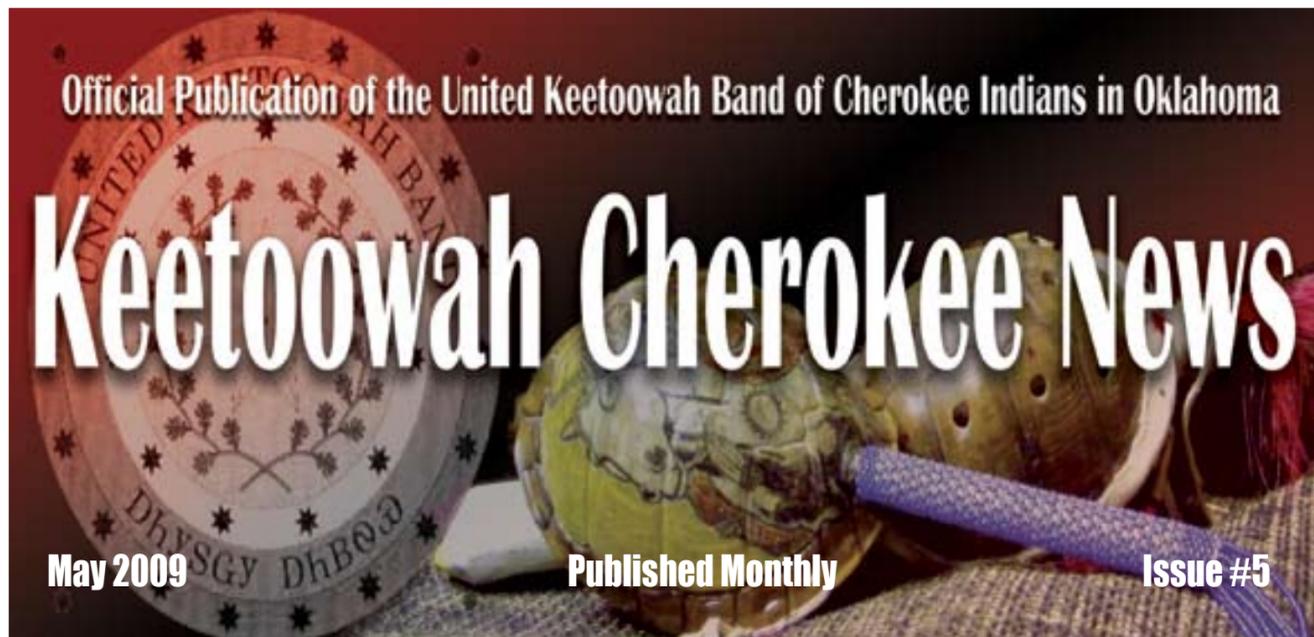


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## UKB Leadership Program Provides Job Training

The United Keetoowah Band's leadership program, known as "MELD", (Mentoring Emerging Leaders Destiny) is in its first year of existence and is currently comprised of nine individuals that have been in various capacities since January. The program combines job training, educational sessions and community service that ultimately expands their leadership skills.

The leadership class will run through September 18, and another group will begin in October. This project is funded by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans grant. The participant will come out of the program with experiences he/she can take with them to the next level whether it be gainful employment in the private sector or perhaps in working for the tribe.

MELD participants include Amanda Mink, from Stilwell who began working in Education/Library; Carrie Grayson, from Tahlequah began working in the Elder Center in a Caregiver Capacity; Bethany Vance, from Tahlequah began the program working in Family Services; Winona Johnson, from Tahlequah, began working in the Grants Department; Alisha Johnston, Tahlequah, who began the program in the Accounting Department; Darrell Smith, from Tahlequah, began the program in Information Technology; Gaye Cochran, from Salina, began working in Human Services; Brenda Gonzalis, from Tahlequah, started in Lighthouse Security Office; and Travis Wolfe, from Stilwell, began in the Language, History and Culture Department. After six weeks, the MELD participants rotate to another department. They are now working in their third module and will rotate again in another few weeks. Most will spend their last module in the community with a specific focus.

One component of their leadership development involves community service. The group is planning a beautification project for the Keetoowah Cherokee Complex. To prepare for the project, the MELD participants have developed their teamwork skills strengthening their leadership capacity by networking with the community, organizing, and reflecting upon each event. "Together, they have formed their own network and have taken their participation serious" agreed Georgia Dick, Bryan Shade and Gwen Goingsnake.

Educational or training sessions are held on a monthly basis and so far there have been presen-



*MELD PARTICIPANTS, Bethany Vance, Gaye Cochran, and Darrell Smith, write down important information from one of several leadership workshops they are required to attend throughout their nine month training with the United Keetoowah Band.*

tations including "True Colors", Integrity, Community Projects/ Fundraising and Domestic Violence Prevention Training. A previous member from Leadership Tahlequah spoke to the group and shared her experiences in that program and how her group worked together and helped on a community project which gave the MELD participants new ideas. Future workshops will include Conflict Resolution, and Organizational Behavior among others.

MELD Project Assistant Denise Rooster said, "I think they are all learning a lot from their programs. Three of them will graduate from NSU in May, one will complete a program from Indian Capital Technology Center. Three are enrolled for the fall. They are getting a lot of training and they are really learning a lot about tribal operations".

If you are interested in being part of the MELD program beginning in October, please call (918) 456-8698. Applications will be available in July.

*STEPHANIE WICKLIFFE, (Right) Director of Administration, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino, recently presented a workshop on business learning opportunities for the MELD participants. The participants attend leadership workshops throughout their nine month training at the United Keetoowah Band.*



## UKB Graduation Bonuses Reward Academic Achievement

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Education Department will begin processing applications for graduation bonuses on Monday, June 1. Exclusive UKB Graduates may apply up to sixty days after their graduation. After that time, applications will not be accepted.

High school graduates will be awarded a \$200 bonus. A bonus in the amount of \$250 will be those obtaining vocational training licenses or certificates (1050 hrs.) or Associate's Degrees. A bonus in the amount of \$400 will be awarded to college students obtaining Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. Documentation of degrees or licenses must be included with the application. All bonuses will be mailed to the recipients. Bonus eligibility is limited to one category. All awards are limited upon availability of funds.

Chief George Wickliffe said, "The Keetoowah Cherokee always live by the philosophy of those who came before us - our elders and our ancestors. The traditional people have always known that by taking care of our children and young people, we take care of our traditions, our culture and our people's future. That is why we reward educational

accomplishments. When our young people advance their education through vocational training and college degrees, it ensures our workforce is trained and will be able to secure good jobs. In this way, our people will become self-sufficient and carry on our traditions."

