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Chief George Wickliffe Inducted into the Sequoyah Hall of Fame

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's Chief George Wickliffe, was inducted into the Sequoyah Hall of Fame, along with one other recipient, Dewayne Marshall, at the Annual Sequoyah Alumni Reunion in Tahlequah, May 4 - 6, 2012.

The Sequoyah Hall of Fame is an affiliation of the Sequoyah Alumni Association and established for the sole purpose of recognizing and honoring outstanding achievements of former Sequoyah students and employees. Individuals are selected for contributions that promoted and supported the advancement of Sequoyah High School and /or Indian people or communities and personal achievements and honors.

Former students or persons who were employed at Sequoyah Indian School (Sequoyah High School) are eligible for nomination to the Sequoyah Alumni Association Hall of Fame. Each nomination, (candidate) must have an outstanding and commendable record of service to Indian people, Indian tribes, Indian communities, or representative of Indian country.

Record of services may be in an area of Indian Affairs, Indian community public service, education, science, medicine, law, law enforcement, military service, business, religion, social services, athletic achievement or other recognized and honorable service. Recognition and honor may be made posthumously.

Chief Wickliffe was given this prestigious award and inducted into the Hall of Fame on May 5, 2012. The certificate has a picture of Sequoyah and the years the school has been in service, from 1872-2012. His certificate states,

"Mr. George Wickliffe, Chief of the Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, is an alumnus of Sequoyah High School and Northeastern State University. Mr. George Wickliffe experienced an extremely, highly successful career with the Oklahoma public school system, serving as an education instructor, high school principal, high school coach, public school superintendent and Cherokee language instructor. Mr. George Wickliffe began his highly successful career with the Oklahoma public school system in 1967 and retired thirty two years later in 1999. Mr. Wickliffe's public school career brought specific recognition and many awards and provided Mr. Wickliffe with the opportunity to serve and meet the education needs of many Indian youth and to serve and promote the advancement of Indian communities. Mr. George Wickliffe experienced a long career and advanced the lives and well being of many Indian people.

Mr. George Wickliffe is Recognized and Honored for His Exceptional Career, Personal Accomplishments, and is Honorably Inducted into the Sequoyah Alumni Association Hall of Fame."

After retiring from education, Wickliffe focused his attention on tribal history and leadership in the UKB.

"Chief Wickliffe received this award for his many contributions to education, and he has also made many more contributions to the Keetoowah Cherokee people, as Chief of the UKB for the past seven and a half years. His contributions to the



President of the Sequoyah High School alumni association, Roberta Gibson and Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Chief Baker present United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians Chief Wickliffe with his 2012 SAA Hall of Fame certificate presented to him at this year's Sequoyah Alumni Association banquet. Special Photo

Keetoowah Cherokees alone would qualify him for such an award," said Sammy Still, UKB Public Information Officer.

The certificate was signed by the newly elected officers of the Alumni Association, President, Roberta S. Gibson, Vice-President, Ruby Martin, Secretary, Wauneta Duvall and Treasurer, Leah Jack. Other SAA Board Members include Polly Teehee, Lois Speaks, Forman Ross and Cleo Simon.

The other inductee, Mr. Dewayne Marshall, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma was given the award for having a positive and professional impact on Sequoyah Schools as a member of the Board of Education. He also helped secure land and funds for the construction of a community center in Tailholt, as well as installation of a new community waterline system, among other contributions.

The induction occurred at the Sequoyah Alumni Association banquet. Each inductee was awarded an individual certificate noting that he/she has been inducted into the Sequoyah Alumni Association Hall of Fame. The inductee's name will be engraved on a large plaque. The plaque is permanently installed on the Hall of Fame wall at the Sequoyah High School.

The weekend's events began on Friday, May 4, with a silent auction and social from 5 until 10 p.m. in the Cherokee Nation community room, located directly behind the Restaurant of the Cherokees.

Saturday morning began with a golf tournament on at the Cherokee Trails Golf Course and at lunchtime, the alumni hosted a pot luck picnic followed by the annual business meeting in the Sequoyah school's academic building. At the

business meeting, the new officers were elected. A powwow was also held with afternoon dances from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and featured the grand entry beginning at 7 p.m.

Saturday night included the 67th Annual Homecoming Banquet held at the Sequoyah High School cafeteria. The banquet was followed by a dance at the American Legion, as well as a social at Tahlequah Motor Lodge. The alumni reunion wrapped up on Sunday with a breakfast in the Sequoyah School's cafeteria.

For more information on the Sequoyah Alumni Association or the reunion, contact Charles Cochran by e-mail at cdcochran@hotmail.com or Gibson at robertagibson43@hotmail.com or call 918-756-1638.

Sequoyah Schools, a boarding school for Native American students, originated in 1871 as an orphan asylum to care for children who were orphaned by the Civil War. Now known as Sequoyah Schools, it is named for Sequoyah, the scholar who developed the Cherokee syllabary. The school is regionally and state accredited and has become the school of choice for many Native American high school students every year. Sequoyah Schools is located five miles southwest of Tahlequah, Okla. For more information about the school, call 918-453-5400.

By Marilyn Craig UKB Media Specialist

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UKB Council approves amended election ordinances

The United Keetoowah Band tribal council met May 5 for its monthly meeting.

Georgia Dick, grants writer, requested permission to submit a grant application for Fiscal Year 2012 to the Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration Tribal Transit Program for services to tribal members. The request was approved unanimously.

Next, the council voted on new members and relinquishments in two separate resolutions. Both passed with eleven votes for and Barry Dotson, Sequoyah District representative, voting against.

Ken Bellmard, UKB attorney general, presented the proposed election ordinance with several changes.

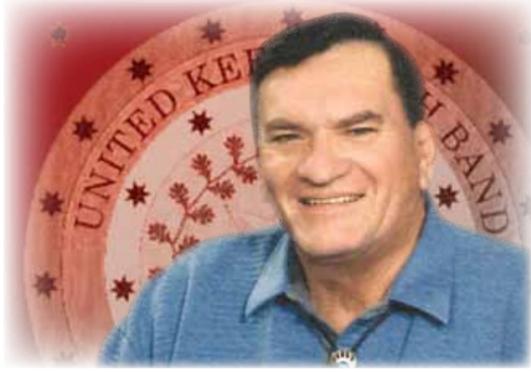
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The Keetoowah Cherokee Casino has been in operation for more than 25 years. The Casino began as a Bingo Hall, one of the first in the state of Oklahoma, later adding Class II electronic games. Photo by Lindsey Bark

A Letter to the UKB People

From Chief George Wickliffe



Brief History of the Keetoowah Cherokee People

The history of the Keetoowah Cherokee People dates back to a time immemorial. In fact, the Keetoowah Cherokee People are the original Cherokee Indian people.

The Keetoowah and God

The Keetoowah Cherokee Indians' first contact with God happened during prehistoric time with a method similar to what God used at Mount Sinai. Both, the event with God involving Moses and the event with God involving the Keetoowah Cherokee people, happened during prehistoric time, which means there are no exact recorded times found. (Only God knows).

According to tradition, God met Moses at Mount Sinai. Also, according to tradition, God's first contact with the Keetoowah Cherokee happened at Clingman Mountain. Today, it is called Clingmans Dome near Bryson City, NC.

At Clingman Mountain, God introduced himself by his name, Yee-Hoe-Wah, his personal name. (This name has the same consonants as the personal name of God in the Hebrew Bible). In introducing himself, God used thunder and lightning as he used at Mount Sinai when he gave Moses the Ten Commandments.

After setting a cedar bush on fire, God told the Keetoowah Cherokee, "By this fire, you will worship me." Next, he laid out the plans of how their worship grounds would be organized for religious purposes.

God, then said "The smoke from the fire will send me signals that you are worshipping me, and you shall be called Gah-due-wah people." God gave us our name. Today, the name is often

written as "Keetoowah."

The Keetoowah Constitutions

Our ancestors spoke about the earliest Keetoowah Cherokees' relationship with God. This is the reason for God mentioned in the earliest Keetoowah constitution.

The earliest constitution was approved by the United States on April 29, 1859 and is entitled, "Keetoowah Laws, April 29, 1859." Then, later, in 1889, amendments to the 1859 constitution were made. Finally, in 1950, the Keetoowah Cherokee people received their federal recognition under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, which is a federal law.

One reason Native Americans did not write agreements and/or constitutions with the United States [U.S.] was because the U.S. did not create the office of the Interior Department until 1849. The creation of the office gave the Keetoowah Cherokee people the opportunity to write agreements with the United States which resulted into the 1859 and 1889 Constitutions. Later, the Keetoowah Cherokee people received their Federal recognition and their Federal charter under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act on October 3, 1950.

In conclusion, a broader history follows.

The Traditional Keetoowah

Keetoowah Cherokees have always been known to be the most traditional and conservative of the Cherokee, holding on to the old ways of the full-blood Cherokee. Legends say if these ways ever discontinue the Cherokee will be no more. Contemporary Kituwah spiritual leaders say that the people themselves will not die physically, but it will mean they will be the same as the non-Indian.

"The Sacred Fire of the Keetoowah is said to have burned since the morning of creation. Keetoowah are the keepers of Cherokee tradition," said Cherokee Senator George Waters from Vian (Keetoowah-The Eternal Fire, Maggie Culver Fry, Oklahoma Today Magazine, Vol. 14, 1964)

The Kituwah People originally lived in the southeastern part of the present-day United States, on lands forming present-day Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia and Mississippi. Archeologists say Keetoowah Cherokee families began migrating to a new home in Arkansas by the late 1790s (ATU Research Station, University of Arkansas).

In 1808, a delegation of Cherokees from the upper and lower towns of the Cherokee Nation of Indians went to Washington, D.C., to in-

form the president of the United States that not all Cherokee people wanted to pursue what was deemed a "civilized" life. The delegation requested the president divide the upper towns, whose people wanted to establish a regular government, from the lower towns, who wanted to continue living traditionally.

On January 9, 1809, the president allowed the lower towns to send an exploring party to find suitable lands on the Arkansas and White Rivers. Seven of the most trusted men explored locations both in what is now Western Arkansas and North-eastern Oklahoma. The people of the lower towns desired to remove across the Mississippi to this area, onto vacant lands within the U.S., so they might continue the traditional Cherokee life.

The Keetoowah in present-day Arkansas

In 1817, the U.S. ceded such lands to the Kituwah people, also known as Old Settlers, in exchange for a portion of the Cherokee lands they had occupied and were entitled to in the East.

As many as 4,000 Kituwah Old Settlers came (ATU Research Station, University of Arkansas). The Treaty of 1817 with the U.S. exchanged lands back East for lands in Arkansas. This gained the Keetoowah a definite title to a territory - what is called today a "Land Base."

By 1828, dissatisfied with their lands on the Arkansas and White Rivers, partly due to encroachment by white settlers, the Kituwah people entered into a treaty with the U.S. to move onto lands farther west.

The Keetoowah in Indian Territory

This treaty granted the "Old Settlers" seven million acres of land running along the Arkansas, Canadian and Grand Rivers. They were also given a perpetual outlet West, as far as the sovereignty of the U.S. extended. After this move, the Old Settlers were also referred to as the Western Cherokee.

