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DC Circuit permits Freedmen to pursue claims against both Cherokee and US Officials

In its July 29th decision, the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit stated "the Thirteenth Amendment and the 1866 Treaty whittled away the tribe's sovereignty with regard to slavery and left it powerless to discriminate against the Freedmen on the basis of their status as former slaves. ..[the Tribe] lacks any sovereign interest in such behavior."

The Court ruled that the Freedmen's suit could go forward against Cherokee Nation officials including Principal Chief Chad Smith preventing officers from discriminating against the Freedmen in violation of the Thirteenth Amendment or 1866 Treaty.

The decision is a victory for the Freedmen and individual Indians who have won their day in court to enforce their treaty right to their identity, citizenship and equal treatment as Cherokees.

The relief the Freedmen sought in the suit was an injunction prohibiting future elections without Freedmen participation including the right to run for office.

Cherokee Freedmen Plaintiff Marilyn Vann states, "This is a victory for the Freedmen people and our birthright as Cherokees. This decision answers the question again, that the Freedmen's treaty rights trump the right of our elected officials to oppress us. I pray that the healing of the Cherokee people begins and all Freedmen, including the 23,000 currently locked out, are reintegrated into the Nation."

This photo was featured May 12, 2007 in the Tulsa World in an article, "Freedmen descendants rally against Cherokee vote". *(photo by James Gibbard/Tulsa World)*

Jon Velie, lead counsel for the Freedmen states, "The Court crafted an opinion that protects both tribal sovereignty and individual Indian civil rights. The treaty of 1866 coupled with the 13th Amendment prohibits Cherokee officials from denying fundamental rights to the Freedmen citizens. We can now proceed against US and Cherokee officials without toppling the principals of tribal sovereignty. This is a great day for Indian Country."

Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokees Represent Tribe

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is now accepting applications for Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee. The pageant will be held on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center, 100 North Water Street, Tahlequah, OK. The deadline to enter is Friday, August 29, at 5 p.m.

The theme for the 58th Annual United Keetoowah Band Celebration will be "Rich in Tradition, Strength for the Future". Participants must be between the age of 13 and 17 years old before September 12, 2008, and 18 to 21 before September 12, 2008; must be an exclusive UKB tribal member and present a copy of tribal enrollment; show proof of school enrollment, must not have been married or cohabitated, no children, and never convicted of a felony.

The Keetoowah Cherokee tribe has been fortunate during the past year to have two young Keetoowahs representing the tribe as Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee. Pawnee Crabtree and Rozlyn Locust began their reign after competing in the pageant last September.

Pawnee Crabtree, from Salina, Oklahoma said, "It has been a wonderful experience to serve as an ambassador for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma as the 2007-2008 reigning Miss Keetoowah Cherokee. I have attended numerous events on behalf of the tribe, including Powwows, Parades, Special Events, Veteran and Elder Programs."

"This year has gone by tremendously fast, but I was blessed to have shared it with all of you. I thank the tribe so much for everything. I have had so much fun as Miss Keetoowah Cherokee and I hope that more young ladies will step up and give the title a chance, because it will change your life as it has changed mine.

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Pawnee Crabtree
Miss Keetoowah Cherokee

Rozlyn Locust
Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee

Coming next month . . .

The Keetoowah Cherokee News will feature all the Candidates for the November 2008 UKB Tribal Council Elections.

58th Annual Keetoowah Celebration

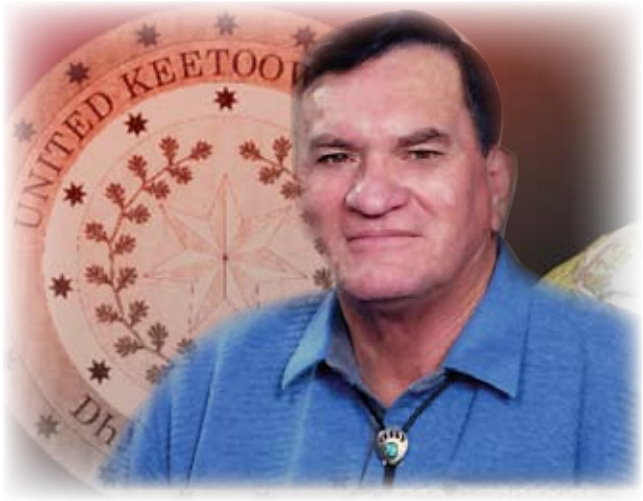
Tribe Receives Outstanding Audit

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma received the best audit the tribe has ever received. The audit was presented to the UKB Tribal Council at the August 2, 2008 meeting. The firm that conducted the audit was the Accounting Firm of Stanfeld and O'Dell.

According to the auditor's report, "In our opinion, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its federal programs." The report also added, "We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses."

Although the council went into executive session to discuss the report, the representative of the firm was quoted as saying, "Each audit has been better every year, and this one is the best ever. The Council should compliment their accounting department staff for their excellent work."

Assistant Chief Locust said, "We would like to thank our UKB Accounting Department Employees and all our Department Directors and their employees for all their hard work and cooperation. This was a real team effort and it has paid off in this audit report."



Levi Gritts - Part 2

A Letter to the UKB People
From Chief George Wickliffe

The first part of the letter is conciliatory and plainly trying to keep the members of the Ketoowah Society out of trouble with the occupying power, ever to the point of fudging a bit on the objects and methods of the Society before the meeting at Moody's Spring and mentioning nothing about the protests filed with allotmet papers. Beginning with the paragraph about the fullblood members of the Society the letter changes and goes on the atack. It is as though at least two people composed the letter and the last part sounds like the Levi B. Gritts who will begin to emerge from the few documents discovered.

Judge Gill received the letter but it was 34 years before this communication again saw the light of day, and that was quite by accident.

It was also in 1903 that the Cherokee Nation elected its last officially recognized Chief, William C. Rogers who remained the titular Chief of the Cherokee Nation until his death in 1917. He was neve a favorite of the Keetoowah Society. In 1905 the Cherokee National Council wanted to hold their regular election but Chief Rogers said that it would be useless and costly, which seems sensible considering that the Chief of the Cherokees now had no authority or funds. All had been taken aay by the Curtis Act. Nevertheless, the Council did hold an election and Frank J. Boudinot was designated as Chief. The United States Secretary of the Interior, Ethan A. Hitchcock, refused to recognize the election and Boudinot lost his place in history as the last Chief of the Cherokee Nation-state.

Rabbit Bunch, who had been Head Captain of the Keetoowah Society since 1887, was a fullblood who spoke very little English. While he was an able leader he realized that living in the United States was going to be a very complicated matter for the fullblood membership and he advised the Keetoowah Council to find an educated Cherokee to lead them. Richard M. Wolfe, a mixed-blood, was selectd and he immediately saw the necessity for having the Society legally incorporated. The Territorial Court in Tahlequah was petitioned and on September 20, 1905, the name of he organization became the Keetoowah Society, Incorporated.

