stipulated that they shall be entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives of the United States whenever Congress shall make provision for the same.

ARTICLE 8. The United States also agree and stipulate to remove the Cherokees to their new homes and to subsist them one year after their arrival there and that sufficient number of steamboats and baggage wagons shall be furnished to remove them comfortably, and so as not to endanger their health, and that a physician well supplied with medicines shall accompany each detachment of emigrants removed by the Government. Such persons and families as in the opinion of the emigrating agent are capable of subsisting and removing themselves shall be permitted to do so; and they shall be allowed in full for all claims for the same twenty dollars for each member of their family; and in lieu of their one year's rations they shall be paid the sum of thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents if they prefer it.

Such Cherokees also as reside at present out of the nation and shall remove with them in two years west of the Mississippi shall be entitled to allowance for removal and subsistence as above provided.

ARTICLE 9. The United States agree to appoint suitable agents who shall make a just and fair valuation of all such improvements now in the possession of the Cherokees as add any value to the lands; and also of the ferries owned by them, according to their net income; and such improvements and ferries from which they have been dispossessed in a lawless manner or under any existing laws of the State where the same may be situated.

The just debts of the Indians shall be paid out of any monies due them for their improvements and claims; and they shall also be furnished at the discretion of the President of the United States with a sufficient sum to enable them to obtain the necessary means to remove themselves to their new homes, and the balance of their dues shall be paid them at the Cherokee agency west of the Mississippi. The missionary establishments shall also be valued and appraised in a like manner and the amount of them paid over by the United States to the treasurers of the respective missionary societies by whom they have been established and improved in order to enable them to erect such

buildings and make such improvements among the Cherokees west of the Mississippi as they may deem necessary for their benefit. Such teachers at present among the Cherokees as this council shall select and designate shall be removed west of the Mississippi with the Cherokee nation and on the same terms allowed to them.

ARTICLE 10. The President of the United States shall invest in some safe and most productive public stocks of the country for the benefit of the whole Cherokee nation who have removed or shall remove to the lands assigned by this treaty to the Cherokee nation west of the Mississippi the following sums as a permanent fund for the purposes hereinafter specified and pay over the net income of the same annually to such person or persons as shall be authorized or appointed by the Cherokee nation to receive the same and their receipt shall be a full discharge for the amount paid to them viz: the sum of two hundred thousand dollars in addition to the present annuities of the nation to constitute a general fund the interest of which shall be applied annually by the council of the nation to such purposes as they may deem best for the general interest of their people. The sum of fifty thousand dollars to constitute an orphans' fund the annual income of which shall be expended towards the support and education of such orphan children as are destitute of the means of subsistence. The sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the present school fund of the nation shall constitute a permanent school fund, the interest of which shall be applied annually by the council of the nation for the support of /Q/ common schools and such a literary institution of a higher order as may be established in the Indian country. And in order to secure as far as possible the true and beneficial application of the orphans' and school fund the council of the Cherokee nation when required by the President of the United States shall make a report of the application of those funds and he shall at all times have the right if the funds have been misapplied to correct any abuses of them and direct the manner of their application for the purposes for which they were intended. The council of the nation may by giving two years' notice of their intention withdraw their funds by and with the consent of the President and Senate of the United States, and invest them in such manner as they may deem most proper for their interest. The United States also agree and stipulate to pay the just debts and claims against the Cherokee nation held by the citizens of the same and also the just claims of citizens of the United States for services rendered to the nation and the sum of sixty thousand dollars is appropriated for this purpose but no claims against individual persons of the nation shall be allowed and paid by the nation. The sum of three hundred thousand dollars is hereby set apart to pay and liquidate the just claims of the Cherokees upon the United States for spoiliations of every kind, that have not been already satisfied under former treaties.

ARTICLE 11. The Cherokee nation of Indians believing it will be for the interest of their people to have all their funds and annuities under their own direction and future disposition hereby agree to commute their permanent annuity of ten thousand dollars for the sum of two hundred and fourteen thousand dollars, the same to be invested by the President of the United States as a part of the general fund of the nation; and their present school fund amounting to about fifty thousand dollars shall constitute a part of the permanent school fund of the nation.

