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UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust Named to Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's Assistant Chief Charles Locust has selected to serve on the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. The Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission is charged with the mission of serving as the liaison between Oklahoma's tribal population and governments and the Oklahoma State government. The Commission carries out its duty with the guidance of four statutorily determined goals: the creation of state and federal legislation; the creation of an advisory committee; the development and implementation of research pro-

jects and reports and the development of cooperative programs between tribes and state, federal, local, private entities, health organizations, educational agencies, tourism, and economic

Locust has a broad range of experiences and qualifications that he brings with him....

development entities.

Locust's appointment was confirmed before the Oklahoma State Senate on May 11, 2007. Locust will fill an unexpired term until August 15, 2007 and has been approved for a three year term through August

15, 2010. Oklahoma Senator Jim Wilson, District 3 sponsored the legislation. Since being elected to the position of Assistant Chief of the UKB, Locust has been responsible, along with Chief George Wickliffe and eleven other tribal council members, for beginning an Elder Stipend program that provides a \$200 stipend to all UKB elders twice per year; and increasing the education funding for tribal members attending college to \$1,500 per semester for full time students and \$750 per semester for students taking at least six hours. Other accomplishments of the current administration

including building and child development center, opening a state-of-the-art _____ *Continued on page 3*



Senator Jim Wilson and Assistant Chief Charles Locust

UKB Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center Celebrates First Year Anniversary

As the UKB Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center celebrates its first year anniversary on the 29th of June, due to an innovative director and an experienced staff, the center has been classified as a showplace for other tribes throughout the state and Indian Country. The first year of the program has been a very successful one – the center has been operating in the black since March and is almost at capacity. It is also the largest day care center in Tahlequah. The Keetoowah Cherokee Child

Development Center is headed up by Director Tonya Bryant, and there are 17 paid employees at this time.

This summer, the center will include a "summer camp" for school age children, which will bring the total number of children being served to 120. "The camp will be culturally based, and the children will learn about Keetoowah Cherokee Culture, History, and Language," stated Bryant.

"The United Keetoowah Band CDC is committed to

providing safe, dependable, high quality child care, and is committed to the families we serve, providing support, encouragement and education, as well as, representing professional excellence giving parents peace of mind," said Bryant. "We value the uniqueness of each child we serve, and we strive toward enabling children to reach their potential and equip them to be inquisitive, confident individuals with a positive attitude for learning."

The UKB CDC is named _____

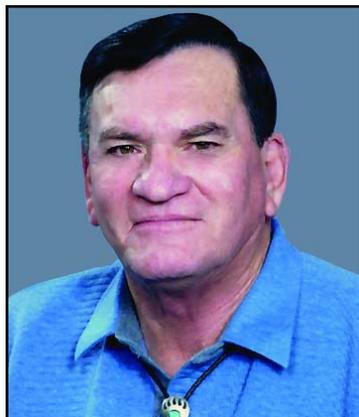
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A Letter to the UKB People

From Chief George Wickliffe

Congress to abolish their government to government relationship with the tribes.

A treaty is a document as powerful as the US Constitution. In Article VI of the US Constitution, it says:

“This constitution, and Laws of the United States which shall be made Pursuant thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution for Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.”

Even the entry-level stu-

Dear Tribal Members,

Federally-recognized tribal governments are in a better position with the United States than ever before. And because of that, I am concerned that the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is trying to break a treaty signed in 1866 with the original Cherokees. It is dangerous to try and break a treaty – it opens doors for the US

dent of Indian Law understands that the only way a Treaty can be changed is through another Treaty, or an Act of Congress. Since the United States no longer makes Treaties with Native Americans, Congressional Action is the only method left.

One of the government functions that was taken away from the Cherokee Nation by the Curtis Act was the right for the tribal citizens to vote for their own leadership. This right was restored, however, in 1970 with the Principal Chief's Act, made by Congress. The Department of the Interior stated in 1971 that there were conditions fundamental to the regulations for the democratic selection of a principal tribal official, “and will be considered to be essential to the approval of any proposed selection regulations.” One of the main conditions cited was “Voter qualifications for the

Choctaw, Seminole, Cherokee and Creek people must be broad enough to include the enrolled Freedmen citizens of the respective nations, together with the descendants of such enrollees.”

The language used in the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, makes the treaties binding. As with other legal documents, decisions and agreements, this becomes binding to all Treaties. The Dancing Rabbit Creek treaty states: “all laws except such as from time to time may be enacted in their own National Councils, not inconsistent with the Constitution Treaties, and Laws of the United States; and except such as may, and which have been enacted by Congress, to the extent that Congress, under the Constitution are required to exercise a legislation over Indian Affairs.” In essence, although Tribes have some self-governance, their laws cannot go against

the United States Constitution.

Tribes have worked hard to hold the United States to the promises made in Treaties. One thing that we Indians have always been able to stand proud and say is, “The United States has broken some treaties with us, but we have broken none.” Unfortunately, if the Smith administration succeeds in their illegal attempt to disenfranchise a class of citizens, we will never be able to say this again. All tribes in the United States will be affected, and will be put into the same category of “treaty breakers.” I fear this for all our Native Americans.

The Smith administration evidently believes itself to have more power than United States Congress by deciding to change the terms of a Treaty on their own, and eliminating citizenship and the right to vote for Freed-

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From The Chief _____ *Continued from page 2*

man descendants. All affect every federally recognized tribe in the United States. Let's leave the language that binds treaties as written because a treaty (all treaties) are BINDING for

To break a treaty will

UKB June '07 Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

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| June 1 | UKB Regular Council Meeting, 1 p.m.
UKB Community Services Building, Tahlequah |
| June 14 | Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw |
| June 14 | Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Meal served at 7 p.m.
Vian UKB Satellite Office |
| June 21 | Delaware District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Oak Hill Community Center |

* No other meeting information available at press time.

