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Keetoowah Cherokees receive money for roads and law enforcement

Boren announces funding for UKB

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Dan Boren, D-Okla., announced that \$400,000 has been allotted for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians' tribal law enforcement projects in 2008.

The funding was part of the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008, which passed the House this week. The UKB tribe was awarded \$250,000 to upgrade police technology and law enforcement equipment for the tribe's Light Horse Patrol. The tribe was also awarded \$150,000 to enhance existing domestic violence and

victim's assistance programs.

"These awards will provide assistance to these very important law enforcement and social service programs," Boren said.

The focus of these projects will be in the rural areas that service the communities of tribal and non-tribal members that live in the UKB's jurisdictional area.

"These programs are very important both in keeping our tribal members safe, and in providing a safety net for victims' needs," UKB Chief George Wickliffe said.

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UKB gets \$500,000 for area road repairs

U.S. Rep. Dan Boren (D-Okla.) announced Wednesday that he has secured \$500,000 for the United Keetoowah Band (UKB) of Cherokees tribal road and bridge projects.

The funding was part of the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 which passed the House this week.

"I am extremely pleased that we were able to secure funding for these projects," Boren said. "This funding will provide much needed repairs for many of the aging roads and bridges in rural areas of northeastern Oklahoma."

The focus of these projects will be in the rural areas that service the communities of the UKB tribal members as well as non-tribal members that live in the tribe's jurisdictional area.

UKB Chief George Wickliffe said, "This announcement is great news for UKB tribal members, and the roads and bridges that these funds will address are in desperate need of repair."

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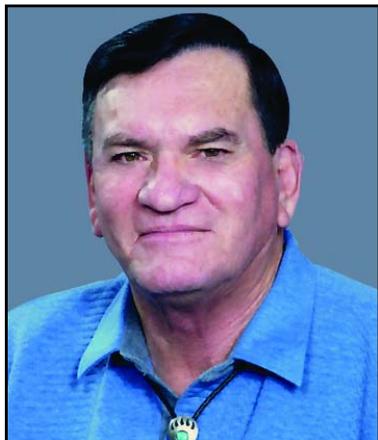
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The Keetoowah Cherokees received \$500,000 for UKB Tribal Roads and Bridge Projects.



A Letter to the UKB People

From Chief George Wickliffe

in many newspapers throughout Oklahoma. The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) was organized new in 1976 A.D. It has NO HISTORY prior to 1976 A.D.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma was organized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act in 1950 and is federally recognized, and has a GOVERNMENT to GOVERNMENT relationship with the United States.

The New Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (1976 A.D., CNO) is *not* the Cherokee Nation of 1839

A.D. When CNO makes the claim it is the 1839 A.D. Cherokee Nation, it is a lie because it has *no* history before 1976 A.D.

The New (1976 A.D., CNO) tells people the UKBCIO and Cherokee Nation should work together and then follows up with lies about the UKB. Most of the lies CNO tells are not worth writing about because this *corporate* organized CNO has not been around long enough for anyone to take anything serious it says. The UKB knows the *TRUTH*, and that is why it is easy to respond to CNO LIES. The main problem that CNO has is their top leader Chad Smith, it is not the CNO members.

The UKB is a *homebased* Keetoowah Cherokee Band. We rub 'ELBOWS' with our members everywhere in the nine districts of the 1839 A.D., Cherokee Nation. We deliver SER-

VICES to our people using funds generated from our One Casino. We believe in *servicing* our members. CNO wants to close our casino down, and keeps writing it is not legal which is a LIE, because there is a DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT ruling that keeps our casino open. Also, CNO tells the UKB car tags are not legal. They are, because the UKB tag office is located at the same property.

The NEW (1976 A.D., CNO) tells people that the UKB has NO LAND CLAIM, *and* has no treaties with the United States which are LIES. The

UKB's ORIGIN is 'The Old Settlers' who left the Old Cherokee Nation in 1817 A.D. under a treaty with the U.S., and came to a *reservation* in Arkansas, thus making Arkansas our FORMER RESERVATION. In 1828 A.D., 'The Old Settlers' moved on west to what today is Oklahoma, again under a treaty with the U.S. In 1833 A.D., 'The Old Settlers' agreed to establish boundary lines with the Creeks near Ft. Gibson, also members in the UKB own over 2,000 acres of RESTRICTED Indian land throughout the

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To: Tribal Members
From: Chief George Wickliffe, Historian M.E.D.
Regarding: CNO (1976 A.D.) Lies
(Chad Smith has decided to have a FREE FOR ALL with the UKB)

The New 1976 A.D., Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (STYLED CNO) is telling *lies* about the UKB

UKB Tribal Offices Closed on Labor Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observation of the Labor Day Holiday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, September 4 at 8:30 a.m.

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UKB Regular Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At the UKB Community Services Building
June 01, 2007
1:00 p.m. – 5:59 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Liz Little-dave

III. Roll Call: 9 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared. (Hansen, Sacks and Proctor absent)

IV. Chief's Address

Mentioned the upcoming election for CNO (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma) and how such is consistently in the news and presently CNO is having problems relating to the Freedman issue.

The UKB knows the Freedman issue is a treaty right signed in 1866 between "the Cherokee Nation of Indians" and the United States. At this time there was no Keetoowah Band or Eastern Band but we had the original Cherokee Nation. In the 1866 treaty it says everyone who lived in Indian Territory (before Oklahoma became a state) was a citizen with all rights and benefits of native full-blood Cherokees. This did not just refer to a Freedman but to all who lived in Indian Territory.

The most dangerous thing that can be done is to break a treaty because such opens the door for the United States Congress to act in legislation to abolish the government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes. The Curtis Act tried to abolish such relationship

in 1898 when they terminated all Indian tribes, the five nations. The government appointed Chiefs and this was called the Indian Termination Act.

Let us never give the government the chance to come in and say we are tired of all the squabbling and say let's do away with our government-to-government relationship with these Indians and let the Indians go and take their share of the budget we put out to the American people.