ARTICLE 12. Those individuals and families of the Cherokee nation that are averse to a removal to the Cherokee country west of the Mississippi and are desirous to become citizens of the States where they reside and such as are qualified to take care of themselves and their property shall be entitled to receive their due portion of all the personal benefits accruing under this treaty for their claims, improvements and per capita; as soon as an appropriation is made for this treaty.

Such heads of Cherokee families as are desirous to reside within the States of No. Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama subject to the laws of he same; and who are qualified or calculated to become useful citizens shall be entitled, on the certificate of the commissioners to a preemption right to one hundred and sixty acres of land or one quarter section at the minimum Congress price; so as to include the present buildings or improvements of those who now reside there and such as do not live there at present shall be permitted to locate within two years any lands not already occupied by persons entitled to pre-emption privilege under this treaty and if two or more families live on the same quarter section and they desire to continue their residence in these States and are qualified as above specified they shall, on receiving their pre-emption certificate be entitled to the right of

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Kim Drywater named Executive Administrative Assistant and Office Manager

UKB Tribal Member and employee Kim Drywater was recently named Executive Administrative Assistant and Office Manager for the tribe. Ms. Drywater reports to Bryan Shade, Executive Director of Tribal Operations for the United Keetoowah Band. Kim has been employed by the United Keetoowah Band for the past three years.

Kim is truly a people person. She said, "I like my new position because it puts me in more direct contact with tribal members." When tribal members who have been denied by Human Services come to Mr. Shade's office for emergency assistance, Kim ends up processing the emergency applications.

As Office Manager, Ms. Drywater supervises two employees in administration. She oversees their time sheets; leave requests and fills in for them in their absence. She contacts maintenance or outside vendors if anything needs fixing in the office.

Administration receptionist Sandra Whitecrow said, "Kim is a good super because even on a bad day, she manages to smile and carry on. Also, she has very good people skills."

Bryan Shade, Executive Director of Tribal Operations said, "By watching and observing how Kim performed in her previous position, I knew she would be a great fit for what I needed. She is very self-motivated."

"I would like to thank our administration for giving me the opportunity to work for my tribe, and I would like to thank Bryan Shade for having faith in my ability to perform the duties of Executive Administrative Assistant. This is a dream come true for me. I have wanted a job like this since I was a little girl," said Drywater.

In a previous article printed in the Gaduwa Cherokee News in July of 2009, Kim said, "In the time I have been here, I have seen the tribe grow and I know it will continue to grow and prosper." One of Kim's most memorable moments working for the tribe came the day the Echohawk decision came, which named the UKB successor in interest to the historical Cherokee Nation. "When I first heard the news, it was so exciting because I heard it directly from Chief Wickliffe on the phone. I wanted to cheer out loud because I knew there would be even more opportunities for everyone in the tribe."

Drywater loves cooking; she enjoys cooking home cooked meals, such as beans, fried potatoes, fry-bread and goulash. Kim and her sister Shawna Drywater-Terhune have a traditional Cherokee food catering business that they work with on weekends. They have cooked for events for the 5 Civilized Tribes Museum, the Bacone Alumni Association, Benefit Dinners, for Baptist Missionaries, and for birthdays and other special events.

"We do hog fries with potatoes, beans, fry bread and grape dumplings, and we also do Indian tacos," said Drywater.

Kim and Shawna's mom, Jackie Drywater, and Rick Panther or his brother, Elmer Panther are also a part of the award-winning cooking team. They have entered cooking competitions and have placed several times. They received First Place at the 2008 Cherokee National Holiday Traditional Indian Cookoff. Now Kim and Rick's kids, Jerrick, 12; Delaney, 11; and Erianna, 9; have begun to get involved helping with the events.

Kim has been co-chair of the Keetoowah



Kim Drywater

Cherokee Celebration Parade for the past two years. "I enjoy getting things organized to ensure a great parade. Every year, I select giveaways for the parade and then coordinate the volunteers. Last year we gave away backscratchers and basketball stress balls along with candy. The UKB bought 750 dollars worth of candy to give away to the kids. I'm looking forward to begin working on this year's parade. Every year the parade gets bigger and better, just like the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe," said Drywater.

By Marilyn Craig
Media Specialist

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians Job Listings



Want to work in a fun & fast-paced environment?

Join the team at
Keetoowah Cherokee Casino!