UKB July '07 Calendar of Council and Special Meetings

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| July 7 | UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
Tahlequah Community Services Building |
| July 11 | Saline District Meeting, 6 p.m.
Kenwood Community Building |
| July 12 | Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw |
| July 12 | Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Vian UKB Satellite Office |
| July 13 | Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.
Keener Church, Lost City |
| July 15 | Goingsnake District Meeting
10 a.m. Stilwell Satellite Office |

*no other meeting dates available at press time

as long as "the SUN COMES up in the EAST, SETS in the WEST, the GRASS GROWS, and the WATERS FLOW" and because of this language, the U.S. Government is much more likely to NEVER BREAK A TREATY...

BUT LET THE CHEROKEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA BREAK the 1866 treaty and it could open the door for other treaties to be broken. Let's keep our tribal governments', governments to governments relationships with the U.S. GOVERNMENT as written, and keep all our treaties intact.

George Wickliffe

NOTICES

UKB Offices Closed July 4-6

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Tribal Offices will be closed July 4, 5, and 6 for Independence Day. Offices will re-open on Monday, July 9 at 8:30 a.m.

Charles Locust Named _____ *Continued from page 1*

expanding the tribe's gaming operation, breaking ground on a civil defense station and an community center for the elders.

Locust has a broad range of experiences and qualifications that he brings with him to perform the duties of as a member of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. In addition to serving as Assistant Chief of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma for the past two years, Locust currently serves on the Executive Board of the National Congress of the American Indian as the Eastern Oklahoma Alternate.

He has also served in other tribal positions for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. In those instances, he served as Executive Director for Tribal Operations, Executive Director for Housing Authority, Director of Gaming, Program Accountant, Gaming Commission Chairman and in the private sector as President of the Gaming Division for Rocket Gaming. He has a Bachelor's

degree in Social Science, with an emphasis in Business Administration and has (12) hours toward a Masters' in Business Administration.

Locust resides in Stilwell with his wife, Brenda, and their daughter Rozlyn. Locust is very active in Keetoowah Cherokee traditional ceremonies and is a member of the Redbird Smith Nighthawk Keetoowah Ceremonial Grounds. He has learned from the elders, and this has been a driving force in his decision making process. "When we consider the budget cutbacks for Native American programs, I will represent the grass roots people and their needs. These basic needs center around education, health care and jobs. These are the same needs for the small tribes as well as the large tribes," said Locust. "Organizations such as the OIAC and the NCAI help give the small tribes a voice that gets heard. I am honored to serve the United Keetoowah Band, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission and the National Congress of the American Indian."

Child Development Center Celebrates First Year

_____ *Continued from page 1* after a much respected tribal elder. Chief George Wickliffe said, "Henry Lee Doublehead was a leader and tribal councilor for the United Keetoowah Band. He helped write the by-laws of the UKB Constitution and was quoted as saying 'We (the Keetoowah Cherokee) are going to rise and no one can stop us.' He was also committed to the youth, and stressed their importance as future leaders."

The children are broken up into rooms for each age group of children including infants, "mobile infants", 1 year old, 2 year olds, 3 year olds, a 4 year old school readiness program for children ages 4, and the school age children's summer camp and after school care for ages 6-12 year olds. The child development center also cares for eight infants, and there are babies yet to be born already on the waiting list. The baby room has three volunteer "grannies" who help hold, feed and speak Keetoowah Cherokee and care for the little ones. These special volunteers are Carolyn Blackbear, Ida Johnston, and Susie Holt.

The Keetoowah Cherokee CDC accepts UKB, CNO and DHS subsidy payments. For more information, contact Director Tonya Bryant at (918) 431 9998.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

Keetoowah News To Feature Graduates in July Issue

The Keetoowah News will prepare a special section to honor our graduates in the June issue. 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.

Please mail information to The Keetoowah News, PO Box 746, Tahlequah, OK 74465, e-mail, ukbnews@unitedkeetoowahband.org or drop by the office which is located in the UKB Administration Building next door to the Keetoowah Casino located at 2450 S. Muskogee. For more information, call (918) 456-6533.

Elder Assistance Reminder

Turn in completed Elder Assistance applications to the Tribal enrollment office no later than noon on Fridays, beginning June 15, 2007. Checks will be disbursed the following Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. at the UKB Wellness Center. (located north of the UKB Community Services Building. Apply before noon on Friday, August 24. The last day for check disbursement will be August 28.

Traditional Culture Camp Set for July 6 through 8

UKB and the 7 Clans of the Fire organization (formerly known as the "Youth and Elder Camp") have scheduled Friday, July 6 through Sunday, July 8, 2007 for a Traditional Culture Camp to be held on the UKB Cultural Grounds. Info. call 456-9200

Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Program Menu for June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 BREAKFAST 10:30-12:00
4 BROWN BEANS GREENS JALIPENO CORN-BREAD SALAD DESSERT	5 ROAST TURKEY CORNBREAD DRESSING GREEN BEANS SALAD DESSERT	6 FRITO PIE WITH FIXINS SALAD DESSERT	7 STEAK FINGERS MASHED POTATO TOMATO/ZUCCHINI SALAD DESSERT	8 BREAKFAST 10:30-12:00
11 LASAGNA ASPARAGUS GARLIC TOAST SALAD DESSERT	12 CHICKEN STRIPS GREEN BEANS TATOR TOTS BISCUITS SALAD DESSERT	13 PUB BATTERED FISH GALLEY CHIPS COLESLAW HUSHPUPIES	14 CHILI HOMINY CORNBREAD SALAD DESSERT	15 BREAKFAST 10:30-12:00
18 MAC N SMOKIES GREEN BEANS BREADSTICKS SALAD DESSERT	19 HERB BAKED CHICKEN WILD RICE CORN SALAD DESSERT	20 POLISH SAU- SAGE/CABBAGE MASHED POTATO BREADSTICKS SALAD DESSERT	21 SPAGHETTI ASPARAGUS GARLIC TOAST SALAD DESSERT	22 FISHING DAY & HOTDOG ROAST AT THE RIVERPARK
25 CHICKEN KIEV WILD RICE CATALINA VEG. HOT ROLLS SALAD DESSERT	26 GOULOSH MIX VEGGIES BREADSTICKS SALAD DESSERT	27 CULTURAL FOODS DAY	28 CLOSED FOR CLEANING	29 CLOSED



Clothing & School Supply Voucher Program

The United Keetoowah Band Department of Health & Human Services is pleased to announce that we will once again be assisting with school supplies and clothing. DHHS Staff and volunteers will be at the following locations to distribute vouchers:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July		23	24	25	26	27 28
Times are 10 noon to 6 p.m. unless noted	Kenwood School GYM Districts: Saline, Delaware, Cooweescoowee	Stilwell Office Districts: Flint Goingsnake	Tahlequah - Community Services Center Districts: Tahlequah	Sallisaw Gaming Commission Districts: Sequoyah, Illinois	Community Services Center Districts: ALL DISTRICTS	Bacone College Ataloo Lodge District: Canadian 12-3 PM

Eligibility Requirements

Size of Family	Maximum Household Income
2	1650.00
3	2075.00
4	2500.00
5	2925.00
6	3350.00
7	3775.00
8	4200.00

- To Qualify:**
- Child must be an exclusive member of the UKB (Must present card) as of July 1, 2007.
 - Parent/legal guardian must complete application for household.
 - Child must be enrolled in grades K-12 and must provide proof of enrollment on school letterhead.
 - Must meet household income guidelines. Proof of income must be submitted for all household members 18 years and older.
 - No faxes will be allowed.
 - Application must be made in person.
 - Voucher sites are for specific districts. No voucher will be issued from a site for any district not associated with that site.
 - Application must be complete. Incomplete applications will not be honored.
 - No exceptions will be made to the above rules.

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IN OUR CORNER...

FROM: SALINE DISTRICT COUNCILMAN CHARLES SMOKE



Saline District Councilman Charles Smoke, Steve Brownell of the Delaware County Sheriff's office and a K-9 officer.

Our monthly meeting was held May 15, 2007 at the Kenwood Community Center and we had a very large crowd. We had the Salina Police Department and the Delaware County Sheriff's Department and the dangers of Drugs and Alcohol.

the UKB is doing. The officers also brought their K-9 units. The fingerprinting for the kids went very well and lasted longer than expected. We are planning to have other presentations for our monthly meetings. If any tribal members have any suggestions on topics for the meetings, please let me know.

I would like to thank all the people involved for getting this meeting together including Steve Brownell, Blake Bugs Stanley of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office; Ken Guess, Salina Police Department; Laverina Stapleton, UKB Chief's Office. I would also like to thank all the people involved preparing the meal and the community members for attending.

On Tuesday, June 12, we will be recognizing all the 2007 graduates with cake, ice cream and punch at the Kenwood Community Building at 6:00 p.m. We will also discuss the new CDIB program that the UKB Enrollment is offering.



Officers from the Delaware County Sheriff's Office fingerprint youth at the Saline District Meeting



Saline Councilman Charles Smoke introduces Steve Brownell and Blake Bugs Stanley of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.



The winner of the volleyball tournament was Jacob Flynn, Watt Killer, Jennifer Duncan, Lena Fourkiller, Wesley Proctor and Rena Smith.

Flint/Goingsnake District Meeting for May

by Woodrow Proctor & Joyce Fourkiller

We would like to thank everyone who came out for the gospel singing, hog fry, volleyball and horseshoe tournament held at the Stilwell Satellite office on May 19.

We had a very good turn out, with about 200 UKB members and guests including Bobby Leach and Joe Crittenden from the Cherokee Nation. Councilman Proctor encouraged CNO members to get out and vote on June the 23rd.

The get together provided the opportunity to have Flint and Goingsnake District members come and enjoy fellowship with one another. We are pleased to let everyone know what our tribe is doing and the progress we are making for our members. We also talked about the UKB Elderly Assistance Program that will begin again in June.

Special thanks goes out to all the members that helped

out including, Martha Killer, Lucy Wolf, Emma Holmes, Juanita Smith, and Laverina Stapleton. Bryan Mink and George Ross did an excellent job cooking the meat, and a special thanks for a job well done by the emcees Harry Rackliffe and Grover Fourkiller. We would to thank all the gospel singers and musicians who performed. Lots of door prizes were given out and champions of the horseshoe tournament were Dave Killer and his partner Paul Crittenden. Many members commented that they enjoyed the day and would like to do this again.

Wa-Do to all that made it a very great day.





UKB CDIB Cards Available to Children from Birth to Three Years Old

Guidelines to apply:

Cards may be issued to children from birth to three years of age.