What is happening with CNO is dangerous, not only to the UKB but to every Native American in the United States.

The only reason why treaties are not being broken now is because of the Arkansas Riverbed law-suit where the language from the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek was used to give us possession of the Arkansas Riverbed. The wording says: as long as the rivers flow and the grass grows this treaty is binding. This wording prohibits other treaties from being broken.

CNO's actions are very dangerous. The UKB must be very careful. Our elders were always careful. The Keetoowah Society and the Nighthawk Society went out and fought and organized the UKB to federal recognition. The people who were acting as leaders didn't know what it was to be a Cherokee Indian and couldn't think as a Cherokee Indian they were people chosen by the United States.

Washington now realizes the things that has happened. The UKB has never been in the position we are in now with the United States. Washington is listening.

Washington now knows who the UKB is.

Presently in areas like Oklahoma City when the people hear "Cherokee Indians" their response is: you guys are racists aren't you?

The treaty of 1866 doesn't allow for racism. Moses' Ten Commandments doesn't allow for racism. The Bible doesn't allow racism; it says all men are created equal. The Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma may have elections but I (Chief) do not believe the government will approve these elections.

Government-to-government relationship means we only talk with the United States government. We are not required to talk to/with state governments because they have no authority over us. When we enter into a compact like with the smoke shops, the state had some authority over us. Wilma Mankiller caused compacts with the state. Now there are compacts all over like "Indian Gaming Compacts." Native Americans all over the state should always help each other.

Land taxes are being imposed on land belonging to Indians and the land is restricted lands and nothing is said when the land is sold to a non-Indian for back taxes and the Indian loses the land. The UKB is taking action against taxing restricted lands and then land continues to belong to the Indian. The UKB is protecting land ownership for the individual UKB member. Foreclosures are being stopped on homes because of incorrect handling of mortgage arrangements.

CNO can help people if they only would. Our legal

department is helping Keetoowahs in keeping their land.

I (Chief) attended the Eastern Band Symposium last week. They're good people. Their membership is around 12,000.

Believes good things are going to happen to the UKB. It is my (Chief's) understanding that our Constitution does allow the sale of fee simple land but cannot sell trust or restricted land. Three things are being referred to real, trust or restricted land. He will never recommend UKB sell trust land but sometimes you must sell for a profit. This purchase is referred to in the UKB Corporate Charter where it states we can sell "real" property.

V. Approval of the minutes for May 2007

1. MOTION by Eddie Sacks, to approve the May Council minutes; **SECOND-ED** by Woodrow Proctor; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

VI. Presentations – none

VII. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Enrollment Committee Report: Liz Little-dave
 32 new applications for tribal membership and 2 request for relinquishment of tribal membership were presented for approval.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve and accept 32 new membership applicants into tribal enrollment; **SECOND-ED** by Joyce Fourkiller; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge and honor the

relinquishment of 2 UKB tribal members; **SECOND-ED** by Joyce Fourkiller; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Little-dave announced: contents of Council Packets included Department Reports from Court Clerk, Maintenance, Lighthorse and Gaming Commission. Also included were the minutes for the Budget and Finance, EDA and Elder Committees and Gaming Commission are available in each Council member's packets.

Examples of Elder Assistance applications, sites of availability of applications, procedure explanation and a calendar showing application date deadlines with Elder Assistance check issuance were also a part of the Council's packet.

The 0-3 year old children CDIB issuance will begin Monday, June 4, 2007. Explanation of requirements and procedure was also included in each Council member's packet. This program allows immediate UKB membership for 0-3 year olds and time to apply and receive a CDIB from the BIA.

Chief Wickliffe explained why UKB Council was conducting their monthly meeting on Friday afternoon instead of on Saturday, June 2, 2007. The reason was today's meeting was intended to discuss subjects on a Joint Council meeting agenda with CNO and this joint meeting was initially scheduled for June 2, 2007 but that meeting was cancelled by CNO. UKB Council

Education Department Reminders

***2007 Graduation Bonuses - August 31 is the last day to apply for graduation bonuses.**

***UKB College Financial Aid Assistance -** The deadline to apply for the Fall 2007 semester is September 1st. To apply, bring the following documents: Completed application for academic year 07-08, copy of UKB membership card, copy of social security card, CDIB, university acceptance letter, class schedule, official transcript from previous semester, copy of financial aid award letter, copy of FAFSA application

***All Awards are contingent upon availability of funds**

Four Keetoowah Cherokee Sites Added to the Tribal Register of Historic Places

By UKB Tribal Council resolution in 2006, the Keetoowah Cherokees established a Tribal Register of Historic Places. Properties are being sought in the 14-county Traditional Keetoowah Indian Country area for nomination. Sites are also considered outside the 14-county area (in areas of historic interest), but require significant documentation. During their meeting of August 4,

2007, the UKB Tribal Council approved the placement of four sites on the Tribal Register of Historic Places.

Redbird Smith Ceremonial Grounds (Sequoyah County, Illinois District) was officially established in 1903 by noted Nighthawk Keetoowah leader, Redbird Smith. This traditional religious site has consistently been maintained

for Keetoowah religious ceremonies and is still active today.

Long Island of the Holston (Sullivan County, Tennessee) was known as a Peace Town and the site of many large meetings, including those held for the signing of several treaties. Today, the four-mile long island is home to

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Keetoowah Cherokees August and September Meetings on 2nd Saturdays

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Regular Council Meetings for September and October will be held on the second Saturday of each month.

The September meeting will be held on Saturday, September 8 at 10 a.m. at the Keetoowah Cherokee Community Services Building.

The UKB October Regular Council meeting will be held on Saturday, October 13 at 10 a.m. at the Keetoowah Cherokee Community Services Building. For more information, contact UKB Tribal Secretary Liz Littledave at (918) 456-5126.

Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Program Menu for July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 BLT TOMATO SOUP SALAD DESSERT	2 CHICKEN QUE- SADILLA SPANISH RICE REFRIED BEANS SALAD DESSERT	3 BREAKFAST SERVED AT 10:30
6 BEEF NOODLE SOUP BREADSTICKS SALAD DESSERT	7 LEMON-DILL SALMON WILD RICE YELLOW SQUASH SALAD DESSERT	8 POLISH SAUSAGE CABBAGE HOMINY HOT ROLLS SALAD DESSERT	9 OPEN FACE STEAK SANDWICH MASHED POTATOE COLE SLAW DESSERT	10 BREAKFAST SERVED AT 10:30
13 CLAM CHOWDER JAL.CORN MUFFINS SALAD DESSERT	14 CAJUN GRILLED CHICKEN PASTA SAUTED VEGGIES FOCACCIA BREAD SALAD DESSERT	15 ENCHILADAS SPANISH RICE REFRIED BEANS SALAD DESSERT	16 ROSEMARY ROAST PORK RED POTATOES YELLOW SQUASH APPLE SAUCE	17 BREAKFAST SERVED AT 10:30
20 LOADED BAKED POTATO TORTILLA SOUP SALAD DESSERT	21 MAC N SMOKIES TOMATO/ZUCCHINI TEXAS TOAST SALAD DESSERT	22 HERB BAKED CHICKEN WHITE RICE GREEN BEANS SALAD DESSERT	23 BROWN BEANS JAL.CORNBREAD GREENS SALAD DESSERT	24 FISHING DAY AND HOTDOG ROAST AT THE RIVERPARK
27 FRITO PIE WITH FLXINS DESSERT	28 CATFISH BEANS HUSHPUPIES COLESLAW DESSERT	29 HUNGARIAN GOULOSH BROCCOLI HOT ROLLS SALAD DESSERT	30 CULTURAL FOODS DAY	31 CLOSED FOR CLEANING

UKB August '07 Calendar of Council and Special Meetings

- August 4** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m. Tahlequah Community Services Building
- August 9** Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- August 9** Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Vian UKB Satellite Office
- August 10** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m. Keener Church, Lost City
- August 11** Canadian District Meeting, Noon Bacone College Campus, Lower Level
- August 30** Delaware District Meeting, 7 p.m. Jay Community Center

* No other meeting information available at press time.

UKB September '07 Calendar of Council and Special Meetings

- September 8** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m. UKB Community Services Building, Tahlequah
- September 13** Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- September 13** Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Vian UKB Satellite Office
- September 14** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m. Keener Church, Lost City
- September 27** Delaware District Meeting, 7 p.m. Jay Community Center

* No other meeting information available at press time.



Pritchett Boys All-Around Athletes

Young tribal member Creighton Pritchett was selected to play on the All Star Team for the 11 and 12 year old Tahlequah Boys and Girls Club. Creighton played left field for the Red Sox. Creighton is the son of Florence and the late Tim Pritchett. His brothers are David Hicks, Brikk Pritchett and Ethan Pritchett. His paternal grandparents are the late Mabelanne Pritchett Rose and Cordell Rose of Tahlequah. Maternal grandparents are Leroy and the late Carolyn Hicks. His grand grandmother was the late Evelyn Pritchett.



Creighton will be in the 5th grade at Keys Elementary in the fall.

All three boys plan to play football in the fall.



Brikk played left field and catcher for the 9 and 10 year old Tahlequah Tigers. He will be in the 4th grade at Keys Elementary School.



Ethan played catcher for the 7 and 8 year old Tahlequah Braves. He will be in the 2nd grade at Keys Elementary School.

From The Chief . . . continued from page 2

9 Districts of the Cherokee Nation of 1939 A.D.

The UKB (The Old Settlers) were in the present state of Oklahoma 10 years before the forced removal (the Old Cherokee Nation) came here as immigrants in 1838-39. The UKB is made of members from *all* Keetoowah Societies, and most other TRADITIONAL Cherokee people groups. We have 12,000 members and are growing daily.

The UKB will NEVER HONOR ANDREW JACKSON by placing a wreath on his grave like CHAD SMITH did a few months ago. Would a SOUIX Indian do that for

General Custer? NEVER.

CNO's top leader Chad Smith is so 'out of it' when it comes to THINKING like a CHEROKEE, he is willing to FORGIVE Andrew Jackson, a man responsible for the deaths of over 4,000 Cherokee people during "the Trail of Tears".

The TRADITIONAL Cherokee people do not celebrate *anything* about the "Trail of Tears." We don't even want to talk about it. Chad Smith supported having Andrew Jackson's former home made part of the memorial route where over 4,000 Cherokees died. The New

Echota Treaty of 1835 signed by mostly mixed bloods still affects Cherokee people today.

In conclusion, Chad Smith's corporate organization has no place in Cherokee History prior to 1976 A.D. His organization is called the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) also, the 76 acres trust land decision, and the Arkansas Riverbed decisions are both under appeal by the UKB, with the support of the U.S. Dept. of Justice. Chad Smith fails to tell you that.

Regardless of the *lies* CNO tells, the UKB will stay FOCUSED, and continue looking for jobs and other opportunities for the members, we are proud Cherokee people. (The GEEH-DUE-WAH people). We are HUMANE people interested in all people *regardless* of their RACE which is the Cherokee Indian Way. Chad Smith doesn't care about SERVING the people like the UKB does, and if he should close the Casino down (which will NEVER happen), he will cause the loss of around 300 jobs which doesn't matter to him because it is all about POWER with him. The UKB will never do anything that will HARM another NATIVE AMERICAN in the United States and it will NEVER do anything that is not legal. We are HONORABLE people.

Dear Friends,

On Saturday, September 29, our family and friends will be taking part in the *Walk to Cure Diabetes*. As some are aware, Type 1, or as is more commonly known, Juvenile Diabetes, affects millions of children and adults. We have a most personal connection with this disease since our daughter, Sayde, was diagnosed on Dec. 28, 2006, at a very young age of 18 months. As anyone can imagine, this has changed our lives forever.