We're currently looking for friendly and reliable individuals to fill the following part-time positions:

Housekeeping

Responsible for a variety of housekeeping duties. Must be focused and have the drive to ensure high standards of service. \$8/hour.

Concession Cook/Cashier

Responsible for food prep, cooking, food storage, order taking, and cashier duties. Must have a min of 6 months cash handling, cook, or waiter experience, and able to obtain food handlers certificate. \$8/hr plus pooled tips.

Cashier

Projects enthusiasm and delivers exceptional guest service. Interacts directly with guests, processing gaming tickets for currency. Must have a min of 6 months cash handling experience, able to count currency quickly and accurately, able to lift and carry 25 lbs, and is computer literate. \$8/hour plus tips (average earnings with tips are \$15+/hour).

Surveillance Tech

Responsible for monitoring activities in the facility to ensure the safety and integrity of the entire Casino operations through observation and reporting. Must have sharp observation skills, verbal skills and writing ability to document reports. Technical Skills are a must to manage & monitor multiple technical equipment/cameras. Position requires working in an enclosed confined area. Knowledge of gaming operations or casino experience are preferred.

All openings are as of 3/25/11
and for 2nd & 3rd Shifts.

All applicants must meet the following minimum requirements to apply:

- 18 years old or older
- High School diploma or GED
- No felony record
- Pass background check
- Pre-employment drug test

Apply at the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino, Adm. Office
2450 S. Muskogee Ave, Tahlequah
Applications and Current Job Postings are also
on the web at www.unitedkeetoowahband.org
and at the Casino Security Desk during Casino hours.

Native American Indian Preference Applied
Drug Free Workplace

Candidates will be required to submit and receive a Gaming License to work at KCC. Average earnings listed above are not guaranteed, all employees working in the Casino work in a 2nd hand smoke environment with noise and bright lights.

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

ATTENTION:

Renew your tag or register your vehicle by mail. If you would like further information you may contact the UKB Tag Agency at (918) 456-3235 & fax number (918) 456-3394.

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
2nd Saturday of the month 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Position Title:
Teacher

(two positions, part-time, temporary)
Department: Child Care

Job Duties: Plans individual and group activities to stimulate growth in language, social, and motor skills. Instruct children in personal cleanliness and self care. Completes weekly lesson plans.

Education Required: High school diploma or GED.

Knowledge or skills required: Must be able to read, write, and do simple math. Must be able to communicate with clients, children, and co-workers.

Indian Preference will be considered.

General Information: Complete an application that is available at most UKB offices and mail your application or resume to: United Keetoowah Band, Human Resources, PO Box 746, Tahlequah, OK 74465 or fax to (918) 772-4367. Position is open until filled.

Submit all applications to: UKB Human Resource Department, P.O. Box 746, Tahlequah, OK, 74465 or fax to 918-772-4367.

Opening Date: 03-24-2011
Closing Date: open until filled



Position Title:
Assistant Teacher
(four Positions, part-time)
Department: Child Care

Job Duties: Helps children develop habits of caring for their own clothing, picking up, and putting away toys and books. Serve meals and refreshments to children. Provide basic care to children such as diapering, feeding, comforting, and helping children rest.

Education Required: High school diploma or GED.

Knowledge or skills required: Ability to read and comprehend simple instructions. Have the ability to write and the ability to effectively present information in one-on-one situations to clients and other employees. Ability to compute simple math: add and subtract.

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Atlatl: the Paleo-Indian Bison Hunters Weapon of Choice

NORMAN – Prehistoric bison hunters on the Great Plains used a carved stick known as an atlatl to increase the distance and power of their spear throw. An adult workshop at the Sam Noble Museum will give participants some hands-on experience with this simple but ingenious weapon. "Atlatl: the Paleo-Indian Bison Hunters Weapon of Choice" is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 9 at the museum. Registration is now underway.

Tom Luczycki, the museum's head of exhibits, will begin the workshop with a brief discussion of the physics and construction of the atlatl and how it is used with a spear or "dart." Afterwards, participants will go outside to get actual hands-on experience with this weapons system of the ancients.

Advance registration is required and space is limited. This program is for adults only. To register, call (405) 325-1008. Cost: museum members

\$20 per person, non-members \$25 per person.