Graduation Bonus applications may be picked up at the Education Department located in the UKB Community Services Building or at the Tribal Satellite offices located in Kansas, Stilwell and Ft. Smith. Applications must be returned to the office or mailed to Della Wolfe, UKB Education Department, P.O. Box 746, Tahlequah, OK, 74465. For more information, call (918) 456-8698.

## Tribe to Host Laying of the Wreath Ceremony

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is inviting all Veterans and their families to attend the "Laying of the Wreath" ceremony on Saturday, May 30. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. in front of the flag poles near the UKB Community Service Building at Keetoowah Circle off West Willis Road, just south of Tahlequah. The Veterans' American Legion Riders, Post 15, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, will honor all veterans with the laying of the wreath.



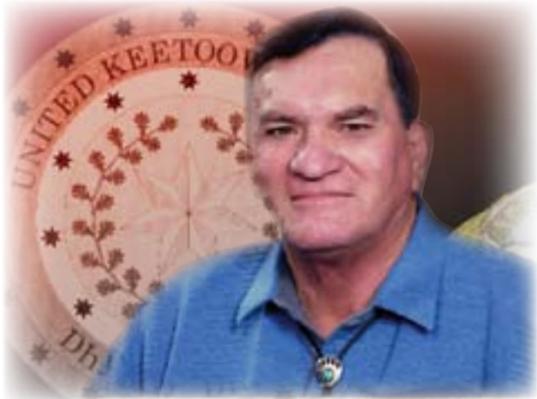
The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veterans' organization, and devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a not-for-profit community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members, both men and women, in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide.

For more information, contact Hominy Littleldave at (918) 431-1818.

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

However though, that Cherokee group does have to be federally recognized.

Therefore, when the first Cherokee people came west of the Mississippi River in 1817 to Arkansas they became known as the "Old Settlers" and then, when they moved on into the Indian Territory in 1828, they became known as the Western Cherokee Nation.

*NOW LET'S LOOK AT AN EXAMPLE OF ONE EARLY TREATY WHICH IS A REVIEW OF THE 1866 TREATY AFTER THE CIVIL WAR HAD ENDED IN 1865 TITLED INDIAN AFFAIRS: LAWS AND TREATIES.*

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An act to secure to the Cherokee freedmen and others their proportion of certain proceeds of lands, under the act of March third, eighteen hun-

dred and eighty-three.

Whereas it is provided in the ninth article of the treaty of July nineteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, between the United States and the Cherokee Nation of Indians, that freedmen who have been liberated by voluntary act of their former owners, or by law, as well as all free colored persons who were in the (Cherokee) country at the commencement of the rebellion, and were then residents therein, or who might return within six months, and their descendants, shall have all the rights of native Cherokees; and,

Whereas by the fifteenth article of the aforesaid treaty certain terms were provided under which friendly Indians might be settled upon unoccupied lands in the Cherokee country east of the ninety-sixth degree of west longitude; and the Indians thus settled were, upon full compliance with the provisions of said article, to be incorporated into and ever after remain a part of the Cherokee Nation, on equal terms in every respect with native citizens; and,

Whereas under the provisions of the aforesaid fifteenth article an agreement was entered into between the Cherokee Nation and the Delaware tribe of Indians, on the eighth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, which agreement was approved, respectively, by the Secretary of the Interior and the President of the United States on the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and by the terms of which the Delaware Indians "became members of the Cherokee Nation, with the same rights and immunities and the same participation (and no other) in the national funds as native Cherokee;" and

Whereas under the provisions of the aforesaid fifteenth article an agreement was entered into between the Cherokee Nation and the Shawnee tribe of Indians, on the seventh day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the President of the United States, respectively, on the ninth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, by the terms of which the Shawnee Indians were incorporated into and became a part of the Cherokee Nation on equal terms in every respect, and with all the privileges and immunities of native citizens of the Cherokee Nation; and

Whereas it is provided by the sixth article of the aforesaid treaty that all laws of the Cherokee Nation shall be uniform throughout said nation; and

Whereas by an item in the act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and for other purposes, approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars was "appropriated, to be paid into the treasury of the Cherokee Nation, out of the funds due under appraisal for Cherokee lands west of the Arkansas River, which sum shall be expended as the acts of the Cherokee legislature direct;" and

Whereas by an act of the Cherokee legislature, which was passed over the veto of the principal chief and became a law on the nineteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, the principal chief was directed to cause the said sum of three hundred thousand dollars to be paid out per capita to the citizens of the Cherokee Nation by blood and which sum has been paid out only to Cherokee citizens by blood, as directed by said act; and

Whereas by the said act of the Cherokee legislature the aforesaid freedmen, Delaware and Shawnee Indians have been deprived of their legal and just dues guaranteed them by treaty stipulations: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of

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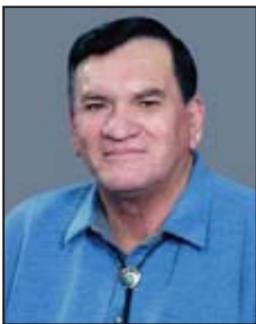
Early treaties between the United States and Cherokee Indians are titled, "The United States and Cherokee Nation of Indians." Why?

Back when the U.S.A. was writing TREATIES with Native Americans, it was not easy to TITLE a treaty between the U.S.A. and Cherokee Indians because Cherokee people did not have one PRINCIPAL spokesman. They lived in an area that covered 81 MILLION square miles in southeastern U.S.A. They lived in what were called towns, with each TOWN having a HEADPERSON. It was impossible to gather all Cherokee people into one group. That is why Cherokee treaties with the U.S.A. are titled treaties between U.S.A., and Cherokee Nation of Indians. The Cherokee people did not have a Principal Chief until 1828 A.D., when the Cherokee people adopted their first CONSTITUTION in 1828 and elected John Ross as Principal Chief.

At one time in HISTORY, we were all KITUWAH people, a name given to us by the GREAT CREATOR (GOD). Then, when the ANGLOS arrived, we were given the name CHEROKEE, because the Anglos could not pronounce KITUWAH. That is why we are called Cherokee people today...But the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB) still maintains the CREATOR NAME, the ORIGINAL NAME. HE NOT ONLY GAVE US OUR NAME, but also our RELIGION. The UKB traces its history back to the GREAT CREATOR (GOD). No BUZZARD flew around and made the hills and mountains and/or dried up the water so life could be sustained on EARTH. The UKB people believe that Noah did sail the ark and that the flood is why we have all of the terrain that we see today...We, the UKB people give God all the credit for all creation.

In summation, any group of Cherokee people that derives from an organized Cherokee town that can follow a Historical trace back to a town is eligible to have an inherent POWER OF SOVEREIGNTY. All Cherokees shared in early treaties together.