But our story does not end there.



On June 12 of this year, our son, Seth, 3, who is almost four, was also diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes.

This has all come about within a course of six months. As a result, my husband and I have devoted many hours to learning as much as we can about this disease. Seth and Sayde's diets must be closely monitored and their blood sugar levels must be tested between four to five times daily which involves many finger pricks and multiple insulin injections. My family and I realize insulin therapy does not cure diabetes, it only maintains it. This is why finding a cure is so vital.

By taking part in the Walk to Cure Diabetes at OU-Tulsa Schusterman Center, you can help us show support to find a cure for this awful disease. If you are unable to participate in the walk on Sept. 29 for "Seth and Sayde's Team," I invite you to go to www.jdrf.org and click on the green sneaker. When the screen changes, select the menu item "Support a Walker" and type in *Heather Anderson in Oklahoma*. The site will give you options from there to make a tax deductible donation in Seth and Sayde's name. We will also take checks (pay to the of JDRF) mailed to Tulsa Green Country Chapter, 4606 East 67th st, #214, Tulsa, OK 74136. (918) 481-5807

With your help, our children and others with diabetes have a better chance of being cured during their lifetime. We thank you in advance for your support of this cause which has hit so closely to heart.

Help us Pray for a Cure,
Jayme, Heather, Seth, and Sayde
Anderson

George Washlife

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Eat Lunch with the Elders

The United Keetoowah Band Title VI Nutrition program is seeking dedicated volunteers to help serve lunch to the elderly Mon.-Thurs., 11am-1pm, Fri. 10:30am-12:30pm (shifts are available). The program desires 2-3 volunteers for each day of the week to help with sign-in. Volunteers who will commit to serve for 2+ months are preferred. Volunteers will receive a free lunch as well!

Additionally, the Keetoowah Cherokees also need volunteers to come and do fun activities with its elders once a month. Some possible activities that volunteers could initiate include various arts and crafts or dance lessons. Scheduling is flexible. For more information, contact Jana Leichty at (918) 456-8698.



PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND THE 57th ANNUAL KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 5 & 6

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will host the 57th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration on Friday and Saturday, October 5 & 6. This years' theme for the celebration will be

“Celebrating our Progress through 179 years of Tradition”. The Keetoowah Cherokees relocated to Tahlequah 179 years ago from Arkansas when they signed the Treaty of 1828, which ceded their lands in Arkansas. “This year’s celebration will pay tribute to the Keetoowah Cherokee People – the traditional Cherokee people,” said Chief George Wickliffe. Most events will be held at the Keetoowah Activity Park off West Willis Road at Welfare Act. Friday morning, October 5, the tribe will host its 7th Annual golf tournament at Cherry Springs Golf Course in Tahlequah. Saturday October 6, the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration will include a parade featuring marching bands, floats and walking groups. Other events include traditional Keetoowah Cherokee games such as blowgun, stickball, cornstalk shoot

and marbles. Other sporting events include the Keetoowah Cherokee Run, a volleyball tournament, and a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The celebration will feature crowd pleasing musical events including two gospel singings, presented on Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a host of children’s activities including a kid’s fishing derby, turtle races (Kids, bring your own land turtles - box, terrapin, or tortise), face painting, games, inflatable slides and obstacle courses and other special events. One very popular program will be cultural demonstrations and workshops led by former UKB Tradition Keepers, Cindy Hair, Danny McCarter, and Marie Proctor, along with other traditional crafts teachers. One of the biggest events of the Celebration will be the Intertribal Pow Wow. The Pow Wow begins with a grand entry at 2 p.m. Saturday and run to midnight. Another popular event will be Keetoowah Cherokee Bingo beginning at 3:30pm. The Keetoowah Cherokee Casino is promoting a \$10,000 cash giveaway, with drawings to take place Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Celebration Grounds. For details, call the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino at 456-

57th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration October 5 & 6, 2007 Schedule of Events

Pre Celebration Events Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant September 20 Armory - contact Shannon Goingsnake – (453-9162)	10 a.m. Keetoowah Celebration Parade- Sonya Cochran/Brandi Ross (453-2823) 11a.m.-8 p.m. Keetoowah History and Family History Exhibit – Lisa Stopp- 456-9200 11 a.m. -8 p.m. UKB Departments Displays –R Quarry/Crystal Bunch 456-8698 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Merchandise Booth – Willa Dean Ketcher 456-9350 11 a.m. -8 p.m. Arts & Crafts Vendors- Audrey Howard - 431-1818 11:45 a.m. State of the Nation Address Chief George Wickliffe followed by Tradition Keepers, Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Fiddlers, Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir 12:15 p.m. Children’s Activities - Georgia Dick - 456-8698 12:15 p.m. Three on Three Basketball- Amanda Stopp -822-3586 1 p.m. Marbles – Sammy Still - 456-9200 1 p.m. Volleyball Tournament - Teresa Hair Webber -431-1818	1 p.m. Traditional Indian Meal - Charlie and Brenda Locust - 431-1818 1:30 p.m. Cornstalk Shoot - Albert Shade - 822-3805 2 p.m. Kid’s Turtle Races - Georgia Dick 456-8698 2 p.m. Cultural Demonstrations with Tradition Keepers Make and Take Crafts – Sammy Still - 456-9200 2 p.m. - midnight 2nd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Pow Wow –Sandy Houston -458-6716 2 p.m. Men’s & Women’s Horseshoe Tournament -Albert Ross/Linda Hooper 456-9200 2 p.m. Blowgun Competition - Danny McCarter- 456-9200 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Free Bingo - Gaming Employees - 456-9350 4 p.m. Stickball Game Ages 12 and up - Sammy Still - 456-9200 5 p.m. Keetoowah Cherokee Casino’s \$10,000 Cash Drawings 6 – 11 p.m. Bluegrass Gospel Sing – Janie and J.D. Carey - 456-8698
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Deadline to enter Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant is Friday, Sept. 14
Call 431-1818 for more info.