The Nighthawks fought on in their hopeless battle. Redbird Smith was certain that the President of the United States must not be aware of what was going on in Inidan Territory, the way the sacred treaties were being broken, and if he knew he would put a stop to it. The year before Redbird, and some other leaders, had been jailed in Muskogee and forced to enroll. It was believed by those in charge this would force the membership to follow. This act only proved those in charge of the Dawes Commission didn't know much about Cherokee values, strengths or character. Instead of having an increase in enrollment there were whispers that "Redbird sold out". The Government agents, in their frustration, became more aggressive and used U.S. Marshals to force the resisters to enroll. This added to the fear and confusion of the fullbloods and created misinformation, inaccuracy and abuse of names and degree of Indian Blood listed on the rolls. The Dawes Commission then decided to simply take the names from the census 1896, which was highly inaccurate, and put them on the enrollment list for allotment.

In 1906 the Keetoowah Society, Incorporated, put its energy into the ill-fated State of Sequoyah, which would have made one state our of Indian Territory and another from Oklahoma Teritory to the west. Angie Debo said that the State of Sequoyah was "...the most notable attempt ever made by the Indians to create a state government of their own choosing."

On November 16, 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt reluctantly signed the document that made Oklahoma a state. he was not eager to bring a state with Democratic leadership into the Union. Soo after that the Nighthawks changed the title of their leader from head Captain to Chief.

The next few years the Cherokees were preoccupied with survival. Once more their world had been totally changed and they had to reinvent their way of life just as they did after the Removal

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello There, O-Si-Yo – e-gi- Ki-tu-wah,

I've been told, I tell it like it is. The last four years has been a little rough trying to get the UKB Tribe accountable and in good financial shape. We have done a lot in a very short time, but the road for Ki-tu-wahs looks real good for our future.

When we came into office in 2004 – 2008, me and the Chief and Vice Chief, we sat down together and made a plan of what we wanted our tribe to accomplish and what the UKB members wanted from us:

1. Elderlies – Never forget to honor them.
2. Education – To provide top notch scholarships for our kids
3. Professionalism – in our employees.
4. Accountability – make good decisions in our financials.
5. Washington, D.C. – Make sure the top leaders know who the Ki-tu-wahs are.
6. Build pride and honor among tribal members in being Ki-tu-wah.
7. Last, but not least – Never lose focus on our people.

1st year - When we came in office, there were none of these, including no clean audits. I was very frustrated and wondered why the last administration did not do anything about this. So the first year we focused on getting our financials straight. There was only $60,000 in the bank, with outstanding bills not paid, and there was no paper work and we had to look for the records. We had to pay back approximately $238,000 to some programs and housing for funds that had been misused.

2nd year - We finally had a handle on our financials for the first time. Then Chad Smith of CNO tried to shut down our casino. We went to Federal Court to keep our casino open. I am very proud of our Chief. He took the lead role and rallied our lawyers to fight for our casino to keep it open. Chief sat in the courtroom at a table with our two lawyers. On the other side of the room, sat nine lawyers – two from the state, two from the federal government, and five from CNO. It was like watching David and Goliath in the courtroom. The federal judge ruled in our favor.

I want to take this opportunity to thank some lawyers that helped us out. People like Dianne, Ken, Michael, and Jim McMillan. When you see the Chief or Vice Chief thank them. They all did a good job for all of us. I later moved to banish Chad Smith from the Ki-tu-wah tribal rolls because he was trying to cause financial hardship on our tribe. According to the Ki-tu-wah constitution, I was within my rights.

3rd year - I sat on the Budget and Finance Committee. I can tell you firsthand, we finally had some surplus money. The first thing I proposed was to put the money in our people; increasing our education scholarship money to $1,500. per semester and taking care of the elderlies because they stood by us with prayer and faith in our tribe. So we gave elders 55 and older, $200 in June and $200 two weeks before Christmas. We wanted to help them out financially so they could use the money to help out paying medical bills and to assist them in Christmas money without them having to use their fixed income. We should always honor our ancestors.

4th year - For the first time, we have an audit and report to the council once a year and our auditor tells us we are sound and stable and that we have come a long way in a very short time. We finally have money in the bank, in millions of dollars and every program is running good like it is supposed to be. It is not being misused. And our membership has been growing. We are now 12,000 members strong, and people tell me they are proud to be a Ki-tu-wah. That makes me feel good to hear it, and to honor and serve all of you.

Finally, I want to thank my God and my Father for watching over me. With your prayers, you all have picked some good councilors. Without them, all of this would not been possible – it was a hard job. We have sat in a meeting for sometimes twelve hours and all the councilors were there. We always had a full quorum to do business for our members.

My heart belongs to my Ki-tu-wah tribe and my family. If anybody tries to hurt my tribe and my family, I will do whatever it takes to protect them. I gave my best shot to put a smile on my elders and ancestors faces somewhere in their spirit world. I want to thank my Chief George Wickliffe and Charles Locust, my Vice Chief and the council and all the employees, especially the lawyers and my friend Joe Byrd.

Wado,
May God Bless All Ki-tu-wahs
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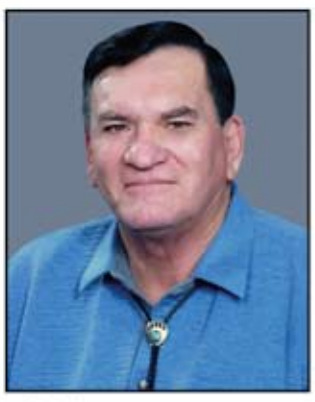
Woodrow Proctor,
(a da tsa we)
Flint District Councilor

UKB Council



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UKB Tribal Offices Closed for Labor Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, Aug. 29 and Monday, Sept. 1 in observance of Labor Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 8:30 a.m. We wish everyone a safe holiday.

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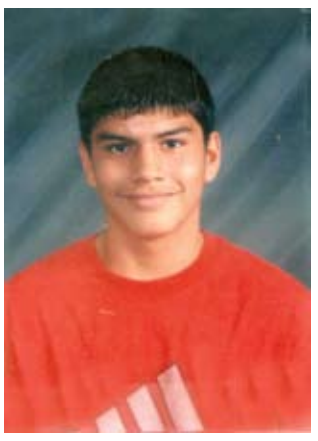
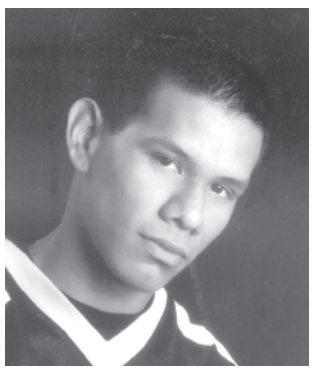
2008 Graduates

Eric Ray Adair



Eric Ray Adair from Kenwood, Oklahoma graduated from Kansas High School. He is the son of the late Bobby D. Adair and Phylliss R. Mitchell, His grandparents are the late Homer and the late Rosie Buck. He plans to attend college at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M in Miami, Oklahoma.

Austin Dion Ballou



Austin Dion Ballou from Salina, Oklahoma graduated from Salina High School. He is the son of Danny and Dee Wadlow. His grandmother is Jennie Ballou. He plans to work and attend college.

