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Watts Partners Host United Keetoowah Band Interns

WASHINGTON: Watts Partners is proud to announce the selection of Pawnee Crabtree and Walter Buffalomeat into the 2008 J.C. Watts Companies internship program. Pawnee and Walter are members of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

"My team is excited about hosting students from the Native American community. Together, our goal is to provide everyone with the experience of working in a diverse environment, both politically and socially in corporate America," said former Congressman J.C. Watts, Jr.

The J.C. Watts Companies is a diverse, multi-industry business specializing in corporate, media, and public affairs management, import/export, engineering, construction and project management, residential and commercial equipment sales and service, human resource diversity training and programming, and affordable housing development. The company provides a full range of strategic services, including communications, coalition-building, government contracting, PAC fundraising, research, and executive and legislative branch representation.

Each semester, the J.C. Watts Companies hosts one or more interns, who work with the team on a variety of projects and gain business and Capitol Hill experience while engaged in the company's work. Pawnee Crabtree is a 19 year-old college student from Salina, Oklahoma.

She is the youngest of three children and one of the first in her family to go to college. She has just completed her first year at Northeastern State University, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, a historic institution located at the site of the Cherokee Female Seminary, built in 1890.

Miss Crabtree is majoring in Nutrition and hopes to become a Dietitian. This goal is an important one, as she wants to help Native Americans who suffer from diabetes and be pro-active to teach others, especially young people, how to prevent this deadly disease.

Pawnee is currently serving as an ambassador in her tribe as the 2007-2008 reigning Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, representing the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians of Oklahoma. She has attended numerous events on behalf of the tribe, including Powwows, Parades and Special Events. She is a role model to Keetoowah Cherokee youth, and has assisted with various culture camps, veteran and elder programs. As one of this summer's interns, Crabtree said, "I want to be well-versed in how things get accomplished in D.C., so that I can go back home and educate my tribe on my experiences as an intern at J.C. Watts Companies."

Walter Buffalomeat, 22 is of Keetoowah Cherokee and Cheyenne descent. He will be a senior in the fall of 2008 at the University of Oklahoma. He is working toward his Bachelor's degree in Native Ameri-



Pawnee Sue Crabtree, J.C. Watts and Walter Buffalomeat at the J.C. Watts Companies office in Washington, D.C.

can Studies with an emphasis in indigenous education.

Buffalomeat recently served as the President of the Native American Student Organization, which is the second oldest student organization at the University of Oklahoma. Last year, under the direction of Buffalomeat, the group sponsored a stomp dance, a fall and a spring Powwow. He also was a member of a Native American Fraternity, Sigma Nu Alpha Gamma. The fraternity began four years ago and sponsors a large stickball tournament which draws participation from Indian colleges across the United States. Buffalomeat is a Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient.

Walter plans to get his Master's Degree in Education, then go on

to get his PHD in Education. His goal is to further tribal people's efforts to sustain governments, economies, and education systems which will enrich the quality of life for his tribe.

Buffalo Meat) said, "J.C. Watts is a great role model to many minorities back in Oklahoma. I know I'll gain valuable knowledge and skills that I can use to help my communities."

This summer's internship is a pilot program that the Watts Companies plan to continue each summer. The criteria to be eligible to apply includes: applicant must be at least a junior in college, have a 3.0 GPA and three letters of recommendation.

Congressman Boren Helps UKB Receive Earmark Funding

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee received Congressional Earmarks totaling \$1,050,760 for three tribal programs Lighthorse, Domestic Violence Prevention, and Indian Reservation Roads. Congressman Dan Boren helped the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee obtain the funding for these three critical areas.

The awards are through the Department of Justice and Federal Highways and are invitation only type grants. The tribe is in the process this summer of completing the grant applications

through our grants department and should be moving to implementation by Fiscal Year 09. The Road project is designated to improve the West Willis Road leading to the Keetoowah Cherokee Community Services Complex. The COPS grant will assist the tribal Lighthorse in improving the Technological Capacity of the Department. The Domestic Violence Prevention will be used in the Family Services Department to assist with victims of domestic violence.

Attention UKB Members – Check IHS Registration

Tribal Officials at the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma are contacting all tribal members to encourage them to check the tribal affiliation listed on their IHS records. "If tribal members don't confirm that they are United Keetoowah Band members specifically, they will be listed as being a member of CNO (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma)," said UKB Chief George Wickliffe.

UKB Tribal members should make it a point to change registration for Indian Tribe at the IHS hospitals or clinics to the full title of United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees to be registered properly. UKB tribal members should show their membership cards to the clerk when they check in at IHS Hospitals or clinics. For more information, contact UKB Enrollment at (918) 453-9375.

UKB Election Board Relocates Office

The UKB Election Board Office has relocated to 20525 S. Jules Valdez Road, which is located, across from CNO's EMS Building off Hwy 62. Go west across the cattle guard to the UKB Family Services Building (also referred to as the Round House).

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will be holding an election on November 3, 2008. A Final List of Eligible Voters will be available for viewing on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at the UKB Election Board Office. The list contains names of eligible voters for the November Tribal Elections. No names or change of address can be added to the final list. For more information, please call the UKB Election Board at (918) 456-9200. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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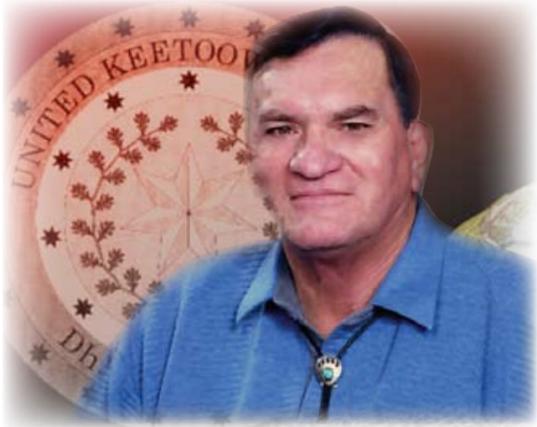
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Filing dates set for UKB Officer and District Representative Candidates

The UKB Election Board will be accepting applications from tribal members wishing to file for candidacy for UKB Officer or District Representative on the UKB Tribal Council. Filing opens Friday, August 1 at 9 a.m. and closes on Thursday, August 14 at 6 p.m. All candidates should file in person at the UKB Election Board office, located at 20525 Jules Valdez Road in Tahlequah.

The UKB Tribal Council is made up of four officers; Chief, Assistant Chief, Tribal Secretary, and Tribal Treasurer and nine district representatives from the Canadian, Cooweescoowee, Delaware, Flint, Goingsnake, Illinois, Saline, Sequoyah, and Tahlequah districts. Terms of office are four years for officers, and two years for district representative. Filing fees are as follows: Chief - \$500; Assistant Chief, Secretary and Treasurer - \$400; and District Representative - \$250.

For more information, call the Election Board at (918) 456-9200.



A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe

to the clipping, but the name of the reporter was. The date had to be about 1950 and the newspaper is believed to be the Muskogee Daily Phoenix. The reporter who wrote "instant history: that day was Katherine Stull. Much of the information about Gritts as a lexicographer is taken from this feature story. His earlier participation in Cherokee politics has more documentation, but that also is rather limited.

Gritts spent seven years working on compiling his list of Cherokee/English words (dictionary) and it is said he had seriously studied the Cherokee Nation during this time. He loved the language and in his last years taught a class in Cherokee at the Muskogee Public Library every Wednesday evening. In these classes he used a Photo static copy of a Cherokee primer published at Park Hill in 1854, and worksheets he devised himself.

When he had completed his dictionary, Gritts ran into the problem of finding types of fonts for the Cherokee syllabary. After diligent searching he located some old syllabary types at Sequoyah Indian Training School at Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Superintendent Jack Brown had to write to the Department of the Interior for permission for the types to be used. Gritts added three characters to Sequoyah's syllabary and some diacritical marks in the first dictionary. About the language Gritts said: "The more I teach Cherokee, the more I learn about it, for students ask questions." He said that Cherokee is a more precise language. "In English, a man can make a long speech and say a lot of things and each person who hears him can make it mean something else. In Cherokee, what he says means just one thing." An example was given with the word which means, "You and I," a difference word for "he (or she) and I," and still another for three or more. All these changes are made with prefixes on the verb stem.

Although claiming that Cherokee was the only language he really knew, Gritts worked as a translator for the famous Judge Isaac Parker at the Federal Court in Fort Smith, Arkansas, until Parker's death in 1896. It was reported that he held the job for several years, but since he would have been just 22 years old in 1896 he would have had to be very young when he began

to work in that capacity. Perhaps records of this still exist in Fort Smith.

Levi B. Gritts was born at Rabbit Trap Town, Flint District, Cherokee Nation, in 1874 (near the present town of Stilwell, Adair County, Oklahoma.) This was during the time that W.P. Ross, nephew of Chief John Ross, was serving as Chief by appointment of the National Council after the sudden death of Chief Lewis Downing. It was a turbulent time and it would be turbulent Cherokee politics that would occupy much of Levi Gritts' thoughts and energy during his lifetime. He was educated at the Cherokee Male Seminary at Tahlequah and at Bacone College. He was taught English by Dr. Bacone himself, and must have been a very apt student.

Dr. Bacone taught at the Cherokee Male Seminary until the founding of the Indian University in Tahlequah in 1880 by the Baptist Missionary, John Jones. Dr. Bacone was the first President of this institution and later when it was moved to Muskogee it was named Bacone College. It is still in operation as a two year junior college and has the distinction of being the oldest continuing institution of higher education in the state.

By the time Gritts left Fort Smith in 1896, the dismembering of the Cherokee Nation by the Federal Government was about complete. The Dawes Act of 1887 led to the creation of the President's Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, usually referred to as the Dawes Commission, which was formed to make treaties with the tribes for individual allotments of their land and eventual abolishment of their tribal governments. Members of this commission arrived in Indian Territory in January of 1894.

Being a full blood Cherokee and a Keetoowah, Gritts was very personally affected by actions of the Dawes Commission. There may be documentation someplace of just when he joined the Keetoowah Society, but one could reasonably assume that being born of full blood parents in the Flint District, he was probably brought up in the traditional Cherokee religion. Since he was well educated in the white man's schools and fluent English speaking, Levi Gritts was a decided asset to the society. Because young full blood Cherokee men with his ability were not plentiful at this time.