At least one parent must be an exclusive member of the United Keetoowah Band

Provide a Birth Certificate for the child with the parent's name on it

Both Keetoowah-Cherokee and Cherokee degrees of blood will be calculated on the child's CDIB card.

For Example: If one parent is Keetoowah and shows 4/4 degree and the other parent is CNO or Eastern Band Cherokee and shows 1/2; that would make the child's degree 3/4.)

NOTE: Documentation required : Stating the child

isn't a member of the Cherokee Nation or any other tribe.

The parent that is not Keetoowah must have an 8 ½ X 11 CDIB to determine child's blood quantum.

Application must be completed and presented with all required documentation to the UKB Registration Specialist in the Enrollment Department.

This CDIB will be solely to provide immediate mem-

bership for a child that has not yet received a CDIB from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office, located at the Cherokee Nation Complex's Registration Dept..

During this three year period, CDIB applications must be completed through the BIA process and proof of application with the BIA. must be presented to UKB Enrollment Department. After three years, the child's UKB CDIB will expire.

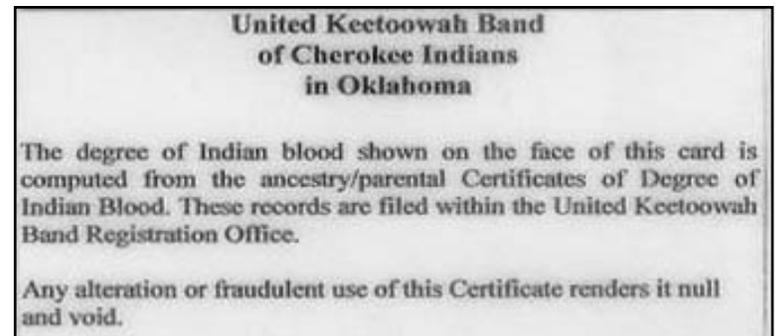


UKB Participates in Language Revitalization Symposium in North Carolina

Chief George Wickliffe was one of the Tribal Leaders who made opening remarks at the 3rd Annual Language Revitalization Symposium Three Nations – One Lan-

guage presented by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Western Carolina University Cherokee Language Program on May 24th and 25th at the Kituwah

Mounds in North Carolina. The theme of the conference was "Preserving Our Memory, Our Lifeways, and Revitalizing Our Language". The goal of the symposium was to bring together community members, fluent speakers, and supporters of the Language Revitalization Initiative from all three of the federally recognized Cherokee tribes to discuss the status of Language. UKB Employees Dora Grayson, Dorothy Powell and Director of Language, History and Culture Director Sammy Still, along with tribal members Sequoyah Guess, and Dallas and Sharon Proctor also attended the conference.



First Baby Issued UKB CDIB is Raini Amyah Smith from Saline District

Raini Amyah Smith is the first baby to be issued the UKB CDIB card. Raini was born February 19, 2007 to Heather Michelle Stapleton & Jeremy Smith. The UKB CDIB program will enable parents to apply for UKB tribal membership for their babies. The wait to obtain a CDIB card from the BIA can take from six months to a year and a half. This program automatically allows infants immediate membership into the UKB.



Chief George Wickliffe, Tribal Elder and Cultural Employee Dora Grayson, Eastern Band Chief Michelle Hicks, and UKB Language Instructor, Dorothy Powell at the Kituwah Mounds during the Language Symposium.



Food Ministry from North Carolina Helps Tahlequah Community Members

A group known as Amazing Grace Ministries came to Tahlequah in April to distribute food, water, clothing and other household items. "We had heard about the ice storms, the power outages and damage done this winter and although we couldn't come right then, we wanted to help," said Larry Ward. Ward and his wife Lucetta, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Tribal members, along with Clarence McRae, Bobby Williams and Skeeter Hindman, made the trip to Tahlequah bringing a large U-Haul Truck filled with supplies..

Amazing Grace Ministries, a 501 c (3) non profit organization, has been in existence for



10 years. "The way this all got started was, my wife and I are also gospel singers, and we were at a little church in Florida, and the people there were really poor. My wife was teaching Sunday School and she was holding a little baby who needed a diaper change. She told the mother, give me a diaper and I will change the baby. The woman replied that she didn't have any more diapers, because her husband didn't get paid for two more days. That broke our hearts, and we wanted to do something to help those in need; the children, the elders and the people. So we set up a non profit organization, and as soon as the word

got out, people started donating goods. We couldn't believe how many people wanted to help," said Ward.

Since that time, the group has delivered food and supplies all over the United States and also has sent food to foreign countries. They have distributed over 42,500 pounds of food. They shipped 166 cases of baby food to Haiti. There have also been worship groups and donations go to Jamaica and Mexico. When they go out of the country, they take a worship team of 12 performers and actors as well as a pastor and they sing, do skits and preach the gospel. "God has opened so many doors for us," said Ward.

The Wards are friends with Leon and Linda Buckhorn, UKB Tribal Members from Tahlequah, and the Buckhorns made arrangements with the UKB to use a shed at the cultural grounds to distribute the donations. The Buckhorns, who also perform gospel music, coordinated a gospel singing while the Amazing Grace Ministries folks were here. They put an announcement on a Tahlequah radio station, and soon people began arriving to pick up carloads and pickup truck loads of goods. The items included soups, beans, spaghetti and sauce, juice, sports drinks, cereal, rice, shoes, clothing, cookies, candy, canned vegetables, hand lotions, and other items to numerous to mention.