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# True Cherokee History Must Include the United Keetoowah Band

Recently the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma gathered at Red Clay, Tennessee for the second time in 25 years. The three-day event brought together a colorful celebration. With these events of Red Clay still fresh in many people's minds, viewers once again have renewed interest in the experiences of Native Americans. Many will be watching a five-part PBS series titled "We Shall Remain", which in one segment features some of the Cherokee Indians; but not the entire tribe, or group of people.

If history is to be told correctly, one must also include the first federally recognized Cherokee tribe, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. As happens quite often in the mainstream media and other outlets who know no better than to limit their historical research to interviewing the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; the United Keetoowah Band, a tribe that is rich in history, traditions, and culture, has been forgotten.

The United Keetoowah Band, or UKB, is one of two Cherokee tribes located in Oklahoma and has a membership of 13,000 members. The UKB is federally recognized and requires a one-quarter or more blood quantum to be enrolled. There are over 60 percent full-blood Keetoowah Cherokee members which speak their Keetoowah Cherokee language fluently, and 98% live in the nine districts of the United Keetoowah Band, located in northeastern Oklahoma.

Historians who are familiar with Cherokee history should be quick to notice the disrespectful exclusion of 13,000 traditional and high blood quantum Cherokee people, when journalists report on stories,

such as the recent coverage of the Red Clay event. *United Keetoowah Band History; A Brief Synopsis*

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is a federally recognized tribal government, organized under the OIWA (Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act). The Constitution and By-laws, as well as the OIWA-mandated Charter were ratified on October 3, 1950.

The mother town of the Keetoowah Cherokee People is near present-day Bryson City, North Carolina, and has been historically called 'Kituwah'. In 1808, the Keetoowah towns met with President Thomas Jefferson and indicated a desire to move west of the Mississippi, in order to maintain their traditional way of life. Under Jefferson's orders, an exploration party of 7 Keetoowah men found suitable land between the Arkansas and White Rivers.

In 1817, a Treaty was signed with the United States, and the Keetoowah Cherokee moved to their new lands in Arkansas. After establishing a thriving tribal government, schools and communities, the Keetoowah Western Cherokee were moved a decade later by the Treaty of 1828. Thus, the Keetoowah Western Cherokee moved to what is now Northeastern Oklahoma ten years prior to the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation, known as the Trail of Tears.

After the influx of Eastern Cherokees arrived in 1839 under an amendment in the Treaty of New Echota (1835) which held that the Cherokee Nation would be welcomed into the Western Cherokee government, the mixed blood and assimilated

Cherokees once again overthrew the government. This was the situation the Keetoowah were originally removing from when being granted permission from Thomas Jefferson. In order to maintain continuity, The Keetoowah Society was formally organized under a constitution and by-laws in 1859.

The Keetoowah Cherokee people spoke out harshly against allotment, statehood, and other matters, but the assimilated Cherokees voted to dissolve the Cherokee Nation Government. Under an agreement with the United States, the Cherokee Nation was dissolved on March 4, 1906. Prior to this dissolution, the Keetoowah Society incorporated under Federal Charter in 1905 as a "Body Politic" to protect the rights of full blood and traditional Keetoowah Cherokee.

Upon the adoption of the OIWA, the Keetoowah moved to legally reorganize as a federally-recognized tribe under the OIWA, which would restore all tribal governing rights. Thus, when the bill was signed accepting the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma as such by President Harry Truman in 1946, the UKB became the first Cherokee tribe in Oklahoma (The Cherokee Nation had been dissolved prior to Oklahoma Statehood).

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will always stay strong and traditional. The truth will be portrayed by their history and by their members. As stated in the Keetoowah Constitution and Bylaws (1889), "We shall never give up until all of us join hands and fall to the ground (until we all die)."

## The man known as Sequoyah

The man known as Sequoyah, memorialized throughout the world by trees, buildings, vehicles, and other things named for him, is one of the most famous persons in Keetoowah history.

Sequoyah, whose English name was George Guess, was born in what is now Tennessee near Tazgigi. No one is sure of the year, but his memoirs state that he was living with his mother as a small boy when the Iroquoian Peace Delegation came to New Echota in 1770. He was old enough at the time to remember the event.

Sequoyah had two brothers, Tobacco Will who was a blacksmith when the Keetoowahs lived in Arkansas, and the Keetoowah "Old Settler" Chief, "Dutch" (U-ge-we-le-dv).

Sequoyah is often shown with a cane, and it is known that he suffered from a lameness, which was reported in the Cherokee Advocate on June 26, 1845 as, "He was the victim of hydro arthritic trouble of the knee joint, commonly called 'white swelling' and this affliction caused a lameness that characterized him during life." This was due to a previous stickball injury.

This did not, however, stop him from achieving one of the greatest accomplishments for the Keetoowah people, the holding and passing on of the knowledge of how to write the Cherokee language. Sam Houston was quoted as saying, "Your invention of the alphabet is worth more to your people than two bags full of gold in the hands of every Cherokee."

In 1815, Sequoyah was married to Sally Waters. Her parents were Robert and Lydia Otterlifter and her brother was Michael Waters, whose family later settled near the Nicut area. Michael served as his first student, and the first to read and write with the invention was Sequoyah's daughter, Ayoka.

Sequoyah and Ayoka were charged with 'witchcraft and sorcery' due to the miracle of making leaves of paper to talk. A group of warriors were brought in and Ayoka, being in a separate area, communicated back and forth over the distance with her father, until the warriors and others were convinced that the symbolism represented 'talking.' After the trial ended, the warriors asked Sequoyah to teach them, too. Before long, the knowledge of reading and writing the Cherokee language had spread far and wide.

Baker and Greele, a typecast company based in Boston, produced metal type so that Rev. Worcester could obtain a printing press, allowing the mission to translate and publish scripture and hymns in the native language. The venture turned into a regular printing business, producing newspapers, flyers and anything needed to be printed. The type was not able to be produced exactly as Sequoyah had drawn the characters, so many were developed from existing letters and characters used in printing already.

In 1824, the General Council of the Cherokee Nation voted to give Sequoyah a large silver medal as an honor for his creation of the syllabary. Because he did not return east, where the Cherokee Nation was located, for many years, Chief Path Killer and John Ross had it sent to him.

Sequoyah traveled with a group of Keetoowah to Washington in 1828, which consisted of Black Fox, John Rogers, Thomas Graves, Thomas Maw, George Morris, and Tobacco Will. This delegation had no authority to cede land, however, they were forced to negotiate a treaty which gave up the land in

Arkansas for what is now in Oklahoma. The treaty was signed on May 6, 1828, and the Keetoowah were given until July, 1829 to start moving. Some of them, however, had to start early because non-Indian settlers were forcing them out. One of the articles of the treaty stipulated a benefit for Sequoyah: "It is further agreed that the United States will pay five hundred dollars for the use of George Guess, a Cherokee, for the great benefit he has conferred upon the Cherokee people in the beneficial results they are now experiencing from the use of the alphabet discovered by him, to whom also in consideration of his relinquishing a valuable saline, the privilege is hereby given to locate and occupy another saline on Lee's Creek." Lee's Creek is located in present-day Sequoyah County, Oklahoma. Sequoyah received only \$300 of this money, and it is clear that the benefit was included to obtain the land.