Family History Exhibit Needs YOU!

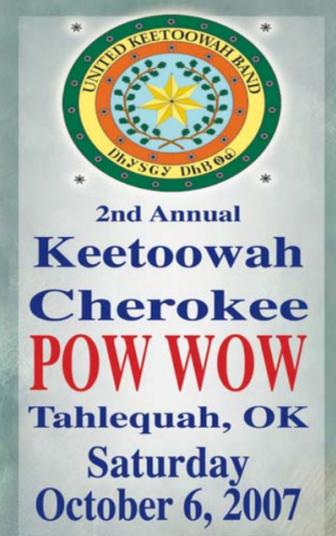
A Family History Exhibit is planned for this year’s Keetoowah Celebration. If you would like to show your family photos, whether it’s only one, or 50, please let us know. With each photo, please provide a caption and as much information as you have on the person(s) in the photo, and the circumstances of the photo. From there, we will enlarge your photos, typeset the information, and mount on an exhibit board. “Families are the true keepers of our traditions and history,” stated Lisa Stopp, Acting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. “There is a wealth of stories and community heroes out there. We really want to record their stories while they’re still in people’s memories.” For more information and to get an Entry and Photo Release form, please call Lisa Stopp at the UKB Language, History and Culture Department. Her number

Four Keetoowah Cherokee Sites Added to the Tribal Register of Historic Places

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several industries, in addition to a civic project which will include walking trails, historical interpretation exhibits and a Cherokee garden. The Eastern Band of Cherokee also owns a small parcel on the island. The Town of Keetoowah (Muskogee County, Canadian District) was located at the site of historic Cantonment Gibson (Ft. Gibson). In 1857, the U.S. War Department abandoned Ft. Gibson. At that time, the name was only assigned to the actual Fort, as the town had not been established yet. The government placed the military reservation into the hands of the Cherokee tribe, and the council created the “Town of Keetoowah,” named in honor of the Mother Town, Kituwah, back east. The council of the Keetoowah community met until May, 1863. During this time, the Cherokee National Council passed an act moving the capitol of the Cherokee from Tahlequah, to the new town. However, then-chief of the Cherokee, John Ross, vetoed the move. Kituwah Mound (Swain County, North Carolina), where originally, the council house which housed the Sacred Fire, sat. Legend tells us that the Creator gave the fire, He said, “From this day forward, you will be known as Kituwah.” Cherokees from other villages came here to light their own village ceremonial fires.

Nominations for the Tribal Register of Historic Places Sought

Nominations can be made for the following: homes, churches, ceremonial grounds, sites (of historic events), cemeteries, graves, and birthplaces. Although you do not have to own the property to nominate it to the register, you will need to know the owner as well as their contact information. “We currently do not have money for rehabilitation of these sites, but federal law makes it possible for us to help protect them in several important ways,” explains Acting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Lisa Stopp. “The sites are recorded in our office for easy recognition when undertakings using federal money may threaten the site. Your nominations help us protect these sites from possibly being destroyed.” Addresses and locations can be restricted from the public, which is the case in some areas where vandalism may be a threat. To nominate a property, please contact the UKB Language, History and Culture Department at 918-456-9200 to request a copy of the nomination form.



UKB 57th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration

Head Staff

Head Man Dancer:	Randy Frazier (Lawton, OK)
Head Woman Dancer:	Lena Nells (Tahlequah, OK)
Master of Ceremonies:	Rob Daugherty (Jay, OK)
Co-Arena Directors:	Joseph Byrd (Tahlequah, OK) R.G. Harris (Stroud, OK)
Southern Drum:	Van Bighorse (Pawhuska, OK)
Northern Drum:	Graham Premo (Norman, OK)

Dance Competition Categories

Men & Boys
Traditional • Grass • Straight • Fancy

Women & Girls
Buckskin • Cloth • Fancy Shawl • Jingle

PRIZE MONEY

Juniors	Adults
1st Place \$300.00	1st Place \$500.00
2nd Place \$200.00	2nd Place \$300.00
3rd Place \$100.00	3rd Place \$200.00

Tiny Tots and Juniors Dance at 3:00 p.m.

GRAND ENTRY 2:00 P.M.

Age Groups	Registration
Tiny Tots: 10 & Under	Opens at Noon
Juniors: 11-16	Closes at 3 p.m.
Adults: 17 & Over	<small>(if not three in each category, have right to combine)</small>

No Alcohol or Drugs Allowed

For More Information Contact:
Phone (918) 458-6716 or Fax (918) 431-1831
Directions: 1.5 miles south of Wal-Mart on Hwy. 62 in Tahlequah; turn right on Willis Road to Keetoowah Celebration Grounds

Congratulations Grads

Keaden "Ee-yah" Budder


Keaden "Ee-yah" Budder, 6, graduated from Kindergarten at Lowery School. She is the daughter of Kendall Budder and Joe Christie. She enjoys spending time with her sister Raynee and brother Jeriah. Keaden wants to be a basketball player for Sequoyah High School when she grows up.

Samantha Gail Ballard


Samantha Gail Ballard graduated from Tahlequah High School. Her parents are Debbie Ross and David Ballard. Her grandparents are Gerldine Johnson, Hulbert Ballard and Jesse Marques. Samantha will attend Connors State College to obtain an Associates' Degree in Applied Technology.

Ambraly Bendabout


Ambraly Bendabout is from Kenwood, Oklahoma and graduated from Salina High School. Her parents are Anna and Arnold Bendabout. Her grandparents are Joseph and Bucky Bendabout. Her future plans include getting a job and taking care of her son.

Pawnee Sue Crabtree


Pawnee Sue Crabtree graduated from Salina High School, and was a recipient of a VFW Scholarship. She is the daughter of Diana Mouse. Her grandparents are Willis Louie Mouse and Emma Ballou. Pawnee plans to attend college and get a degree as a dietician so that she can help all Native Americans.