In order to understand what was to follow in the life of Levi Gritts, some clarification about the Keetoowahs is necessary. The Ancient Keetoowahs were the deeply religious people within the Cherokee Tribe before their Removal from their home east of the Mississippi River to what would become their Oklahoma in 1820s and 1830s. Although there were certainly practicing Keetoowahs in the Western Cherokee Nation after the Removal there was no organization.

In 1854 the Keetoowah Society was organized at Peavine Baptist Church in Goingsnake District (present northern Adair County). It is widely believed that the society was organized by the Missionaries Evan Jones and his son John Jones to start an abolitionist movement to counter the Knights of the Golden Circle, a mixed-blood slave-owning secret society. It is true that the Jones mission were supported by a board of missions with abolitionist views. The emphasis was political and many of the Keetoowahs who practiced the old religion had no interest in this new organization. Within the Keetoowah Society was an activist group called the "Pins" because

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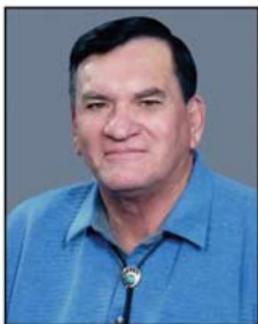
During the development of the Cherokee/English Language Resource Book, tremendous help was obtained through the work done by Levi B. Gritts. His Cherokee/English word list, most commonly called the Gritts Dictionary of the Cherokee Language served as a guide and provided needed resources on the Cherokee language. A close bond developed with the man we had never met and we felt proud in our attempt to carry the task of preserving our Cherokee language. Many questions arose about this man who was touching our lives: who was he, why isn't something written about him and his work. The task for finding the answers fell to Jane B. Noble, Historian/Researcher. Her findings are as follows:

The Levi B. Gritts Dictionary of the Cherokee language has been a standard reference for many years but it was not until the new updated version of the Gritts dictionary was in preparation that questions began to be asked about the man himself and why he undertook such a daunting task. The name of Levi Gritts would come up from time to time in researching the various Keetoowah societies, but was this the same man who compiled the dictionary?

The search began and small clues surfaced here and there but nothing to tie them all together. Somewhere there must be a treasure chest of information about this man but time and funds are limited, the dictionary itself, after all, is the primary project.

At last on a sweltering day in June after much digging and searching by staff and volunteers of the Muskogee Public Library, a newspaper clipping was unearthed that furnished key pieces to the puzzle. Unfortunately the name of the newspaper and the date had not been attached

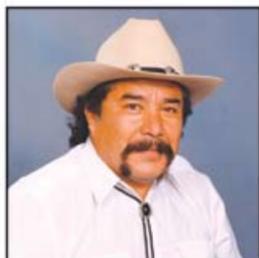
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June Council Meeting

United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe addressed the tribal representatives and officers during the June 7 tribal council meeting. Chief announced that tribes in the United States would witness a lot of changes in Washington, D.C. regarding the upcoming 2008 Presidential election in November. Many tribes will be focused on who will become our next President of the United States. Many changes could be made in regards to Tribal Gaming, Land In Trust issues, Tribal Housing and in Federal Revenues. This will not only affect the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, but all tribes across United States.

"It seems Obama will be receiving the Democratic nomination for Presidential candidacy and McCain for the Republican Party. The Keetoowah tribe will see a lot of changes, either it will continue as it has been for Native Americans if McCain is elected or you're going to see a change if Obama gets into office," stated Chief Wickliffe. Chief reported that he didn't see any changes in Indian Gaming; both Presidential Candidates were favorable to Casinos in Indian Country. One statement Chief addressed was Obama's comment regarding Indian Gaming. Obama is in favor of Casinos as long as it has no adverse effect on children and elders. As for adults, there are counseling programs provided for anyone who feels they have a problem in gambling. "I don't think there's an Indian tribe anywhere in the United States that does not offer counseling for people who want it," added Chief Wickliffe.

Mentioned also to the council, the Chief stated that if any Trust application is presented regarding Land into Trust to open a Casino, tribes must have a good Economic Development Plan. There is a possibility the United Keetoowah Band will get an opportunity to reopen its application for a Casino in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The application will still be subject to appeal, no timeline has been given as to the actual time of action. There will however, need to be an Economic Development Plan in place before any action can be taken. With this in mind,

Chief Wickliffe suggested the need to set aside a trust fund for Education programs. There have been suggestions to purchase 40 acres of land adjacent to the UKB Complex south of Tahlequah, where an Education building could be constructed for training purposes in the field of welding and computer technology. "If the tribe is going to establish some kind of trust fund and provide a good plan for creating jobs, we must have a good Economic Development Plan to present in order to provide an outline of how funds will be utilized from the Ft. Smith Casino," Chief Wickliffe said.

The tribe is moving forward in providing valuable services to its Keetoowah Cherokee members. Recent disbursements of the Elderly Assistance checks provided aide to many Keetoowah elders. This opportunity as well as many other opportunities to provided assistance to its tribal members has been made possible by the check and balance technique provided by the Administration. With all records and audits updated and all tribal finances up to date, this will give the tribe a better opportunity to provide its Keetoowah Cherokee members better services as the tribe grows. "When services are provided we're not going to play favorites to one district, we are going to target all districts and treat them equally," stated Chief Wickliffe.

In other council business, Lisa Stopp, Interim Director for the Language, History and Culture department made a presentation on behalf of Governor of Alabama, Bob Riley, to United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe and to Assistant Chief Charles Locust. Stopp presented a Distinguished Service Medal to the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians for distinguished service while supporting the Alabama National Guard Native American Consultation program. It read, "The willingness to share your wisdom and guidance with the Alabama National Guard is greatly appreciated. Your leadership is a true asset to the National Guards."

"Thank you very much, it is an honor. We are

very involved in historic preservation and working with the Corps and Tennessee Valley Authority throughout the United States," added Chief Wickliffe. The tribe is currently working with the Tennessee Valley Authority. The Tennessee Valley Authority's plans are to set aside some of their land to give our tribe a cultural easement and at the same time plans to re-bury approximately 6,000 individual sets of human remains on that land.

Tahlequah District Representative, Albert Shade, thanked members of the council and administration for their prayers and flowers for the recent loss of his father, Leonard Shade. "I want to thank everyone for everything that was done for the family. I especially want to thank the Lighthouse for their escort, a lot of people praised the Lighthouse, and they did a really good job. I was proud of them. We deeply appreciate it," said Councilman Shade.

In unfinished business, the council discussed the suggested additional polling places for the upcoming November tribal election. A resolution was passed by the council to approve additional polling places for the Flint, Goingsnake, Sequoyah and Illinois Districts. Approval for the Cooweescoowee, Delaware, Tahlequah and Saline Districts were tabled for further discussion for the July 12 council meeting. In new business the council approved to place Ned Christie Burial Ground on the Tribal Register of Historic Places as site number K0724. Also a resolution was passed to approve submission of an FY2008 application to the Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant. The Edward Byrne Memorial Grants Program FY2008 Congressionally Mandated Awards was also approved.

The July council meeting has been moved until July 12 due to the July 4th holiday. The meeting will be held at the UKB Community Services conference room at the UKB tribal complex, south of Tahlequah.

From The Chief

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of the crossed pins they wore on their lapels as a recognition sign. During and after the Civil War, the "Pins" were a pretty fierce bunch. As always in such cases whether or not they were freedom fighters depend upon your point of view.

The Curtis Act, where by the United States Government simply seized all the funds of the Five Civilized Tribes and abolished Tribal Courts and took all authority away from Tribal officials, passed by Congress on June 29, 1898, "For the protection of the people of the Indian Territory." Land allotments were made mandatory and it was now possible for white towns to be incorporated within Indian Territory. The first producing oil well was drilled at Bartlesville, Oklahoma in 1897, just one year before the Curtis Act was passed. This is reminiscent of the discovery of gold in the old Cherokee Nation which speeded up the timetable of the Removal.

The Keetoowah Society was at one time very powerful politically in the Cherokee Nation, but Dennis Bushyhead had been the last Chief of the Cherokees that the Keetoowahs had been able to place in the highest office, and his term ended in 1887. As the United States moved toward the termination the Cherokee Nation as a political entity the Keetoowah Society fought in every way they knew how to keep their country and it must be said that in this the mixed-bloods were as devoted to the Cherokee Nation as were the full bloods, they just gave up sooner.

Some of the Keetoowahs also started a movement to "get back what the Keetoowahs had lost," and appointed Redbird Smith to try to find what he could about the old ways and reinstate the Cherokee religious ceremonials that had almost disappeared after the Removal. If Levi Gritts was interested in this movement the information has not surfaced.

During the tumultuous process of the census, the enrollment, and the allotment of land the Keetoowahs resisted, but at last, about 1900, the Keetoowah Society met at Moody's Spring near Tahlequah, and the majority agreed that they had lost the fight and that it was best to enroll and make the best of the situation. They also stipulated that a protest would be filed with their enrollment forms. Most of the mixed bloods had come to the conclusion some time before.

Redbird Smith did not agree to this decision and he and his followers withdrew, the classic Cherokee form of protest, and formed their own society; which was conservative religious, militant, and secret. They became known as the Nighthawks.

In their determination to hold on to their traditional way of life, the Nighthawks did all

they could to keep the full bloods from enrolling with the Dawes Commission and in spite of Redbird Smith's preaching of peace and passive resistance some of this followers were less circumspect. All actions that were resistant and anti-government were labeled as the work of the Keetoowahs with no differentiation between factions. Newspaper people, then as now, knew that controversial and dramatic stories improve circulation and the suggestion that there might be unrest or even an uprising among the Indians was a favorite headline of the day.

It was not until 1937, during a WPA research project, that a letter was found between the pages of a book which had once been owned by Judge Joseph P. Gill, that lets in a bit of light on those times. The letter is addressed to Judge Gill and dated May 16, 1903. It was not signed by any individual but probably spoke for the entire Keetoowah Society that remained after the departure of the Nighthawks.

"Dear Sir:

We have had our attention called to an article in the Muskogee Times, of recent date, wherein you are represented as having said that you have instructed a commissioner of your court to make a tour of the Cherokee Nation, and get after the Keetoowahs; that the society takes the same attitude in the Cherokee Nation with respect to the policy of the Government, as that taken by the Crazy Snake band in the Creek Nation; that it has opposed the work of the Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes, and given much trouble to the Government; that you propose to stop their obstructive methods, and the intimidation of would-be allottees; that a man was recently murdered by the Keetoowahs because he had selected his allotment; that the commissioner referred to had been instructed to run down the Keetoowahs who did this, and that the leaders of the Society will all be in jail before long."