By the Treaty of 1828, the Keetoowah moved to Indian Territory in Oklahoma 10 years prior to the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation of Indians. During that same year, the Keetoowah adopted their own written constitution.

In that same year John Ross became chief

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Apology to the Wolf Family

The staff of the Gaduwa Cherokee News would like to extend their deepest and most sincere apology to the Wolf family for publishing an obituary without their knowledge. This action was in no way intentional or out of disrespect towards the family and their relatives. In the future, the staff will be more considerate when serving the needs and feelings of a family in time of loss.

Sincerely,
Sammy Still
Editor

Notice of Office Closings

Tribal Offices Closed for Independence Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's tribal offices will be closed July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th for Independence Day. Offices will re-open on Thursday, July 5th.

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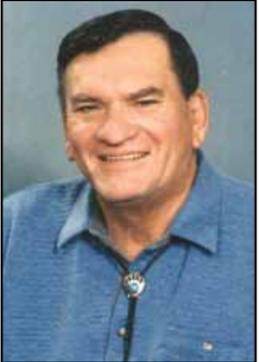
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United Nation's Special Rapporteur Holds Consultation with Tribal Leaders

The United Nations' Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Professor James Anaya, held a consultation with tribal leaders at the University of Tulsa May 3.

TU's College of Law and its Native American Law Center hosted the event at the Allen Chapman Activity Center starting at 8 a.m. and running until noon.

According to TU's website, the aim of the special rapporteur's visit to the United States was to examine the human rights situation of the indigenous peoples of the United States, especially in the areas of self-governance, social development, cultural development, economic development, etc.

Each tribal leader or delegation was given 10 minutes to make a presentation to the special rapporteur.

For the United Keetoowah Band, Chief Wickliffe represented the tribe by giving an oral history of the tribe from the time before the Old Settlers or Western Cherokees made a treaty with the U.S. government to move to Arkansas and, then later, into what is now Oklahoma. He, also, spoke of the tribe's 1/4 degree blood quantum and how at least half of the tribe speaks the Keetoowah Cherokee language with some of those speaking English only as a second language.

With time running out, Chief Wickliffe made the panel aware of the tribe's various treaties the UKB has with the United States. He thanked



United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Chief Wickliffe gave a 10 minute oral presentation on the UKB tribe to Professor James Anaya, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Photo by Thomas Jordan

the Anaya and the staff for allowing him to make his presentation.

Along with the oral presentation, each tribe was allowed to submit a written presentation and any other documents to Bill Rice, TU law professor, to be attached to the testimony.

Chief Wickliffe submitted documents such as the tribe's history, constitution, corporate charter, etc.

According to TU's website, these docu-

ments along with the testimony will be part of the special rapporteur's assessment in how the United States is complying with the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which it endorsed in 2010. The report will include recommendations to the United States, indigenous governing bodies and, possibly, other interested parties on how to address issues of ongoing concern to the indigenous peoples of the United States.

Attention Graduates

The Gaduwa Cherokee News to Feature Graduates in July Issue

The Gaduwa Cherokee News will prepare a special section to honor our graduates in the July issue. Kindergarten, Eighth Graders, High School Seniors, those attaining Associates, Bachelors, 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 graduate information to The Gaduwa Cherokee News, PO Box 746, Tahlequah, OK 74465, e-mail, mccraig@unitedkeetoowahband.org or drop by the office which is located in the UKB Community Services Building Annex located at Keetoowah Circle off West Willis Rd. For more information, call (918) 456-6533.

UKB June 2012 Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

- June 2 UKB Regular Council Meeting**, 10 a.m.
UKB Community Services Building
- June 8 Tahlequah District Meeting**, 6 p.m.
Keener Baptist Church
- June 14 Illinois District Meeting**, 6 p.m.
Vian Satellite Office
- June 14 Sequoyah District Meeting**, 5:30 p.m.
Sallisaw Satellite Office
- June 14 Flint/Goingsnake Districts Meeting**, 6 p.m.
Stilwell Satellite Office
- June 16 UKB Elder Committee Meeting**, 10 a.m.
UKB Community Services Building

All Tribal Elders Welcome at Monthly UKB Elder Committee Meetings

United Keetoowah Band Elders are invited to attend the monthly UKB Elder Committee meetings, held on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the UKB Community Services Building Conference Room in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

The UKB Elder Committee formed in May 2007 as an Advisory Committee to the Chief to find ways to strengthen UKB. The purpose of the elder committee is to inform, to recommend and/or advise the council of elder issues and concerns.

The Elder committee consists of six members and two alternates. Two members are tribal council members. The Chairman is Former Chief John Hair; Vice Chairman is Eddie Sacks, tribal councilor from the Canadian District; Secretary Lois Fuller; Betty Holcomb, tribal councilor from the Tahlequah District; Dora Grayson, and Robert Whitekiller. The two alternates are Juanita McCarter and Dorothy Ice.

Brief History of the Keetoowah Cherokee people

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of the Cherokee Nation of Indians. This was 11 years after the Keetoowah or Old Settlers, left the Old Nation for lands in Arkansas.

Ross did everything he could to not move his people west. This eventually led to the Trail of Tears.

The Keetoowah in Contemporary Times

Today, the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribe is more than 16,000 strong and remains the most traditional of the Cherokee tribes. They still take special care of their youth and their elders, speak their native tongue, remember their past, and keep their culture alive, which has always been the way of the original Cherokee people.

Some of the reasons why there are almost 16,000 Keetoowah today:

- A-ni-gi-du-wa-gi. Plural for all Keetoowah Cherokee People (in the Cherokee language). The Creator gave us the name, and said, "From this day forward, you will be known as Keetoowah people."
- Blood quantum. UKB membership is limited to those who have provable (within UKB guidelines) 1/4 or more Cherokee blood. UKB respects and addresses issues and needs which are unique to those who are in this minority.
- Traditional values. The Keetoowah have historically stood up for the preservation and continuation of Cherokee traditions, many times sacrificing themselves, their families, and their lives to ensure that their children would remain part of the Keetoowah culture.

- Self-sufficiency and non-dependence on other governmental programs. Twenty-five out of 34 UKB programs are self-sufficient – funded solely by tribally-generated funds.
- Language that is strong and alive. The Keetoowah have not lost their language, nor are struggling to relearn and revitalize it. The language is used and alive and strong.
- Government elected by those who benefit. We do not allow "mail-in" votes. Our government is not dominated by 'absentee' voters.
- Community importance. Ninety-eight percent of UKB tribal members live in the 14-county service area. Community, family, and home is important to us.
- Emergency assistance. Because we limit our tribal citizenship to those who are 1/4 or more blood quantum and live in traditional Cherokee Indian Country and if our family and friends need assistance that family and neighbors are not able to provide, UKB provides a fast turn-around with emergency assistance.
- Children and elders are given top priority. UKB children receive a voucher for clothing and school supplies at the beginning of each year, as well as a Christmas Gift Card. Elders are eligible for free lunch each day (either in our comfortable new facility, or delivered to their home), as well as fishing trips, excursions to the theatre, etc.
- Veterans are not just honored but are treated special. UKB tribal citizens who are veterans, upon presentation of their Military ID, are eligible for a tag for their vehicle for only \$15 – regardless of year, make or model.

-- Administration of Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust

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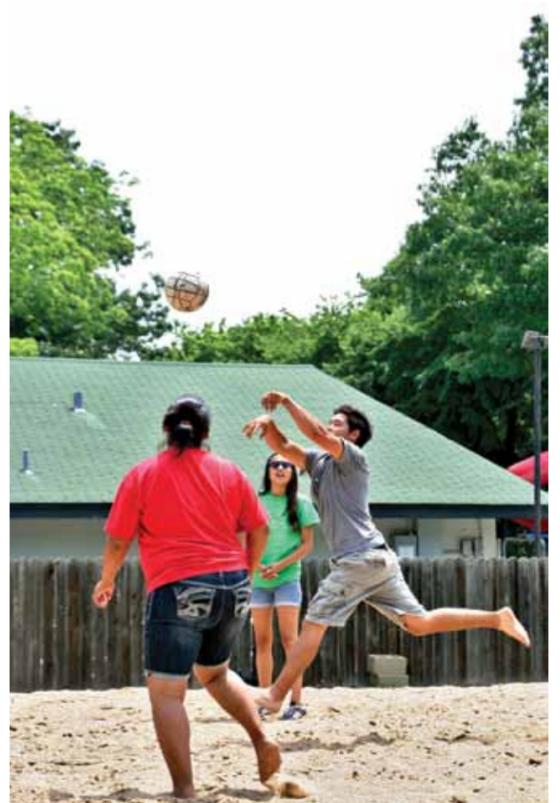
UKB Employee Appreciation Day



"A penny for your thoughts"...Dustin Neugin is in deep thought as he enjoys a moment of a quiet afternoon at this year's UKB Employee Appreciation day. Photo by Thomas Jordan



A tense game of basketball between two rival teams was played out during this year's UKB Employee Appreciation day at Heart 'O the Hills in Welling, Okla. Photo by Thomas Jordan



What style, what technique...tribal and casino employees enjoyed an afternoon of volleyball at the UKB Employee Appreciation day. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Accolades were awarded during the UKB Employee Celebration day at Heart 'O the Hills. Receiving the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino "Manager of the Year" was Alice Reese, far left; Casino "Employee of the Year" Jacqueline Proctor, second from left; Chief Wickliffe, center; UKB Tribal "Employee of the Year" Sandra Whitecrow, second from right; and Tribal "Manger of the Year" Francine Rozell, far right. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Ahh, rest and relaxation as these young ladies enjoy the spring weather waiting their turn to compete in the UKB Employee Appreciation day "Tug-A-War" competition. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Come on Smoke, give it all you got! Tribal and casino employees enjoy an afternoon of games and competition during the UKB Employee Appreciation day. Photo by Thomas Jordan



D. J. Eagle Bear Vanas, Odawa Indian from Michigan and motivational storyteller, was guest speaker during the 2012 UKB tribal and casino employee appreciation day held at Heart 'O the Hills in Welling, OK. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Okay Rolin, let's see your fishing license! Rolin hopes to bag the big one as he uses his fishing skills to reel in the monster fish. UKB employees enjoyed a well deserved day off to celebrate employee celebration day. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Team Wesley Proctor and Lindsey Bark edged out Team Richard Bailey and Toni Workman for the win in the "Three Legged Race" competition, during Employee Appreciation day. Photo by Thomas Jordan

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

Keetoowah Cherokee Casino Derby Day

Keetoowah Cherokee Casino races stick horses for charity

The track was not 1 1/4 miles long, the payout was far less than \$1.5 million, the crowd was much smaller than 165,000 and the racers were limited to five spots, but the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino's Stick Horse Derby definitely had class.

In honor of the fastest two minutes in racing, the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino sponsored a stick horse race to benefit five local charities on May 5.

Several weeks earlier, the casino had its Facebook fans nominate local charities they wanted to receive a donation. After the nominations, the casino held an election via Facebook and the top five charities were chosen to have "horses" in a stick horse derby.

Before the race, the jockeys drew envelopes to determine what charity they were racing for: Richard Berry, casino security officer, for the Humane Society of Cherokee County, Trampis Snell, casino security officer, for CASA, Dustin Scott, casino floor manager, for Help-In-Crisis, Charlie Dreadfulwater, casino chief of security, for Habitat for Humanity and Cody Quetone, casino accounting manager, for the United Methodist Children's Home. Each organization had a representative present to cheer their horse on.