The Sam Noble Museum is located at Chautauqua Avenue and Timberdell Road on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus. For more information about museum programs, visit the museum's Website at www.snomnh.ou.edu, or call (405) 325-4712.

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.



If you have questions, please call 918-457-7264.

Keetoowah Cherokee thrives as Student

The United Keetoowah Band (UKB), as a matter of its philosophy, respects its elders. If not for the efforts of the elders in their earlier years the UKB would not be the entity it is today. The tribe chronicles the lives of those who stood out during their lives, and usually stood alone, to properly honor the decisions they made as younger adults.

But, the tribe also tries to recognize its future elders and leaders when it sees a young adult trying to succeed and make the right decisions, especially, as the path forward for young Native Americans is snarled with obstacles. One such young Keetoowah Cherokee is Lindsey Bark.

Lindsey currently attends Northeastern State University (NSU) in Tahlequah. She makes the hour-long drive three days a week on winding, hill infested roads one way to make 9 a.m. classes. She then, depending on the day, spends most of the day into the afternoon at school only to drive those same winding roads back home. This is considered by many to be too much of an obstacle to overcome, but not by Lindsey.

Believe it or not, attending college was not an actual goal of Lindsey's before she graduated from Salina High School as salutatorian in 2005. Although, she did not enroll in higher education immediately after high school, the seed was planted and two years later she enrolled at Rogers State University in Pryor.

Lindsey's educational history began in Kenwood, close to where she now lives with her parents. She attended the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Headstart program, then Kindergarten and half of the first grade at Kenwood Public School before moving on to Wickliffe Elementary in Salina and successively into Salina High School.

At Rogers, Lindsey knocked out her general education classes and finished up with an associate degree in Liberal Arts. She says the degree was not exactly what she wanted, but as she likes to write and was thinking of studying journalism it was the degree plan to accomplish her goal. With several options in schools available, Lindsey chose NSU where she now not only studies journalism but also practices her craft at The Northeastern (TNE), the student newspaper, as a staff writer.

As a child, Lindsey says she enjoyed making up stories and writing poetry and the like of writing went with her into school. She was placed in Honors and AP courses for English and even though homework in these classes was not exactly liked, Lindsey says the experience was not bad.

Also influencing Lindsey in her childhood, was her family. She says her grandfather had the gift of humor and could make anyone laugh, even when he was not trying. Her grandmother had the gift of an understanding nature. While neither of her grandparents just sat her down and gave her advice on life, she says she learned by observing how they lived. Even though both grandparents are gone from her, she says she tries to use their lessons in her own life by finding humor where it is and always trying to see the good side of everything.

Those very lessons are being put to the test in her current endeavor to complete a bachelor's degree. Lindsey says the biggest challenge in going to college is making sure the bills are paid.



Lindsey Bark

She receives federal financial aid, a TNE scholarship and a UKB scholarship, but the three together are not always enough to cover everything such as books. Lindsey says she is thankful her parents, Robert and Sandra Bark, help support her by making sure she gets what she needs to take care of the deficit. Also on her plate, is soaring gas prices that really affect college students as much as the rest of the nation. That hour-long drive really starts to add up after a while, especially when the student is unemployed at the time.

Beside the money issue is the racial stereotyping of Native American students. Lindsey says there is a negative image of Native Americans being comparable with that of failure, but she blows that ignorant view out of the water by thriving at life.

She says the idea of writing two stories a week for TNE and interviewing people intimidated her at first. But, a year after beginning she is not only writing but also editing stories for the paper and thriving at it.

One of Lindsey's professors at NSU, Dr. Dana Eversole, says at first she noticed how quiet and shy Lindsey was and was not sure if journalism was the right path for her. But now, after observing her for more than a year she is really impressed with how well Lindsey is doing. She's a great writer and copy editor and is very dependable.

After college Lindsey says she would not mind working for a local paper such as The Daily Times in Pryor or perhaps the Gaduwa Cherokee News, but she would also like to work somewhere out of state at some point. Her dream job is to work for Seventeen magazine in New York. A magazine that she has related to since being 17 years old herself. She likes the way it gives young women answers on various life subjects and would like to be a part of that and help others.

Sandra Bark says she is really proud of her daughter and her accomplishments. She knows Lindsey is doing what she loves even as the hard work tires her down. Sandra wishes Lindsey could take some time off, but understands her daughter did not get where she is at today by slouching off.