"Whether the newspaper article referred to correctly represents your views or not, such injustice has been done to leaders of the Keetoowahs, and the whole Society, by this publication, in misrepresenting the purpose and objects of the Society and the attitudes of its leaders toward the work of the Commission, that we feel called upon, in justice to ourselves and the Society, and in order that you, and the general public, shall be advised of our position, to take notice of it, and to make answer to the statements it contains that could only be justified by ignorance of the objects of the Keetoowahs."

The letter goes on to deny that the Keetoowah Society had any similarity with the Crazy Snakes in the Creek Nation (who really did have a small uprising). They also denied that they were opposing the government, or having anything to do with reported acts of violence. It states that these

malicious rumors were started by enemies of the Indians who wanted to make money from their lands, and by the press.

The letter continues with a description of the membership:

"It (the Society) is composed of Cherokees by blood, who can speak or understand but little, if any, English, and they are, therefore, at a great disadvantage in getting their views or their attitudes toward the important changes in progress, respecting the holding of property by the members of the Cherokee tribe, before the public so that they can be understood."

The patriotism of the Keetoowahs could be illustrated by the number of members who served in the Grand Army of the Republic, the letter went on:

"The Society furnished a great majority of the Cherokees who risked their lives and property by joining the armies of the government in the Civil War."

It was further stated that the Keetoowahs had only differed with the government in the matter of methods and not policies...

"There is another organization, within the Cherokee Nation, which we understand is composed of former members of the Keetoowah Society. This organization is known as the Knight Hawks (sic). It is a secret society, and we know more of its objects and purpose than the general public. We do not intend to speak for them..."

The Keetoowahs have been so vilified, and lied about, that we appreciate how hard it will be to put us right in the minds of the people. We are charged with the responsibility for a failure on the part of the fullbloods to enroll, because they do not rush to the land office and take their allotments. The fullblood Indian, as is well known by those familiar with the Indian character, is timid and suspicious, because he is not acquainted with the ways of the whites; and has so often been the victim of the cheats and frauds who take advantage of his ignorance. He is deliberate in all of this business dealings, and becomes confused when hurried, yet he is abused because he does not come to the land office and take his allotment in low grade public lands while there are many more intelligent citizens unlawfully in possession of thousands of acres of the best land, to the exclusion of the would-be allottees."

The letter ends with the suggestion that the court address these problems and then perhaps the full bloods would be more willing to cooperate.

George Wickliffe

This information was taken from the Cherokee/English Language Resource Book.

(To be continued in the August Issue of the Keetoowah Cherokee News)

UKB holds Informational Meeting in the Cooweescoowee District

United Keetoowah Band members from Sperry and surrounding towns and communities within the Cooweescoowee District attended the June 12 Sperry Community Gathering hosted by the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. The meeting was held in the gymnasium of the National Guard Armory in Sperry. The Keetoowah Cherokee administration, department directors and staff members shared information in regard to the tribe's future, federal programs and services offered to tribal members. UKB Cooweescoowee District Representative Cliff Wofford was also in attendance to welcome the members. Attendees were treated to a meal and entertained by some of the members of the United Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir under the direction of Janice Ballou.

UKB Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust spoke about the future of the United Keetoowah Band and the importance of membership involvement in the Cooweescoowee District. The Cooweescoowee District covers the largest area of the United Keetoowah Band's nine districts. "We haven't reached out this far in the past, but as we grow we want to provide more services to this area. There is a large increase in tribal enrollment, including enrollment in the Cooweescoowee District. This is the reason we came up here, we want to meet with you," stated Chief George Wickliffe. There are approximately 13,000 Keetoowah Cherokees enrolled in the tribe.

Assistant Chief Locust informed the members that within the past four years, the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe has increased in voter registration by 150%. Membership is increasing daily. "As a tribe, we feel that we are moving in the right direction. This is why we are here today, to reach out to the members, to let the members know what is available for them, what services we can provide for you and to let you know where the tribe is going," said Assistant Chief Locust.

UKB Federal Programs Director Bryan Shade provided information to the attending tribal members of federal aids available to the members, as well as introducing different department heads as they spoke of their programs and services they provide for tribal members in education, child care, tribal assistance, elderly assistance and tribal victim's assistance. Staff members were on hand after the presentations to answer questions. For more information about the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, call (918) 431-1818.

Nominations Open for UKB Tradition Keepers Award

Nominations are being taken for the Keetoowah Cherokee Tradition Keepers award, which will be presented at the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration, on Saturday, October 4, after the Chief's State of the Nation Address. The nomination form below may be clipped and sent to the UKB Language, History, and Culture Department.

The Keetoowah Cherokee Tradition Keepers award is designed to honor Keetoowah Cherokee craftspeople, artisans, and elders who are committed to education and cultural preservation. Primary emphasis is given to those crafts or arts produced in the traditional manner using native materials.

The United Keetoowah Band began recognizing Tradition Keepers at the Keetoowah Celebration in 2005. Since that time, five Keetoowah Cherokees have been so honored, including Cindy Hair for baskets, Danny McCarter for blowguns, Marie Proctor for baskets, Mack Vann for bow making, and Nellie Hunt for community service.

"Our goal is to keep our heritage and culture alive by teaching our children," said Lisa Stopp, UKB Acting Director of Language, History and Culture. "We value our Tradition Keepers for their knowledge and honor them for keeping these traditions alive generation after generation."

UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS IN OKLAHOMA

'TRADITION KEEPER' NOMINATION FORM

Please enter the following information for the person you are nominating:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number or message number _____

What art, craft, or tradition are you nominating this person for?

Does this person know you are nominating them, or is it a surprise?

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Please return this form no later than August 1st to: UKB Language, History and Culture Dept., P.O. Box 746, Tahlequah, OK 74465. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Stopp at 918-431-9998.



A "DISTINGUISHED Service Medal" was presented to Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust by Lisa Stopp, Interim Director of Language, History and Culture, on behalf of the Alabama Governor, Bob Riley, during the June 7 UKB tribal council meeting.

NOTICE

Notice: July Council Meeting set for the 12th

The July UKB Tribal Council Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the UKB Community Services Conference Room. The meetings are normally held on the first Saturday of the month, but it was moved back a week in consideration of the 4th of July weekend. For more information, contact Tribal Secretary Liz Littledave's office at (918) 456-5126.

UKB Offices Closed for Independence Day Holiday

In observance of Independence Day, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's tribal offices will be closed on Friday, July 4th & Monday, July 7th, 2008. UKB offices will re-open on Tuesday, July 8th at 8:30 a.m.

Cherokee Humanities Course Offered in Tahlequah

Since its inception in the summer of 2000, the Cherokee Humanities Course has provided a college level program in the humanities using Cherokee language and philosophy. No other program has offered such an incentive at no expense to students.

Partnered with the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and with funding through the Inasmuch Foundation, the Cherokee Heritage Center is currently seeking applicants interested in enrolling into both the fall and spring semesters. Individuals who, otherwise, would not have the resources or opportunity to attend an institute of higher learning are encouraged to be apart of this course.

This 15-week course will be held each Monday from 6-9 p.m. beginning August 25 at the O Si Yo Training Room located behind the Restaurant of the Cherokees. 20 students will be selected to earn 3 hours of college credit per semester in either History of Native American Studies. These students will be eligible for incentive payments such as mileage and child care reimbursements. Each class begins with the study of the Cherokee language with the remainder being a study of humanities through Cherokee perspectives.

Every year an estimated 1,300 students are enrolled in over 60 Clemente Courses in 7 different countries worldwide. Every course is distinct and designed to incorporate the humanities for each location's cultural majority. Following the implementation of the late Dr. Howard Meredith, the Cherokee Heritage Center has continued to make it an objective to offer this Cherokee Humanities Course to anyone, Indian or non-Indian, who is interested in furthering their knowledge.

If you or someone you know feels this course could be beneficial, contact Becky Adair at the Cherokee Heritage Center at (918) 456-6007, ext. 240.

Nominations Open for Outstanding Keetoowah Cherokee Elder

The UKB Elders Committee is seeking nominations for an Outstanding Keetoowah Cherokee Elder to be presented at the 10th Annual American Indian Elders Conference in Oklahoma City on September 3-5, 2008. Nominations will be submitted to the Committee and the winner will be notified on July 17, 2008. If there is an Outstanding Elder in your community that you would like to nominate, please complete the nomination form below and return to the Keetoowah Media Office at P.O. Box 746, Tahlequah, OK 74465 by 5:00 p.m. on **July 15, 2008**. Nominees must be an Exclusive member of the United Keetoowah Band and be at least 55 years old.

Nominee's Name: _____

In 10 sentences or less, describe why the nominee should be awarded a "2008 Outstanding Indian Elder Award."

Your Name _____

Phone _____

UKB Saline District Representative Charles Smoke welcomes tribal members to Saline District Meeting

United Keetoowah Band Saline District Representative Charles Smoke welcomed tribal members to the district meeting and introduced special guests. He also made a special presentation to UKB Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust. Smoke presented beautifully framed assorted arrowhead points; all found in the Kenwood community, as appreciation for all the hard work and dedication the Chief and Assistant Chief have done for the tribe.

United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe spoke to the crowd of over 65 tribal members attending the Saline District meeting in Kenwood. Chief reported to the audience that the tribe is close in receiving approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in their endeavor for land base. Chief Wickliffe spoke to the audience regarding the purchase of 40 acres adjacent to the UKB Tribal Complex south of Tahlequah. Plans are to construct a training facility for welding and computer technology. Plans are also underway to re-apply for land application in the Ft. Smith area for a casino along the banks of the Arkansas River. Since the induction of this administration three and a half years ago, the tribe has been moving in a positive direction. In 2004 the UKB economic impact reported three million dollars, today the UKB economic impact is over 96 million dollars. All of this has been accomplished through the careful monitoring of tribal finances, assuring account-

ability which has resulted in four years of accurate auditing reports. This process has assured better services for all Keetoowah Cherokee members. "It is my hope that we can continue in this positive direction by re-electing all elected officials this November," stated Chief Wickliffe.

"Chief Wickliffe is correct, the tribe is moving forward in a positive direction, and we will continue to move in the right direction for our tribal members and for the tribe," said Assistant Chief Charles Locust. The United Keetoowah Band has come a long way, providing historic documentations and reports which can be attested by former UKB Chief John Hair. This is the first time in UKB history that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has acknowledged that the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe deserves a land base. Once the land base is approved, the United Keetoowah Band will have the opportunity to receive what has been taken from the tribe, such as Housing, Indian Health Services funding and eliminate the tribes' gaming problems. The Keetoowah tribe will be looked upon as an equal tribe to the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. "We can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel, making everybody more proud to come back to UKB. We're going to let people know that the Keetoowah Cherokees are back in control. That's what the Keetoowah is all about, taking care of Indians," added Assistant Chief Locust.