The racing track was one oblong section of parking spaces located between the casino and the administration building with the starting gate in

front of the entrance at Level 2. Each jockey wore an official number, a jockey's cap and placed their stick horses between their legs.

Melinda Cookson, casino marketing director, dropped the flag and the racers took off, running for everything they had.

Coming from the outside, Berry on his salt and pepper colt battled Snell on his pink filly for the lead in turn one and continued the battle throughout the long stretch leading into turn two. Scott and Dreadfulwater paced out for third and fourth positions with Quetone lagging behind.

Berry began pulling away from Snell through turn three for a one-horse lead through the second straight-away. Scott and Dreadfulwater kept pace, but did not gain any ground on the leaders. Quetone lost a shoe somewhere in the last stretch, which forced him even farther behind.

Berry stretched out hard coming into turn four and opened his lead to three horse-lengths for the win. Snell, Scott and Dreadfulwater bunched up, but kept their positions coming through the finish line. Quetone limped through his lost shoe for fifth place.

The payout for the charities was \$1,000 for the Humane Society of Cherokee County, \$700 for CASA, \$500 for Help-In-Crisis, \$300 for Habitat for Humanity and \$100 for the United Methodist Children's Home.

Keeping in tune with the Kentucky Derby theme, the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino, also, sponsored a derby hat contest.

There were 44 entries with each hat being worn into the casino to be eligible. The hats ranged from a Dr. Pepper ball cap to a flat-brimmed affair promoting a herd of horses with a floor-length train. The derby hats were judged individually by a three-judge panel.

Help-In-Crisis hit another payout with Joy Satterfield's peacock feather hat taking first place and the \$1,000 prize. Connie Swank won \$500 for second place, Mary Lou Capps won \$300 for third place, Regina McLemore won \$200 for fourth place and Sara Quetone won \$100 for fifth place.

The stick horse derby is just one of many charitable events the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino sponsors throughout the year. The casino donates to the Cher-O-Dair Shriners Rodeo, the Help-In-Crisis Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, Relay for Life and the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. The casino, also, partners with other organizations for community events such as the Red Fern Festival, Balloonfest, the Snowflake Ice Rink, NSU Homecoming, etc.

"This event was such a success that we have already started planning next year's race," said Cookson.

GCN Special Writer M. Thomas Jordan



Coming from the outside...jockeys make the turn to the final home stretch of the parking lot as they make their way to the finish line. Photo by Thomas Jordan



On your mark, set, ready, GO! Jockeys and their stick horses dash out of the starting gate as they race for the \$1,000 prize for their charities during the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino stick horse derby. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Jockey Richard Berry riding his salt and pepper filly crosses the finish line by four links to finish first in the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino Derby. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Sara Quetone placed 5th in the UKB derby hat contest, she received \$100 for her entry. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Trampis Snell, casino security officer, took second with his pink filly, winning \$700 for CASA. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Judging was based on theme, originality, and panache as each judge made their decision on each entry. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Joy Satterfield won first place with her peacock feather hat during the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino derby hat contest. Satterfield won \$1,000 for Help-In-Crisis. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Richard Berry, casino security officer, with his salt and pepper filly took first place, winning \$1,000 for the Humane Society of Cherokee County. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Forty-four colorful entries were displayed at the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino derby hat contest. \$1000 award was presented to the best decorated hat. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Melinda Cookson displays a derby day hat to the judges. The hat's base is a wire planter. Photo by Thomas Jordan

Attention Veterans

Are you Eligible For 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act?

Those Eligible Must Submit a Claim By October 21, 2012

The 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act established Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay (RSLSP), providing \$500 for each month/partial month served in stop loss status. Service members, veterans, and beneficiaries of service members whose service was involuntarily extended under Stop Loss between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2009 are eligible for RSLSP. To receive this benefit, those who served under stop loss must submit a claim for the special pay. Throughout the year, the services have been reaching out to servicemembers, veterans and their families through direct mail, veteran service organizations, and the media. But there is still money left to be claimed, and the deadline is approaching. The average benefit is \$3,700.

General Procedure

Individuals who meet eligibility criteria should submit an application by October 21, 2012. By law, there is no authorization to make payments on claims that are submitted after the deadline.

Eligible members should visit their specific service's Web site and submit their application on-line; on-line submission provides a claim number, allows for automated status updates, and provides a means for the military service to contact the applicant.

If eligible members do not have internet access, they should print, complete and sign Department of Defense Form 2944, Claim for Retroactive Stop Loss Payment. Next, choose the appropriate method for submitting the claim form and available supporting documents based on your service specifications. This information can be found on your service's stop loss Web site.

Tell a Friend

If you know someone who separated/retired and may be eligible, remind them to submit a claim before the deadline!

Note on Eligibility

Effective Dec. 19, 2009, per the Defense Appropriations Act, stop-lossed service members who voluntarily reenlisted or extended their service, and received a bonus for such reenlistment or extension of service, became ineligible to receive retroactive stop loss special pay. There may be rare circumstances where an individual can be eligible for this pay and have received a bonus. The Department continues to encourage all who believe they may qualify to apply and allow a service counselor to review each individual situation.

Your Benefits	Gray Area Retiree & Dependents Not receiving Retiree Pay	Retiree/Dependents Receiving Retiree Pay
Military ID Cards	Retiree/Dependents: Get new ID cards & enroll in DEERS upon retirement	Must get new ID cards & ensure enrollment in DEERS
Access to Military Installations	Yes (Local policies/ in-country rules will govern access to facilities)	Yes (Local policies/ in-country rules will govern access to facilities)
Exchange/PX/BX/Shopettes	Yes " "	Yes " "
Commissary	Yes " "	Yes " "
Medical Facilities	No	Yes - when available.
TRICARE Health Insurance Plans or US Family Health Plan	May use TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) until age 60 when they can use TRICARE or US Family Health Plan. Must be enrolled in DEERS.	Note: at 65 TRICARE becomes Medicare Part B). Some children eligible for TRICARE Young Adult Program. Must be enrolled in DEERS.
TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP)	Yes. Must pay premiums.	Yes. Must pay premiums.
Base Service Stations: (no Gas coupons OCONUS for retirees)	Yes. Local post policies and in-country directives will govern access to facilities overseas.	Yes. Local post policies and in-country directives will govern access to facilities overseas
DFAS MyPay Website	No log-on provided	Yes
Lodging: Available Space A "first come-first served" basis.	Yes	Yes
MWR: Athletic and Entertainment Facilities, Clubs, Library, Rentals, Camping- as available.	Yes	Yes
Base Medical Facilities	No	Yes - when available.
Space-A Travel on Military Aircraft	Retiree -Yes; limited to CONUS Dependents - No	Retiree /Dependents- Yes CONUS and OCONUS
Base Family Services	Yes	Yes
SATO	Yes	Yes
Base Legal Office Assistance	Limited	Yes
Survivor Assistance	Yes	Yes
Casualty Assistance	Yes	Yes
Vets Group Life Insurance	Yes, if eligible and requested	Yes, if eligible and requested
VA Eligibility	Most need DD214, See VA Rep	Most need DD214, See VA Rep
State Veterans Benefits	Varies by State	Varies by State
Veterans Burial Benefits	Retiree/Spouse-Yes. Children: See VA	Retiree/Spouse-Yes. Children: See VA
Membership in AMRA?	Retirees / Surviving Spouse	Retirees / Surviving Spouse

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For assistance on this claim, or other veterans information, contact UKB Tribal Veteran's Representative Jacob Littledave toll free at 1-800-259-0093 or call 918-456-8698 x 140 or call his cell at 918-453-3562.

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma School Clothing Voucher Program Starts July 23, 2012

The school clothing voucher program is for UKB children who are attending school in grades Kindergarten to 12th grade. Photo ID and proof of school attendance (or last year's report card) must accompany each child in order to pick up the voucher.

Tribal enrollment is pre-verified. If UKB enrollment is not active, parents must turn in all missing documents to enrollment before a voucher will be given.

Listed below are the distribution sites for each district:

Flint and Goingsnake Districts

July 23, 2012 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.
Stilwell Satellite office
Contact: 918-696-7672

Cooweescoowee, Saline, Delaware Districts

July 24, 2012 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.
Kenwood Community Building
Contact: 918-457-7264
Contact: 918-775-0920

Tahlequah District

July 25, 2012 10 a.m.– 4 p.m.
UKB Wellness Center
Contact: 918-457-7264

Illinois and Sequoyah Districts

July 26, 2012 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.
Sallisaw Satellite Office
Contact: 918-775-0920

Canadian

July 27, 2012 10 a.m. -12:30 pm
Civitan Park, Muskogee OK
Contact: 918-775-0920

All others who miss district dates or need to finish enrollment process may come in on August 1, 2012 to the UKB Wellness Center to pick up vouchers.

Along with vouchers, the Child Care Development Fund will be distributing backpacks with school supplies to children four to twelve years of age.

Solicitation for Bids

Sealed bids will be received by Oak Timbers - Cherokee County, Oklahoma, L.P. at its office, located at 2450 South Muskogee Ave, Tahlequah, Oklahoma until 10:00 a.m., on June 13, 2012 for the construction of 30 (thirty) units of Elder Housing. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. This project consists of furnishing all required materials, supplies, equipment, tools, plant, and labor for the construction of the project as described in the Construction Documents.

The work shall be done in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of Tim Good Voice, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee, 2450 South Muskogee Ave, Keetoowah Administration Office, Tahlequah, OK 74464, (918) 431-1818. Plans, specifications, and other bidding documents are available for public inspection. General Contractor bidders may obtain copies from the office of the Architect, Blackledge & Associates, 7416 N. Broadway, Oklahoma City, OK, 73116. There will be a refundable charge of \$50 per set for bidding documents and plans. Up to three sets may be issued to each bidder. Deposit will be refunded to successful bidder and deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded only if plans are returned after bidding in original condition. Plans are only issued by the Architect in full sets and only issued to General Contractor bidders.

All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, and in both words and figures. Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder, his/her address, and name of the project for which the bid is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the bid form. The enclosed non-collusion affidavit is to be included with the sealed bid.