Sequoyah and 2500 other Keetoowahs were moved to the Indian Territory in what is now Oklahoma by the United States government in 1828. The land was exchanged for the land they had been occupying in what was later to become Arkansas.

He settled near present-day Sallisaw, Oklahoma, where he built a log cabin, which is still standing and open to the public.

In 1832 schools were provided in each district and Sequoyah was employed to supervise the teaching of his syllabary at \$400 annually.

Sequoyah's death came in 1845 while traveling with his son, Teesey, a friend named The Worm, and six others who had left from Park hill and were looking for a group of Cherokees that had migrated to Mexico. After some time, a party of Caddos returned from Mexico reporting that Sequoyah had died.

"His death was sudden, having been long confined to the house, he requested one day some food, and while it was preparing, breathed his last."

Sequoyah's death was not reported in Indian

Territory for nearly two years, when some Cherokees returned from Mexico and gave the following statement to Cherokee agent Pierce M. Butler, "Warrens trading house, Red River, April 21, 1845. . . . We the undersigned Cherokees direct from the Spanish dominions, do hereby certify that George Guess, of the Cherokee Nation, Arkansas, departed this life in the town of San Fernando in the month of August 1843. Given under our hands, day date above, written Standing Rock, by mark, Standing Bowles, by mark, Watch Justice, by mark, witness Daniel C. Watson and Jesse Chisholm."

Another report to agent P.M. Butler, Ou-No-Leh stated that he had met with Teesey, The Worm, Gah-Ne-Nes-Kee, the Standing Man and the Standing Rock.

"The Standing Rock. . . attended Sequoyah during his last sickness and also witnessed his death and burial." The statement was dated May 15, 1845, Bayou District.

Because of Sequoyah believing that it was time for the Keetoowah people to receive the system of writing the Creator had allowed him to know, we are able to read what our ancestors recorded and to communicate with each other in our own language. Because Sequoyah also felt the need to return to the Cherokee Nation (East) and share the system there, as well, all Cherokees became literate soon and were able to communicate through great distances. It is believed the system was what he was traveling to Mexico to share with the small group of Cherokees there.

## Where Is Sequoyah's Pipe?

Sequoyah is known throughout Cherokee history as the inventor of the Cherokee Alphabet. Sequoyah was an original old settler, which later became known as the Western Cherokee (Keetoowah Cherokee) and if anyone has noticed, Sequoyah is shown with a pipe. In an effort to be politically correct, if not historically correct, some revisionists of history have been portraying Sequoyah either through sculptures or drawings without his pipe.

The pipe is a very significant identifying element of Sequoyah, even in history. Sequoyah was always known to have a pipe, as witnessed by the General Council of the Cherokee Nation by this passage in the book, "Sequoyah" by Grant Foreman: "The medal, wrote John Howard Payne in 1836, "was made at Washington & of silver to the value of Twenty Dollars. On one side was thus inscribed: 'Presented to George Gist by the General Council of the Cherokee Nation, for his ingenuity in The Invention of the Cherokee Alphabet, 1825'. Under the inscription were two pipes crossed and an abridgement of the above on the reverse of the medal encircled a head meant to represent George Gist himself."

If history should be rightfully told, we must portray history in its true form and when Sequoyah is presented to the public whether it should be in the form of a drawing or a sculptor it must portray him with his pipe.

## Memorial Weekend Gospel Singings

**Sat. May 23 Sellers Auction Barn,**  
12:00 pm, Eldon, Okla.  
Contact: J.R. Sellers (918) 456-4890

**Sun. May 24 Sands Springs Baptist**  
6:00 pm, Braggs, Okla.  
Contact: Dixie Hooper (918) 360-5536

**Sun. May 24 All Nations Church**  
6:00 pm, Muskogee, Okla.  
Contact: Curtis Kinney (918) 680-0778

## Keener Baptist Church hosts Youth and Elder Culture Days in Lost City

The Keener Baptist Church will be hosting a Youth and Elder Culture Days June 5 and 6. The event begins Friday, June 5 at 5 p.m. with a pot luck dinner followed by craft making and storytelling.

Saturday morning breakfast will be served beginning at 8 a.m. Crafts such as stickball making, basket weaving, and bow making will be presented. There will be a hog fry at noon.

This event is open to anyone interested in learning traditional Cherokee craft making, hearing old Cherokee stories, and socializing.

For more information, please contact Hasting Shade at (918) 822-0300.



## 2009 Keetoowah Cherokee Language Classes Summer Class Schedule

*Classes are held for 10 sessions, and are free to the public.*

### Sequoyah District

Sallisaw Central Library  
Monday, May 18 6:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Jim Henson

### Illinois District

UKB Sub-Office in Vian, Ok  
Tuesday, May 19 6:00 p.m.  
Instructor: George Byrd

### Saline District

Kenwood Community Building  
Date to be announced  
Instructor: Chief George Wickliffe

### Delaware District

Jay Library  
Monday, May 18 6:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Lawrence Panther

### Flint District

UKB Sub-Office, Stilwell, Ok.  
Monday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Della Wolfe

### Goingsnake District

Fairfield Community Building,  
Stilwell, Ok  
Tuesday, May 19 6:00 p.m.  
Instructor: George Stopp

### Tahlequah District

Keener Baptist Church,  
Hulbert, Ok.  
Monday, May 18 6:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Hasting Shade

Elm Tree Baptist Church,  
Tahlequah, Ok

Monday, May 25 and  
Tuesday, May 26 6:00 p.m.  
Instructor: D.J. McCarter

For information, contact the Language, History and Culture Department (918)-772-4387.



UKB CHIEF George Wickliffe, visits with two Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal members before the start of their Cherokee Language Forum at the Symposium on the American Indian on the campus of NSU.



CINDY HAIR, Cultural Events Coordinator for the United Keetoowah Band teaches the art of basket weaving during Tahlequah's Red Fern Festival.



KIM DRYWATER, Administration Department Secretary for the UKB, fries Indian fry bread at the Red Fern Festival in Tahlequah. Drywater and her sister set up a booth selling the Indian delicacy along with beans, potatoes, and hog fry.