Another item discussed with members was the importance of checking their tribal affiliation on their Indian Health Services records. "If tribal members don't confirm that they are listed as a member of the United Keetoowah Band, they will be listed as members of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma," said Chief Wickliffe.

All Keetoowah Cherokee members need to change their registration at Indian Health Services hospitals or clinics to the full title of United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees to be registered properly. They should take their UKB membership cards with them.

The Keetoowah News wants YOU!

If your son or daughter, niece, nephew, or extended family members are students either attending K-12, vo-tech, college or a university, and are doing exceedingly well or showing strong leadership abilities or talents through their academic performance, sports, art, music, chorus and/or in other areas of interest, please contact the media department at (918) 456-6533. We would like to feature your student in an upcoming Keetoowah News Article!

22nd Anniversary Specials!

2008

FIREWORKS GIVEAWAY!

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD - NOON - 9:00PM
\$100 CASH PLUS FAMILY FIREWORKS PACKAGE EVERY HOUR
HOT SEAT DRAWINGS EVERY HOUR FROM NOON TO 9:00PM

SIZZLIN HOT SEATS!

THURSDAYS, JULY 10TH, 24TH & 31ST • NOON - 10:00PM
\$200 CASH EVERY HOUR
HOT SEAT DRAWINGS EVERY HOUR FROM NOON - 10:00PM

BIG BIRTHDAY BLOWOUT!

22 YEARS OF GAMING! • MONDAY THRU FRIDAY - NOON - 10:00PM
MONDAY, JULY 14TH - \$100 EVERY HOUR!
TUESDAY, JULY 15TH - \$200 EVERY HOUR PLUS 'DUNK THE ASSISTANT GM FOR \$500 BONUS'. FREE BIRTHDAY CAKE AT 11:00AM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH \$300 EVERY HOUR
THURSDAY, JULY 17TH \$400 EVERY HOUR
FRIDAY, JULY 18TH \$500 EVERY HOUR

DAILY HOT SEAT DRAWINGS EVERY HOUR FROM NOON - 10:00PM

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All winners must be actively playing machine with credits showing. Prizes are non-transferable. Must be present to win. Must present valid, State issued photo ID and Social Security Card to claim all prizes. Management reserves the right to modify or cancel this promotion without notice.

THE UNITED Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir performed during the Muscogee Nation "United in Spirit" Festival 2008. The choir was invited to sing at the 4th Annual Creek Hymn Singing held at the Creek Nation Mound in Okmulgee, OK.



Check out our website
www.unitedkeetoowahband.org

2008 Clothing & School Supply Voucher Program

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26
Monday thru Thursday 12:00 to 6:00 pm	Salinas Gaming Commission Districts: Saline, Delaware, Coowassee, Secoyah	Stillwell UKB Suboffice Districts: Illinois, Flint, Goingsnake	UKB DHHS Tahlequah Office District: Tahlequah	Community Services Center Districts: ALL DISTRICTS **9:00 to 5:00*	Bacone College Atlatia Lodge District: Canadian 1-4 PM

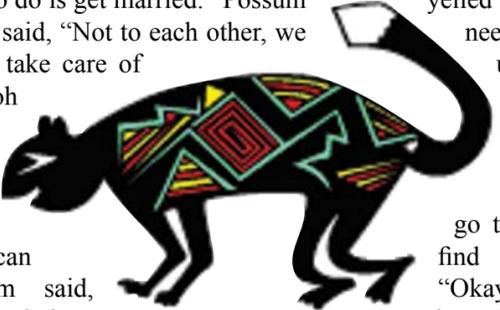
Eligibility Requirements
 Income Guideline Chart: For family units with more than 8 members, add \$435.00 per month for each additional member. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as can be seen in the figures above.)

Size of Family	Maximum Household Income Annual	To Qualify:
2	\$20,535.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must be an exclusive member of the UKB (most present card) as of July 5, 2008. Parent/legal guardian must complete application for household. Child must be enrolled in grades K-12 and must provide proof of enrollment on school letterhead. Must meet household income guidelines. Proof of income must be submitted for all household members 18 years and older. Application must be made in person. Voucher sites are for specific districts. No voucher will be issued from a site for any district not associated with that site. Application must be complete. Incomplete applications will
3	\$25,755.00	
4	\$30,975.00	
5	\$36,195.00	
6	\$41,415.00	
7	\$46,635.00	
8	\$51,855.00	

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Honoring our Ancestors! Respect for our Elders!

Rabbit and Possum Look for Wives

There was these two unlikely couple, the possum and the rabbit. They had been good friends all of their lives. They grew up together and played together and they even lived together. But like everything in this world, they got older, and older, and older, and OLDER! Until this one particular morning, rabbit got out of bed and walked over to where possum was sitting and said, "Possum, I just barely got out of bed this morning." Possum said, "I know what you mean, I just barely got up this morning myself to fix something for breakfast." "Possum," said rabbit, "We're not getting any younger, what we need to do is get married." Possum yelled out, "MARRIED!" Rabbit said, "Not to each other, we need to find us some wives to take care of us!" Possum agreed, "Uh oh where are we find wives? will marry said, "Lets and see if we can there." Possum said, they went to find them some wives. Along the way to the Village, rabbit, being fast and of course possum being so slow, the rabbit decided to play a joke on possum and went ahead of possum arriving at the Village way before possum. Possum being so slow had to cross the highway dodging large trucks and fast cars, but he didn't make it, a truck ran over him and splattered him on the highway. But, possum was a special possum, he was a medicine possum and he fixed himself up and continued on to Village. Mean while, rabbit gathered everyone at the Village and told them, "I have a message from the Chief, he says that he wants everyone to get married, right now!" So everyone at the Village got married, even rabbit found him a cute bunny and got married. Finally possum arrived at the Village and started asking everyone if they wanted to get married, but everyone said no, we are already married. So possum sat down beside this big oak tree and starting crying and told rabbit, "I'm never going to get married!" Well, rabbit felt badly about the joke he had played on possum and decided to help possum.



July 2008 Elder Activities Calendar

- Tues. 1-Thurs. 3** Elders served first at Human Services
- Tues. 1** Computer Class, Community Services Building Library, 12:30pm
- Wed. 2** Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am
- Thurs. 3** Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1pm
- Tues. 8** Computer Class, Community Services Building Library, 12:30pm
- Wed. 9** Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am
- Thurs. 10** Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1pm
- Mon. 14** Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am; Cherokee Language Class, 12:30pm
- Tues. 15** Computer Class, Community Services Building Library, 1pm
- Wed. 16** Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am
- Thurs. 17** Elder Committee Meeting, 1 pm; Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1pm
- Mon. 21** Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am; Cherokee Language Class, 12:30pm
- Tues. 22** Computer Class, Community Services Building Library, 12:30pm
- Wed. 23** Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am
- Thurs. 24** Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1pm
- Mon. 28** Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am; Cherokee Language Class, 12:30pm
- Tues. 29** Computer Class, Community Services Building Library, 12:30pm
- Wed. 30** Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am
- Thurs. 31** Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1pm

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu June 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Nacho Supreme "Fixins" Dessert	2 BBQ Smokies Corn on the Cob Baked Beans Cole Slaw Dessert	3 Marinated Steak Baked Potato Yellow Squash French Breadstick Salad Dessert	4 Closed for Independence Day Holiday
7 Closed	8 Grilled Chicken Wild Rice Sautéed Vegetables Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	9 French Dip Sandwich Chips Salad Dessert	10 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Fried Okra Texas Toast Salad Dessert	11 Breakfast Served at 10:30 a.m.
14 Pepperoni Pizza Pasta Alfredo Caesar Salad Dessert	15 White Beans with Ham Turnip Greens Corn Muffins Salad Dessert	16 Smothered Chops Red Potatoes Green Beans French Breadsticks Salad Dessert	17 Catfish Beans Hushpuppies Cole Slaw Dessert	18 Fishing Day and Hotdog Roast At the Riverpark
21 Herb Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf Tomato/Zucchini Texas Toast	22 BBQ Sandwich Beans Potato Salad Dessert	23 Fajitas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad Dessert	24 Cultural Foods Day July birthdays observed	25 Closed For Cleaning
28 Spaghetti with Meatballs Green Beans Caesar Salad Dessert	29 Pub Battered Fish Galley Chips Hushpuppies Cole Slaw Dessert	30 Hamburgers Tater Tots "Fixins" Dessert	31 Brown Beans Mixed Greens Jalepeno Cornbread Salad Dessert	

Possum said, "Why don't we go to the next Village and see if we can find you a wife their." Possum got up and said, "Okay!" So they traveled to the next Village hoping to find possum a wife. Once again they had to cross a big highway and of course possum being slow, got ran over by another truck and was splattered across the highway. But possum being a medicine possum fixed himself up again and headed for the next Village. And again rabbit couldn't help himself and ran ahead of possum and arrived in the next Village before possum. Rabbit gathered all the people together and told them, "I have a message from the Mayor; he wants everyone to start fighting, so everyone there starts to fight. Possum finally arrives in the next Village and sees everyone fighting, but he doesn't know that, he thinks they are having a party. "Oh boy, they're having a party, surely I can find a wife here," says possum. But as soon as possum can say, "Will you marry," someone sees possum and tells everyone, "Look, there's possum, get him!" Everyone starts beating on possum, hitting him with sticks and stones. Possum thinks to himself, "I got to do something or they're going to kill me!" So possum pretends to play dead, someone kicks him and possum just rolls over, another pushes him and he just rolls over. Someone says, "Possum is dead, you killed possum!" Everyone starts pointing fingers at each other claiming they killed possum. While all of this commotion is going on, possum sneaks out of Village and never returns.

My grandparents told me that this is how we got the expression, "Playing possum."

Possum tells rabbit, "I'm never going to get married, boohoo." Again rabbit feels bad for playing a mean joke on possum and tells possum, "I know, let's go to the next Village, maybe you can find a wife there." So off they went into the sunset to find possum a wife in the next Village.

But to this day possum hasn't found a wife yet. He is still looking, do you know how to tell that possum hasn't found a wife yet? While you're driving, look on the highway you'll see possum splattered out on the road going to the next town to find a wife.