Schon Matthew Duncan


Schon Matthew Duncan from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated from Sequoyah High School. He is the son of Carney and Kimberly Duncan. His grandparents are Roger and Marietta Duncan and Bob and Judy Robertson. He plans to attend NSU in the fall.

Clayton Reid Bush


Clayton Reid Bush is from McAlester, Oklahoma and recently graduated from Savannah High School. He won 1st place on the state and national levels for his art for water conservation. He also won 1st place with his poster for Abused Children (VACKA) and 1st place for a T-shirt slogan. He has been on the Principal's Honor Roll for the last three years. His mother is Charlotte Bush. His grandparents are Lucy Webber and the late Leroy Webber. He plans to attend Community College in McAlester for two years and then go to ECU in Ada, Oklahoma to continue his education.

Michael Wayne Bearpaw


Michael Wayne Bearpaw graduated from Jay High School while raising his nine month old daughter, Shawna, with his wife Heather. His parents are Richard Bearpaw and Cheryl Earp. His grandparents are the Late Richard Bearpaw and LeWanna Bearpaw and Mike Earp and Mary Cunningham.

Jared M. Killer


Jared M. Killer, 18, from Tahlequah graduated from Sequoyah High School. He is the son of Mose and Lila Killer. His grandparents are John and Clara Mae Killer and the late Vernon and Eldee Hays. He is a member of the Academic team, Honor Society, Gifted and Talented, Varsity Baseball, Basketball, and Cross Country. He has been named Who's Who in American Academics and Who's Who in American Sports.

Ashley Geer


Ashley Geer graduated from Tahlequah High School. She is the daughter of Sherri Taylor and Mike Geer. Her grandparents are Bob and Iva Price and Albert Geer and Geraldine Johnson. Ashley plans to attend NSU in the fall.

Whitney Morgan


Whitney Morgan graduated from Jay High School. Her parents are Pamela and Ronnie Morgan and Sheridan Jean Chunesudy. Her grandparents are Shug and Butch Chunesudy. Her future plans include completing the electrical vocational training program.



Congratulations Grads

Heather Goodrich



Heather Goodrich from Tahlequah graduated from Talking Leaves Job Corp with a high school diploma. She is the daughter of Kristene Scrapper. Her grandparents are Junior and Edna Scrapper. She plans to attend college this fall.

Leah E. Morgan



Leah E. Morgan from Tahlequah graduated from Sequoyah High School. Her parents are Melody and the late Ronnie Ballou and Arthur Morgan. Her grandparents are Willie and Myrtle Raper, Jennie Ballou and Pat and Esther McCarthy. She plans to attend NSU this fall.

Kristy Murphy



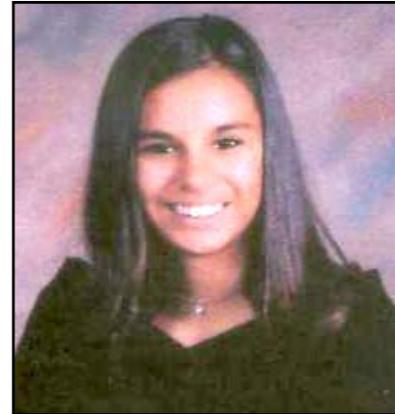
Kristy Murphy graduated from Tahlequah High School. Her parents are Leo and Tina Murphy. Her grandparents are Howard and Rose Ballard. She plans to attend Indian Capital Technology Center to pursue a degree in nursing.

Corey E. Smith



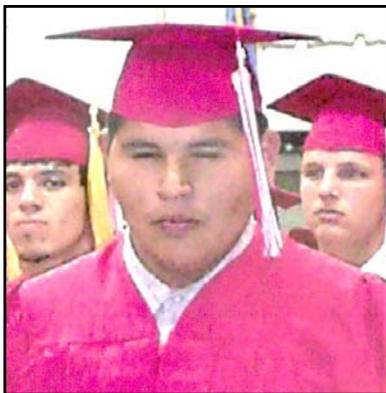
Corey E. Smith graduated from Vian High School. He was named to the National Technical Honor Society as a result of his studies at the Indian Capital Technology Center of Sallisaw. He is the son of Karen Smith. His grandparents are the late Edward Smith and Corrine Smith. Corey plans to attend OSU-Okmulgee in the fall to study construction technology.

Sunni Steeley



Sunni Steeley from Tahlequah graduated from Sequoyah High School. She was named to the National Honor Society. Her parents are Graig and Novaline Steeley. Her grandparents are Ross Drywater and Josephine Dreadfulwater, Pat Arnett, and George Stealer. She plans to attend Connors State College to become a dental assistant.

Nick Hair



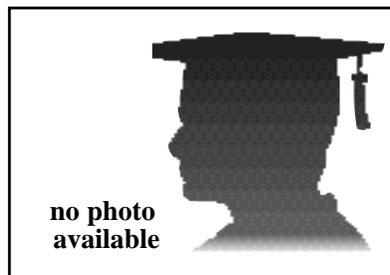
Nick Hair from Kenwood, Oklahoma graduated from Kansas High School. He is the son of Woodard and Brenda Hair. Nick plans to attend college this fall.

Colton Ray Muskrat



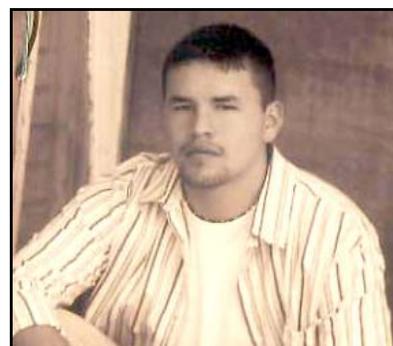
Colton Ray Muskrat from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated from Cave Springs High School. He is the son of Jimmy and Carnella Muskrat. His grandparents are Gary and Sue Bradley and the late Jim and Ollie Muskrat. His future plans are to go to college at Carl Albert College in Poteau and then to acting school in Tulsa.