MICKY SPEARS, Slap Daddy BBQ and Keetoowah Cherokee Casino Surveillance Director, took 1st place in "Crowd Pleasin'" Chilli; 2nd place "Crowd Pleasn'" BBQ; and 3rd Place "Crowd Pleasn'" Booth, at this year's Red Fern Festival held at Norris Park in Tahlequah.



BANNERS WERE posted for visitors who attended the Red Fern Festival, identifying the Keetoowah Cherokee artists that participated at this year's festival.

## Keetoowah Cherokee Elder Assistance for Summer 2009

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is taking applications for the Summer 2009 Elder Assistance program. The UKB Elder Assistance Program provides all tribal elders over 55 years of age semi-annual financial assistance in the amount of \$200 for each period. This is to assist Keetoowah Cherokee elders with funding they can utilize at their discretion. The tribe will be taking applications May 4 through June 12.

Eligible elders must be an exclusive member. All required documents for exclusive membership must be on file in the enrollment office. Elders under age 65 must be exclusive members for one year at the time of the assistance application. Exclusive members 65 and over immediately qualify for assistance after council approval of the enrollee. All eligible members in the household will receive the Elderly Assistance.

Applications may be picked up at any tribal or satellite office. Completed applications must be turned in by fax, mail, or direct delivery to the Tribal Enrollment Office located at 2450 S. Muskogee Avenue in Tahlequah. The fax number is (918) 453-9345.

Assistance checks for May applicants will be issued on Wednesday, June 3rd between 3 and 5 p.m. at the UKB Wellness Center located on West Willis Road South of Tahlequah. Assistance checks for June applicants will be issued on June 10th and 17th between 3 and 5 p.m. at the UKB Accounting Office at 2450 S. Muskogee Avenue in Tahlequah. June 17, 2008 will be the last day of check disbursement this summer.

In a letter introducing the program to tribal elders two years ago, Chief George Wickliffe said, "We have worked hard since coming into office to restore accountability, pursue new opportunities for jobs, and preserve our language, history and culture. As the traditional people, we know that it is the right thing to do to take care of our elders.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust agreed saying, "The Keetoowah Cherokee have always been traditional people who recognize the value of their elders. This is just a small benefit the Elders will receive from Keetoowah Cherokee Gaming Revenues," said Assistant Chief Charles Locust. For more information, call (918) 453-9375.

## The Cherokee Heritage Center hosts the 10th Annual Cherokee Gospel Sing and Hog Fry

The Cherokee Heritage Center would like to invite you to the 10th annual Cherokee Gospel Sing and Hog Fry. This event takes place May 16 from 3 to 8 p.m. on the grounds of the Cherokee Heritage Center. As a special gesture to our guests, a complimentary hog fry is provided.

Eli Nofire began the gospel sing 10 years ago with the intentions of providing a continual cultural tradition to the community. Year after year it was Eli's passion to bring families and community members together in one place to share in the sounds of Cherokee hymns. Even through his ailing health, Eli still managed to make an appearance to this event that he took such pleasure in being a part of. Since his passing in 2006, the Cherokee Heritage Center felt it was only fitting to continue on with hosting this event in honor of their love and respect for their former co-worker, Eli Nofire. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the singing, come and enjoy the food and come and enjoy the fellowship as we celebrate ten years of being a part of his legacy.

For more information, contact Becky Adair at (918) 456-6007 ext. 240.

## UKB attends the 37th Annual Symposium on the American Indian

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians participated in the 37th Annual Symposium on the American Indian hosted by Northeastern State University. This year's theme "Legacy 1909-2009" celebrated 100 years of higher education at Northeastern. This higher learning institution was founded on the established site of the pre-statehood Cherokee National Female Seminary.

With this year's focus on the education theme, UKB Chief George Wickliffe, Assistant Chief Charles Locust, UKB Gaming Commission Chairman Joe Bunch and Media Director Sammy Still, comprised a panel in the Friday afternoon session "After Sequoyah: How Education Contributed to the Keetoowah Reorganization of the Cherokee Tribe".

The panelists discussed how the Keetoowah Cherokees, without changing their customs and traditions, were successful in their efforts to



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band Chief George Wickliffe, seated fourth from the right, participated as a panelist on the Cherokee Language Forum at this year's Northeastern State University's Symposium on the American Indian.

reorganize the Cherokee tribal government due to educational opportunities afforded to full blood and traditional Keetoowah Cherokee Indians. Beginning with the sacred fire, describing the history of the Keetoowah, how their tribal government developed from past to present, the group informed the audience who the traditional Keetoowah Cherokee people are. "It gave the Keetoowah Cherokees the opportunity to tell the true version on how the tribe developed to become the United Keetoowah Band," said Assistant Chief Locust.

In addition to this session, Chief George Wickliffe was a member of the Cherokee Language Forum, which was presented in the traditional language. The Symposium on the American Indian is held annually on the campus of Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.



EMPLOYEES FROM the United Keetoowah Band manned a booth sponsored by the UKB during this year's symposium at Northeastern State University.

## Keetoowah Cherokee Easter Egg Hunt enjoyed by many



CHILDREN IN the 4 to 7 age group frantically hunt for Easter eggs during the annual UKB Easter Egg hunt.



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE youth were greeted with a colorful welcome sign to the annual Keetoowah Cherokee Easter Egg Hunt April 4 at the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration grounds.



MISS KEETOOWAH Cherokee Samantha Keen, left, and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Kristy Feather Daugherty, right was on hand to greet participants at the April 4 Keetoowah Cherokee Easter Egg Hunt.



THE BALLOON Toss competition winners were Shaylyn Holmes and Talie Holmes, 1st Place; and Christy Daugherty, Junior Miss Keetoowah, and Brandon Keen, 2nd Place.



YOUNG KEETOOWAH Cherokee children wait to see the winners as they are announced during the annual UKB Easter Egg Hunt.



WINNERS FOR this year's Keetoowah Cherokee Easter Egg Hunt were, Landon Rector, Age 1-3, Chief's Egg; Erin Soap, Age 1-3, Assistant Chief's Egg; Makayla Shade, Age 4-7, Chief's Egg; Chaaz Potter, Age 4-7, Assistant Chief's Egg; Dustin Hamlett, Age 8-12, Chief's Egg; and Bill Buffalomeat, Age 8-12, Assistant Chief's Egg.

Check out our website at:  
[www.ukb-nsn.gov](http://www.ukb-nsn.gov)

# Are You Raising Your Grandchildren?

Raising grandchildren can be a very challenging job. There are a growing number of Oklahoma grandparents assuming the care of grandchildren in varying degrees from watching them every day to preparing meals for them to having them in their homes on a daily or weekly basis. Without question, stepping in to such an important role provides stability and comfort to these children. Learning directly from the grandparent caregivers helps to educate others about the benefits and challenges of giving care.