A cashier's check, a certified check, or surety bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany the sealed proposal of each bidder. Deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Each bid submitted is a legal offer and when accepted by Oak Timbers, constitutes a FIRM AND BINDING CONTRACT. Oak Timbers reserves the right to REJECT ANY or ALL BIDS. The OWNER reserves the unconditional right to cancel all or any portion of this project within sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids, for any reason and at its sole discretion.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu June 2012						
Title VI Jim Proctor Elder Nutrition Center—Native American 55+ (UKB or CDIB Card) Spouses & or Volunteers						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Meals are subject to change without notice. For more info call: 918-772-4380 or 918-772-4378	Milk, Tea, Coffee & Water Served Daily During Lunch				1 Kitchen Closed for Cleaning	2
3	4 Steak Fajita w/ Spanish Rice Black Beans Tortilla Salad & Dessert	5 Chicken Cordon Bleu, Green Beans, Herb Garlic Potato's Wheat Roll Salad & Fresh Fruit	6 Southern Fried Catfish, Corn Black-eyed Peas Hushpuppies Colestlaw & Dessert	7 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Potato Wedge Broccoli Salad Dessert	8 Brunch Served From 10:30—12:00	9
10	11 Chicken Strips w/gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Peas w/onions, W. Roll Salad & Dessert	12 Goulash Hammy Tomato Zucchini Garlic Toast Salad & Fresh Fruit	13 White Beans w/ Ham, Potato's Greens, Corn Muffins Salad & Dessert	14 Loaded Baked Potato w/ fixings, Grilled Veggies, Breadstick Salad & Dessert	15 "Fishing Day" UKB River Park 11:30—7	16
17	18 Frito Chile Casserole Fried Zucchini Jalapeno Muffins Salad & Dessert	19 BBQ Bologna Pork & Beans Corn on Cob Texas Toast Salad & Fresh Fruit	20 Beef Tips in B. Gravy w/Noodles, Carrots, Fried Okra, Hot Roll Salad & Dessert	21 Chicken & Dumplings, Yams Green Beans Breadstick Salad & Dessert	22 Brunch Served From 10:30—12:00	23
24	25 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Broccoli Yellow Squash Garlic Toast Salad & Dessert	26 Baked Potato Soup, Cheese Stick Grilled Veggies Crackers, Breadstick Salad & Fresh Fruit	27 Brown Beans w/ Ham, Hammy Tomato Zucchini Cornbread Salad & Dessert	28 Cultural Foods June Birthdays	29 Kitchen Closed for Cleaning	30
Nutrition Analysis Includes 2% Milk, Each Meal Meets 1/3 of The Recommended RDA Requirements						

UKB Regular April Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the UKB Community Services Building April 14, 2012 10:03 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Cliff Wofford

III. Roll Call: **Joyce Hawk: Before we take roll, Council please put your cell phones in the basket and Lighthorse will place your name on the phones and place them in a plastic bag. After the meeting adjourns your phone will be returned to you as you exit the Council Chambers. 10 + Chief answered Roll Call; Christie and Sacks absent at roll call

IV. Chief's Address

- Today people are getting hurt and sometimes killed over cell phones, clothing, iPods, etc. As you notice the camera/video equipment that records our official minutes. These are the minutes we use to report in the monthly paper. We are entering a technology world today, which people can get into your personal files and obtain personal information. We are still awaiting the finalization of our trust application. We are at the final stage.

- Echohawk has resigned as of April 28, 2012. We will enter into executive session at the end of the meeting to give Council a report of the standings of the 76 acres trust application and the casino parcel.

- The casino brings in the revenue to fund the programs we have to assist our people out in the communities. We have been blessed to continue to operate the casino by the hard work of the employees and the representation of our legal team. This all first began with Judge Garrett and Diane Barker-Harold to be Indian Land under declaratory judgment. This has been 12 years ago on the ruling. We are praying everyday to keep the casino operational to continue the programs for our people.

- When we receive the call the trust application has been put in the federal registry we will move forward very fast with the structure of buildings, job opportunities, more service programs, etc. We will always seek to place UKB members first with opportunity for employment.

- The casino has been successful. As we grow, I would like to see a trust fund established for education, meaning setting scholarships toward UKB members.

Someday we look to have numerous UKB members become lawyers and work for the tribe. We have established a great legal team today to utilize on our trust application and other types of legal aspects.

As we closed for Easter, we had staff continue working due to emergency situations and that's where the statement I made saying we work 24/7 came from.

Anything that has not been amended by Council is still active, as of the date it was passed and put in resolution. We have a long history that dates back long ago. When we visit D.C. they become more aware of our history and know we have supporting documentation to prove our history. God has made sure to keep blessing our people and keeping us strong people. All history that I speak of about our people is well documented. We are seeing a bright future. Elders stated one day all will be given back to the UKB people.

(Christie arrived at 10:24 AM)

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of March 2012

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to approve the Council minutes of March 2012; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent due to father's illness).

VI. Presentations

1. Dotson: I would like to make a few comments about departments. The roads department was supposed to come to my district and fix an area at a crossing that washed out at every flooding. We have waited for the last 3-4 weeks. The personnel in the roads department have stated they are waiting on a PO number. What is the waiting period on a PO number? Also in other departments I have received no follow-up calls. Sometimes myself or a member need to know if we are eligible at the time we call/apply. This problem needs to be addressed within the departments.

- Chief Wickliffe: County will not work on these roads. There needs to be a troubleshoot job on the roads and I will call the Superintendent and ask how they come to agreement on fixing the roads problems.

- Dotson: Joyce I would like these comments I stated in the minutes, so people know I did bring the concerns to the Council and the issues of the departments.

2. Holcomb: Gratitude

Last week my brother passed away and I would like to thank the UKB for the burial assistance and my family thanks you also.

3. Ken Bellmard: Revised Election Ordinance

There have been some changes made to the ordinance.

The next Election Board meeting is May 3, 2012.

Ken introduced Lisa Long, Vice President of True Ballot, Inc. for election services. Lisa introduced herself to Council and explained the services her company provides. She presented a sample ballot to Council. After her presentation she asked if Council had any questions.

Dotson: I have a problem. People need to know where they are supposed to vote.

Ken Bellmard: Clarified the statement on "wrong district." The map that is used on the district boundaries and location are so close, the system can make a ballot for that district, that the member resides.

Dotson: I believe the people need to know the district they live in.

Mary Stigletts: summarized the process on the last election and stated this service would help voters by giving them the courtesy of still voting and not having to travel back to the right polling area.

Ken Bellmard: If you are not satisfied or still have questions for the board please come to the scheduled meeting.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION: continued about the service.

Chief Wickliffe: stated this could last a long time in discussion; therefore, if Council has concerns please attend the meeting.

Ken Bellmard: Council is invited to attend the Election Board meeting for concerns and or questions they have at that time.

Hawk: I do believe Ms. Long is here to do a presentation to Council on services that the Election Board chose for the upcoming election and is asking for approval.

Worley: I would just like to ask if there were other bids?

Ken Bellmard: Yes and this company was well in our budget and the previous services from the last election we did not contract.

4. Housing Policy: Pat Reese

I am asking Council for an amendment to the Rehabilitation Policy. Council as you will notice the changes are highlighted in red. I will read the changes in the policy.

Ron Qualls: stated these are changes that we will follow by H.U.D. guidelines.

Chief Wickliffe: asked would you introduce yourself?

Pat Reese: Council I'd like to introduce you to Ron Qualls, our UKB Housing Director.

Chief Wickliffe: Mr. Qualls you are aware the Council is in charge of the Housing Program.

Ron Qualls: Yes I am.

Chief Wickliffe: During the transition when we were granted our housing, it was in the best interest to have the control of Housing be under the Council and follow need guidelines.

Hansen: Mr. Qualls, for the short time that you have been here, do you see our housing fixable and durable?

Ron Qualls: Yes and after a review of the budget I see where the program will be able to assist with FEMA trailers, rehabilitation services, emergency mortgage/rehab, etc. but to answer your question yes it is fixable.

Hansen: The reason I ask if it is fixable or durable is I do not see a lot of assistance from Housing toward my district. Do you see where some of my concerns are unclear on housing and some constituents have trouble with assistance?

Ron Qualls: Yes, I understand your concerns and please have your members come to Housing and we will troubleshoot their issues on why they are having the confusion of their application.

Dotson: I would like to see Housing representatives go and visit in the homes and assist with housing applications. They (members) just don't have reliable means to travel to Tahlequah, but would be great to have someone make home visits.

Christie: asked how long does it take to be notified for approval after the application is complete for rental assistance?

Ron Qualls: Emergency is noted in that policy so it should be approximately 2 weeks.

Holcomb: Is there a waiting list for Housing?

Ron Qualls: Yes there is.

Chief Wickliffe: I think we need to entertain a meeting regarding the changes due to the fact there are many questions that can revolve around the housing program. The application is very lengthy so it would take a while to fill out and then provide requested documentation on the household. Just be sure the services to the applicant are to be correct and they understand to fill out completely.

Dotson: Pay close attention to false information, recent knowledge I was told is that we had a member recently give false information on application.

Chief Wickliffe: Also pay attention to the 18 year olds who still live at home. They also will be checked for criminal background in Housing.

Hansen: I would like to speak of a family who is in my district who is living in poor housing conditions. Would it be possible to have a person come and take a look at this home?

Pat Reese: Yes we can have our housing inspector come and do an inspection.

Chief Wickliffe: We will always have Housing problems. It is a genuine problem and let's just do everything we can through our program to help our members.

Dotson: I like to hear that "we can do that" not "we can't do that."

Hansen: We have a lot of sanitation problems and with our limited funding we have trouble because we are UKB and get no services from this source.

Locust: There was the issue when we met and spoke to Fan Robinson on I.H.S. service that we would be eligible, this may be something the Housing could look into about our problem.

Hansen: Maybe back in the day we could have received sanitation from the Housing but it's not like that today. Tribal affiliation has a big role in the situation. Housing is a program we really need to maintain.

Hawk: At one time we did have an employee who was to go and make home visits for those unable to make a visit. Doe that still exist in the housing program? I wouldn't ask but I just remember comments were stated that the employee is located in the Stilwell sub-office.

Locust: I had a few elders say there was the issue of insurance (home) by a company of Amerind. CNO wouldn't insure if UKB. They were told they HAD to be a CNO member. Please notify our people that they can get the insurance through our housing upon eligibility and completed application. They are getting misinformed and this is a program or item they need to be aware of for their opportunity to obtain insurance.

Chief Wickliffe: I believe we could discuss the housing issues all day. The housing committee did meet and the changes were discussed to be approved by Council.

Hansen: amendments can be made to policies, they are not set in stone.

MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve the UKB Housing Rehabilitation Policy; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent due to father's illness).

Dotson: I would like to make a motion to not have any elected officer or salary employee too receive a bonus beginning today. I know we have members needing services. The monies could be useful for members.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to no longer give bonuses to any elected officials and salaried employees beginning today; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 3 Yes, 7 No (Girty, Smoke, Locust, Christie, Hansen, Duncan, Wofford), 1 Abstentions (Hawk); (Sacks absent due to father's illness).

MOTION FAILED

Locust: I understand for some who receive income from other sources may be stable financially, but for those who live paycheck to paycheck are in different situations. I

received a bonus and it provided a great help to be able to put my daughter in college, so it helped put her in school. We work 24/7 as stated earlier in the meeting, we are here on day-to-day basis and we even do tribal assistance on our days off. For example, members needing groceries, trees cut, etc. So therefore I thank the Chief. He has helped me help my daughter.

Dotson: I would assume if you are not making ends meet then you need to get another job.

Locust: I am meeting them.

Dotson: Well then what are you harping on?

Locust: I'm not!

Dotson: It's against regulations, just can't do that!

LENGTHY DISCUSSION:

Some Council were not understanding the discussion. The topic becomes 2 different versions, discussion of bonuses still continues to become an issue.

Ken Bellmard: Discussion of this topic will become a lengthy discussion therefore we did vote and the motion failed. So on a lighter note the Election Board has set a date for May 4th at 3:00 PM.

Worley: I would like to ask Council to pay close attention to my concern on the audit (casino) which is included in my report.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Joyce Hawk

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to accept and approve 16 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent due to father's illness).