Brandon S. Parfait



Brandon S. Parfait is from Stilwell, Oklahoma and graduated from Sequoyah/Job Corp in Tahlequah. He received a high school diploma and a food handler's certificate. He is the son of Jason Parfait, Sr. and Selena Sixkiller. Her grandparents are Anna Mae Thirsty and Forrest Sixkiller and Eloi and Effie Parfait. He plans to go to drafting school at OSU-Okmulgee or ITT of Tulsa.

Jon Caleb Teehee



Jon Caleb Teehee from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated from Sequoyah High School. He was named 'Linebacker of the Year', Student of the Month, was a member of the National Honor Society and was named All American Scholar. His parents are Trent and Lana Teehee. His grandparents are Robert Gene and Pamela Ketcher, Billy Wayne Teehee and Emma Sue Teehee. He plans to attend college at OSU or University of Arkansas to become an electrical engineer.

Ashton Philemonof



Ashton Philemonof of Tahlequah graduated from Oktaha High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and received a NASP scholarship. Her parents are Mark E. Moran, Sheila J. Moran and Nicolai D. Philemonof. Her grandparents are Nathaniel and Linda Handle and Shirley Ross.

Sherman Cole Proctor



Sherman Cole Proctor graduated from Stilwell High School. His parents are Croley and Cara Proctor. His grandparents are the late Jim Proctor and Geneva Proctor.

Congratulations Grads

Damon Smith


Damon Smith is from Spavinaw, Oklahoma and graduated from Jay High School. He is the son of Travis and Mashell Smith. His grandparents are Oletta and Bobby Smith and Sammie Hedgpath. He plans to attend college and get his Bachelor's Degree in Education.

Donavan Duncan


Donavan Duncan from Stillwell, Oklahoma graduated from the Automotive Service Technology Program at Indian Capital Technology Center. He is the son of the late Sam Duncan and Betty Duncan. His grandparents are the late Walter Duncan, Sr. and Lena Duncan and the late Cisero Feathers and Eunice Chuculate. He plans to continue to better his education and get a better job.

Bobbie Lynn Barr


Bobbie Lynn Barr from Tahlequah, Oklahoma recently graduated with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She graduated with a 4.0 and was named to the Presidents Honor Roll. Bobbie has three children; Whitney Barr, Morgan Drywater, and Dakota Sanchez. Her grandchildren are Kaiden Scott and Kyler Scott. Her parents are Richard and Carolyn Fields of Kansas, Oklahoma and her grandparents are Jess and Anna Fields of Kansas. Bobbie plans to continue attending Bacone to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Administration.

E. Star Leinaala Oosahwe


On May 11, 2007 the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma gained its first Ph.D. of the 21st Century. E. Star Leinaala Oosahwe graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Oklahoma in Adult and Higher Education.

A 1993 graduate of Window Rock High School, Window Rock, Arizona; Star also graduated from Arizona State University in 1997 with a Bachelors in Communications. She did her graduate work at the University of Oklahoma, completing her Masters in Education in 2001.

"Strategizing Success: Narratives of Native American Students in Higher Education" is the title of Oosahwe's doctoral dissertation. It is a qualitative study to identify, describe and understand the experiences of Native American students in higher education. By listening and analyzing the stories of academically successful Native American students, strategies of success and coping skills have been identified to contribute to the body of knowledge on Native American students in higher education while offering colleges and universities methods to increase the Native American college graduation rate. Born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Oosahwe was raised mostly on the Navajo Reservation where her father was a teacher, coach, Athletic Director & Principal.

She also went to elementary school in Tahlequah, and junior high school in Socorro, NM.

In Oosahwe's quest for higher education she was also employed by the Intertribal Council of Arizona in Phoenix, AZ; Pierce College in Lakewood, WA, the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Community College. Dr. Oosahwe is currently employed as the Administrator for Native American Student Services with the Oklahoma City Public Schools where she oversees their Title VII and Johnson O'Malley Indian Education Programs.

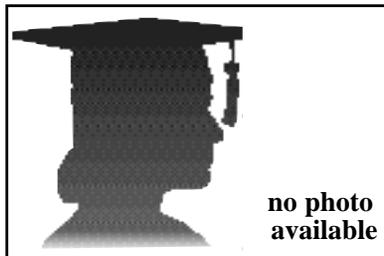
With financial help & scholarships from United Keetoowah Band, American Indian Graduate Center, and Catching the Dream; Dr. Oosahwe's pursuit has been realized. Many people are under the assumption that Native students get a free education. As a Native student with two working parents, financial aid and scholarships were not easy to come by. Oosahwe is the daughter of Leon Oosahwe who is an Indian Education Specialist with the State of Arizona and Linda Relacion Oosahwe formerly of Waipahu, HI; is in the warranty department of K. Hovnanian Homes, Phoenix, AZ. She is the granddaughter of Beatrice Oosahwe of Tahlequah and Flora Relacion of Honolulu, HI. She has one sister, Quannee and a brother, Keokuk. She is the first member of her family to graduate with a doctoral degree.

Nicholas Strickland


Nicholas Strickland graduated from Colcord High School. His parents are Wendell and Pricilla Strickland. His grandparents are Rosie Roberts and Ray and Mary Strickland.

Stephanie Collins


Stephanie Collins is from Tahlequah, Oklahoma and recently completed the Cherokee Nation Emergency Medical Services Basic EMT Program. Her parents are James and Cindy Collins. Her sister is Jacklin Collins - Underwood. Stephanie is currently a Registered Nurse at Tahlequah City hospital, and with the knowledge and certification she received from the EMT program she will be expanding her job duties and work as a flight nurse.

Elizabeth Bird


Elizabeth Bird from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina with a Master's Degree in Divinity/Christian Education. She received the 2007 Christian Education Award for academic achievement. She is the daughter of the late Leon Lee and Nancy Henson Bird. Her grandparents are the late Ancie Keener Hair, the late Jim Henson, the late Rev. James and the late Mrs. Eliza (RattlinGourd) Bird. Her future plans include heeding the Lord's will and serving his people.