OBITUARIES

Juanita Houston



June 3, 1934 ~ May 29, 2008

Funeral services for Jaunita Houston were held Saturday, May 31 at the Elm Tree Baptist Church, Tahlequah, Oklahoma under the direction of Reed Culver Funeral Home. Pastors, Rev. Gil Hooper and Rev. D. J. McCarter officiated the services. Cherokee hymns, were sung by the Cherokee Baptist Choir. Pallbearers were, Tommy Hayes, Blake McLemore, Boone Pickup, Jonathan Washington, Billy Hendricks and Butch Ballard. Honorary pallbearers were, Brian Scott, Aaron Houston, Chris Houston, Keith Jessie, Jeff Jessie, Jeremy Scott and Brent Houston. Interment was in the Greenleaf Cemetery.

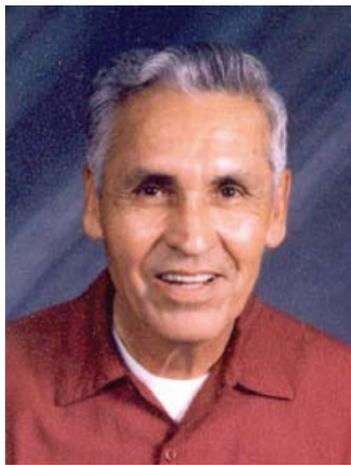
Juanita Houston passed from this life Thursday, May 29, 2008 at her home in the Shady Grove Community, she was 73 years of age. Juanita was born June 3, 1934 in Claremore to Phillip Smith and Nellie Hooper. She was raised by her mother and stepfather, Jess Hooper in Cherokee County where she attended Sequoyah High School and later received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Northeastern State University. She married Dan Houston, Sr. on February 5, 1952 in Tahlequah. Juanita and Dan lived in the Woodall community before making their home in the Shady Grove community. She retired as a homemaker and was a member of New Greenleaf Baptist Church and a member of the United Keetoowah Band. She enjoyed being with her family and taking photographs.

Juanita was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Nellie and Jess Hooper; her father, Phillip Smith; her husband, Dan Houston, Sr.; and one son, Jess Allen Houston. She leaves behind two daughters, Patricia Ann Scott and Brenda Louise Jessie; three sons, Daniel Houston, Jr., Don Houston, and Ronnie Houston; one brother, Raymond Searcy; 13 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and numerous extended relatives and friends.

The family of Juanita Houston would like to extend their appreciation to all individuals who sent flowers, prayers, and donations to the family. They also would like to thank the Elm Tree Baptist Church, New Hope Church and New Greenleaf Church for their help. A special thank you goes to the Shepherd's Care Hospice of Wagoner.

CLEO DEERINWATER

Cleo Deerinwater was born on May 25th, 1934 in Claremore, Oklahoma, the son of Samuel Deerinwater and Myrtle Keener. Cleo served in the U.S. Navy beginning in 1954 until 1958 and again from 1958 until his honorable discharge in 1962 from the Sea Bee's. He married the love of his life, Louise Irene Hoff in Baltimore, Maryland, a marriage that lasted 44 years until Louise's passing in 2006. Cleo lived in the Tahlequah area most of his adult life. He departed this life on May 31, 2008 in Georgia.



Cleo was employed with the Cherokee Nation and worked in transportation, a job which he performed for the past twelve years. He loved the people he worked with and the students entrusted to his care. When he wasn't working, he loved to spend time playing basketball and horseshoes, and fishing. Cleo was very talented with small engine repair. But he was happiest when spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was always there for his family and loved them dearly. Cleo was of the Baptist faith and a member of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Hulbert, Oklahoma.

Cleo is preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife Louise, his brother John, and sisters Louise Leep and Molly Deerinwater, and nephew James Thomas Deerinwater.

Those left behind to cherish his memory include his four loving children, Paul Brown of Fayetteville, NC, Kathy Temple and husband Billy of Linden, NC, Carrie Brown and husband James of Tahlequah and Sam Deerinwater and Debbie Myers also of Tahlequah, OK. Cleo's beloved brothers and sister, Leo Deerinwater, William Deerinwater, Levi Deerinwater all of Tahlequah, Byrd Deerinwater of Ft. Smith, AR, and Nora Lowery of Tahlequah, five adored grandchildren, three great grandchildren, a special friend, Flo Hudson, and many other family members, friends and loved ones.

Funeral services for Cleo Deerinwater, age 74, were held on June 6th, 2008 at the Sequoyah High School Gym. Reverend Jim Carey officiated and the interment followed at Tahlequah City Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Benjamin Brown, Paul Walker, Danny Deerinwater, Ryan Walker, Mike Smith, and Stanley Redshirt John. Honorary pallbearers include James Oosahwe, Derick Brown and Ellis Little.

Tribal Member Goes on Mission Trip to Mongolia

Tribal member Ryan Doyeto was in Mongolia during the latter part of May and returned to the States on June 12th. He was a part of the ORU Mission Team that allowed students the opportunity to raise money to participate in this spring trip.

He was responsible for raising over \$3,350 in order to participate. His only thoughts were to go somewhere where the demand for physical labor was included. He eventually was assigned to Mongolia. A trip that was a little more demanding was to Tanzania, which they jokingly call Manzonnia because only men were allowed to go for fear of the safety of the women if they had gone.



Ryan Doyeto

Ryan helped to build a church and taught the English language to local students and the local government officials. He celebrated his twentieth birthday in Mongolia, as well as spending nights in the Gobi desert.

When he first started teaching English, the government officials made mention that they did not want to listen to anything about God. After a while, he reported that he became close enough to be invited to a soccer game with them.

His mom, Shelbi Doyeto Wofford said, "I would request prayers for this impoverished part of the world which recently has had natural disasters hit it. I am happy to have the opportunity to raise Ryan, Kiefer and Tiger my 6 year old. It is also so reassuring to me that you can indeed leave your children safely in God's hands. This trip is testimony to that. I remember when he first mentioned it to me and asked me point blank, 'are you going to try and stop me?' I told him that he has been dedicated to God since he was a one year old and God will do what He chooses to do, it's His will. With that, there were a lot of tearful moments (not in front of him of course) but lots of warm wishes as he went out to the other side of the globe and shared the good news with those who are lost."

Ryan will be continuing his studies at ORU in Pre-Physical Therapy. Also he has applied for a scholarship from the Indian Health Service (IHS) for this year. "Bless all who prayed for my son, and WA-DO!" said Shelbi Wofford, UKB Treasurer.

Alisa Cochran wins Reading Award Medal

Alisa Cochran from Bartlesville, Oklahoma received a Reading Award Medal. She finished third grade above her class at James Adams School. Her parents are Keith and Wynona Cochran of Bartlesville and her grandfather is Joshua Cochran from Collinsville, Oklahoma.



Taylor Proctor name Junior Athlete of the Year

Congratulations to UKB member Taylor Proctor, a Kansas High School freshman, who was the recipient of the Kansas Jr. Lady Comet Basketball Athlete of the Year Award at the Kansas Annual Sports Banquet that was held on May 7, 2008. The award was presented to her by Coach Steve Odle.

This award is given each year to an outstanding freshman girl basketball player. Taylor played for the 9th grade team and was the only freshman on the varsity team. Her future plans are to attend college and to become a basketball coach. Taylor is the daughter of UKB members Dewayne and Crystal Proctor and the granddaughter of Phyllis and Sequoyah Proctor, Jr. of Salina, Oklahoma.



Title VI seeking volunteers!

The UKB Title VI Nutrition Program is looking for volunteers to help our elders do Cultural Arts & Crafts at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center. If you can sew, knit, crochet, make baskets, finger weave, do beadwork, paint or any other art, we need you.

"A special thanks goes to Nellie Hunt for taking her time to teach basket weaving every Thursday afternoon with our Elders and they have made beautiful baskets. Wado to Nellie," said Rebecca Whiterock, Title VI Nutrition Program Caregiver Coordinator. For more information, contact Whiterock or Title VI Nutrition Program Kitchen Manager David Harrison at (918) 456-8698 or email: rwhiterock@unitedkeetoowahband.org



2008 Graduates

Eric Budder

Eric Budder from Kenwood, Oklahoma graduated from Sequoyah High School. His parents are Rick and Sallie Budder. Eric plans to attend college this fall at NEO A&M in Miami, Oklahoma.

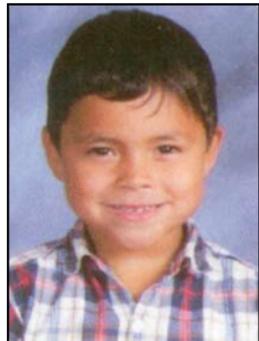


Sarah Jane Burris

Sarah Jane Burris from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated in the top 5 of her senior class at Cave Springs. Her parents are Shelia Killer and William Burris. Her grandparents are Dave and Martha Killer. She plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas in the fall. *(no photo available)*

Blaine Bailey

Blaine Bailey, UKB member of the Tahlequah District, was awarded Student of the Month for May and Graduated Kindergarten from Cherokee Elementary. He attends church at Keener Baptist in Lost City and wants to be a Firefighter when he grows up. His proud parents are Lilly Roberts and Daniel Gourd, his baby sister, Danayah Jade Gourd. His grandparents are Becky (UKB Caregiver Coordinator) & Dennis Whiterock of Tahlequah and Preston Roberts of Spavinaw.



Kenneth (Kit) Sturm, Jr.

Kenneth (Kit) Sturm, Jr. from Muldrow, Oklahoma, graduated 8th grade from Belfonte School. He is the son of Lynda Eagle and the grandson of Lydia Eagle. His sisters are Sheen and Sandra Sturm, Ashley Hoover and Raven Francis and his brothers are Francis and Nyle Sturm. Kit plans to attend High School and College and to play basketball.



Ashley Hummingbird

Ashley Hummingbird from Stilwell graduated from Sequoyah High School. She is the daughter of Sandra Jackson.

Lara Lee Guinn

Lara Lee Guinn is the daughter of Lee Guinn and Anna Guinn and graduated as the Valedictorian of her 8th grade class at Peavine School with a 4.0 grade point average. She has attended Peavine School since Pre-K. Her honors and achievements include: Academic Team, Cherokee Challenge Bowl, perfect attendance, Spelling Bee Champion, Superintendent's Honor Roll, the Trail of Tears Award, the Masonic Lodge Award, and S.E.A.C and was an Adair County All-Star. She has participated in cheerleading, basketball, softball and track. She attends Trinity Full Gospel Church. Lara plans on attending Cave Springs High School in the fall.