Lindsey Loftis-Ballou

Lindsey Loftis-Ballou from Spavinaw, Oklahoma graduated from Salina High School. Her parents are Clifford Jr. and Patricia Loftis, Her grandparents are Clifford Sr. and Nellie Loftis. She plans to take a year off and then enroll in vo-tech to become a medical assistant.

Kalyn Barnoski

Kalyn Barnoski graduated from Claremore High School with honors including the Tsa La Gi Trail of Tears District Award, and has accepted a Rogers State University Honors Program Four Year Scholarship Program. She was named an Oklahoma Academic Scholar and was a member of the Indian National Honor Society. Kayln is the daughter of Phillip and Shonda Barnoski. She plans to attend Rogers State University for pre-med studies and become a radiologist.

Tiffany Bendabout

Tiffany Bendabout graduated from Salina High School. She is the daughter of Ronald and Velma Bendabout. Her grandmother is joesphine Summerfield. She plans to attend vocational school to learn medical coding.

Jeremy Proctor

Jeremy Proctor from the Cherry Tree Community in Stilwell graduated from Stilwell High School. His parents are Janice Proctor and Charles Proctor. His grandparents are the late Felix and Louella Proctor and the late Arthur and Peggy Williams. He plans to begin working after a short summer break. *(no photo available)*

Shelly Jo Ketcher

Shelly Jo Ketcher graduated from Stilwell High School. She is the daughter of Vivian and Charles Ketcher and the granddaughter of Sallie Ketcher and the late Jimmie Ketcher. She plans to get a job, save her money and help her family. *(no photo available)*

Stand Bearpaw

Stand Bearpaw from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated from Sequoyah High School. His parents are Nellie and George Bearpaw. His grandparents are Audie and Polly Green of Stilwell and the late Thomas and Josephine Bearpaw of Tahlequah. Stand plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in the fall. *(no photo available)*

Latisha Bolin

Latisha Bolin from Tahlequah graduated from Tahlequah High School. She is the daughter of David and Robin Phelps. *(no photo available)*

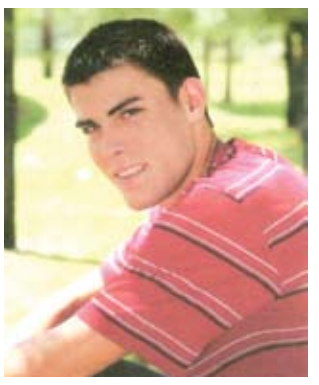
Natasha Budder

Natasha Budder graduated from Jay High School. She is the daughter of Tracey Sharp. Her grandparents are Stanley and Suzanne Sharp. She plans to attend Northeastern State University in Tahlequah in the fall. *(no photo available)*

Cody N. Burris

Cody N. Burris graduated from Tahlequah High School. His parents are Paul and Evie Burris and his grandparents are Arnold and Margaret Luethjie and Paul Sr. and Nona Burris. He plans to get a job and be a part of the workforce. *(no photo available)*

Philip Raymond Carruba



Philip Raymond Carruba from Strang, Oklahoma graduated from Adair High School. He is the son of Ernest Ray Blackfox. He plans to attend college this fall at NSU.

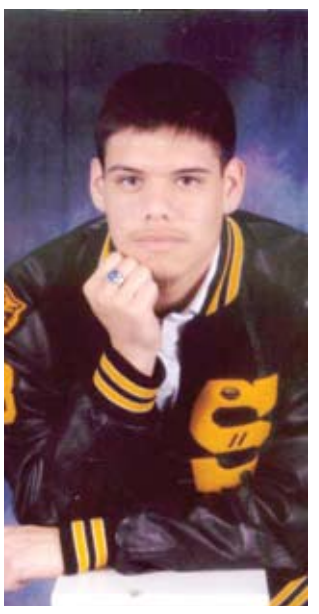
Samuel Blade Christie

Samuel Blade Christie graduated from Kansas High School and was a member of the Beta Club and was the Student Council Football Homecoming King. He is the son of Willie and Renee Christie and Fabian and D'Aunn Glass and the grandson of Dale and Christine Linn and Willie and the late Nina Faddis. He plans to attend NSU and get his Bachelor's degree in financial management.

Hillary Martin Collins

Hillary Martin Collins from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated from Sequoyah High School. She is the daughter of Albert and Dena Johnson. Her grandparents are Carl and Sharon Collins. Hillary will attend nursing school in the fall.

Brenton C. Davis



Brenton C. Davis from Salina, Oklahoma graduated from Salina High School. His parents are Mike and Sherri Davis. His grandparents are the late Jefferson Tiger and Nan Tiger Budder and Charlie and Christine Davis. He plans to work and go to school for electrical technology.

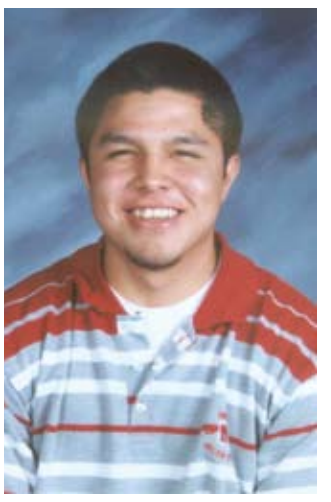
Katie Marie Duncan

Katie Marie Duncan from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated from Stilwell High School. She is the daughter of Toney and Kay Duncan. Her grandparents are Joe and Marie Sellers and Roger and Marietta Duncan. She plans to attend Carl Albert Jr. College and become a real estate agent.

Brandon England

Brandon England is from Peggs, Oklahoma and graduated from Sequoyah High School. He served as the team captain on the football team. Brandon is the son of Kimberly Hair and Edward Gourd. His grandparents are James and Cindy Hair and Ruth England. He plans to attend college in the fall.

Junior Fuentes



Junior Fuentes from the Briggs community graduated from Tahlequah High School. He is the son of Gay Lynn Vann and Jose Fuentes. His grandparents are John Ann (Reece) Gritts, Link Vann and Ventura and Casimiro Fuentes, Sr. He plans to attend vo-tech welding school.

Vernon Gann

Vernon Gann graduated from Stilwell High School. He also attended auto mechanics at Stilwell Vo Tech. His parents are Arturo and Vicki (Gann) Rueda and he has a brother, Arturo KeJuan Ruala. His grandparents are Leo and Brenda Bird, Johnny Vann and the late Louella Gann, Linda Robinson and the late Glenn Robinson.

Nathan Gilley

Nathan Gilley from Kenwood, Oklahoma graduated from Jay High School. He is the daughter of Deloris Gilley. His grandparents are Maxine Stick and Leland Stick. He plans on attending Vo-Tech in the fall.