Lindsey still has a little way to go before finishing her bachelor's degree and a long time to go before she is considered an elder. Only time will tell how her life is perceived by future generations. But for now, her peers have marked her as a person to watch and possibly emulate.

Thomas Jordan
UKB Staff Writer

Housing Report March 2011

Flint District

1. A family received a new shingle roof
2. The Housing Department has delivered two travel trailers to a family in the Flint District whose home burned. We have contacted the electric company to set a temporary pole.
3. Four Tribal members have been approved for rehab and referred for inspection, cost estimate, and environmental.

Tahlequah District

1. BIA HIP project- Tribal member will receive new windows, siding, and a new metal roof. His roof pitch is not steep enough for a shingle roof to be installed. The manufacturer will not warranty the shingles.
2. Inspected and referred a tribal member for a FEMA trailer- called Mike Burnside for a lead base paint test it will be done by 3-24-2011

Cooweescoowee District

1. Tribal member will be getting a replacement home. We are currently seeking bids on this project and working with the City of Tulsa to make sure we get all the permits necessary to demo and rebuild. The zoning location will not allow mobile homes.
2. Tribal member will receive a FEMA trailer replacement home. The Housing Department is currently waiting on bids for the demo and set up of the mobile home

Goingsnake District

1. Repaired septic system
2. Replacement home- FEMA trailer- also will receive a new septic system
3. Tribal member will receive a FEMA trailer replacement home. The Housing Department is currently awaiting on bids for the demo and set up of the mobile home.
4. Repaired broke water line coming from the meter to the house.

Delaware District

1. Called Mike Burnside for a lead base paint test it will be done by 3-24-2011.
2. Two Tribal members have been approved for home rehab and have been referred for inspections, cost estimates, and environmental.

Saline District

1. Called Mike Burnside for a lead base paint test- it will be done by 3-24-2011.
2. One Tribal member was approved for home rehab and has been referred for inspection, cost estimate, and environmental's.

The Housing Department has vendors to transport four FEMA trailers from Hope, AR to the UKB Housing Department.

The housing inspector has done cost estimates on Housing's residential properties in Salina and Stillwell. The cost estimates will get the homes in safe/sanitary living conditions for a family to occupy. I recommend looking at alternatives for the Salina property due to the amount that will need to be spent to bring it to our living standards. The Stillwell property will not need drastic repairs and with a few repairs could be suitable for living.

From The Chief

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pre-emption to such lands as they may select not already taken by any person entitled to them under this treaty. It is stipulated and agreed between the United States and the Cherokee people that John Ross, James Starr, George Hicks, John Gunter, George Chambers, John Ridge, Elias Boudinot, George Sanders, John Martin, William Rogers, Roman Nose Situwake and John Timpson shall be a committee on the part of the Cherokees to recommend such persons for the privilege of pre-emption rights as may be deemed entitled to the same under the above articles and to select the missionaries who shall be removed with the nation; and that they be hereby full empowered and authorized to transact all business on the part of the Indians which may arise in carrying into effect the provisions of this treaty and settling the same with the United States. If any of the persons above mentioned should decline acting or be removed by death; the vacancies shall be filled by the committee themselves.

It is also understood and agreed that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be expended by the commissioners in such manner as the committee deem best for the benefit of the poorer class of Cherokees as shall remove west or have removed west and are entitled to the benefits of this treaty. The same to be delivered at the Cherokee agency west as soon after the removal of the nation as possible.