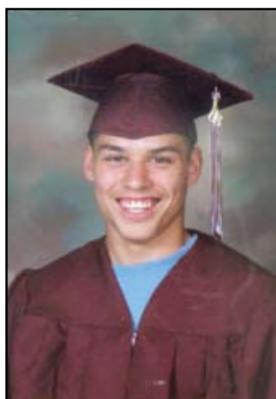
Jeriah Scott Budder



Jeriah Scott Budder, 6, recently graduated Kindergarten from Lowery Public School. He is the son of Kendall Budder and Joe Christie, he also has two sisters Kaeden, and Raynee. Jeriah was on the Principal's Honor Roll and hobbies are collecting cars and playing with his sisters. Jeriah would like to be a race car driver when he grows up.

Daylen Robert Clouse

Daylen Robert Clouse from Oaks, Oklahoma graduated from Oaks Mission High School. His field of study included Engine Repair, Brakes, Suspension, Steering and Scan Tool. His parents are Cosondra Clouse of Oaks and Allen Clouse of New Mexico. He is the grandson of Molly Nofire of Twin Oaks and the late Robert Nofire and Albert Clouse of Bristow, Oklahoma. In his spare time, he likes to draw, spend time with family, and friends, and help others. He plans to finish automotive vocational training, become a mechanic and have his own automotive repair business.



Britny R. Coleman

Britny R. Coleman from the Nicut Community graduated from Muldrow High School. She was awarded the Masonic Lodge "Student of Today" Award. Her parents are Martin and Angie Coleman and her grandmother is Emma Bird. She plans to attend Nursing School.



Eric Wayne Cruz

Eric Wayne Cruz from Catoosa/Oklahoma City, Oklahoma graduated from Del City High School. His parents are Jeannie R. Tidwell & Jose M. Cruz and his grandparent is Jackie R. Tidwell of Stilwell, Oklahoma. He is currently working for MEI Labels Inc. in Catoosa, Oklahoma.



Ashley Henson

Ashley Henson from Salina, Oklahoma graduated from Salina High School. Her parents are Ben and Carolyn Henson.



J.C. Fourkiller

UKB Veteran J.C. Fourkiller received an honorary diploma from Stilwell High School on May 16. J.C. served in the United States Air Force from February 1969 to March 1971. Fourkiller and his wife, Hazel live in the Going-snake District.



Dennis Gourd, Jr.

Dennis Gourd, Jr. from Tahlequah, graduated from Sequoyah High School. He is the son of Dennis Gourd and the grandson of Louanna and Leonard Gourd. He would like to become a police officer.



Tiffany Gourd

Tiffany Gourd from Tahlequah graduated from Sequoyah High School. She was named to the National Honor Society. She is the daughter of James and Michelle Gourd and the granddaughter of Naomi Gourd. She plans to attend NSU in the fall.



Lana Dawn Guinn

Lana Dawn Guinn is the daughter of Lee Guinn and Anna Guinn. She graduated Lana Dawn Guinn from Stilwell High School, where she has attended for three years. Lana has been active in the Indian Heritage Club for two years. Lana attends Trinity Full Gospel Church where she is very active in her youth group. Lana plans to attend Indian Capital Technology Center in the fall.



Jake Hawley

Jake Hawley of Spavinaw, Oklahoma graduated from Jay High School with honors that included 4-A All-Star Conference, Class 4-A Most Valuable Player, Defensive Player of the Year. His parents are Cara Hawley and grandparents are Richard and Betty Blackbear. He plans to attend NSU and play football and become a history teacher and coach.



Tony Mouse, Jr.

Tony Mouse, Jr. graduated in the summer of 2007 from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor's of Science degree majoring in Criminal Justice/Paralegal Studies with a minor in Psychology. He has worked for Peggs Public Schools since 2001 as a teacher's assistant, assistant coach and bus driver. He is currently taking steps to receive his teacher's certification so he can coach. Tony is the son of Tony and Betty Mouse of Spavinaw. He has two brothers and two sisters.





2008 Graduates

Jamie Hogner

Jamie Hogner from Stilwell graduated from Sequoyah High School as a member of the National Honor Society. Her parents are James Hall and Georgia Hogner and her grandmother is Ruby Hogner. Her plans for the future include going to college and to be happy and successful.

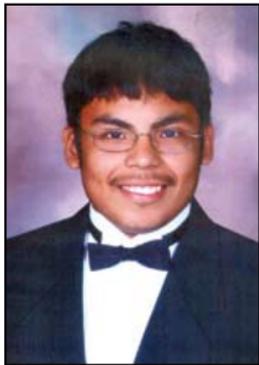
Jennifer Jarquin

Jennifer Jarquin from Tahlequah graduated from Tahlequah High School. Her parents are Darren Dry and Kathy Biggs. Her grandparents are Betty and Danny Dry and Margrett and George Wilson. She plans to attend nursing school and become an LPN in the OB Department.



Micah O'Field

Micah O'Field from Tahlequah, graduated from Sequoyah High School. He earned honors in football. He is the son of David O'Field and Carolyn Fixin. His grandparents are Irene Fixin and the late Eli Fixin. He plans to work and go to college.



Jessica Pratt

Jessica Pratt from Tahlequah graduated at Hulbert High School. Her mother is Diedra Robbins and her grandparents are Jess and Juanita Robbins. Jessica plans to go to college and get a degree in Dental Work.



Cullen George Raper

Cullen George Raper from Kenwood graduated from Salina High School. His parents are James and Lillian Raper.



Brittany Renee Sapp

Brittany Renee Sapp from Kenwood, Oklahoma graduated from Kansas High School. She was a member of the Beta Club, Honor Society for 2 years, and a OHLAP Student. Her parents are Garon and Stephanie Sapp. Her grandparents are Mary and John Sapp and Cindy and James Hair. She plans to attend nursing school and become an LPN.



Anita Bearpaw

Anita Bearpaw from Jay, Oklahoma earned her Associate's Degree in Business Administration from NEO A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Josephine Panther and the granddaughter of Susie Bark. Anita plans to get a job and continue to earn a Bachelor's Degree. *(no photo available)*

Lawrence Scrapper, Jr

Lawrence Scrapper, Jr., from Rocky Mountain graduated from Sequoyah High School and was a member of the National Honor Society. His parents are Lawrence and Krissa Scrapper. Her grandparents are Junior and Edna Scrapper and his grandparents are John Williams and the late Edna Bunch Scott. He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma. *(no photo available)*

Tycilla Renee Smith

Tycilla Renee Smith from Tahlequah graduated from Sequoyah High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society, SWAT/DFY, AISES, Student Council, SEED, Track team and the Cross Country Team. Her parents are Rodney and Juanita Smith. Her Paternal grandmother is Wanda Smith. Her maternal grandparents are Woodrow Proctor, Dianne Guthrie and Gary Guthrie. Tycilla plans to major in early Childhood Education and and minor in Cherokee Education.



Pete Smoke

Pete Smoke from Kenwood, Oklahoma graduated from Salina High School. He is the son of Charles and Betty Smoke. His grandparents are the late Willie and Annie Smoke and the late Charley and Louise Ketcher. He plans to attend Rogers State College.



Kyle Windwalker Soldier

Kyle Windwalker Soldier from Kansas, Oklahoma graduated from Kansas High School. His parents are Robert and Trkude Soldier. His grandparents are Jessie and Pat Williams and Alma Spottedwolf and Robert E. Soldier. He plans to enter the workforce.



Samra Dawn Vann

Samra Dawn Vann graduated from Oaks Mission High School. She was a recipient of the William and Ida Hester Scholarship, the Oaks Indian Mission Scholarship, and a scholarship from the Northeast Technology Center. She is the daughter of Don and Treesa Vann and the granddaughter of John and Nina Vann of Colcord and the late Virginia Vann and Mildred Smith of Rocky Mountain. *(no photo available)*

Shawna Marie Vann

Shawna Marie Vann from Stilwell graduated from Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah. She was named to the National Honor Roll. Shawna is the daughter of Brenda Vann and the granddaughter of Edith and Dutch Vann. She plans to attend college in Seminole, Oklahoma and major in physical therapy, then transfer to a college in Florida to further her education. *(no photo available)*

Jeremy Downing

Jeremy Downing from Jay, Oklahoma graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Administration. He is the son of Jimmie and Nelda Downing and his grandparents are Clarence and Annes Downing and Anna Lou Glass. His plans to continue his education and obtain a Master's degree in Public Health. *(no photo available)*

Randy Wadlow

Randy Wadlow from Kenwood, Oklahoma graduated from Kansas High School. He is the son of Valerie Wadlow and the grandson of Mary King and Clarence King. He plans on working and taking care of his daughter Readan.



Cole Ryan Whitekiller

Cole Ryan Whitekiller from Hulbert, Oklahoma, graduated from Hulbert High School. He is the son of Steve and Leda Whitekiller and the grandson of Alvin and Rose Whitekiller. He plans to "get a great job and make lots of money."



Christina K. Girdner

Christina K. Girdner from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated from the Business and Computer Technology program at Indian Capital Technology Center. She won the State BITE Scholarship. Her parents are John and Johnnie Vernard and her grandmother is Lula Perry. Christina plans to return to Indian Capital Technology Center to take Information Technology. *(no photo available)*

Esamuel O'Field

Esamuel O'Field from Rocky Ford Community completed the Business Management/Administration program at the Northeast Technology Center in Kansas, Oklahoma. He was named to the National Technical Honors Society. His parents are Jeff and Rosalena O'Field. His grandparents are Mildred and the late Sam Mellowbug. He plans to work for the UKB in the future.



Adam Pratt

Adam Pratt from Tahlequah, Oklahoma completed a 1050 hour course in Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning at Indian Capital Technology Center. He is the son of Diedra Robbins and the grandson of Junaita Robbins. Adam's future plans are to obtain a journeyman's license in the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning field. *(no photo available)*

Kimberly Ann Jumper-Brown

Kimberly Ann Jumper Brown, the daughter of Betty Holcomb, former UKB Tahlequah District Tribal Councilor and the late Russell Jumper graduated from Bacone College on May 3, 2008 with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Development and Education. She accomplished this goal while maintaining a 3.5 grade point average. Kim was on the President's and Dean's Honor Rolls while she attended school. Kim works at Cookson Hills Community Action Foundation, Inc. Head Start as the Disabilities Specialist and she also plans to go back to school to earn her Masters Degree in Early Childhood Development and Education. She has four children, Sasheen, Malando, Tasha, and Adelia Brown.