Jodi Johnson

Jodi Johnson from Kansas, Oklahoma graduated from Salina High School. Her parents are Dawnna Toney and Joseph Johnson. Her grandparents are Jean and Joe Sarasua. She plans to attend vocational school

2008 Graduates

Samantha Keen

Samantha Keen graduated from Westville High School with honors in the Top 10 of her class and as a member of the National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Barbara Keen and Garlin Keen. Her grandparents are the late Lacie Christie and Louise Ross and Charles Keen and Glenna Philpott. She plans to attend Coffeyville Community College and then go to OSU to become a veterinarian.

Jessica McCarter

Jessica McCarter – from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated from Tahlequah High School.
She is the daughter of Danny and Tina McCarter. Her grandparents are George and the late Pat Duvall and Ed and Mary Ellen Self. She plans to attend college to become a registered nurse. *(no photo available)*

Jamie Lynn Mouse

Jamie Lynn Mouse graduated from Tahlequah High School. Jamie is the daughter of Randy and Samantha Clinton and James Mouse. Her grandparent is Hubert and Jo Ann Adamson and the late Lavon Adamson and the late Louie and Emma Mouse.

Dexter Proctor

Dexter Proctor from Kenwood graduated from Salina High School. He is the son of Vincent and Haroldine Ross. His grandparents are Anthony and Carolyn Ross and the late Harold and the lat Geraldine Proctor. *(no photo available)*

Ethan Cole Proctor

Ethan Cole Proctor from Spavinaw, Oklahoma graduated from Kansas High School. He was named to the Super Seven All Conference basketball team and also received an invitation to Komehomeha Basketball Classic in Hawaii. His parents are Rick and Christine Smith and his grandparents are Joseph and Ella Smith and Cornelius and Louella Proctor. He plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in the fall.

Victoria Shantel Proctor

Victoria Shantell Proctor graduated from Tahlequah High School. She is the daughter of Perry and Vickie Proctor.

Jordan Christian Purcell

Jordan Christian Purcell graduated from Tahlequah High School, where he was on the cross country and track teams. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Tahlequah. Jordan will attend NEO in Miami this fall. Jordan is the son of Janice Walters-Purcell and John Purcell. He is the grandson of the late Floyd Walters and the late Leola Kingfisher Walters. He is also the great nephew of the late Eagle Kingfisher.

Holland Riddle

Holland Riddle from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated from Sequoyah High School. She is the daughter of Lisa and Darrell Riddle. Her grandparents are Eva and Andy Riddle. She plans to attend college at Haskell Indian Nations University and then transfer to the University of Kansas.

Derek Allen Saunders

Derek Allen Saunders from Colcord, Oklahoma graduated from Kansas High School. he is the son of Ella Mae Jones and Deryl Saunders and the grandson of Georgia Ann Proctor and the late Tom Jones and the late W.C. and Mary Saunders. He plans to attend Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas in the fall.

Christopher Kyle Smoke

Christopher Kyle Smoke from Kenwood, Oklahoma graduated from Kansas High School. He is the son of Eleanor and Billy Vann. His grandparents are Leonard and Geneva Smoke and Archie and Nanci Sharp. He plans to get a job and support himself.

Angela Dry

Angela Dry graduated from Northeastern Technology Center with a degree in practical nursing. She is the daughter of Homer Dry, Jr. and Linda Dry. Her grandparents are Homer Dry, Sr. and Ruth Toolate-Dry. She plans to continue her education in nursing and go as far as she can. Angela said, "I would like to say a special thanks to my family. I never would have had the strength to finish this program if it wasn't for them. I love my family!"

Kasandra Leigh Sultzer

Kasandra Leigh Sultzer from Anderson, Missouri graduated from McDonald County High School. She was the Art Club president, the Matwarming Queen, was number 26 in a class of 108, Who's Who in American High Schools, and she also won the State FFA Parliament Award. Kasandra is the daughter of Leroy and Kandy Sultzer. Her grandparents are Edmond and Julia Hines from Anderson, Missouri and Edna and the late Riley Sultzer from Jay, Oklahoma. She plans to begin studies at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M in Miami, Oklahoma to complete a two year nursing degree. Upon completion of that degree, she will transfer to the University of Oklahoma to continue her education to become a pediatric cardiologist.

Cassandra Smith

Cassandra Smith from Stilwell graduated from Sequoyah High School with honors as a member of the National Honor Society. Her parent is Frankie Smith and her grandparents are Inola and Ray Grimmett. She plans to attend OSU in Stillwater majoring in psychology (pre-med).

Victoria N. Taylor

Victoria N. Taylor from Muldrow, Oklahoma graduated from Muldrow High School. Her parents are Jimmy Taylor and April Sides. She plans to become a CNA and then possibly an RN. *(no photo available)*

Andrea Wolfe

Andrea Wolfe from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated from Talking Leaves Job Corp with a degree in Business Office and Medical Coding. Her mother is Rhonda Monroy and her grandparents are Cora Vann and Rick Vann. She plans to work at a hospital as a medical coder. *(no photo available)*

Chrissie Sugar

Chrissie Sugar graduated from Connors State College with an Associate's Degree in general studies. She is the daughter of Chris and Verlita Sugar. She plans to attend Baylor University in the fall of 2009. She plans to declare a double major in Anthropology and Religious Studies. *(no photo available)*

Ronnita McLemore-Bluebird

Ronnita McLemore-Bluebird graduated from Bacone college with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. *(no photo available)*

Suzanna Fine Named to President's Honor Roll

Suzanna Fine attends Rose State College working towards an associate's degree in the Library Technical Assistant Program. She has worked for the Locust Grove High School library under the direction of Joan Bennett for the last four years. She has received the President's Honor Roll Certificate for the Fall Semester of 2007 and the Spring Semester of 2008 for maintaining a 4.0 grade average. Her goals include receiving a bachelor's degree in Library Science. She is married to Alan Fine, has three children and one grandson. She would like to thank the United Keetoowah Band for their support in acheiving her goals and Joan Bennett for being the inspiration behind in her endeavors.

UKB Chief addresses Council with encouraging news

In his monthly address to the UKB Tribal Council during the July 12 tribal council meeting, Chief George Wickliffe greeted the council and attending audience with encouraging news. "I believe it is appropriate to say at this time that we will be planning a big celebration. We received word from reliable sources in regards to our "Land in Trust" application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and it looks very favorable for the tribe," stated Chief Wickliffe.

In 1817, the Keetoowah Cherokees arrived in Arkansas voluntarily and were known as old Settlers. The Keetoowah Cherokees were in Arkansas twenty one years before the original Cherokee Nation came during the forced "Removal". In 1828, the Keetoowah Cherokees moved across the Arkansas River from Fort Smith into Indian Territory under a treaty that gave Keetoowah 7 million acres of land. In 1887, during the "Allotment Era" the federal government took away over 81 million square miles of tribal lands that were previously guaranteed to tribes by treaties and federal law.

"It's been a struggle, one hundred and eighty-one years. We've sit down with people from Washington over and over again. We've sit down with people from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Muskogee not too long ago. My first words were, 'It's been too long, people!' We came here promised 7 million acres of land, we came to that, we have no land," added Chief Wickliffe. "That's where we are now and I'm very optimistic that it's going to happen, so let's celebrate!"