This means there is much to be learned from

## Offices Closed for Memorial Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, May 22 and Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, May 26. We wish everyone a safe holiday.

## UKB May '09 Calendar of Council, District & Special Meetings

- May 2** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m. Jim Proctor Elder Center, Tahlequah
- May 12** Saline District Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Kenwood Community Center
- May 12** Delaware District Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Jay Community Building
- May 14** Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- May 14** Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Vian UKB Satellite Office
- May 15** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m. Keener Baptist Church
- May 22** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m. UKB Elder Center
- May 30** Canadian District Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Ataloo Lodge, Bacone Campus Muskogee

## UKB June '09 Calendar of Council, District & Special Meetings

- June 6** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m. Jim Proctor Elder Center, Tahlequah
- June 11** Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- June 11** Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Vian UKB Satellite Office
- June 12** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m. Keener Baptist Church
- June 19** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m. UKB Elder Center
- June 20** Flint and Goingsnake District Meeting 1-5 p.m. Stilwell Satellite Office
- June 27** Canadian District Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Ataloo Lodge, Bacone Campus Muskogee

## IN MEMORIAM



In memory of our daughter and sister...  
Angela Wickliffe.  
We miss you and think of you each day.

The Wickliffe Family  
George, Maxine, Billy, Portia, Gomer  
and all children

YOU as a grandparent caregiver. That's why Oklahoma State University and the Department of Human Development and Family Science are sponsoring a study to learn more about the benefits and challenges of grandparent care giving. Dr. Jan Johnston, Assistant Professor and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension State Specialist in Gerontology will be conducting this study. Please note: This study is only open to grandparents raising grandchildren in the state of Oklahoma. If you are actively raising grandchildren, Dr. Johnston would like to visit with you about participating in this study.

The study is a pencil and paper survey that should take no more than 20-30 minutes to complete. This survey will ask about your experiences of raising grandchildren. There are no risks or costs involved and participation is completely voluntary. All information provided will be kept private and confidential. A consent form is required to be signed and returned with the survey for the data to be included in this study. Participants will be paid \$10 by personal check for their time. All data should be collected by May 20, 2009.



HEATHER WINN, OSU Extension Educator, recently presented a presentation on "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren", at the UKB Jim Proctor Elder Care Center. Several Keetoowah Cherokee elders and staff attended the presentation and door prizes were awarded after the event.

If interested in participating in this study, please contact Jan Johnston by e-mail at jan.johnston@okstate.edu. or Rebecca Whiterock at (918) 772-4380. The survey will be given on May 20, 2009 at 11:00 am at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center, 18419 W. Keetoowah Circle, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

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## THE 1ST ANNUAL "HONOR OF THE VETERANS" POWWOW

"COME ENJOY THE DAY TO HONOR ALL VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS"

**SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**2:00PM—8:00PM**

## ALL GOURD DANCE

UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND CELEBRATION POWWOW GROUNDS  
TAKE HWY 62, TURN ON WEST WILLIS ROAD TO U.K.B. TRIBAL COMPLEX

IN CASE OF RAIN, THE EVENT WILL BE MOVED TO THE WELLNESS CENTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
WESLEY PROCTOR @ (918)-316-5440

## United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu May 2009

| Mon                                                       | Tue                                                            | Wed                                                            | Thu                                                       | Fri                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                                                           |                                                                |                                                                |                                                           | 1<br>BRUNCH<br>Served from<br>10:30am-12:00 |
| 4 Marinated Chicken Wild Rice Grilled Veggies Breadsticks | 5 BLT Sandwich Chips Salad Dessert                             | 6 Brown Beans Spinach Jalapeno Cornbread Salad Dessert         | 7 Spaghetti w/ meatballs Mixed Veggies Garlic Toast Salad | 8 Fishing Day @ River Park 11:30-???        |
| 11 Kielbasa Sour kraut Lima Beans Breadsticks             | 12 BBQ Bologna Ranch Style Beans Texas Toast Cole Slaw Dessert | 13 Tortilla Soup Guacamole w/chips Spanish Rice Salad Dessert  | 14 Baked Fish Rice Pilaf Corn Cole Slaw Hushpuppies       | 15<br>BRUNCH<br>Served from<br>10:30-12:00  |
| 18 White Beans w/ ham Salad Turnip Greens Corn muffins    | 19 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Salad Dessert   | 20 Super Baked Potatoes w/fixins Cheese Biscuits Salad Dessert | 21 Fishing Day @ River Park 11:30-???                     | 22 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY                       |
| 25  Memorial Day                                          | 26 Grilled Hot Links Corn on the Cob Texas Toast Salad Dessert | 27 Beef Stew Crackers/Cornbread Salad Dessert                  | 28 Cultural Foods Day<br>May Birthdays                    | 29 CLOSED FOR CLEANING                      |

# UKB Regular March Council Meeting Minutes

## UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the Jim Proctor Elder Care Center March 07, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**I. Call to order** by Chief George Wickliffe

**II. Invocation:** Jerry Hansen

**III. Roll Call:** 11 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared. (Sacks absent)

**IV. Chief's Address** (10:03 PM-10:35 PM)

- Reminded Council of last Council Meeting when a resolution was passed for revision of our By-Laws to by-pass the Secretary of Interior and such would also by-pass Janette Hannah on decisions for UKB.

- Gave briefing on history of the old Cherokee Nation and the nine district jurisdiction.

- Explained using GPS in actual location of UKB district jurisdiction.

- Stated how UKB will never try to take advantage of anyone.

- Voters will decide any changes in our By-Laws.

- The current CNO is buried under the 1839 Constitution there is no CN of Oklahoma.

- The UKB came from the East Coast willingly but the current CNO was forced to leave and they came to us. We were here before what is called CNO. We had 7 million acres when the "other" Cherokees came to us.

- The UKB voters will decide if we by-pass the Secretary of the Interior. It is being said, this decision by voters will decide to "lower blood degree," this is not true,

There is movement being made on "FEMA" trailers. It seems a decision has been made to clear out the trailers presently held in Hope, Arkansas. It could be UKB will be allowed additional trailers than was initially allocated. If this is true we may need to think about placing the trailers in a "cluster" in various areas/districts. We will continue to keep our elders, disabled, burn-outs in mind when allocating these trailers. We will follow-up on the possibility of receiving more trailer homes.

Encouraged working together to do what is good for the people.

### DISCUSSION:

- Constitution Change
- GPS use for accuracy and validity
- Importance of District Representatives in informing people of the need for Constitutional change.

### V. Approval of the minutes for the month of February 2009

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the Council minutes of February 2009; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

### VI. Presentations -

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to remove Item VI, 1 from the agenda (based on the wishes of item author Leroy Adair); SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent; Wofford unavailable at vote).