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UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At Lost City School May 03, 2008 10:10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Leroy Adair

III. Roll Call: 7 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared.

- Fourkiller, Hansen, S. Wofford, Proctor, Sacks absent at Roll Call

IV. Chief's Address

- He thanked the people of Lost City for their invitation to conduct today's Council meeting in their school. Expressed sorrow in being unable to do more toward saving the school from being closed by the state but time was a great factor in providing needed assistance (Proctor arrived = 10:13 AM)

- Stated UKB will continue in assistance to the school to the completion of the current school year. David Money, UKB Education Director, who has experience as school superintendent, was placed in Lost City School to assist in areas of need and has helped with financial questions and other concerns within the school. If time had allowed there was a good possibility the school would have been forgiven their 874 funding problems. Mr. Money has great knowledge and experience in supervision of schools.

(S. Wofford arrived – 10:15 AM)

- The state waited until now to take action regarding Lost City School, when action could have been started about two years ago. Lost City school will now be controlled by Hulbert School after this current school year. The closing of Lost City School should never have happened.

- The Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Carl Artman, has submitted his letter of resignation. It is understood this action was not because of pressure. Mr. Artman, did/does represent the 529 tribes through-out the United States. There is a great push for Mr. Artman to rescind his resignation coming from Indian groups from all over the United States.

- The UKB will continue with legal business of the band. Negotiations with our attorneys continue. There is no foreseen reason for a slow-down in anything our attorneys had planned in reference to UKB business. It is good to have a Native American as the Assistant Secretary of the Interior but Mr. Artman is not the only person who moves things in Washington. We continue to have complete confidence that the direction everything has taken is going to work

for the good of the UKB.

- Negotiations and law suits that we have in process continue and it is believed there will be decisions made which will solve 50 years of problems for the UKB.

- We continue to be confident for progress of the UKB even though the UKB has suffered many "let downs" over the past 200 years. UKB continues to fight and is now eligible for funding but we still lack Trust Land status but this status will come. When question is jurisdiction, then we have problems with funding for housing and roads but even then we have been allowed earmark money. Congressman, Dan Boren has truly helped the UKB with "earmarked money" being allotted to the UKB. The UKB greatly appreciates all the efforts put forth by Congressman Boren. He has worked for all tribes within his district. There will be a hearing Tuesday, on the Freedmen Issue. This hearing is to decide if the Freedmen can suit the Interior Department and Cherokee Nation or not.

(Fourkiller arrived = 10:23 AM)

- When the Judge makes a decision on this Freedman issue on Tuesday, it still does not stop the actions of the Black Caucus. The Black Caucus movement will continue and they have now put language in the Housing and Health Bill where CNO will not be eligible for funding. Nowhere in the language does it say CNO will be terminated. CNO has been saying the Black Caucus is attempting to terminate CNO but this is not true. The Treaty of 1866 gave everyone citizenship if they lived within the boundary of the old Cherokee Nation/Indian Territory and this citizenship had nothing to do with blood degree.

(Hansen arrived = 10:24 AM)

- There were two steps in receiving citizenship

o 1863 = Emancipation Act which gave citizenship to all black people living in the South

o 1865 = Civil Rights Act which gave citizenship to all people in the United States, even those who lived in Indian Country. The concentration was on the Five Nations. These were the Indians that came from the Southeastern states, many of which owned slaves and they were forced into that treaty because the United States wanted to make sure everyone got their citizenship. This is what CNO is dealing with and it seems there is no way CNO can win their fight with the Black Caucus. However; if a treaty is broken, the United States could say, why should we make a budget for all the tribes, why not just make one big budget and make all tribes live under it.

- The most dangerous thing for tribes is to break a treaty. A treaty is supported by the

United States Constitution which is the Supreme Law of the Land. This Constitution is the only constitution above an Indian Tribe Constitution if you don't have a compact, then the tribe has wavered away some of their ability to be absolutely sovereign.

- There are smoke shop and gaming compacts. The state is preparing for a Constitutional Convention to force tribes to listen to the state. Never before were "we" required to listen to any state. "We" have a government-to-government relationship and "we" do not have to talk with the State of Oklahoma. The Osage tribe has a reservation and when they ran into a problem with a Tobacco Compact, they took their problem to the Federal Government.

- A state cannot do anything with a tribe unless the tribe has a signed compact with the state.

- The UKB has a Tobacco Compact which is in effect for two more years. It is not known what will happen after two years whether we have the right to negotiate or if the state will even negotiate with us but at least at that time we will have a government-to-government relationship with the United States because we are an Indian tribe.

(Sacks arrived = 10:25 AM)

- Let us be careful in our approach to legal issues. Our attorneys continue to negotiate on such issues. The Dawes Commission was set up for redistribution of land. The Keetoowah Nighthawk Society said they would never go for this plan. It was believed Washington was only interested in getting lands back from Indians.

- Land in Indian Territory/Oklahoma was not given to us it was traded for Arkansas Land. The UKB came to own 7 million acres of land and this was 10 years before CNO came. CNO came in about 1975. This is what is being told to Washington. UKB has better Public Relations with Washington than does CNO. The UKB will get what they rightfully deserve. Supported the need for additional voting site in some districts especially in Cooweescoowee district.

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of April 2008.

- The Secretary reminded Council there would be two (2) separate meeting minutes; one for April 5, 2008 and one for the Emergency Meeting on April 17, 2008.

1. **MOTION** by Jerry Hansen to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on April 5, 2008; **SECONDED** by Eddie Sacks; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (See resolution #08-UKB-41)

2. **MOTION** by Jerry Hansen to approve the minutes of the Emergency Council meeting on April 17, 2008; **SECONDED** by Eddie Sacks; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (See resolution #08-UKB-42)

VI. Presentations -

1. Dianne Barker-Harrold (Presented Hand outs on Presentation of "Reciprocity with State Courts: Mutual Recognition of Tribal Court and State Court Judgments" - Explanation of purpose, issues, benefits and procedure was presented.

MOTION by Albert Shade to table item VI, 1; **SECONDED** by Barry Dotson;

- **LENGTHY DISCUSSION:** - Attorney Dianne Barker-Harrold stated she was asking from Council a resolution that allowed Chief Wickliffe to send a letter to the State of Oklahoma, to the Court Administrator, saying the UKB would like for our Tribal Court Judgments recognized by the State and in the process the UKB would recognize the State's judgments. **VOTE:** 2 Yes, 10 No, 0 Abstentions. (Motion failed)

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve item VI, 1; **SECONDED** by Jerry Hansen; **VOTE:** 10 Yes, 2 No (Dotson, Shade), 0 Abstentions. (See resolution #08-UKB-43)

1. Elderly Assistance Program for 2008

- Liz Littlelaved: Presented Calendars for May and June 2008. Calendars reflected dates applications could be presented along with dates and locations when and where elder checks would be issued. Presented cover page of eligibility for the program.

- 20 blank applications were presented to each of the district representatives as a starter packet. Applications will be accepted beginning May 5, 2008.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littlelaved

- Reported 17 new applications were reviewed and are presented for Council's approval for membership.

- Reported 1 C.D.I.B. was issued to a child between the age of 1-3 years of age and is presented for acknowledgement and honor by Council.

- 18 Total New Membership
- 9 Tribal Relinquishment from UKB membership is presented for acknowledgement and to be honored by Council.

MOTION by Albert Shade to approve/accept 18 new membership applicants into tribal enrollment; **SECONDED** by Barry Dotson; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (See resolution #08-UKB-05b)

MOTION by Albert Shade to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 9 UKB members; **SECONDED** by Barry Dotson; **VOTE:** 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks not available at vote) (See resolution #08-UKB-05c).

2. Charles Locust:

- Report on Victim Assistance Training he attended in Albuquerque.

- He encouraged the Council to visit the UKB Victim Assistance Department.

- He stressed the difficult situations the Victim Assistance staff faces in dealing with children and families.

- The staff was complimented at Albuquerque on how the UKB Program is operated.

- Staff involved in this program are very compassionate about their work.

- Examples of situations involving babies told of hideous, hurtful, painful incidents.

- We need to realize the importance of work being done in our Tribal Victim's Assistance Program.

- Jerry Hansen voiced his experience in attending the training in Albuquerque. He learned how much more we can do for our people through Victim's Assistance.

He stressed the need to recognize the hard work being done and realize the need to do even more. There is much to be done for our people. He asked if the Tribal Victim's Assistance Department could have their own grant writer for specific concentration on Victim's Assistance funding.

He stated his request was not a negative reflection on the current designated grant writer. He encouraged all of Council to attend some workshops because they are very informative and will cause you to think of how our programs can be improved. He thanked the tribe for allowing him to attend this workshop in Albuquerque.

VIII. Public Forum

1. Joann Tidwell

- Referred to a previous request about Council proposing a "Freedom of Information Act" for tribal members to have access to resolutions. She asked if there had been any progress in that area.

2. Sammy Still

- Spoke in support of the Victim Assistance Program. The stories he heard from Victim Assistance personnel had caused him to have more respect and admiration for that program's staff. He said the staff gives of themselves even in personal time but that staff has needs for someone to "look out for them." He stated a suggestion for helping that program's staff was to have a retreat. We could give them and other advocates in similar fields of work a day or two to relax and share our culture and our traditions and just to say "thank you."

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3. Jerry Hansen

- Announced a "get together" under the Illinois River Bridge for food and enjoyment on April 17, 2008 at 1:00 PM, bring covered dish.

4. Albert Shade

- Thanked the UKB Council and all people involved in trying to save the Lost City School from closing. He said it was sad there would no longer be the Lost City Indians.

IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

X. New Business

1. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the suggested polling places for the November 2008 Election.

- Presentation by Election Board Chairman, Leroy Adair.

- Presented recommendations for polling places.

- Reminded November Election was for the whole Council not only representatives but for the four (4) officers and the nine (9) district representatives.

- Each member of Council had been presented copies of suggested polling places.

- He stated how the last election went very well but there was room for improvement.

- He spoke of polling changes and/or additions in various districts.

- He gave the estimated eligible voters in each district.

- He expressed a lack of contact by phone in some voting places used last year.

- He quoted number of eligible voters was very low in comparison with actual voters.

- He informed one vote counting machine cost is \$5,000.00 and increase in polling places calls for an increase in election workers.

- Election Board will look at exact proposed polling sites in association with voter population.

- Election information will be posted in the newspaper.

- Election Board office will be opened five (5) days a week and there will be a secretary on duty during office hours. Hours are subject to change depending on need as election gets closer.