Chief Wickiffe also related to the council that negotiations were still continuing on the Arkansas Riverbed case. The housing lawsuit and the trust application that the tribe has which will probably be on appeal soon. These lawsuits and other important activities are ongoing and the Chief and Assistant Chief, as well as the tribal representatives, stay abreast on these issues. Within the next month, the UKB council will also be approving an audit that was just recently completed. This will qualify the tribe to apply for self-governance.

In other council business, Acting Director of the UKB Health Program, Don Ade, gave a report to the council in regards to Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma submitting a letter of intent to compact with W.W. Hastings Hospital. "The Indian Health Service seems very receptive and supportive of CNO's intent," stated Ade. Mr. Ade also stated that the Union President is reluctant to take a stand on this issue. The Union's agreement is with IHS, not with CNO. Mr. Ade has asked her to contact her attorneys in Denver and point out the fact that Public Law 93-638 does require a resolution from other residing tribes, which is the United Keetoowah Band, and have not gotten this from us, so allegedly IHS and CNO will be in violation if they compact with the hospital without authorization or current resolution from the United Keetoowah Cherokees.

It was also emphasized by Ade that all UKB tribal members who seek medical services at W.W. Hastings Hospital register or change their tribal affiliation on their chart to United Keetoowah Band if they have not have already done so. He said they need to ask the registration clerk to insure the change is shown on their hospital records.

Chairman of the UKB Election Board, Leroy Adair, presented to the council a list of new polling areas for the Cooweescoowee, Goingsnake, Tahlequah and Delaware Districts. In the Cooweescoowee District the polling place in Pryor at the Presbyterian Church will stay the same; the new locations are, First Baptist Church in Collinsville, and White Oak School. In the Goingsnake District the new polling places will be at Maryetta School and the Kansas UKB sub-office. In the Tahlequah District, the VFW Building and a new location will be the Lowery Public School. The polling place in Delaware County will stay the same.

CHIEF GEORGE Wickliffe addresses the UKB Tribal Council during their July 12 council meeting.

A concern was brought up by Flint District Representative, Woodrow Proctor, in regards to voting procedures. UKB tribal members will only be allowed to vote by showing their tribal membership card with photo ID, which includes a listing of the member's district. Identification cards, such as driver's license, Social Security Cards or old UKB tribal membership cards without photo ID will not be accepted. "This isn't the right time to use only their membership cards to vote, you got to have different forms of identification," stated Proctor. Election Board Chairman, Leroy Adair, confirmed that only membership cards with photo ID and Districts would be accepted. "They've had two years to fill out applications for new membership cards, there has to be a line drawn somewhere," added Adair.

Tahlequah District Representative, Albert Shade, responded, saying the Enrollment Committee and Election Board had worked closely together discussing voting procedures. The type of identification to be used in order to vote for the upcoming election was discussed. The committee and board approved the use of tribal membership cards with photo ID and brought the resolution in front of the tribal council for approval. The tribal council passed the resolution, only tribal membership cards with photo ID will be accepted in order to vote. "Council, we don't need to be changing anything right now," said Shade. "We go to switching things around the last minute, we're going to have a botched up election again," added Shade.

In New Business, the council approved the closing of an inactive education account at the Bank of Cherokee County and to open the same account under the name of Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration. The tribe has received a Federal Transit Grant. The grant allows for two transit buses and one bus barn providing transportation for Keetoowah Cherokee members. The grant is a two year grant with the first year in planning of policies and procedures and the second year for implementation. The buses will be used as transportation for tribal members to and from doctor's appointments or medical needs. The grant will begin October 1 of this year with hiring a full-time dispatcher and two bus drivers, and implementing policy and procedures for this program. The council unanimously passed the resolution.

The next UKB tribal council meeting will be Saturday, Aug. 2, at 10 a.m. at the UKB Community Services Building conference room.

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and after the Civil War. Chief rogers died in 1917 and Chief Redbird Smith died in 1918. In the last years of his life Redbird had become devoted to the cause of uniting the Cherokees and after his death the leadership of the Nighthawks continued to work toward this goal.

For a time there was a kind of unity among the Cherokees. In 1920 there were four main political groups including the two branches of the Keetoowahs. These groups met in Tahlequah and selected Levi B. Gritts to be Chief. Each organization was to remain distinct with its own religion and politics, but all would support the new Chief and cooperate in matters of mutual interest.

In preparation for this even the Nighthawks wrote a long letter to Gritts asking him to consent to being Chief of the Cherokees, "to serve our suffering cause". There was a long preamble stating the Nighthawk's position and their analysis of the condition of the tribe. There was a hint that perhaps Gritts himself had been ailed for a time but the reference is vague and perhaps there is another interpretation to this issue. As Gritts would later remark, it is easy to misunderstand things in the english language. The letter deplored that many educated Cherokees:

"who have been fortunate enought to have received the advantages of literary training now became the allies for the unscrupulous and exploiting hordes..."

This is followed by the enigmatic paragraph that the writer obviously expected Gritts would understand without explanation.

"A further elaboration of this particular phase of our analysis is unnecessary with you, who lived and survived through a period of better and trying experiences. The incarceration of an educated fullblood Indian in a Penal institution of our new state was not beyond the intelligence of our Full-bloods. They recognized the brazen rebuke and the notice to them of their futile and hopeless position as a group and kind."

The Nighthawks seemed to believe that the service rendered by American Indians during the First World War and the lavish praise they received for their courage would bring about a change in attitude of the Federal Government toward Indians:

"...for the first time in history he (the fullblood Indian) realized through the attitude of the United States Government, that his material effects and his manhood are a National asset, that he is part and parcel of the body politic of a great Common wealth. He is alert to the responsibilities of his new position. He is expecting participation in the administration of this affairs. He is keenly cognizant and sensible of the new reponsibilities with which he is about to be endowed. Within a decade the restricted period shall terminate and during that same space of time all claims against our Government may be adjudicated and finally settled."

The letter goes on at some length in this optimistic fashion. They truly believed that condition were going to change for the better and that Levi B. Gritts was the man to lead them in this better tomorow.

"We, of the Nighthawk Keetoowah contingent of the Cherokee Indians repose implicit confidence in the integrity of your thought and regard for the various groups and interests of our people and sincerely fell that you are capable and will rendr us most valuable service."

The letter is signed by Sam Smith, (Redbird's oldest son) Chief of the Nighthawk Keetoowahs and Oce Hogshooter, Secretary. One would have to wonder if he more sophisticated Gritts shared the hopeful outlook of the Nighthawk's, but however that may be, he did accept the office offered to him.

The unity of the various groups continued for several years and there were meetings from time to time. Grits remained their Chief but without funds or recognition by the Federal Government they were unable to acomplish the goals they had set for themselves.

Price Cochran, who had succeeded Richard M.Wolfe as Head Captain of the keetoowah Society, Incorporated, died in 1928, and Gritts was chosen to fill the vacancy. He went to work with energy and traveled to Washington on more than one ocasion on behalf of the Cherokees. He gave his full support to the Wheeler-Howard Act of 1934.