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to acknowledge and honor 15 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent due to father's illness).

Holcomb: states her concerns for a member who was told she had to relinquish in order to obtain her employment. She stated we have CNO members employed with us. I intend to approach Mr. Baker about this issue.

Dotson: Chief, don't you think we could do anything for diplomacy instead of fight back and forth? Could you talk to anyone down there concerning this issue? Maybe that's a carry-over from former administration. We have the same procedure on hiring of our employment. We give UKB preference.

VIII. Public Forum

1. Robert Whitekiller:

Request for conference; 2012 NCIOA conference in Albuquerque, NM – Elders Conference

Last year we sent a delegate to Michigan. We received no report until 3 months AFTER the delegate's return. All we received was 2 pamphlets and a one minute report. We, as elders, feel like a more in-depth report should have been given to the elders.

2. Hawk: Ad-Hoc Committee Report

Stated at the time from March 26th to April 19th, 2012 which the 19th closed the time frame for the enrollment to be eligible to be accepted by Council at the May Council meeting. At this time on April 14th only 3 people have applied for one-time courtesy to rejoin.

Hansen: Could this be posted in the community newspapers because my meeting is set past the deadline?

Hawk: may contact media to notify of deadline expiration.

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

1. MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve to support the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative (AIVMI); SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent due to father's illness).

2. MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to approve the submission of a grant application to the United States Dept. of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent due to father's illness).

Hawk: Norma would you please introduce your Election Board

Duncan: Are all board members UKB?

Norma Jimerson: Yes, all board members are UKB.

3. MOTION by Charles Locust to appoint Mary Stigletts to the Election Bard as the Vice Chair and Sherry Sunday as the Secretary of the board; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent due to father's illness).

XI. Announcements –

Meeting with Bill Rice will be held April 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Location TBA

Dotson: asked about the invitations received in the mail. MOTION by Jerry Hansen to enter into Executive Session, to include A.G. Ken Bellmard; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Smoke, Duncan absent at vote; Sacks absent due to father's illness).

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to exit from Executive Session and to return to regular session; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent due to father's illness).

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve to authorize the Chief of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma to take measures necessary to ensure that gaming activities on the 2.03 proposed trust parcel will be confined to that parcel; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent due to father's illness).

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Willie Christie; Approve by affirmation: 1:10 PM

Part 2: Growing up gospel, the 2nd generation of gospel music

The world of gospel music is ever-changing. Starting out at a four-part harmony quartet, gospel music has since added many parts and new styles. The first generation of music recalls gathering at someone's home, lighting the kerosene lamp, and singing out of old Cherokee hymn books. Gospel singing today mixes traditions with more modern techniques. And the Cherokee people who formed these bands do not forget where they got their start, from under the light of that old lamp.

The next generation has picked up where their mothers and fathers have left off, and have added more modern and alternative elements to gospel singings. The PA system became popular and so have instruments such as guitar, bass guitar, drums and piano. Even singing old Cherokee hymns had faded, but once in a while can still be found.

One such musician, who grew up watching his mother and father in their glory days of gospel singing, is Choogie Kingfisher, director of history and culture for the UKB.

"When I came about, they were already singing as Rocky Ford quartet," said Kingfisher. "Mom has several pictures of these older groups that my granny used to take pictures of. So many of them are gone now, but many of the children and grandchildren are still singing."

Kingfisher is one of those children who now sing alongside his father, Jack Kingfisher, in the Kingfisher family band. They play almost every weekend and whenever they are called to do so.

"With gospel singing being as big as it is and us being Cherokee, we've had the opportunity to sing at many different functions," said Kingfisher.

They have played at several areas which include inaugurations of tribal employees, the Smithsonian in Washington D.C., North Carolina, reservations of different tribes, and within the 9 UKB districts.

Kingfisher said he and his family have been blessed not only to go to all of these places and share their ministry and music, but also represent Cherokee people.

He has also seen and been through the change of gospel music from all-Cherokee to English. A lot of music has transitioned to praise music and southern style gospel. Different groups have their own style of gospel music and how their music speaks to people.

"Out here we're kind of laid back and



Visitors to the Red Fern Festival were treated to gospel music and singing from various gospel singing groups Sunday afternoon at Norris Park in Tahlequah. Photo by Thomas Jordan

hymn singing is very much like southern gospel, so that's why southern gospel is more popular around here than anywhere else," said Kingfisher. "Being in gospel music, it's really hard for me to fathom the idea of not being around gospel music because I have been around it all my life."

Kingfisher knows what it is like when starting out singing in a band. Knees are knocking, nerves are on edge and feeling like one is about to get sick, it is pretty tough to get up on a stage and perform. But after the first couple of times, it gets easier and eventually becomes a part of who someone is.

"It's not something that we have just picked up within the last twenty years," said Kingfisher. "It's something that's been there this entire time, like dad said, he remembers them sitting around that lamp. By the time I got here, yeah we already had electricity. But I still remember those round table singings with them just coming together for no other purpose than to eat and sing. We still do that, except it's just a little bit larger scale."

But other than to eat and sing, this family band, and other family bands also carry a message

with them wherever they perform, the message of Jesus Christ and of being Native American. They also carry the tradition of still being able to share their message in the Cherokee language.

"That's what it's about," said Kingfisher. "Not only the message of Jesus Christ, but also traditions, of singing our Cherokee songs. When we go somewhere else and we hear someone else sing Cherokee, it's awesome. Everywhere else is mostly English. Depending on where they are from, everyone has a different style of Cherokee singing. When we go out to North Carolina, their Cherokee is a lot different. But it's still understandable; it's still the hymns that belong to our people. So it's not something that's exclusive to Cherokee because Jesus isn't exclusive to Cherokee. So it's shared with all of our tribes. It's just wonderful when we get together and we are able to do that."

By Lindsey Bark
GCN Reporter

Woody Hair: Keetoowah Cherokee Elder

Down a blacktop road in the Saline District, at the bottom of a hollow lives a unique 83-year-old elder, whose lifetime stories could fill an entire book. And the book would still be in continuance.

Woody Hair, Keetoowah elder, was born April 29, 1929 to Nicholas Hair and Molly Scuggins at his home in Delaware County. The youngest of eight is quite infamous in his home community, but has also made plenty of friends from afar, like his buddies Leslie "Squirrel" Hancock and Donnie Spain from Tennessee.

Growing up in Delaware and Mayes counties, one of Woody's favorite past times as a child was playing marbles. Not Indian marbles, but the tiny glass marbles that when played, have to be knocked out of a circle and the winner took all that he could knock out. Woody said nobody ever won because he and all the neighborhood kids would end up fighting.

Most Indian children that were Woody's age either went to boarding school or to a country school. He went to neither. He only went to school for a little while. In the third grade, at what is now Wickliffe Elementary School near Salina, Woody said he caught a friend of his eating his lunch at recess, and proceeded to beat him up for it. The teacher took up for Woody's former friend, and in turn Woody ran up the steps, out of the school and never went back.

At age 15, and three weeks after leaving school behind, Woody ended up in Colorado, working on a farm for six dollars a day. It was his first job. When he returned to Oklahoma at 16, he claimed he was rich. The first thing he bought with his new found riches was a radio and a battery. He used a wire that hooked to a clothes line for an antenna. He said everyone used to come over every night and listen to Bob Wills and John Lee on the radio.

Also as a teenager, he learned one of the crafts he is now a professional at, cooking hog meat. Woody said he used to cook with the elders at quarterly revivals for different churches, until they were too old to cook. So he took over and is still doing it because he enjoys it. Many still call on him today to cook for their family and birthday dinners, and he cooks when his friends from Tennessee and other states come down to visit.

At age 17, while working one summer for Chilocco Indian School, he was approached to play baseball. From there, for about 15 years, Woody



1950-60 Baseball Team from Kansas, Oklahoma, front row, left to right, Jeff Tiger, Red O'field, Argil White, Ray Kaye, Ray Griggs, Leroy Bales, and Bobby Campbell (Jr. Campbell's son). Back row, left to right, John Sourjohn, J. B. (Chops) Lards, Ryder Squirrel, Clarence King, Woody Hair, and Jr. Campbell. Photo taken by Polly White

continued to play ball when he was asked. He played mainly in the Spavinaw and Kenwood areas.

"I used to pitch for Spavinaw, when they had city teams coming in," said Woody. "I pitched for them when they had good teams. Other than that, I would pitch for whoever wanted to take me or pay me. I played many ball games for two dollars a night."

Woody even used to play ball against famous New York Yankee Mickey Mantle before he went pro. He said at a game one night near Kenwood, his catcher gave him a sign of where to pitch and Woody hurled the ball. But Mickey got off a hold of it and knocked to the creek.

In 1951, Woody, along with two others, was also signed to play for the Yankees, but they did not go. Many would wonder why he let go of an opportunity like that, but he had reasoning within himself that only he understood. He said he just wanted to play ball near his home, and that was good enough for him.

"We didn't feel like going anywhere," said Woody. "We had all our games right here."

His favorite thing to do besides play baseball was ride horses; he and his family used to

break their own horses. He also loved to gig fish and was an avid gigger. But arthritis got the best of him, and he could no longer throw. He still has his gigs and his boat, and remembers the times when he and all of his friends used to gig.

Woody had plenty of jobs until his retirement at 62. Other than the Colorado farm and baseball, he worked in the Eagle Picher mines, he was a wagon builder, and worked at the Eucha Dam when it opened, and in the surrounding dams.

Working his whole life, Woody knows the meaning of hard work. He said there were no machines to make his, or anyone's, work easier, everything was done by hand. Woody's advice to the younger generation is not to give up so easily, work hard at everything and if you find a job to stick with it.

He has plenty more stories and life history to share, and younger people can learn from them if they listen and take to heart his experiences. One can find him now every morning at Subway in Salina or McDonald's in Pryor with other older folks, telling tales of the past and drinking coffee.

By GCN Reporter Lindsey Bark

Tryke-A-Thon 2012

Children at the Henry Lee Doublehead Childcare and Development Center rode their trykes, bikes and strollers for charity April 27.

Thirty one children from the 2- and 3-year-old classrooms participated by riding around the CDC parking lot to the delight of staff and parents. The most advanced children rode bicycles with training wheels, the youngest were pushed around in strollers by their teachers and those in between pushed themselves along on trykes or peddled tricycles.

Last year the weather forced the children

to cycle around inside, but this year's mild temperature and cool breeze allowed the young philanthropists to spin their wheels outside.

For the past three years, the CDC has raised money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Each child took a donation envelope home to get sponsors for the wheeled event. This year the tykes on trykes took in \$702.66 to help the nationally-known hospital find cures for pediatric cancer.

To reward the children and parents, the staff held a "We Did It" party afterward consisting

of deli platters, cheese trays and cookies.

"Thanks to all of the parents and children for your hard work in supporting us with this community event," said Pamela Birmelin, licensing and quality coordinator.

The CDC staff, also, sponsors an annual health and safety fair for the community allowing children to meet local law enforcement, advocates and, usually, Smokey the Bear.