Part 2 to be continued next month

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu April 2011

April 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Menus are subject to change without notice. For more info call: 918-772-4380					1 Brunch Served from 10:30—12:00	2
3	4 Loaded Baked Potato Soup Baby Carrots Crackers Salad & Dessert	5 Brown Beans Spinach Diced Potatoes Corn Muffins Salad & Dessert	6 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Grilled Veggies Garlic Toast Salad & Dessert	7 Catfish Scalloped Potato Corn Hush Puppies Coleslaw Dessert	8 Brunch Served from 10:30—12:00	9
10	11 Polish Sausage w/Cabbage Black-eyed Peas Cornbread Salad & Dessert	12 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Green Beans Hot Rolls Salad & Dessert	13 Taco Salad Spanish Rice Refried Beans Guacamole w/ Chips Salad & Dessert	14 BBQ Smokies Baked Beans Curly Fries Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	15 "Fishing Day at UKB River Park" 11:30—?	16
17	18 Hot Ham & Cheese w/Chips Potato Salad Baked Beans Salad & Dessert	19 White Beans Yellow Hominy, Diced Potatoes, Jalapeno Cornbread Salad & Dessert	20 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Salad & Dessert	21 Frito Chile Pie w Fixings, Baby Carrots Crackers Salad & Dessert	22 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY	23
24 Easter Sunday	25 EASTER HOLIDAY	26 BBQ Bologna Baked Beans Corn on Cob Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	27 Goulash Tomato Zucchini Hominy Breadsticks Salad & Dessert	28 Cultural Foods Day & April Bdays	29 Closed for Cleaning	30

UKB Regular February Council Meeting Minutes

**UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At the UKB Community Services Building
February 12, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 1:38 p.m.**

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Sammy Still

III. Roll Call: 11 + Chief answered Roll Call; Smoke & Hansen absent

IV. Chief's Address

- NOTE: The regularly scheduled meeting for February 05, 2011 was rescheduled due to the inclement weather. The meeting was moved to February 12, 2011.

- We discuss many topics during the meeting. Sometimes a lot of discussion even though no item may be on the agenda. Sometimes real estate issues sometimes come back to haunt you. For some reason we are haunted by the past administration on the 76 acre parcel.

- Self-governance means what we decide from the Council table. We have to stay consistent with the codes and rules in order to be established for Self-governance. We will have an annual meeting about the "Black Book" (codes and rules) in order to make sure we are in compliance.

(Smoke arrives at 10:17 a.m.)

- The "black book" covers everything pertaining to the tribe. The Keetoowah Society of 1859 was formulated and later updated to the Night Hawk Society in 1889.

- The Night Hawks were the traditional people. They re-wrote some of the constitution with the intent to organize a movement but ended up like a religious group.

- The United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land. It is more superior than the Keetoowah Society.

- Cherokee Nation was formulated through many years by Congress. Treaties were written. The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma has no history before 1979.

- We are not going to yield one inch to the CNO.

Whenever we were sworn into office to begin our term, the aim of the administration was to tell the history of the UKB. We wanted people to know the truth about the Keetoowahs. We represent the Cherokee people. In 1950 we were given federal recognition. We were organized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA).

We had a declaratory judgment for our casino which allowed our casino to stay open. We are still grateful to Judge White for his decision and Dianne Barker-Harrod for all her hard work.

Now that we have our "Black Book" we have to make sure our policies are updated and being followed accordingly. We have to make sure all our resolutions match our policies.

C. Locust: So all these years we have been passing resolutions we need to refer to the "Black Book?"

Chief: Yes, that's why I have asked the lawyers to verify they are correct.

C. Locust: So all these 7 years we have passed resolutions, are they legitimate?

Jennifer McVee (attorney): stated any resolution passed by Council supersedes the previous one if it pertains to the same subject. You should continually update the book when you pass all resolutions.

A.G.: gave an example concerning the election ordinance and an amendment that supersedes the previous item.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION:

The foundations of the "Black Book" revolve around the resolutions which are law.

B. Dotson: seems to me we are going to have to review the book and correct what needs to be corrected.

Chief: stated at this time our attorneys are reviewing the "Black Book" and getting our codes updated.

B. Dotson: suggested to get a copy of any actions of CNO.

Chief: stated we would make sure the Council would get a copy of the Phoenix.

R. Whitekiller: asked if anybody can get a copy of the "Black Book?"

Chief: stated we will accumulate a procedure to follow on someone retaining a copy. A lot of work has been done and a lot of research on our history has been put together and documented in

this "Black Book." I just wanted to make Council aware of this book.

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of January 2011

1. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the Regular Council minutes of January 05, 2011; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen absent).

VI. Presentations -

1. Blizzard:

Acknowledged and recognized individuals who helped during the winter weather.

A big thank you to Assistant Chief Locust, Bryan Shade, Mary Girty, Lighthorse and Jim Stopp. It was suggested that these individuals be recognized at the Employee Appreciation Day.