Among other things this bill allowed tribal governments to organize and handle their own fund and allowed some lands to be restored to the tribes. Any group of Indians who could prove to the satisfaction of the Government that they were a tribe or band could qualify for benefits.

The Keetoowah Society, Incorporated, was in favor of the bill but with certain resticitions. The Nighthawks wanted nothing whatever to do with it, unable to believe that anything goodcould come out of Washington. Gritts went back to Washington to see if his organization could be recognized as a band. Attorney, Frank J. Boudinot, was already in the capital and again they worked together. Unfortunately Grits was soon called back to Tahlequah becasue his brother, Ned Grits, was gravely ill. Although on the point of death, Ned lived several weeks. Levi Gritts told Howard Tyner that he felt he must resign the ofice of Head Captain of the keetoowah Society, Incorporated, because he could not go back to Washington and leave his brother.

Gabriel Teripin was elected Head Captain, but the Society could not agree on such questions as the requirements for membership and other

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Polling Locations for UKB Districts

Canadian District
Muskogee, Oklahoma
Location:
Civitan Park Building
Address:
3301 Gibson Street
Phone: 918-687-8973
Directions: Located on Gibson Street across from the Oklahoma School for the Blind.

Cooweescoowee District
Collinsville, Oklahoma
Location: First Baptist Church Collinsville-Fellowship Hall
Address: 1301 W. Main
Phone: 918-371-2526

White Oak, Oklahoma.
Location:
Carl Horner Gym,
Address:
White Oak High School
Phone: 918-256-4484
Pryor, Oklahoma
Location: First Christian-Presbyterian Church
Address: 301 N. E. 1st S.
Phone: 918-825-2396

Delaware District
Jay, Oklahoma
Location:
Jay Community Building
Phone 918-253-4277
Address: 102 N. 5th Street

Flint District
Stilwell, Oklahoma
Location:
Stilwell Satellite Office
Address: On the Corner of Young and Section Line Road
Phone 918-696-7672

Goingsnake District
Stilwell, Oklahoma
Location:
Maryetta Public School
Address:100 Maryetta Rd
Phone 918-696-2285

Kansas, Oklahoma
Location:
Kansas Satellite Office
Phone 918-868-2656
Directions: On the corner of Hwy 10 and Hwy 33, there is a service station and the Kansas office is the red brick office behind the service station.

Illinois District
Vian, Oklahoma
Location:
Vian Satellite Office
Address: 207 W. Schley
Directions: Across the street from the Lifetime Tire Shop

Saline District
Salina, Oklahoma
Location: First Indian Baptist Church
Address:702 E. Brewer St.
Phone: 918-434-2084

Sequoyah District
Sallisaw, Oklahoma
Location:
Sallisaw Civic Center
Address: 111 N. Elm
Phone 918-775-6241

Tahlequah District
Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Location:
VFW Post 3707 Building
Directions: Near the Intersection of Downing and Water Street
Phone 918-456-0595

Lowery Public School
Location: Lowery Public School Library
Address: 21132 East 640 Road
Phone 918-456-4053

Attention UKB Voters:

You Must Have a UKB Photo ID to Vote

If you are a United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal member and wish to vote in the election in November, you must have a UKB Photo ID. The United Keetoowah Band's tribal council approved Election Ordinance by Resolution # 08-UKB-20 earlier this year.

According to the ordinance, under section 402 – A, to be eligible to vote in an election, an individual must:

1) be not less than 21 years of age as of the date of the election

2) have been an exclusive member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma for a period of not less than six (6) months prior to election

3) have been a resident of, or affiliated with a particular district for at least six (6) months prior to the election;

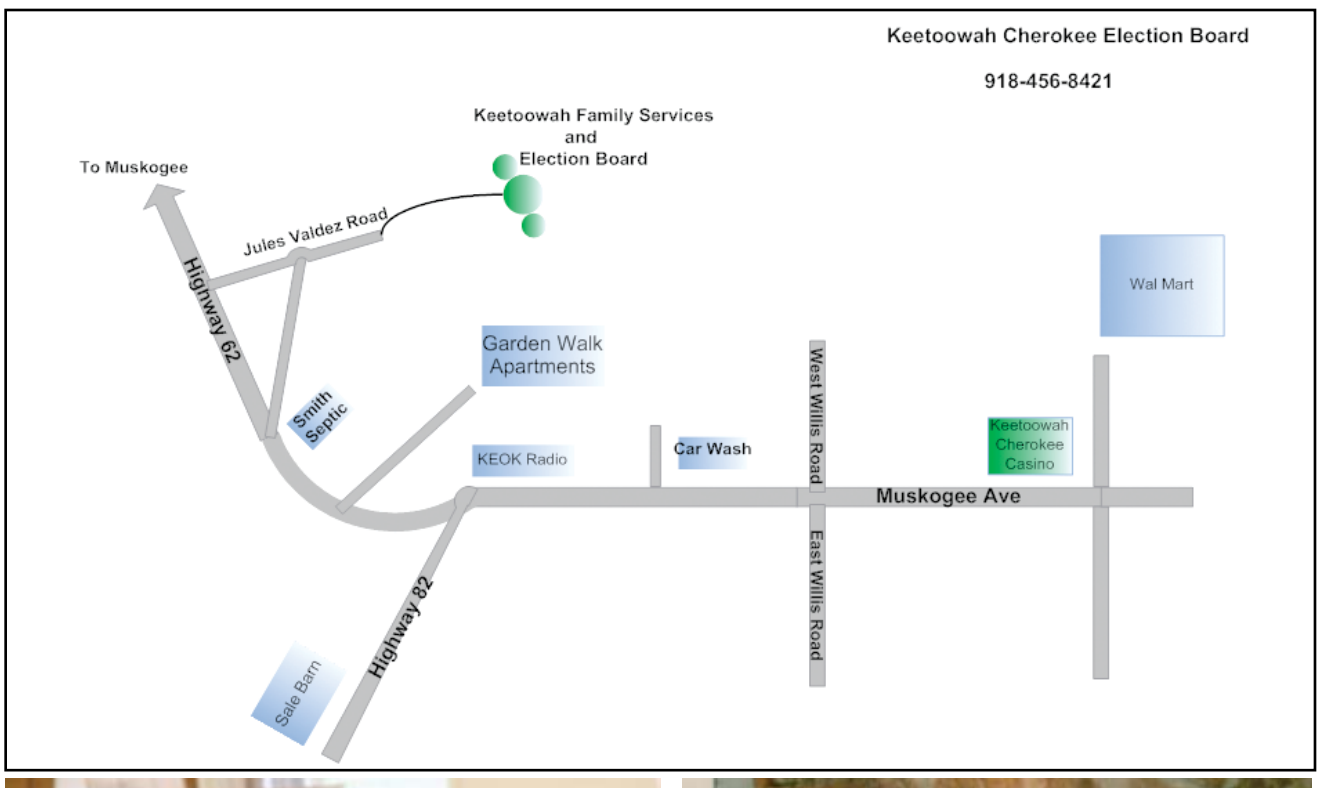
4) be listed on the official voter list for the district in which the voter seeks to vote.