Children from the Henry Lee Doublehead Childcare Center prepare for their venture as they ride their trykes and bikes to raise money for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Call 911...accidents happen even during a slow trek around the parking area at the HLDCDC Tryke-A-Thon. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Whoa...hold on Alice, is what this tyke is thinking as she tries to make a sharp turn around the corner during the HLDCDC Tryke-A-Thon. Photo by Thomas Jordan



HLDCDC children enjoy the beautiful spring weather as they rode around in their trykes and bikes raising money for St. Jude's Hospital. Photo by Thomas Jordan

NSU's 12th Annual American Indian Graduation Convocation honors American Indian graduates

On May 4, Northeastern State University honored American Indian graduates with the 12th Annual Graduation Convocation in the Rozell Ballroom of the University Center.

Each American Indian graduate who attended received a stole to honor their academic achievement and commemorate NSU as a leader in American Indian education.

The stole they received was green and white to represent NSU, with seven diamonds on the left side to represent the seven Cherokee clans, and to remember the Cherokee National Seminaries that were the foundation of the university. On the right side of the stole is the NSU clock tower symbol and the heading: Northeastern State University, Legacy of American Indian Education.

The graduates were able to wear the stoles during the NSU commencement exercises, so people could recognize the legacy of the American Indian.

Special speakers for the convocation were NSU President Steve Turner and Dr. Martin Tadlock, provost and vice president.

Scholarship awards were also given to five students who showed excellent leadership abilities and academic achievement. Those awards were the Mary G. Ross Achievement Award, Rennard Strickland Indian University Scholars and the American Indian Merit Award.

Two United Keetoowah Band members were in attendance and both received an American Indian Merit award, in which only three were presented. Those two students, whose achievement and skill were recognized in their fields of study, were Travis Wolfe, Stillwell and Lindsey Bark, Tagg Flatts.

"I was honored to receive the award and be recognized for my abilities and hard work at NSU," said Bark. "I really was not expecting to



Lindsey Bark, Taggs Flatts; and Travis Wolfe, Stilwell, both United Keetoowah Band tribal members, were honored with the American Indian Merit award May 4, 12th annual NSU Graduation Convocation. Photo by Sandra Bark

receive an award and I am proud to be representing my tribe through this honor."

During the convocation, 40 students, who received bachelor degrees, and 8 students, who received master degrees, were in attendance to receive the stoles and to represent their tribes. There were

about 15 different tribes represented at the ceremony. Though only 48 were able to attend the convocation, there were close to 300 American Indian students who graduated from NSU on May 11 and 12.

Revenge is golden - Class 5A No. 9 Sequoyah rallies to win first-ever slowpitch state title

— OKLAHOMA CITY — Morris kept Sequoyah from a fastpitch state title in the fall. Morris also kept Sequoyah from a slowpitch regional crown last week.

Morris, however, couldn't keep Sequoyah from the state championship.

The Class 5A No. 9 Lady Indians extracted a bit of revenge against the second-ranked Lady Eagles at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, needing only six hits to post a 5-1 victory over Morris to become the Class 5A slowpitch champions.

"We was out for revenge," Sequoyah rover Saharra Henson said.

Henson was the catalyst on offense for Sequoyah, going 2 for 3, including a two-run double that put the Lady Indians in front for good in the fourth inning.

"Just keep your head up and focus on hitting," Henson said of her approach at the plate in the fourth.

Henson's double was to straight away center field, scoring Keisha Jones and Kelsey Leach. Henson would later score on an error in the fourth.

"That fly ball looked like it was going to be caught until it got up in that jet stream," Sequoyah coach Larry Grigg said of Henson's double. "It just kept going. And she's been our best hitter all year."

Sequoyah added to its lead in the sixth when Megan Towie dropped a two-run single into left. She even did it going against Grigg's advice.

"I actually told her to take a pitch," said Grigg, whose team finished the year 27-11. "She hit the first pitch she saw; maybe that relaxed her."

For Grigg, winning a championship — of any kind — is something he's been wanting to cross off his list for a while now.

"I'll be honest, for me, I've had three state basketball finalist runner-ups," said Grigg, whose team finished as the slowpitch runner-up in 2007. "So I was trying to get off the snide."

Save for Kara Linch's error to begin the game for Sequoyah, the Lady Indians turned in yet another defensive gem.

"Our kids play really good defense," Grigg said.

Morris' lone run came in the first inning on Macy McLaughlin's RBI single to right field, which scored Megan Milroy.

Morris had only three base runners the rest



Sequoyah High School Lady Indians Softball Assistant Coach Dewayne Hammer, background; Assistant Coach Larry Shade, second from right; and Head Coach Larry Grigg, right; along with the Lady Indians, celebrate their Class 5A Slow Pitch Softball Championship in Oklahoma City.

Photo by Robert Whitekiller

of the way. In the final frame, Morris went down in order, including Baylee Osborn's ground out to end the game.

"Honestly, it hasn't even hit me yet," Henson said of winning the crown. "I'm like still in shock. I feel like running seven miles right now."

In the fall, Morris dispatched of Sequoyah in the fastpitch semifinals, 3-1. Then, last week Morris topped Sequoyah 2-1 in the regional finals.

But the Lady Indians finally found a way to ground the Lady Eagles.

"We were bound to be here," Henson, a Northeastern State signee in fastpitch, said of making the finals. "...Was just a matter of time."

Sequoyah 9, Washington 3

In the quarterfinals and one of the tournament's first games Tuesday morning, Henson was 2-for-3 with two runs driven in, including one in the four-run fourth inning that ultimately made the difference. Mariah Hooper was also 2-for-3 and drove in a run. Keisha Jones and Courtney Jones also drove in a pair of runs in one-hit games.

Sequoyah had 13 hits.

Washington (24-7) hurt itself by stranding 12 baserunners, including the bases loaded in a scoreless sixth. Sequoyah answered with three runs in the bottom of the sixth to put it out of reach, two coming on RBI singles courtesy of Jones and Jones.

Sequoyah 10, Purcell 7

This one also had atonement for the Lady Indians. Purcell had defeated them in fastpitch state and slowpitch state in recent years.

The Lady Dragons (25-9) led 3-1 when Linch's two-run double highlighted a five-run second inning. Linch would finish the game 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

Purcell would come back with two runs in the second and another in the third to forge a tie. Singles by Leach and Henson in the fourth gave Sequoyah an 8-6 advantage.

In addition to Linch, Towie and Feather Pacheco also had three hits in an 18-hit attack.

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Written by BEN JOHNSON

Muskogee Phoenix sports editor Mike Kays contributed to this report.

The Wayfaring Strangers are making their way and traveling with a message

Most Cherokee gospel singers get their start by being the next one to carry on a family tradition and joining the family band. But not Sonja Hartness, lead singer of the Wayfaring Strangers, and tribal librarian for the UKB Education Department.

Hartness, a current resident of Wagoner, began her music career at 14. She sang with an all-girl quartet called the Jordanettes in her home church in Peggs. The group said if Elvis could sing with the Jordanaires, their group could be the Jordanettes. This group was accompanied by a piano player and they sang four-part harmony, all English.

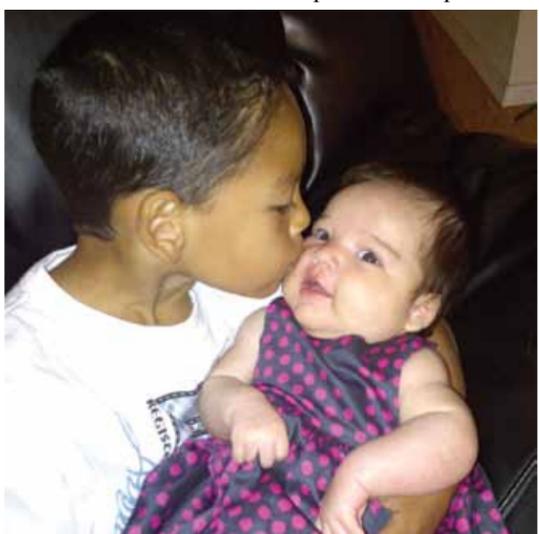
The Jordanettes had some interesting performances that are memorable to each group member.

"We sang at a coon hunt," said Hartness. "And there were coon dogs everywhere. They had

Birth Announcement: Aniyah Skye Hooper

Whitney and Joey Hooper, of Tahlequah, Oklahoma are announcing the birth of their baby girl, Aniyah Skye Hooper, born on February 16, 2012. Aniyah weighed 9.3 lbs and was 19 inches long. Her big brother is Jalen Tyrell Hooper.

The proud grandparents are Cheryl Williams of Tahlequah, Steve & Deanna Glass of Gentry, Arkansas and Joe & Tina Hooper of Tahlequah.



Jalen Tyrell Hooper gives a kiss to baby sister Aniyah Skye Hooper



Sonja Hartness, lead singer for the Wayfaring Strangers sings gospel as the group perform during the Red Fern Festival on the Norris Park stage in Tahlequah. Photo by Thomas Jordan

pie eating contests. The skinniest girl won the pie eating contest. I think she still had the little ole' trophy they gave her."

They even remember the bus that was supposed to take them to their singings, which they always ended up having to get out and push down the road when it broke down.

Hartness stayed with the quartet for about 35 years, singing praises until life hit them as they got older, forming families and dealing with illnesses. But she and her group members have not forgotten each other.

Singing for about 45 years now, Hartness has also seen the transition of gospel music from Cherokee to English and a capella to full-fledged bands, though she herself does not sing in the language.

"The singings now do not last as long as Cherokee singings used to," said Hartness. "Everyone gets their allotted time of about four songs and then you are finished. Cherokee singings used to last all night long."

Hartness said her love for music and God is what inspired her to start singing, and she wanted to be a part of that and use the talent that God gave her. But unlike many second generation singers, she was the first generation in her family to sing. She still gets to use that talent with her current group, the Wayfaring Strangers.

It was eight years ago when the Wayfaring

Strangers first came together. They get their name from a song titled "Poor Wayfaring Stranger," which has become like a theme song for the group. With Hartness being the lead singer, the other members include Leon Buckhorn lead guitar, his brother James Buckhorn, rhythm guitar, and Roy Henson, bass guitar. The name of the band has a special meaning to the group.

"We are traveling through this life," said Hartness. "This world is not our home. We are striving for a heavenly home."

The Wayfaring Strangers use country style music, with a touch of blues. They sing the old standard songs, newer alternatives and requested songs. A few of the songs include "Poor Wayfaring Stranger," "This Little Light of Mine" and "If Jesus Changed Your Heart, He'll Change Your Song."

Hartness hopes to add on to her years and experiences of singing by spreading the gospel and sharing it wherever she and the group are lead to perform.

"This is my calling; my ministry," said Hartness. "I will go wherever the Lord leads me. I hope that someone will receive a blessing from my ministry and they will come to know the Lord."

For more information about the Wayfaring Strangers call Sonja Hartness at 918-431-2790 or Leon and Sue Buckhorn at 918-458-0434.

By Lindsey Bark GCN Reporter

John Hair Cultural Museum is more than artifacts

It's not often that a museum leaves us with tears in our eyes, but you might find yourself a bit teary-eyed after leaving the John Hair Cultural Museum in Tahlequah. While not large, this museum has soul and after visiting, your soul will have been touched by the trials the Keetoowah people have suffered; not just losses of 'things,' but loss of lives and grave injustices suffered for many years, much of it for no reason at all. You also get the opportunity to learn about the people who stood up for the Keetoowah people and started the process of change toward a better way of life. Many Keetoowah people did not have plumbing and electricity as recently as the 1970's.