Polly Allen


Polly Allen from Jay, Oklahoma graduated with a degree in Basic Cosmetology from Grove Beauty College. She is the daughter of Katie Shell and Edward Proctor. Her grandmother is Anna Mae Wright.



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decided to stay with their meeting schedule for Friday which has been set to accommodate a joint meeting date of June 2, 2007 with CNO.

Shelbi Wofford stated: it was suggested we (UKB & CNO) meet on July 14, 2007. She believed there would be another meeting with CNO before July 14, 2007 to finalize plans for this joint meeting. She restated July 14, 2007 was a suggested date but it appeared this date would be the actual meeting date but she will stay in contact with CNO on a definite meeting date.

Woodrow Proctor: keep UKB Regular July Council Meeting on the first Saturday which would be before July 14, 2007 and discussion on agenda items for a joint Council meeting could be discussed at the Regular July meeting.

VIII. Public Forum

Marilyn Craig: UKB will be participating in the Huckleberry Festival parade in Jay on June 30, 2007. All Council members were invited to ride on a float in the parade. Each member will be contacted by phone by Cindy Hair for confirmation of Council's participation.

IX. Unfinished Business

MOTION by Joyce Fourkiller to appoint Bryan Mink to the Board of (KCI) Keetoowah Construction, Inc.; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the appointment certification of certain assurances, operations and maintenance funds; leverage resources of tribal land and tribal funds for the multi-purpose cultural center/museum; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

(End of Tape 1)

2. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to table agenda item X,2 until July Council Meeting; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Barry Dotson: inquired as to the status of utilizing Calvin McCoy in reference to BIA surplus equipment (as was discussed in previous monthly meeting of Council).

Tim GoodVoice: responded by saying the BIA had been contacted today and an application for screeners cards had been made several months ago and it seemed we had been "put off" but this morning we spoke with a person at the BIA and we were told Roy Willis had signed our cards and they should be mailed Monday.

3. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve electing to participate in the National Sex Offender Registry System; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention.

4. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to enter into Executive Session which would include AG, Ken Bellmard,

RE: Christmas Gift Card reconciliation, Personnel Issues and update on legislative subjects; SECONDED by Albert Shade; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Time= 3:10 PM)

5. MOTION by Charles Locust to exit from Executive Session and return to regular Council Meeting Session; SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller had left the meeting earlier; TIME: 5:35).

6. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to suspend, this one time, the understanding of the policy relating to the Grievance Process to allow the "former employee" to approach the Grievance Committee to make a formal determination in this case; SECONDED by Charles Locust; Addendum by Barry Dotson: this employee will be mailed a registered letter of notification informing of a scheduled date for this grievance to be heard by the Grievance Committee

VOTE: 9 Yes, 1 No (Littledave), 1 Abstentions (Hansen; Fourkiller left meeting earlier).

Chief Wickliffe: stated all employees are to be told they need to file their grievance with the Human Resource (HR). But if the grievance is given to the Chief he will not read documents but he ensures that HR will receive the grievance.

7. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to appoint Barry Dotson to the Grievance Committee; SECONDED

by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 8 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstentions (Dotson, Hansen, Littledave; Fourkiller left meeting earlier).

8. MOTION by Barbara Girty to appoint Charles Smoke to the Grievance Committee; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 8 Yes, 1 No (Shade), 2 Abstentions

(Hansen, Littledave; Fourkiller left meeting earlier).

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn: MOTION by Woodrow Proctor; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 5:59 PM



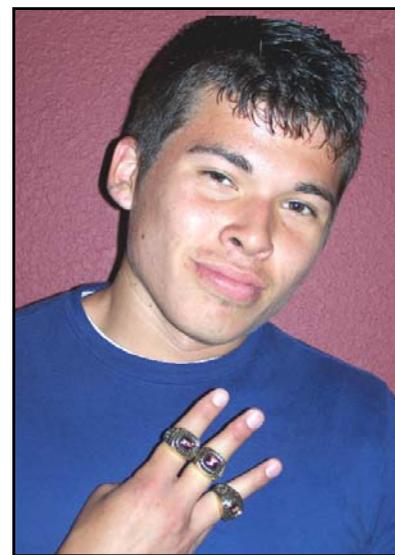
UKB Wellness Center parking lot was one of the tribes recently completed projects.

Doyeto A Three Time Champion

Ryan Doyeto, 19, is a sophomore who just finished a year at OU and is now accepted at ORU. He will be receiving a \$5,000 scholarship to attend. He is currently a pre-Physical Therapy major and hopes to continue his studies in that field, plus an additional 2 years to obtain the degree. He is a Gates Millennium Scholar and has a spot at George Washington University for a semester in Spring 2008

where he can then enter a summer internship for the Department of Interior.

Doyeto graduated high school at Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah in May 2006, where he was a team captain for Cross Country and an accomplished runner. He is one of the few to receive the 3-Pete State Championship rings for SHS. Ryan is the son of UKB Tribal Treasurer Shelbi Doyeto Wofford.



Keetoowah Cherokee Casino Celebrates 21 Years of Gaming



The Keetoowah Cherokee Casino celebrated 21 years of gaming in July. Shown left to right at the Anniversary Party: Chief George Wickliffe, Dianne Barker Harrold, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino General Manager Rod Fourkiller and Assistant Chief Charles Locust.



In July, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino is proudly celebrated 21 years of gaming. The facility started out offering Bingo many years ago and has grown into a 500 electronic games facility. The staff prides themselves on giving the best customer service in return for loyal patronage.



Members of the Coweta Bikers Association pose with Randy Scott (center in red shirt) President of the Coweta Chamber of Commerce and Keetoowah Cherokee Casino Promotions Manager MeLinda Hackworth.



The Coweta Bikers made the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino part of the Coweta Biker's Association Poker Run.

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the real thing