Instructions to voters were given under section 304 describing the manner of casting one's vote. Instructions will be posted outside each polling place and inside each voting booth by the Election Board. It also states that a ballot shall be issued to a voter, only after the voter presents a proper photographic tribal identification card, and signs the voting list or polling register.

Fees will be waived for the photo ID cards, which are normally issued free of charge, with a fee of $5.00 to replace a lost ID. Cards are issued in the Tribal Enrollment Office, located in the front of the Administration Building, which is located next door to the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino. For more information, contact the enrollment office at (918) 453-9375.

If you have moved in the last six months, you must vote in your old district

Eligible voters who have changed residence during the last six (6) months (since May) prior to the November 3, 2008 must vote in their old district. Even if your new tribal membership card reflects the new district, according to the UKB 2008 Election Ordinance, you must return to your old district in order to vote.



FILING FOR United Keetoowah Band Chief, Assistant Chief, Officers and Council Representatives opened August 1 for the November 3 tribal election. Candidates will have the opportunity to file from Friday, August 1 to Thursday, August 14 with the UKB Election Board. Pictured above are Adeline Smith and Assistant Chief Charles Locust as they file for office. *(Photos by Norman "Hominy" Littledave)*

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. If there is an Outstanding Elder in your community that you would like to nominate, please write in 10 sentences or less, and describe why the nominee should be awarded a "2008 Outstanding Indian Elder Award." You should also sign your name and include your phone number. Please mail information to: Keetoowah Cherokee Media Office at P.O. Box 746, Tahlequah, OK 74465 by 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2008. Nominees must be an Exclusive member of the United Keetoowah Band and be at least 55 years old.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu August 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Breakfast served at 10:30 a.m.
4 Taco Salad "fixins" Beans & Rice Dessert	*5 Grilled Chicken Wild Rice Yellow Squash Salad Dessert*	*6 BBQ Sandwich Baked Beans Macaroni Salad Dessert*	*7 Grilled Salmon Red Potatoes Sautéed Vegetables Salad Dessert*	*8 Breakfast served at 10:30 a.m.*
11 Chimichanga Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad Dessert	*12 Swedish Meatballs White Rice Tomato/Zucchini Salad Dessert*	*13 Brown Beans Turnip Greens Jalapeño Cornbread Salad Dessert*	*14 Smothered Chops Wild Rice Carrots Salad Dessert*	*15 Breakfast served at 10:30 a.m.*
18 Herb Baked Chicken White Rice Broccoli Salad Dessert	*19 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Salad Dessert*	*20 Chicken Kiev Red Potatoes Sautéed Vegetables Salad Dessert*	*21 Cal-zone Pasta Alfredo Caesar Salad Dessert*	*22 Fishing Day and Hotdog Roast at the Riverpark*
25 Hungarion Goulosh Tomato /Zucchini Salad Dessert	*26 Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Cole Slaw Dessert*	*27 BLT Sandwich Tomato Soup Salad Dessert*	*28 Cultural Foods Day August birthdays*	*29 Closed for cleaning*

Check out our website
www.unitedkeetoowahband.org

UNITED KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE LANGUAGE CLASSES

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will be offering several free language classes in area communities. Each class will run 10 weeks. For more information, contact Mary Ballou at (918) 431-9998.

Hulbert, Oklahoma
Keener Baptist Church
Thurs. Aug. 7
6 – 8 p.m.
Instructor: Hastings Shade

Oaks, Oklahoma
Oaks Community Center
Mon. Aug. 25
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Lawrence Panther

Sallisaw, Oklahoma
Indian Capital Technology Center
Tues. Sept. 2
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: George Byrd

Stilwell, Oklahoma
Sanders Flat Baptist Church
Mon. August 4
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Tom Duncan

Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Elm Tree Baptist Church
Mon. & Tues. Sept. 1 &2
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Instructor: D.J. McCarter

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UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At UKB Community Services Building
June 07, 2008
10:02 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Shelbi Wofford

III. Roll Call: 11 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared.
- Sacks absent at Roll Call

IV. Chief's Address (10:10 AM – 10:23 AM)
- Involvement with Washington continues on Keetoowah Business.
- Much progress has been made in negotiations in Washington.
- Changes could be happening in Washington since it appears O'Bama will be the democratic nomination for President.
- Mr. McCain is the candidate for President in the Republican Party.
- There can be much change in Washington for Native Americans or things could remain the same if McCain is elected President of the United States. Changes will happen if O'Bama is elected President.
- O'Bama's statement on Indian Gaming is; Indians are not considered minority groups because they are Native Americans.
- O'Bama said as long as children are not allowed involvement or children are not negatively affected or the elderly are not harmed he will not have a negative approach to Native Americans having casinos.
- When the topic of putting land into Trust Status for the purpose of Indian casinos comes up, it is best the Indian tribe have a good Economic Development Plan.
- The UKB now has the opportunity to re-open the application for the Fort Smith Project, which is subject to appeal and it probably will be appealed. This topic will be active in the near future. Even if an Economic Development Plan is not required in this situation, such plan should be in place.
- We need to set aside a Trust Fund for education, training, creation of jobs and land purchase for education and training. We already have a scholarship program for higher education which allocates $3,000.00 per student per year.
- We need to be prepared to explain how funds from the Fort Smith casino will be utilized, we have a very good chance of the Fort Smith Project to be decided in our favor.
- The Fort Smith Project was initially denied us but this seems to be a serious mistake. A change in Washington Administration could allow more people to have more understanding which would allow more benefits for our membership and with an Economic Development Plan we could bring in more industry.
(Sacks arrived at 10:18 AM)
- The distance between here and Fort Smith is not very far and if there is a need for transport of workers there could be a shuttle bus made available.
- The Fort Smith area is the old reservation of the UKB in 1826 before the UKB crossed the river into "Indian Territory."
- The opportunity to go into Fort Smith appears good for the UKB. Changes in Washington can be a positive factor in causing this opportunity to be a reality.
- We will continue to treat people fairly and as equals because this is the only way things should be done.
- The UKB was again able to provide the Elderly Assistance Program. Many have already received their $200.00 checks. We plan to do the same in/around November. This program is possible because we are now showing accountability of our tribal funds.
- As the UKB grows, and as more opportunities come, it will allow more services for our people.
- Plans are for community services in areas such as Bull Hollow/Nicut. We will be fair in planning for areas in all nine districts. Wherever there is an opportunity to do something good in the districts we will work toward that opportunity.
- When this current administration came into office, it was stated how we planned to "straighten out" our problems. We were behind four audits and now everything is up-to-date.
- The current Council has guided the tribe in forward progress and will continue as such. We had a plan when we came into office and the plan worked.
- We will continue to stress the importance of keeping the Keetoowah-Cherokee language alive. It is planned we will teach our children the Keetoowah language at the time they are beginning to talk. We will have parents or babysitters teach the children to speak in the Keetoowah-Cherokee language. The language will be financially supported in schools as well. Our language needs to be retained and preserved.
- Chief Wickliffe recognized to the Council a long time UKB member, Mr. Jim Welsh, who was in attendance at today's meeting.