What many children will like are the artifacts that are out for display such as the clothing, quilts, bowls and documents that support the commentary of the guide who walks you through what you see. We highly recommend you take the guided tour to get the most of the experience, but what really makes the experience fulfilling are the photographs of Keetoowah people who shaped and changed the history of the tribe.

The tour of the museum will make you proud, sad, enlighten you, encourage you and will make you want to be a better person. You will leave the museum wanting to do better by your fellow man, having realized how far we have come, yet how far we still have to go. Show your family the real history of our country by bringing them to this enlightening exhibit and be sure to stay for the film while you are there. When you leave, be sure to take something with you – the need to do better



Ernestine Berry, Interim Director of the John Hair Cultural Museum educates visitors on Keetoowah Cherokee history. Photo by Angalien NoFire

by your fellow man and not repeat the injustices of our past.

The John Hair Museum is open from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday. Admission is free however a donation to help this treasure grow is appreciated. Find out more by calling (918)

772-4389. The museum is located right off Highway 62 on the south side of Tahlequah and is just off West Willis Rd.

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Amended election ordinances

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Most of the changes were simply grammatical in nature such as fixing typos or other clerical errors. There were, also, a number of section number changes as chapters were rearranged for clarity. In addition to those, a number of words were changed for clarity such as "may" to "shall."

But, there were several major changes as well.

Section 501(B)(1) referring to who shall not be eligible to run for office was amended to: Persons having pled guilty to or having been found guilty of a felonious offense resulting in a final conviction of a felony. A suspended sentence is a final conviction of a felony. A deferred sentence is not considered a final conviction of a felony.

Section 503(G) was amended to include that the \$300 fee for a candidate to receive a precinct book is payable only by money order or cashier's check.

Section 508 prohibiting early campaigning was completely eliminated.

Section 813(C) was amended so that candidates in a contested election have until the conclusion of the hearing on the contest petition to turn in the precinct books instead of the 10 business days previously required.

Section 813(F) was amended to add a third part to when the election board can destroy precinct books: (3) The resolution of any discrepancies in voter information between the Precinct Books and the Voter List and Signature Book.

The amended election code was approved unanimously.

The last item brought before council was the resolution to reauthorize the submission of a Class III gaming compact with the state of Oklahoma.

Currently the tribe operates Class II games in its Keetoowah Cherokee Casino, which do not require a compact with the state.

According to the National Indian Gaming Commission, Class II gaming means:

(i) the game of chance commonly known as bingo (whether or not electronic, computer, or other technologic aids are used in connection therewith) –

(I) which is played for prizes, including monetary prizes, with cards bearing numbers or other designations,

(II) in which the holder of the card covers such numbers or designations when objects, similarly numbered or designated, are drawn or electronically determined, and

(III) in which the game is won by the first person covering a previously designated arrangement of numbers or designations on such cards, including (if played in the same location) pull-tabs, lotto, punch boards, tip jars, instant bingo, and other games similar to bingo, and

(ii) card games that –

(I) are explicitly authorized by the laws of the State, or

(II) are not explicitly prohibited by the laws of the State and are played at any location in the State, but only if such card games are played in confor-

mity with those laws and regulations (if any) of the State regarding hours or periods of operation of such card games or limitations on wagers or pot sizes in such card games.

(B) The term "class II gaming" does not include (i) any banking card games, including baccarat, chemin de fer, or blackjack (21), or (ii) electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance or slot machines of any kind.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, the term "class II gaming" includes those card games played in the State of Michigan, the State of North Dakota, the State of South Dakota, or the State of Washington, that were actually operated in such State by an Indian tribe on or before May 1, 1988, but only to the extent of the nature and scope of the card games that were actually operated by an Indian tribe in such State on or before such date, as determined by the Chairman.

(D) Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, the term "class II gaming" includes, during the 1-year period beginning on October 17, 1988, any gaming described in subparagraph (B) (ii) that was legally operated on Indian lands on or before May 1, 1988, if the Indian tribe having jurisdiction over the lands on which such gaming was operated requests the State, by no later than the date that is 30 days after October 17, 1988, to negotiate a Tribal-State compact under section 2710(d)(3) of this title.

(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, the term "class II gaming" includes, during the 1-year period beginning on December 17, 1991, any gaming described in subparagraph (B)(ii) that was legally operated on Indian lands in the State of Wisconsin on or before May 1, 1988, if the Indian tribe having jurisdiction over the lands on which such gaming was operated requested the State, by no later than November 16, 1988, to negotiate a Tribal-State compact under section 2710(d)(3) of this title.

(F) If, during the 1-year period described in subparagraph (E), there is a final judicial determination that the gaming described in subparagraph (E) is not legal as a matter of State law, then such gaming on such Indian land shall cease to operate on the date next following the date of such judicial decision.

(8) The term "class III gaming" means all forms

of gaming that are not class I gaming or class II gaming.

The new compact allows for Class III gaming by the tribe.

According to Part 2, Paragraph 6 of the gaming compact, The state recognizes that the positive effects of this compact will extend beyond the tribe's lands to the tribe's neighbors and surrounding communities and will generally benefit all of Oklahoma. These positive effects and benefits may include not only those described in paragraph 5 of this part, but also may include increased tourism and related economic development activities.

The resolution passed 9-2-1 with Ella Mae Worley, treasurer, and Dotson voting against the resolution. Betty Holcomb, Tahlequah District representative, abstained from voting.

The next council meeting is June 2 at 10 a.m. in the Community Services Building.

Attention UKB Candidates for the November 2012 Election

To all candidates of the upcoming election:

In the October issue of the Gaduwa Cherokee News, each candidate running for council in the upcoming Nov. 5, 2012 election is allowed the opportunity to run biographical and platform information with a photo. You may submit an article of up to 200 words along with photo. Please include your return address if you would like the photo back. The deadline to submit the information for the newspaper is Sept. 12 at noon. Any information submitted after that date will not be accepted.

Candidates should refrain from writing negative information. The Gaduwa Cherokee News editor reserves the right to edit negative comments from the candidate's bio if needed. Information may be emailed to ukbnews@unit-edkeetoowahband.org, or the information may be dropped by the Gaduwa Cherokee News Office, located in the UKB Administration Offices, which is next door to the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino.

Candidates may purchase ads for the Gaduwa Cherokee News if they would like. Ads must be paid in advance at the following rates: full page - \$700; half page - \$400; quarter page - \$275; and business card ad - \$150. Ads must be in good taste. The deadline to purchase an ad is the second Friday of the month prior to the next issue. The Gaduwa Cherokee News reserves the right to refuse to sell ads that are negative and inappropriate.

For more information, call the UKB media office at (918) 431-1818.

Sincerely,
Sammy L. Still, Editor
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2012 Red Fern Festival



Various entertainers performed for visitors on the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino stage during this year's Red Fern Festival. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Sequoyah Indians Coach Dewayne Hammer shows off his red high heels as he prepares to walk in the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event downtown Tahlequah, April 21. Photo by Sammy Still



Jason Nichols, UKB I. T. director and Tahlequah Mayor, participated in "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event April 21. Photo by Sammy Still



This year's Red Fern Festival field trials were held in the Sequoyah City Park, as several coon hunters brought their coon dogs for competition, bragging rights, and first place. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Coon dogs were tested on their hunting skills during the field trials at this year's Red Fern Festival on the grounds of Sequoyah's City Park. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Over a thousand yellow plastic ducks were released into Beta Pond as anxious participants watched hoping their duck would cross the finish line first. Each participant purchased a duck for \$5 hoping to win the ultimate prize. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Car enthusiasts abound during the Red Fern Festival car show downtown Tahlequah. Many unique vehicles were on display such as this vintage restored school bus. Photo by Thomas Jordan



A variety of activities such as rope jumping was enjoyed by children and adults during the annual Red Fern Festival. Photo by Sammy Still



The traditional sack race was one of many activities enjoyed by visitors to this year's Red Fern Festival in Tahlequah. Photo by Sammy Still

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Woodall Public Schools Cultural Day

On May 10, Woodall Public Schools south of Tahlequah held a cultural day showcasing the aspects of Native American culture. Kindergarten through eighth grade students were in attendance, taking part in several activities held on the school's track and softball field.

There were about 10 stations for the students to stop at, observe and learn about the culture of the Native American. They observed the H.O.P.E. Powwow dancers perform the different kinds of dances they would in an actual powwow, fully dressed in their regalia, accompanied by the drum.

There were arts and crafts set up where students could observe and create their own art. There was pinch pottery demonstrated by Betty Frogg, basket weaving demonstrated by former Miss Keetoowah Janelle Adair, blow guns demonstrated by Tim Kingfisher, corn husk dolls demon-

strated by Peggy Girty and Cindy Hair and pony beads where kids were free to string their own jewelry. Woodall students even got the chance to take part in Native American athletics that included stickball and marbles.

Another tradition in Native American culture is storytelling, demonstrated by Choogie Kingfisher. Along with his stories he included music by playing the flute. He brought several flutes and taught the students about each one, how they are made and what stories they are used for.

If students got hungry, they were able to line up and fill their plates with one of the most popular traditional foods known in Native American culture, hog meat. But other than hog meat, they sampled fried bread, potatoes, and brown beans.

Also taking part in activities, and an eighth grader at Woodall, was reigning Jr. Miss

Keetoowah Rachel Hays.

Stacy Hall, Woodall counselor, said nothing like this year's cultural day has been done in the last 10 years. Many of the students were not aware of their Native American cultural background and were excited to learn. The students gave good feedback about the day's events and were already asking if it was going to take place next year. Hall is hoping to make next year's culture day an all-day event for the students so they can gain more experience about Native American culture.

"We appreciate the presenters from the UKB and Cherokee Nation," said Hall. "It was nice working together and giving the students knowledge about their culture."