UKB Tribal Elder Uiva Tubbs Named Patriot of the Year

United Keetoowah Band Tribal Elder Uiva Tubbs was recognized as Patriot of the Year by the Muskogee Veteran's Hospital. Tubbs volunteers at the hospital and escorts patients who are in wheel chairs to different locations in the hospital. The certificate she was given says, "On behalf of the thousands of hospitalized veterans throughout the United States and our overseas GI's fighting terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Help Hospitalized Veterans organization hereby officially recognizes Uiva Tubbs of Muskogee, Oklahoma for your past kindness, thoughtfulness, constant caring, and unselfish generosity toward worthwhile charitable causes. You are a Hero! Tubbs has also been recognized as an outstanding elder by the United Keetoowah Band. She is retired from the BIA, and also works part time at the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino.

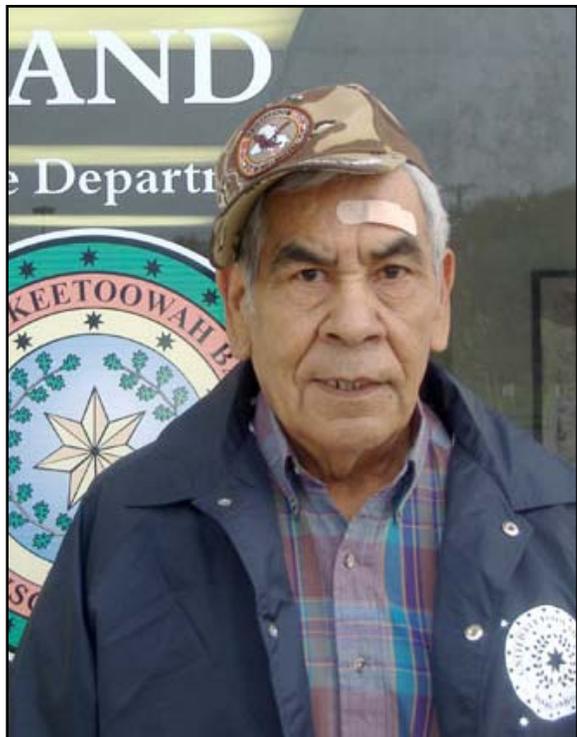


Uiva Tubbs is congratulated by UKB Chief George Wickliffe

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Jackets Awarded for *Appreciation of Service*



UKB Veteran Frank Arneecher and Benny Bush were awarded jackets by the tribe in appreciation for their service to their country.

“We’ve Got Your Game”

The Keetoowah Cherokee Casino will be among the attractions featured in the Tahlequah Tourism Council’s marketing campaign, “We’ve Got Your Game”. In Tahlequah this statement is true on so many levels. Tahlequah is home to two tribal casinos, Northeastern State University’s athletics, the Tahlequah Tigers athletics, the three-time state basketball champions and runners up from Sequoyah High School and all the grade school sports. We have two youth baseball leagues - the Cherokee County Little League and the Boys and Girls Club Baseball League. Tahlequah is home to three golf courses, and there is plenty of wildlife for hunting and fishing in the county. We also have traditional games played here, like stickball, marbles, blowguns and cornstalk shoots.

KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE CASINO PRESENTS

Great **GAS** Giveaway

Win \$3,900 in Gas Cash!

\$100 Hot Seat Drawings Every Hour 10am-10pm

Thursdays
June 14 ♦ June 21 ♦ June 28

RULES: Must be 18 to play. During all Hot Seat drawings, winners will be randomly chosen by computer. Players must be at a machine with credits showing to be eligible. Valid ID will be required to claim prizes. Management reserves the right to change or cancel promotion at any time.

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Local group *Visionary* Nominated for NAMMY Award

A popular local group named Visionary has been nominated for a NAMMY Award. The Annual Native American Music Awards, or NAMMYS, which USA Today urges to “take seriously” and Indian Country Today has called, “Awesome & Incredible” continues to proudly honor the outstanding musical achievements of Native American artists from across the country in over 30 Awards categories.

The NAMMYS event is not just about entertainment. It was launched in January 1998 as the first and only national Awards show in the world honoring Native American and Aboriginal music initiatives. Founded by music Industry veteran Ellen Bello, the Native American Music Awards was born out of a need to provide greater opportunity and recognition for traditional and contemporary Native American musicians.

Visionary is an eight-member band of primarily Keetoowah, Cherokee, Creek, Ponca and Kaw Nations tribal members.. In the last 12 years, through the diligence and support of family, friends, and spiritual mentors Visionary has been established on the sound word of God. Visionary is dedicated to expressing the good news of Jesus Christ through their music they are drawn to reservations and tribes across the U.S. and Canada. Such as New Mexico, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Dakota and Michigan hosted by various Native American churches. Not just a band but also a family of whom the majority have been raised in the music ministry in area native churches since childhood. As adults, they have no other desire than to actively pursue the calling God has placed before them, to be examples before all men. Their ministry combines music and word to both the young and old. Their Blues and 70’s Rock style feature messages in their music that have changed their lives. They believe they are strong people because of the strength they have received from Christ.

“Being nominated for a NAMMY is an outstanding honor and Visionary has received two nominations; Debut Duo/Group and Gospel. You may vote for the band on the internet by going to www.nativeamericanmusicawards.com click on voting, then click on www.nativevote.com Register at bottom of page, and after registering, log in and start voting.