B. Holcomb made phone calls and checked on her elders during the snow storm.

C. Smoke thanked Lighthorse on helping out in Kenwood with elders.

W. Christie also thanked Lighthorse for assisting members in the Goingsnake district.

C. Locust stated the tribe united together to use resources to get through this disaster utilizing any means we have within our tribe.

Chief: I feel really good where we stand today!!

C. Locust: It is great to have our people in positions that have a heart for our people. For example, Bryan Shade tries his best to assist the people. You can see the heart of a Keetoowah in him. Our people are our goal!!

Sammy Still stated that Bryan Shade had a death in his family but still continued to work through his loss.

2. Barry Dotson:

FYI on his members in his district, Katie Adair is in the nursing home. He visited and checked in on her.

Opal Sevenstar is also in a nursing home.

Barry asked for prayers for Linda Rosin and her family.

3. Tom Duncan:

Asked about the proposal of the headstones.

Ella Mae Worley: stated it was discussed in the Budget and Finance Committee meeting but due to the current budget we would not be able to commit at this time. We may be able to put it in next year's budget. We will also review the clothing vouchers in next year's budget.

Also asked about the Tobacco Compact and if an individual could operate a smoke shop.

C. Locust: said possibly, but we are going to utilize our Charter and set up a Dept. of Com-

merce. A legal opinion would be the first step to begin the planning.

4. Robert Whitekiller:

Asked everyone to keep in mind the buffalo herd.

Chief: we will make sure we keep you stocked up with feed. We have many positive things to look forward to.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Joyce Hawk

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to accept and approve 7 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen absent).

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to acknowledge and honor 10 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen absent).

B. Holcomb: asked the ages of individuals relinquishing.

J. Hawk: asked Georgia Hogner if she would like to comment since she was present at the enrollment meeting.

Georgia Hogner: at this time she was unsure of the average age but did know they were not elders.

The Ad-Hoc Committee, once established with 5 members, will attend district meetings if asked to do so.

We will update all committees in the March Council meeting. Chief will have these committees outlined with members.

VIII. Public Forum

1. Peggy Girty: asked how jobs are advertised.

Sammy Still: stated the jobs are posted in the Tahlequah Daily Press.

C. Locust: said the casino openings go on the website.

Mainly ask our H.R. department. Rick Quarry is the director of Tribal H.R. Amanda Mink is his assistant.

2. Barry Dotson: asked where Leroy Adair, Election Board Chairman, was today?

The weather may have kept him home.

IX. Unfinished Business – NONE

X. New Business – NONE

XI. Announcements – NONE

XII. Benediction: Cliff Wofford

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Barry Dotson; SECONDED by Willie Christie; Approve by affirmation: 1:38 PM

Happy Easter 2011

You're invited to the United Keetoowah Band's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. For each category we will have 1st and 2nd place winners for finding the Chief's and Assistant Chief's Prize Egg

Date: Saturday, April 16

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Where: UKB Celebration Grounds

Age Categories:

1 - 3 Years

4 - 7 Years

8 - 12 Years

For 13 - 15 year olds, there will be a water balloon toss and prizes for the 1st and 2nd place winners.

Bring your cameras and take pictures with the Easter Bunny.





UKB Lighthorse officer Travis Foreman and Secretary Rebecca Keys give the children of the UKB culture camp a close up tour of their Lighthorse Patrol vehicle. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Many of the children attending the Keetoowah Cherokee culture camp enjoyed shooting a dart from a blow gun to a small target. Supervising this event was Danny McCarter, traditional blow gun maker. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Youth participants and culture camp volunteers were provided with delicious lunches and snacks during the week long UKB Spring Break Culture Camp. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave



Basket weaving was a favorite for the children as they wove small to medium baskets to give to their friends or parents or to keep as a reminder of their participation at this year's Keetoowah Cherokee Culture camp. Photo by Thomas Jordan



This young Keetoowah Cherokee takes aim for the bull's eye as he prepares to shoot the blow gun. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Young Cherokee girls enjoy the cool spring breeze as they learn their culture and traditions at this year's UKB Spring Break Culture Camp. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Over 95 youths attended this year's UKB Spring Break Culture Camp hosted by the UKB Language, History and Culture department. Pictured are some of the youth participating in a stick ball game. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave

Legal Notice

Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at www.IndianTrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, **and**
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, **or**
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

For more Information:

1-800-961-6109

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