By GCN Reporter Lindsey Bark



Illinois District Representative for the UKB, Peggy Girty, demonstrates the technique of Corn Husk doll making to students at the Woodall School Culture day. Assisting Girty is Cindy Hair, Cultural Events Coordinator for the UKB tribe. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Wesley Proctor, John Hair Multi-Cultural Center and Museum Archivist, (above) teaches young Woodall students how to play traditional marbles. Photo by Thomas Jordan



An Indian drum group performs for students during the Woodall School Culture day as they watch dancers in their colorful regalia dance. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Dancers perform in their colorful regalia as they demonstrate powwow dancing to students at the Woodall School Culture day. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Rachel Hays (left) tries her skills at traditional marbles during the Woodall School Culture day. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Janelle Adair demonstrates the art of basket weaving to students attending culture day at Woodall School. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Woodall students enjoyed a game of stickball at the Woodall School Culture day. Photo by Thomas Jordan

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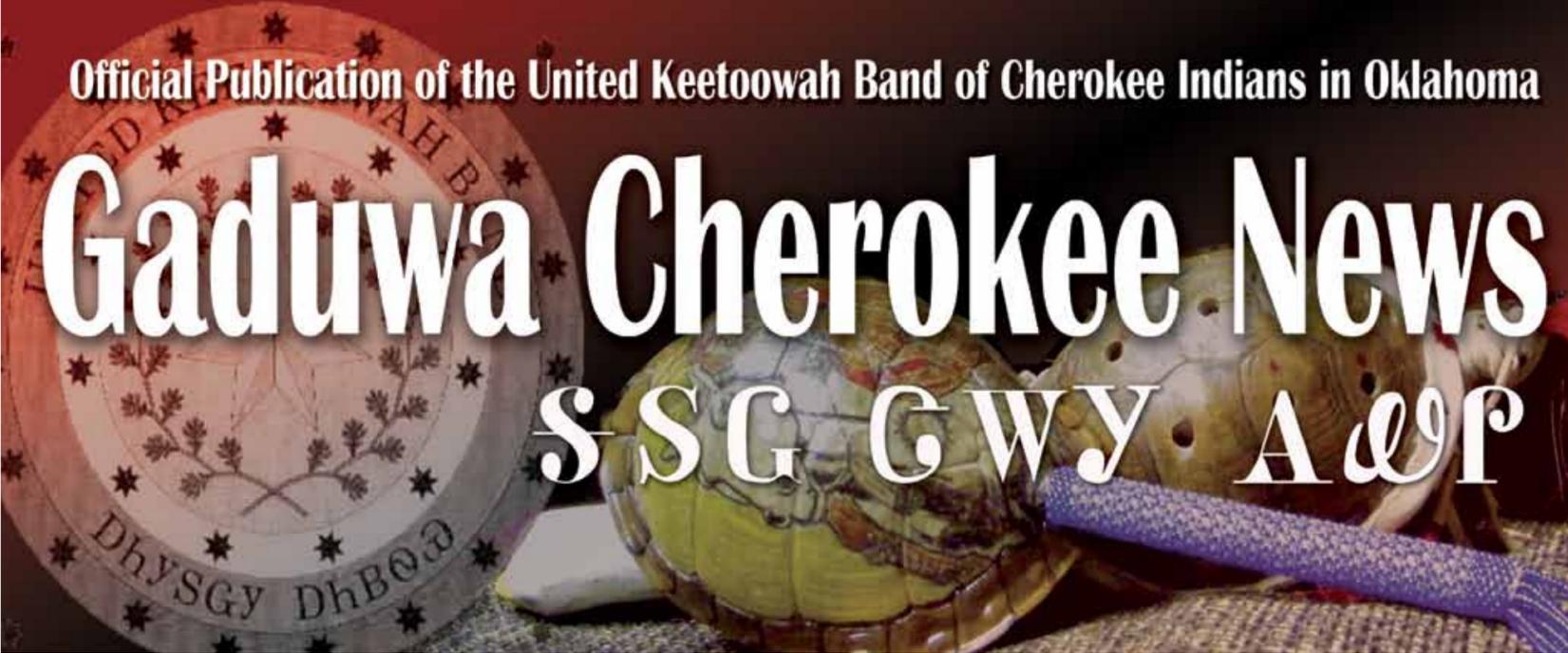

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Gaduwa Cherokee News Church Listings

As an added service to its readership, The Gaduwa Cherokee News is adding a church listing to its monthly newspaper.

“The churches are an integral part of the Keetoowah Cherokee community,” said Sammy Still, GCN editor in chief. “We just want to make sure all of our members are served by being aware of the church services in their area, so we’re asking that the churches contact us to help them promote their church.”

Each listing should include the full name of the church, the pastor, service times, the address and phone number of the church.

Anyone who wants their church spotlighted in the newspaper needs to call Thomas Jordan, communications officer, at 918-456-6533 or email him at mjordan@unitedkeetoowahband.org.

Also, any church that is sponsoring a singing or special event can contact the newspaper by the 15th of each month for additional coverage.

ASSEMBLY of GOD

Amazing Grace Chapel
Langley 918-782-3490
Pastor Allen Byrd

Faith Assembly of God ~ Wyandotte
Hwy 60 & Main 918- 678-2830
Rev. John Merriman
Sunday School - 10 a.m. Services 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. Wed. night 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God
Hwy 10 E. 29080 S 637 Lane, Grove 918-786-8788
Pastor Tony Wisdom
Sunday School- 9:30 Services-10:30 a.m.
Sunday evening- 6 p.m.
Wednesday-7 p.m.

Turkey Ford Assembly of God
Wyandotte 918-786-3374
Pastor Don Law
Sunday School- 9:30 a.m. Services-10:30 a.m.
Wednesday-7 p.m.

Topsy Assembly of God
40867 S 510 Rd.,Eucha 918-253-8450
Pastor Gayle Miles

BAPTIST

All Nations Indian Baptist Church
301 Center St. (Intersection of Hwy 59 & Center) Grove
918-786-9326
Pastor Russ Simpson
Sunday Services-10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Bar-None Cowboy Church
55100 Hwy 59 Flying Cow Arena Afton
918-540-4772
Sunday Service-10 a.m.
Wednesday-6:30 p.m.

Bernice Baptist Church
Hwy 85A Afton
918-256-2910
Pastor Butch Miller

Bible Baptist Church of Grove
1 mile east, 1mile north of downtown Grove
918-786-3466
Rev. Guy Morrow

Brush Creek Baptist
Jay 918-253-4055
Rev. Sanders McLemore

Butler Baptist
Jay 918-787-5020
Pastor Charles Smith

Carr Baptist
68501 E. 280 Rd. Grove
918-787-6784
Pastor John Redfearn
Sunday School-10 a.m. Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6 p.m.

Cleora Baptist Church
1 1/2mi south of 85/85A Jct. Afton
918- 256-3745
Pastor David Pifer

Crosswired Cowboy Church
3659 Hwy 59N (Old Country Cousins Theatre)
Grove 918-787-5219
Pastor Clint Sinclair

Deaf Fellowship Church
501 E 13th St. Grove
Sunday Fellowship-10-10:30 a.m.
Worship-10:30-11:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
918-786-4419
Pastor Bobby J. Graff

Delaware Baptist Church
5 mi. South of Grove – Hwy 59
918-786-3504
Pastor Gary Bishop

Elk River Baptist
1/4 mile south of Elk River Bridge
918-786-8818
Sunday Bible Study-9:30 a.m.
Worship Service-10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening- 6 p.m.
Wednesday-6:30 p.m.
Pastor Ed Glasgow

First Baptist Church of Jay
504 N. 4th St., Jay 918-253-4858
Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Service-11 a.m.
Wednesday-6:30 p.m.
Pastor Johnnie Faught

First Baptist Church of Kansas
360 N. Kansas St., Kansas 918-868-2239
Pastor Larry Combs

Foundation Free Will Baptist Church
2 miles N. of Sailboat Bridge on Hwy 59, Grove
918-787-8950
Sunday School-9:30-10:15 a.m., Morning Service-10:30-noon
Sunday Evening-6-7 p.m.
Wednesday-7-8 p.m.
Pastor Sam Smith

Grand Lake Baptist
Hwy 59 & 98th St., Grove 918-786-6322
Sunday Worship-10:30 a.m.
Pastor Larry Moore

Grove’s First Baptist
501 E. 13th St., Grove
Sunday Bible Study-9 a.m., Fellowship-10 a.m.,
Morning Worship-10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6 p.m.
Tuesday Salt Shakers Women’s Bible Study-9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Night Meals in MPR-5-5:45 p.m.,
Bible Study-6 p.m.
Thursday Women & More Bible Study-10 a.m.,
Christian Medical Clinic in MPR-3-8 p.m.
(918) 786-4419

Independent Baptist
11th & Grand, Grove 918-786-9529
Sunday School-9:45 a.m., Morning Worship-10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening-1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Supper and Fellowship-5:30 p.m.,
Teens and Kids Ministry-6:30 p.m.,
Wednesday Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study-6:30 p.m.
Pastor Marty Hughes

Immanuel Baptist
228 H St. SE, Miami 918-542-4241
Sunday School-9:30 a.m., Worship Service-10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study-7-8 p.m.
Interim Pastor Jeremiah Morris

Lake Center Baptist
29020 S. Hwy 125, Monkey Island 918-257-5202
Sunday School-9:45 a.m., Worship Service-11 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6:20 p.m.
Monday Men’s Breakfast at Lorene’s in Fairland-8 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study-6:30 p.m.,
Youth and Team Kids-6:30 p.m.
Rev. Kim Hays

New Hope Baptist Church
3 mi. N. of Jay on Hwy 59 918-253-3985
Sunday School-9:45 a.m., Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Wednesday-6:30 p.m.
Pastor James Cox

Zena Baptist
5 ½ mi. South, 5 mi. West of Grove
36191 S 575 Rd., Jay 918-786-5688

CATHOLIC

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
N. Hwy 59 & 113th, Grove 918-786-9312
Wednesday Mass-5:15 p.m.
Friday Mass-9 a.m.
Saturday Mass-5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass-11 a.m.
Reconciliation Saturday-4:55-5:15
Rev. Alex Kennedy

St. Frances of Rome Parish
Next to Lakeview Supper Club, Langley
918-782-2248
Saturday Vigil-6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass-8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Mass-6 p.m.
Thursday Mass-9 a.m.
Rev. Patrick J. Gaalaas

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church
4th & Grand, Grove 918-786-2822
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday Services-8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday-Youth 6-8 p.m., Children 7-8 p.m.
and Adult 7-8 p.m.
Minister Dr. Wayne Shaw

CHURCH of CHRIST

Adair Church of Christ
Hwy 69, Adair 918-253-4011 or 918-253-4897
Sunday Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evangelists Frank Hopkins and Ryan Kepke
Church of Christ
1001. S. Grand, Grove 918-786-2495
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship-10:45 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday Worship-7 p.m.
Minister Doug Rainbolt



Henry Sam, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino Building Maintenance Manager, tills the UKB tribal garden as his crew prepares to seed the garden for the spring season. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Casino maintenance crew Scott Macdonald and Preston Wilema places tomato plants into the ground of the tribe's garden. Photo by Thomas Jordan



2012 Stilwell Strawberry Festival



Keetoowah Cherokee Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Chief George Wickliffe and District Representatives William Christie, Charles Smoke and Tom Duncan wave to the crowd attending the 2012 Stilwell Strawberry Festival Saturday, May 12. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Stilwell Chamber of Commerce Prince and Princess wave to thousand visitors attending the Strawberry Festival in Stilwell. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Kristy Daugherty, Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, waves to the crowd as she makes her way through the Strawberry Festival parade downtown Stilwell. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Rachel Hays, Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, participated in this year's Stilwell Strawberry Festival parade Saturday, May 12. Photo by Thomas Jordan



The UKB Honor Guard displays the United States flag along with the United Keetoowah Band flag as they march in the 2012 Strawberry Festival in Stilwell, Okla. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Tahlequah Sequoyah School band marched in this year's Stilwell Strawberry Festival under the direction of Sam Morris, band director. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Color guards, Stilwell Police and crowd stand in silence as invocation is given before the start of the annual Strawberry Festival in Stilwell. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Many colorful floats from clubs, organizations, and schools were represented at this year's Strawberry Festival parade downtown Stilwell. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Tori Blue Goates was crowned as the 2012 Strawberry Queen, Saturday, May 12 during the Strawberry Festival in Stilwell. Photo by Thomas Jordan