- DISCUSSION:

- Possibility sites

- Cost would be budgeted for projected added election cost. The budget will be discussed before November election.

- Methods of communication between different polling places in the same district to control dual voting.

- Voting polls outside of district would not cause a problem. This would not be a jurisdictional question so long as Council was aware.

- Leroy Adair stressed the need to get the voters to come out to vote.

- Price of gas will be a factor in people coming out to vote in consideration of driving distance.

- The board will propose cost for proposal in increase of voting places, added machine cost, etc. and present this information to the Budget and Finance Committee.

- Chief Wickliffe thanked the Election Board for the hard work they had accomplished.

MOTION by Albert Shade to table the decision on suggested polling places for the November 2008 Election until the Regular Council meeting in June 2008; **SECONDED** by Shelbi Wofford; **VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (Sacks not available for vote)

2. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the duration of time for specific records to be kept before being destroyed.

- Reference: for the last four (4) years many reports are being filed away and taking up space, such as; Department Reports. This question did not include Council Minutes or Resolutions and things of that nature. The Council is not being asked for a response/decision today. A list of documents can

be presented such as Department Reports for consideration of keeping or destroying but something needs to be done regarding reports that are never looked at after filing.

- LENGTHY DISCUSSION

- The Secretary will prepare a list of specific documents and a suggested duration of time for storage/filing to the Council for consideration and a decision at the June 2008 Council meeting.

MOTION by Charles Locust to table Agenda Item X.1, until June meeting of Council; **SECONDED** by Shelbi Wofford; **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.**

3. Council discussion to revisit the Membership Ordinance.

- Charles Locust: topic of membership has continued to linger on and on. The Chief, Assistant Chief, the Secretary and the attorneys have discussed this subject. Need a solution before the upcoming election because somewhere in the future this topic will come back again. (all Council members received a copy of a proposed resolution). The proposed resolution would fix the membership question for many people including those who had received a letter of notice for removal of them from Tribal Enrollment.

- Charles then read his proposed resolution. He stated this proposed resolution was an attempt to give people an opportunity to return to UKB membership.

- DISCUSSION:

- A signed relinquishment should not allow return to UKB membership.

- With no relinquishment should be allowed to return.

- (See attached Supplement: "Enrollment Discussion")

- AG Ken Bellmard: on October 14, 2006 a resolution was passed by Council which basically said; if there was no relinquishment on file you were still a Tribal Member. The intent of that

resolution was; if you went and got services from CNO but you didn't show your intent was to become enrolled with CNO you were still entitled to any services anyone else would have. Under the proposal by Assistant Chief Locust you are suspending the law for 30 days for those people who were tricked into returning to CNO but they never came to the UKB and said, "I didn't really meant it."

- Charles Locust: withdrew his proposed resolution regarding membership and asked that Council consider adopting the resolution prepared by AG Ken Bellmard.

- Dotson: CNO is having orientation on encouraging people to return to citizenship with CNO.

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the resolution presented by AG Ken Bellmard; **SECONDED** by Joyce Fourkiller;

- Resolution reads: a resolution expressing the intent of Resolution 06-UKB-103 and clarifying the Enrollment Status of members who may have been classified as Dually Enrolled Members or as members recorded as having relinquished their membership but have not filed a signed relinquishment form. **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (See resolution #08-UKB-44)

- Due to the change in membership as per AG Bellmard resolution. The Secretary informed these people who update their file are currently not listed as eligible voters. The preliminary voters list has been presented to the Election Board as of May 1, 2008 but these people who come in and update their file can be added to the voter's list if the Council passes a resolution which allows adding these people to the preliminary voters list. A friendly addendum was added to include the members approved for membership in the May 3, 2008 Council meeting.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to extend the dead-

line for the Preliminary voter's list from May 1, 2008 for 30 calendar days from May 3, 2008 in order to accommodate the revision of updated membership applications and to include the names of those approved for membership at the May 3, 2008 Council meeting; **SECONDED** by Jerry Hansen; **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (See resolution #08-UKB-45)

XI. Announcements

1. Barry Dotson announced he had with him today an AC window unit he wished to return. The client assigned this unit is now deceased.

2. Albert Shade: asked for clarification on membership status of people who received Letters of Notice.

- Response: The Secretary will send out letters to inform those who received Letter of Notice that they are members.

3. Juanita Smith requested a letter relating to what the Council had passed today in reference to membership via Letters of Notice some people had received because her daughter had been a recipient of said letter.

- Response: the daughter would receive a letter informing her she was a member of the UKB.

4. Chief Wickliffe announced lunch would be served in the cafeteria by the Lost City School/Community. Everyone is invited to stay for food and fellowship.

5. Bryan Shade announced the Dedication and Grand Opening of the Jim Proctor UKB Elder Community Center beginning at 11:00 AM on May 16, 2008. Traditional meal to be served at 12:00 PM.

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Albert Shade; **SECONDED** by Charles Smoke; **Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 1:00 PM**

Ancestor's Voice

From an interview with George Shakingbush, Short, OK, Born 1869 on Little Lee's Creek, near present day Nicut, OK

Cooking and baking:
cooking was done by roasting.

They would take a stick and burn it a little to toughen it. Then they would run the stick through the meat they were to roast and place it close to the fire. Baking was done with stones. They would place a flat stone on the fire-place, put plenty of fire under it, and then bake on-top of the stove.

Dye: They would use walnut bark for black, and maple bark for brown, red oak for red, etc. They made the dye by boiling the inner part of the bark. Then they put their cloth in the boiling water and turn until it was colored.

UKB Graduation Bonus Deadline Sixty Days after Graduation; College Tuition Funding Deadline September 1st

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

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

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

provide higher education stipends at the beginning of each semester. When our young people advance their education through vocational training and college degrees, it ensures our workforce is trained and will be able to secure good jobs. In this way, our people will become self-sufficient and carry on our traditions."

Last summer, the UKB Tribal Council voted unanimously to increase college tuition funding to \$1,500 per semester for Keetoowah Cherokee students attending college full time. For students attending part-time, who are taking at least 6 hours, the tuition funding was increased to \$750. The deadline to apply for fall college tuition funding is September 1, at 5 p.m.

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

United Keetoowah Band Employee Appreciation Day



"MANAGER OF the Year" award for the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino was presented to Henry Sams, Manager for the maintenance department during the United Keetoowah Band Employee Appreciation Day. Sams was honored for his outstanding employment and attendance as an employee with the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino, he has been with the tribe for over 3 years.



"EMPLOYEE OF the Year" award for the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino was presented to Harold O'Field, Maintenance employee, for his outstanding performance of his duties during the United Keetoowah Band Employee Appreciation Day. O'Field has been employed with the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino for over 2 1/2 years.



TRIBAL "EMPLOYEE of the Year" award was presented to Georgia Mauldin, UKB Enrollment Specialist, for her outstanding job performance. Mauldin has been employed with the United Keetoowah Band for over 5 years.



TRIBAL "MANAGER of the Year" award was presented to Georgia Dick, Grant Writer/Compliance Director, for outstanding performance. Dick has been employed with the tribe for over 3 years. The award was presented during the United Keetoowah Band Appreciation Day.



THE THREE-Legged Race was one of many activities enjoyed by Tribal and Casino employees during the Employee Appreciation Day sponsored by the United Keetoowah Band. Rod Fourkiller, General Manager for the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino and partner Tracy Christie, Casino IT, were proclaimed winners of the event.



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band Tribal and Casino employees enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Fish's BBQ during the UKB Employee Appreciation Day held at Cherokee Landing.



CLETA "GIRLIE" Huntley, exhibits her golfing technique as she participates in the "Closest to the Pin" competition. Winners of the event for the men's event was Cody Quetone, Accounts Payable Specialist, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino, and for the women's event, Vanessa Jones, Federal Funding Manager, Tribal Accounting department. *Photo to the right*

UKB Lighthorse Prepare to Aid Northeastern Oklahomans in Times of Disaster

Last month, the United Keetoowah Band Lighthorse Tribal Police and UKB Natural Resources Departments performed an in-house Hazardous Waste (Hazmat) Training for its officers and resource members, in preparations for any chemical or hazardous waste emergencies.

The certified eight member team, comprised of six Lighthorse officers and two Natural Resources employees, under the direction of Lighthorse Director David McCarter, Team Supervisor, performed a full scale exercise from unloading the equipment, setup of the Mass Casualties Decontamination Tent to actually decontaminating volunteer victims. There were two additional Lighthorse officers involved in the training, and several Talking Leaves Job Corps students participated, serving as the 'victims' of several disasters.

"Our goal is to be able to set up and be prepared to decontaminate chemically contaminated victims within less than 10 to 15 minutes",

stated McCarter. McCarter has completed a 40 hour Hazardous Waste (HazMat) and Technician Operation Level, Awareness Level, Site safety supervisor and OSHA training.

The Keetoowah Cherokee unit is in Region 4. This region covers 13 counties in northeast Oklahoma. There are three small decontamination trailers located in Region 4, one with the United Keetoowah Tribe, one in Muskogee and one in Sapulpa. These trailers are strategically placed in various groups that have a variety of jobs in different areas of training.

There's a Response group, Incident Command group, Decontamination group and First Responders' group. "Since we are state-funded, we are subject to be called out; we are actually on the state's call list. In case of a stated emergency, our contact numbers are on the states call list. If we are called, we respond. In time of emergencies all groups get together and set up their units," said McCarter. "Our job is to setup the 'Mass

Casualties Decontamination Tent'; we have to decontaminate victims before they are sent for emergency care. We have to decontaminate victims from chemicals such as biological, radiological or nuclear chemicals before transporting them to local hospitals. The hospitals will not accept patients if they are exposed to chemicals without proper decontamination," added McCarter.

All team members are required to have Hazardous Waste Operations training, a basic 40 hour training course given by the State Fire Academy in conjunction with FEMA. The team is also required to take an annual eight hour refresher training every year to maintain their certification. There are different levels of training which are offered through the State Fire Academy and FEMA. The in-house Hazmat training will be performed on a monthly basis, to fine tune UKB's setup training. For more information please contact UKB Lighthorse Tribal Police's Secretary, Rebecca Keys at 918-453-9961.



THE UNITED Keetoowah Band Lighthorse Tribal Police officers, Audrey Howard, Reade Hogan and Travis Foreman, practice their quick setup of a Mass Decontamination Tent during their monthly full scale exercise in a mock emergency situation.

TRAINED IN Hazard Waste Operations, Lighthorse officers go through the actual process of decontaminating a victim exposed to chemicals during their full scale exercise.