2. MOTION by Charles Locust to remove Item VI, 2 from the agenda stating situation had already received attention, wherein; a donation to Native American Men's Conference has been processed; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent; Wofford unavailable at vote).

3. Cherrah Quiett: UKB Transit System/Study Survey forms were presented to Council for completion. Ms. Quiett is working in conjunction with Roads Director, Larry Howard. She presented additional forms to Council for completion by communi-

ty residents. She requested completed forms be returned by the end of this month. Her projected number of 500 is set for this survey.

4. Ella Mae Worley: inquired of purchase of ORES (Oklahoma Rural Elementary Student) State Basketball Championship Rings for four UKB members of Rocky Mountain school. She informed CNO would only purchase these rings for their tribal citizen team members.

### LENGTHY DISCUSSION

Woodrow Proctor made the recommendation that Education Committee consider and prepare a policy relating to subject of #4 and bring such back to the Council.

Education Committee members who were present were in agreement with recommendation and would prepare said policy for presentation to Council at the April 2009 Council Meeting.

Joyce Fourkiller: spoke of situation which existed at Skelly School; school being forced to annex or plans for CNO to take over the school.

Ken Bellmard: school take-over is not possible unless this "take-over" is because of what the state cannot do. A take-over is assuming financial responsibility. Basically the law provides that a tribe having money and wanting to put that money into a school because there is no state funding, the tribe can become financially responsible. The legislature is against school consolidation. Tribes who don't want local schools closed can become financially responsible for a period of time then at some period in time, if money doesn't begin to flow, then schools will be annexed. Tribes cannot change any rules as to the level of education. Tribes becoming financially responsible have limited "say-so" over the curriculum.

Decision on purchase of State Championship Basketball Rings, (see presentation #4) Request for this purchase is recommended for process through the Education Department or through the Gaming Board donation process.

5. Jerry Hansen: referred to Tim Good Voice for a synopsis of the meeting in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Good Voice had met with area Director and the Assistant Director in the office of Environmental Health through I.H.S. regarding available programs.

Currently primarily all environmental health funds go to CNO.

Currently there is no money set aside for UKB

There are some options for the UKB; there is on today's agenda an item for proposal to fund I.H.S.

Mr. Good Voice recommended today's agenda item #X, 2 be tabled until more data is gathered relating to this subject and there is a better understanding on how to approach this agency for funding.

The Oklahoma City meeting went very well and it was stated how funds might be found for the UKB.

June 1 is the deadline for 2009-2010 funding.

Jerry Hansen: informed a Septic System Program had been available in Delaware County before. Now its being said the program is available in Adair and Cherokee Counties. This program is through Environmental Quality Soil Conservation District. The program provides septic systems at very little cost to the client.

### LENGTHY DISCUSSION

Tim Good Voice: stated he had had the opportunity to meet with the chairman, Bryon Dorgan, and vice chairman, John Barrasso of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and he presently is putting together a letter which will be sent Monday, wherein; he is asking to put language in the Bill "Tribal I.D., be recognized for health services through the I.H.S. System,"

### VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledave MOTION by Joyce Fourkiller to approve/accept 28 new members into tribal membership (This does include 3 individuals associated with the '49 Roll and 1 C.D.I.B. issued to a child between the ages of 0-3 years); SECONDED by Betty Holcomb; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

MOTION by Joyce Fourkiller to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 4 UKB members from UKB Membership Rolls; SECONDED by Betty Holcomb; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

2. Chief Wickliffe: referred to setting-in Committees. He reminded Council of a form in their packets. This form is a suggestion name list for consideration of Committee members. He gave briefing on By-Laws regarding Committee members. Present suggested lists to Chief by April Council Meeting.

- Ken Bellmard: made statements for clarification of terms for Committee members. Mr. Bellmard spoke of boards vs. committees. The easiest way to think of a committee is; committees make recommendations to the Council. Committees serve the Council. A committee cannot make a final decision. A final decision must be brought to the Council. A board has final authority over something. If there is no unit whether it is called a board or committee that has final say-so, then maybe you would think about re-naming them a commission or committee. There has been confusion in the past as to what authority a board has compared to a committee. A language change makes a big difference. Anytime there is a separate ordinance like Gaming Board that board has final authority.

### - DISCUSSION:

- Voting members of a committee in preparation for submitting recommendations to Council

- Board and/or committee authority.

### VIII. Public Forum

1. Vina Langford: inquired as to the possibility of returning to UKB membership. She stated due to medical needs which would not be met unless she returned to CNO citizenship she did relinquish her UKB membership and returned to CNO citizenship. She did not wish to remain a CNO citizen and asked if she might be considered for returning to tribal membership in the UKB. She said she never did want to be a CNO citizen. She is not asking for benefits she just wants to return to UKB membership.

### DISCUSSION:

Current policy does not allow Vina's request.

There has been other such requests

Enrollment Ordinance is a legislative decision, Constitution says something else.

A.G. Bellmard will follow-up and study any changes in procedure which might make a difference in this particular case.

Council was sympathetic to Ms. Langford's situation and appreciated her honesty and openness.

2. Ed Foreman: Informed of a situation at Colcord Public School where three long-time employees feel they are being discriminated against. The employees say neither the School Board nor the superintendent will listen.

Chief Wickliffe: employees are entitled to be put on a school board agenda. Employees must be allowed to speak. Will look into this situation but school policy must be adhered to.

3. Betty Holcomb: announced there would be a benefit food sale at the Tahlequah Community Building on March 14th for her grandson, Michael Hudson, a paralytic. He and his mother are currently living with Ms. Holcomb. This is a forever ongoing medical situation. Application

for disability benefits has been filed and a decision is expected in April or May. Medication is very expensive. Benefit will start with breakfast 8-10 AM and lunch will begin at 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

### IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

### X. New Business

1. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the addition of (5) five roads and/or parking lots to be included on UKB Indian Reservation Roads Inventory; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions (Fourkiller) (Sacks absent).

2. MOTION by Jerry Hansen to table agenda item #X, 2 until April 2009 Council meeting; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

3. Charles Locust presented explanation on Gaming Enterprise Authority Act and gave examples of why this document was needed.

A.G. Bellmard: also explained and supported the need for this document MOTION by Charles Smoke to approve the UKB Gaming Enterprise Act; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

4. Explanation of item by Georgia Dick.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve the submission of an application to the DHHS Administration for Family Preservation Planning Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 with a match amount of \$37,500.00 from the Indian Child Welfare Department; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

### XI. Announcements

1. Barry Dotson informed Janice Sawney is in very poor health and he thanked the Human Service Department for furnishing Ms. Sawney a wheelchair. Also Sammy Sevenstar is terminally ill and has been sent home from the hospital.