Visionary (from right to left) consists of William Douglas Bryant (rhythm/lead guitarist), Tonya Bryant (vocalist) UKB Child Development Center Director, Kristin Bryant (hand percussions), Denise Rooster (vocalist) who works for the United Keetoowah Band CCDF Program, Dobson Rooster (bass guitarist), Amy Carey (vocalist) and Paul Carey (drums) Jordan Rooster (drums, not pictured)



“Celebrating our Progress through 179 years of Tradition” is the theme for 57th Annual Keetoowah Celebration

Planning has begun for the 57th Annual Keetoowah Celebration scheduled for October 5 and 6.. This years' theme for the celebration will be “Celebrating our Progress through 179 years of Tradition”. The Keetoowahs relocated to Tahlequah 179 years ago from Arkansas when they

signed the Treaty of 1828, which ceded their lands in Arkansas. The Keetoowahs Cherokee are the traditional Cherokee people.

Events featured during the Celebration will include a parade, Chief's State of the Nation Address, free traditional meal, gospel singings, children's activi-

ties and a Pow Wow. There will be a number of athletic competitions including traditional games such as marbles, blowgun competition, corn stalk shoots, and stick ball. There will also be a three on three basketball competition, and horse-shoes and volleyball tournaments. Kids will com-

pete with their turtles in Turtle Races as well as a kid's fishing derby.

The Jr. and Miss Keetoowah Pageant will be held on September 20. More information will be forthcoming in future issues of the Keetoowah News and in your local newspapers.



HEY KIDS, GET YOUR TURTLES READY!

July 2007 21st Anniversary Celebration

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 FREE Popcorn Machines begin dispensing promo tix	2 FREE Ice Cream @ 2pm; 5pm; 8pm 	3 Hot Seat Drawings for Fireworks every half hour from 6-10pm 	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY 	5 Weekly Drawings for \$100 @ 9am; 1pm; 4pm; 8pm w/ double bonus for t-shirt	6 FREE Popcorn 	7 FREE Popcorn Super 7 Saturday drawings @ 12:07pm-7:07pm w/ bonus of Jumbo Dice roll
8 FREE Popcorn 	9	10 FREE Ice Cream @ 2pm; 5pm; 8pm 	11	12 Weekly Drawings for \$100 @ 9am; 1pm; 4pm; 8pm w/ double bonus for t-shirt	13 FREE Popcorn 	14 FREE Popcorn 8pm Diamond Game drawing for HDTV
15 FREE Popcorn 	16	17 	18 FREE Ice Cream @ 2pm; 5pm; 8pm FREE Birthday Cake @ 2pm	19 Weekly Drawings for \$100 @ 9am; 1pm; 4pm; 8pm w/ double bonus for t-shirt	20 FREE Popcorn 	21 FREE Popcorn
22 FREE Popcorn 	23	24	25 FREE Ice Cream @ 2pm; 5pm; 8pm	26 Weekly Drawings for \$100 @ 9am; 1pm; 4pm; 8pm w/ double bonus for t-shirt	27 FREE Popcorn 	28 FREE Popcorn
29 FREE Popcorn 	30 	31 7pm Grand Prize Drawing for Las Vegas Trip 				

All promotions shown are subject to change. Please call 456-6131 to verify dates and times.

UKB Regular Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
April 07, 2007
10:08 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Rev. Liz Little-dave

III. Roll Call: 9 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared. (S. Wofford, C. Wofford and Smoke absent)

IV. Chief's Address

Last Thursday Council held meeting in reference to review of UKB Constitution, By-Laws and Charter; this meeting included IHS Personnel, namely Ed McLemore, CEO WW Hastings Hospital, Captain Gloria Holder, Director of Contract Health Services from OK City and Elaine Pearson, Nurse Case Manager also from OK City. (We have already received an initial report from Captain Holder on subjects of concern of health services discussed in last Thursday's meeting.

Cases presented have been looked into and some action has already been taken. Discussion included how at times medical services through Contract Health required a "blue card" (CNO citizenship card).

It was stated Hastings Hospital's department of Contract Health Services was funded from CNO money, therefore; if so, then a blue card would be required.

When Federal money was involved then every UKB member must receive medical services and services cannot be denied to UKB or to any person who has a CDIB card.

Some services are offered by both UKB and CNO such as eyeglasses or dentures, therefore; the UKB member can receive such needs from the UKB. In this type of case no Federal money is involved.

UKB continues to work on programs where we can support ourselves but the only way

to do more than what we are doing now is to make sure there is money coming in to the tribe. Currently we have three sources of money; federal money, motor fuels money and Casino money.

The casino is the main source of money for the UKB.

We now have our EDA (Economic Development Authority) and such is empowered by our Corporate Charter.

We have our By-Laws which states how our government is organized. These By-Laws were adopted in 1950 when we were approved for federal recognition. There have been many changes since 1950. If you're going to do business in today's time, which allows business opportunities, employment opportunities for UKB members, etc. changes must be made in the By-Laws.

UKB hiring procedure is: position is first offered to in-house personnel, then UKB members outside of current employees. Decisions on hiring are based on specified job description and qualifications. If a UKB member qualifies for a job they will be hired but if a Keetoowah cannot be found for the job then the job opens to Native Americans then to the general public. We try to ensure the person who is hired with the UKB is one who is the most qualified.

All job applications are handled through the Human Resources office. The Chief is not involved in the hiring of employees, however; he (Chief) is involved in the daily operations of the tribe.

The UKB is now a multi-million dollar operation. CNO is constantly trying to block any actions by the UKB.

We won the Arkansas Riverbed appeal. That doesn't mean we won the case, it means we go back to court or a settlement will be negotiated. CNO might try other tactics to interfere.

Our EDA (Economic Development Authority) referred to as 8A is a program that looks for jobs and opportunities for businesses.

Presently we have a project for

business and job opportunities which will begin in June. All details are not ready to be announced. This is a result of the EDA. This opportunity was at no cost to the UKB. This project is health related. This will allow the UKB to realize a big income resource.

We continue to search for other business opportunities but our hands are tied because 57 years ago the emphasis was on protecting restricted lands but today if an individual owes restricted lands that land is controlled by CNO. The individual or the UKB cannot use this land as they want but CNO can. (Previously when UKB had smoke-shops, CNO raided and closed these shops because CNO said the UKB didn't own the land when the UKB smoke-shops were located.)

The UKB owns much land in small pieces but because of the way the UKB Corporate Charter is written, we can't sell the land but must pay taxes on these lands. These lands are fee-simple and not restricted land.

We could purchase property in the Ft. Smith area and build 60 homes for sale and make money on the sale of these homes but we can't do this because our Corporate Charter doesn't allow us to sell land.

The Corporate Charter is believed to mean Restricted Land cannot be sold but the wording in the Charter sometimes contradicts itself.

The EDA has opened the opportunity to build and sell at least as a test case. The current wording in the Charter has tied our hands in buying, building and selling. For this type reason, there needs to be a good and careful review of the contents of the UKB By-Laws and Corporate Charter. Being an Indian is not just looking at the casinos but it is about looking for jobs, whatever the opportunity allows.

The UKB has made much progress. We have our lobbying group and our attorneys working in Washington. We still have litigation pending and today Washington does know who the UKB is.

Our enrollment has increased. We still require a ¼ degree Keetoowah-Cherokee blood and it is believed the Eastern band is set at 1/16 degree Cherokee Indian blood. It is harder to join the UKB and this is the way our elders wanted it. They wanted us to serve our people.

The elders wanted the children taken care of. This included education of the children and making opportunities for their employment.

The main focus is: make decisions for the UKB membership.

**Littledave: commented on contacts with Captain Gloria Holder, IHS Director of Contract Health. Ms. Holder is listening to UKB IHS concerns and she apologized for this situation having taken 25 years for her to become aware. Ms. Holder stated and wrote in her report, the cases discussed last Thursday were all found to be listed with Cherokee Nation as being CNO citizens which is not true. Ms. Holder stated, "something is terribly wrong."

V. Approval of the minutes for March 2007

1. MOTION by Barry Dotson, to approve the March Council minutes; **SECONDED** by Eddie Sacks; **VOTE:** 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions (C. Wofford).

VI. Presentations

Barbara Girty: asked #1 be tabled because the Education Committee had not had a meeting for the month of April.

Eddie Sacks: reported on March 30th meeting with CNO Rules Committee.

Discussed agenda items for the joint Council meeting with UKB and CNO

There was no discussion on whether or not they should accept UKB agenda items. Meeting focused on CNO's agenda items they would submit.

CNO agreed to a Joint Council meeting on the 1st Saturday in June (June 2nd) at 10:00AM

at the Cherokee Heritage Center.

Eddie's asked about moving the Regular UKB Council Meeting from June 2nd in order to accommodate the date of this Joint Council Meeting.

Woodrow Proctor: schedule a meeting of UKB Council before the meeting with CNO to lay out the plan of discussion for the Joint Council Meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Cara Cowan-Watts (CNO) wanted to postpone this Joint Meeting until after the CNO Election had taken place but this was kind of ignored.

Dianne Hammons (CNO) advised that the Committee reject this joint meeting on the bases, she claimed, there were four law suits where UKB was engaged with CNO (There are no law suits involving CNO). She advised how the UKB might pull some tricks and encumber CNO.

Todd Hembree (CNO) stated he had read the UKB Constitution and he said there was no way one governing body can encumber another governing body.

Dianne Hammons stated in order to have a Joint Council Meeting their Chief had to sign off/approve such. (It appeared Ms. Hammon will advise her Chief to refuse to sign off on a joint meeting with the UKB) Cara Cowan-Watts said, "we can call the meeting a Rules Committee Meeting because it's the same people."

Eddie Sacks informed: no, the UKB resolution called for a Joint Council Meeting with CNO and not a meeting with the Rules Committee. He stated if Chad Smith had to sign off on this joint meeting then do so, if he doesn't sign off on this it will not be recorded as a Joint Council Meeting.

Chuck Haskins (CNO) said we must recognize we are cousins.

Eddie Sacks responded, "No, I don't agree with you. We're brothers and sisters." We have the same blood. We have UKB and CNO people in the same homes. Eddie stated all this is



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about brotherhood not Keetoowah and Cherokee Nation.

Charles Locust: the UKB is not out to hurt CNO. We are only out to take care of our people, that is the Indian way.

Woodrow Proctor: let us do what is good for the people. UKB is taking the first step in an attempt to get all three tribes together.

Barry Dotson: he believed some CNO Council Members will act in the best interest of all Cherokees.

Chief Wickliffe: we can work with the majority of CNO people but there are some decision makers who cause the problem with the UKB and CNO. It is important to attempt to bring the three Cherokee tribes together in a Council Meeting.

MOTION by Charles Locust to move the UKB June Meeting to June 1st at 1:00 PM in the Council room in order to accommodate a Joint Council with CNO on June 2, 2007; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Chief Wickliffe: at the UKB June Council Meeting, detailed discussion on approach relating to Joint Council Meeting with CNO will be in Executive Session.