2. Jerry Hansen announced a birthday hog fry is being held tomorrow at the Tahlequah Illinois River Park. Beginning at 12:00 PM or 1:00 PM, everyone is invited and a covered dish is welcomed.

The Delaware District meeting on March 23rd reflected good attendance. Lighthorse Director, David McCarter, presented a program on Methamphetamines. Presentation was very informative and it is planned this will be scheduled again. He encouraged other districts to hear this presentation and to learn how much Lighthorse has in their department.

3. Barry Dotson: inquired on UKB involvement in Arkansas

Response: UKB continues to see what Arkansas will do about gaming. UKB is in the appeal process so we will be patient.

4. Cliff Wofford returned his Cooweescoowee District Voter's List/ Notebook to Secretary Littledave.

5. Woodrow Proctor thanked the staff members who attended the Goingsnake-Flint District Meeting.

6. Georgia Hogner thanked the Council for the help and support given to the Elder-Youth Get-to-Gather and for their support in attendance.

7. Robert Whitekiller asked if there were any UKB members who played on the Sequoyah Basketball Team.

Chief Wickliffe stated he thought there were such players but he knew the cheerleaders or pep squad received a donation of \$1,200.00 from UKB Casino but learned Chad Smith and "Stanley" instructed items purchased with this donation to be thrown into the trash.

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; Approved by affirmation.

Time - 1:45 PM

## Two in a Row; Rocky Mountain Rockets Win State Tournament



2009 State Champs, The Rocky Mountain Rockets (front row, left to right) are Windrunner Eagle, Payne Newman, Trevor Eubanks, Hayden Latta, Rodney Asbill, Christopher Luethje. (back row, left to right) Coach John Mays, Landon Decker, Jake Duncan, Brody Clay, Mason Turman, Cale Mayes, Coach Glen Cone, Heath Bunch, Trey Cone

When the Rocky Mountain Rockets entered the Seminole Jr. College gymnasium on February 27, they came to win. Two days earlier they had defeated Tannehill 52-30 on Thursday and Friday they knocked off Darlington 43-27 at the Earlsboro, OK gym.

Head coach Glen Cone, assisted by Johnny Mays, knew they had their work cut out for them. They now faced Moffit, OK with whom one of their losses was with. They now entered the State ORES with a record of 23-2. They had earlier in the year lost to Marietta and Moffit.

Going into the last few minutes of the game with a record crowd cheering the Rockets on, little did they know that with 5 seconds left in regulation that Landon Deckard would hit a 3 point shot to send the game into overtime. At the end of 4th quarter the score stood 27-27.

As the overtime continued, the score stood at 41-40. With only seconds left, Trevor Eubanks drove with intensity to the basket and was fouled while going up for a shot. With a two shot foul, he hit the first one tying the score at 41-41, sinking the next shot. The crowd on their feet going wild with excitement, as the Rockets became the State Champions for the second straight year.

Rocky Mountain School located nine miles west of Stilwell off of Highway 100 also won the Adair County Championship in 7th and 8th grade Football.

The United Keetoowah Band congratulates Coach Glen Cone who has compiled a record of 46 wins with only nine losses, and to the students for a fine accomplishment. Way to go, and good luck next year!

## Rocky Mountain Lady Rockets win Tournament



The Rocky Mountain Lady Rockets (left to right) are Krista Kent, Charity Proctor, Kaley Teehee, Falon Wright, Michaela Coughman, Destiny Mattox, Nikki Stilwell, Holly Hudson, Haley Eubanks, Callie Mays, on floor Summer Stockton, Kelsey Leach

## 2009 Lady NDN's 3rd-4th Grade Girls Basketball Team



2009 Lady NDN's 3rd-4th Grade Girls Basketball Team are an independent basketball team from Mayes and Delaware counties. The girls would like to thank the parents, grandparents, and friends for supporting them this year.

Back Row: Coact Ed Proctor, Alexia Taylor, Katlin Taylor, Kristen Wacoche, Marissa Richards, Coach Stan Ross

Front Row: Hailey Dry, Nashae Sharp, Sierra Sapp, Teri Dry, Courtney Proctor, Kynze Ross Not Pictured Coach Curtis Dry

## A Letter to the UKB People

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Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this act; and the amount actually expended shall be charged against the Cherokee Nation on account of its lands west of the Arkansas River, an shall be a lien on said lands, and which shall be deducted from any payment hereafter made on account of said lands. The said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be by the Secretary of the Interior distributed per capita, first, among such freedmen and their descendants as are mentioned in the ninth article of the treaty of July nineteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, between the United States and the Cherokee Nation of Indians; second, among the Delaware tribe of Indians incorporated into the Cherokee Nation by the terms of a certain agreement entered into between said Cherokee Nation and Delaware Indians, under the provisions of the fifteenth article of the aforesaid treaty, on the eighth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and approved, respectively, by the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior on the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; and , third, among the Shawnee tribe of Indians incorporated into the Cherokee Nation by the terms of a certain agreement entered into between the said Cherokee Nation and Shawnee Indians, under the provisions of the aforesaid article and treaty, on the seventh day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and approved, respectively, by the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior on the ninth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, in such amount or amounts as will equalize the per capita payment made to Cherokees by blood in accordance with the act of the Cherokee legislature aforesaid, out of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars appropriated by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, aforesaid,

Approved, October 19, 1888.

*Berg Washlife*

## Baren Michael Tehee

Baren Michael Tehee celebrated his first birthday on April 18. His parents are Bobby and Britney Tehee of Tahlequah. His grandparents are Robert and Velma Tehee of Watts, OK and Pam Kindy of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Great grandparents are Bob and Lavonne Tehee of Christy, OK, Louella Teehee of Little Kansas, Brenda Scott of Oklahoma City, OK and Bearl Hunter of Lowell, Arkansas.



## James M. Girty

James M. Girty from Henryetta, OK recently received his Oklahoma Peace Officer Certification. Girty, also a graduate of Henryetta High School, will continue to work as a Deputy Sheriff for Muskogee County. He plans to join the Muskogee Sheriff's Office S.T.O.P. Team, which is the county's version of S.W.A.T.

James is the son of Monroe and Judy Girty of Muskogee, OK.



## Attention Graduates

### Keetoowah News To Feature Graduates in June & July Issues

The Keetoowah News will prepare a special section to honor our graduates in the June & July issues. Kindergarten, Eighth Graders, High School Seniors, those attaining Associate's, Bachelor's, Masters', and Doctorate degrees will be featured.

Please submit a photo, along with information on the student such as hometown, school attended, age, field of study, parents' names, sibling's names, spouse or children if applicable, and grandparents' names. Other information might include future goals, hobbies, special awards and honors. Photos will not be returned.

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