VII. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Enrollment Committee
MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve 31 new applications for Tribal Membership in the UKB; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

An example of the CDIB Card which will be issued by the UKB was presented to each Council member.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge and honor 5 requests for relinquishment of membership from UKB enrollment; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Woodrow Proctor: requested an update of the number of all tribal members from each dis-

trict. He questioned deleting the deceased from the membership list. The procedure for such deletion of names required specific documents was explained by Liz Little-dave. Woodrow's request for an updated membership list will be presented to each Council member at June's Council Meeting.

Albert Shade: referred to Departmental reports and inquired of the positions for the Education Director and Federal Programs Director in reference to if these positions had been filled. He also asked of the employment status of a particular employee.

Chief Wickliffe: informed the Education and Federal Director positions had not been filled and he stated personnel should not be discussed at this time.

VIII. Public Forum

Joann Tidwell: reminded Council of her request for copies of resolutions, etc. of which she had not received. It was explained how is policy relating to such is receiving attention and a proposal of such a policy would be prepared and submitted to Council for decision on a procedure for release of copies of such documents.

Barry Dotson: inquired if there was any program available for persons who were in lay-off status/limited temporary workers such as school bus drivers. This inquiry was referred to Tim Good Voice who reported presently there was no program to assist with financial needs in such situations but funds are being searched for relating to similar situations.

IX. Unfinished Business = None

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to move item # X.1 to be last on the agenda; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the adoption of a Tribal Historic Preserva-

tion Compliance Policy to adhere to federal regulations and laws; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (S. Wofford not available at vote).

**NOTE: Lisa Stopp explained this compliance is not for Historic Preservation but is for other departments such as Roads or any kind of ground disturbance project on either federal or fee-simple land and federal money is involved.

3. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the increase of the budget of the UKB Election Board by \$28,453.00; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention (S. Wofford not available at vote).

4. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the increase of the Lighthouse budget by \$10,000.00; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (S. Wofford not available at vote).

5. MOTION by Albert Shade to table item #5, RE: amendments to no longer require Secretarial approval for Constitutional Amendments until July 7th Council Meeting; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Ken Bellard: stated he would coordinate with Bill Rice about item #6.

6. MOTION by Albert Shade to table item #6 until July 7th Council Meeting to allow District Constituents input on the Review of the UKB Constitution, By-Laws and Corporate Charter; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention.

7. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve submission of an application to the Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$800,000.00 and to leverage this amount with tribal land and administrative resources for the purpose of construction of a Multi-Purpose Cultural Center and Museum; SEC-

ONDED by Barry Dotson (this is a non-matching grant); VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention.

8. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the submission of application to the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Market Promotion Programs for the Untied Keetoowah Band in the amount of \$75,000.00; SECONDED by Barry Dotson (this is a non-matching grant); VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

9. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the submission of an application to the Department of Education Office of Vocational and Adult Education for a Native American Career and Technical Education Program Project for the United Keetoowah Band in the amount of \$300,000.00; SECONDED by Barry Dotson (this is a non-matching grant); VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Albert Shade to approve the Establishment of a Political Action Committee (PAC) for the tribe with funding contingent upon availability and approval by the Budget and Finance Committee and at officers discretion; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (C. Wofford not available at vote).

**Barry Dotson announced Mr. Calvin McCoy, a UKB member, had expertise in the BIA, Construction, surplus government equipment etc. and was willing to check into this for the UKB.

Chief Wickliffe: referred Mr. McCoy to Tim GoodVoice relating to this matter.

(Agenda item #1 was moved to last item on the agenda earlier by Council vote)

MOTION by Barry Dotson to enter into Executive Session for discussion with AG Ken Bellard in attendance regarding new Bank Account at Bank of Cherokee County titled Rural Development Reserve account; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Time 2:08PM) MOTION by Eddie Sacks to

exit from Executive Session and return to Regular Council Meeting Session; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (S. Wofford not available for vote) (Time 2:52 PM)

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve AG Ken Bellard to prepare a letter stating how individual Phil Givens is not an employee or a representative of the UKB and has no official capacity with the UKB; SECONDED by Albert Shade; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Ken Bellard: said a letter will be drafted for Chief Wickliffe's signature, clarifying Mr. Phil Givens' lack of capacity as a representative of the UKB.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor the chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee investigate the proposed Rural Development bank account regarding item X, 1 and report findings to the Budget and Finance Committee which will then be reported to the Council at the May 2007 Council Meeting; SECONDED by Albert Shade; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Woodrow Proctor: inquired as to any participation of the Strawberry Festival Parade by the UKB.

Chief Wickliffe responded: there would be something of the UKB at this event.

XI. Announcements

Charles Locust reported: FEMA only reimbursed the UKB approximately 25% of cost for the blizzard situation cost. Counties are receiving FEMA funds because the counties say, they didn't ask for our help

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Barry Dotson, SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 3:05 PM



Mrs. Lala Beach's class of 4 year olds school readiness classroom play with a parachute.



Terrapin Infant Room: Ms. Pamela Birmelin with Sarah, Xander playing in the middle of the floor, Adam looking out the window, Ms. Linda holds Jaylyn.



Opposum Room: Ms. Shannon Tiger Classroom L to R; Corbin, Cvto, Johnathan, Keaton, Jaya and Allyson



Ms. Lala Beach's 4 year old classroom enjoy time on the playground in their own little house. L to R: Tobias, Rance, Sasha, Jobie, Jacob, Jeriah, Kaeden, Mark, Noah, Jaylee & Samantha



Trinity, enjoys playing outside at the Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center



Chief George Wickliffe and members of the UKB Tribal Council ride in the Stilwell Strawberry Festival Parade.



Keetoowah Cherokee Casino also had a float in the Stilwell Strawberry Festival Parade