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

1. MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on May 3, 2008; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

VI. Presentations -
− Lisa Stopp: Stated the UKB Language and Culture Department is involved in ongoing consultation with all federal agencies and military installations located in 13 states. She informed she had recently received a Certificate Medal from the Department of the United States Army for presentation to Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust. This was titled from Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama and the adjutant general. The Certificate Medal reads, "This is awarding the Distinguished Service medal to the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians for distinguished service while supporting the Alabama National Guard Native American Consultation Program. Your willingness to show your wisdom and guidance with the Alabama National Guard is greatly appreciated. Your leadership is a true asset to the National Guard." Lisa then presented this Certificate Medal to Chief Wickliffe.
− Chief Wickliffe received the Certificate Award and stated how this presentation was indeed and honor.

2. Albert Shade: Reminded of the passing of his father, Leonard Shade, Jr. He thanked the Keetoowahs and everyone who sent flowers, food and prayers. He thanked the UKB Lighthorse for their escort of the funeral procession. He informed how many people were impressed by the Lighthorse and he said he too was proud of the Lighthorse.
− Chief Wickliffe stated how we will always recognize our people because that is our tradition.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledave

- Reported 18 new applications were reviewed and are presented for Council's approval for membership.
- Reported 1 application associated with the '49 Roll
- Reported 1 C.D.I.B. was issued to a child between the age of 0-3 years of age and is presented for acknowledgement and honor by Council.
- 20 Total New Membership
- 4 Tribal Relinquishment from UKB membership is presented for acknowledgement and to be honored by Council.
− 595 Elder Assistance Applications processed for a total of $119,000.00
− Enrollment data has been submitted to an independent auditor for purpose of Motor Fuels Funding.
− The preliminary voters list for Election 2008 was presented to Election Board Chairman, Leroy Adair on June 2, 2008.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve/accept 20 new membership applicants into tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.
MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 4 UKB members; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

− DISCUSSION:
− Enrollment audit
− Audit numbers
− Incomplete membership application number
− Woodrow Proctor was interested in increase in number of enrollment. He asked if each District Representative could receive the names, etc. of people having incomplete files in "their district" in order for District Representatives to go out and encourage people to complete their membership applications.
− Chief Wickliffe said there will continue to be problems with Dual Enrollment because some people have not made a choice of tribal membership. Dual membership does not allow for services through the UKB.
− Liz Littledave: many people were enrolled UKB by parents or grandparents and do not know they are enrolled UKB. Persons who are deceased are still on the roll and need to be removed but such cannot be done without acceptable documentation.
− Chief Wickliffe: it is difficult to clean up Enrollment. Motor Fuels funding is decided on Enrollment. The BIA asks for enrollment numbers in reference to Federal Grant applications. CNO is saying they have 270,000-280,000 members, how long would it take to verify their membership number?
− Chief Wickliffe: if the Council wishes to have a list of incomplete applications for their district, the secretary will furnish the names, etc. for the purpose of completing membership applications/files of various individuals.
− Chief Wickliffe: we have done the best we can do in counting our enrollment and this has been presented for audit for the purpose of Motor Fuels Funding.
− Proof of deceased is by death certificate. Enrollment is willing to accept affidavit of a relative confirming the death. These forms are available in the Enrollment Department. Enrollment will work with people to work through a report of a deceased person who is still on the membership roll. There will be specific information required when an affidavit is utilized to verify a deceased person.
− Barry Dotson: asked if our attorneys would check into the question of "deceased" being on the membership roll and the best way to correct this.
− Attorney Tim Brown: Death Certificates are the best document to utilize in verifying the deceased.

VIII. Public Forum

1. Callie Sevenstar: RE – UKB Housing
- Her son had made application with UKB Housing but such was never processed and then it was reported the application could not be found. This was in 1990. Other applicants received houses but not her son and nothing was ever done. She asked this current administration if there were any available funds for a loan to help pay her son's current house payment which was purchased through a private source. She concluded she believed the current UKB Council is doing a good job.
- Chief Wickliffe: if housing funds ever do become available, Callie's question will be given attention. He cautioned "the land title being in the name of a UKB member." He said many promises were made to people before the current administration. There were many problems when this administration came in and we have been trying to clean up things. He asked that housing problems be written down and presented. He said there would never be enough money for housing.

2. Jim Welsh:
- He was glad to see the turn out for today's meeting. He said he had not been around for a long time but he was glad to be back. (Jim Welsh is the cousin of Butler Welsh)

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Council to vote to approve/disapprove the suggested additional voting places. Presented by Election Board Chairman, Leroy Adair and Election Clerk, Norma Jimerson.
− Hand-outs of suggestions were presented to each Council member.
− Explanation of suggested places was given
− DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS

MOTION by Albert Shade to accept Election Board recommendations of additional Polling Sites for Canadian, Flint, Illinois, Sequoyah and Saline but to table action on recommendations for Cooweescoowee, Tahlequah, Goingsnake and Delaware districts until July 2008 Regular Council Meeting; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

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

MOTION by Liz Littledave to table discussion to vote to approve/disapprove length of time for specific records to be kept before being destroyed but the topic would be re-visited after more information is received relating to Electronic Records Keeping; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

X. New Business

1. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove to place Ned Christie Burial Grounds on the Tribal Register of Historical Places as site number K0724.
- DISCUSSION:
MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve Agenda Item X,1; SECONDED by Jerry Han-

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sen; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the submission of a FY 2008 application to the Housing and Urban Development Block Grant in the amount of $800,000.00 for a Community Services Building expansion.
MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve Agenda Item X,2; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

3. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the submission of an application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Grants Program FY 2008 Congressionally Mandated Awards in the amount of $178,870.00
(NOTE: This is the "earmarked" Domestic Violence funds which require a resolution in order to receive these funds)
MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve Agenda Item X, 3; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

4. Announced by Chief Wickliffe:
- The July Council meeting is scheduled during the 4th of July weekend. Many people plan trips during this time. He asked if the July Council meeting could be changed to the second Saturday in July, 12th, because of the July 4th weekend.
MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to schedule July Council meeting for July 12, 2008 due to the regular meeting date being on the 4th of July holiday weekend; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

XI. Announcements

− Chief Wickliffe stated the Tahlequah District meeting announcements would be printed in the Tahlequah Newspaper.
− Sammy Still, UKB Media, announced: any announcements or events the Council wished to be put in the UKB Newspaper must be received by his department by the 3rd week of the month in order to be printed for the following months. He stated announcements could also be put on the UKB website.

2. Albert Shade inquired of Media Personnel of UKB Traditions Keepers; he asked if this topic could be mentioned in the UKB paper, wherein; people could nominate an individual for Traditions Keeper.
− Response: an application form can be developed for such a person and the completed form be returned to the media office. Media stated such form would be included in the July issue of UKB News.

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen
XIII. Adjourn:
MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk; Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 12:15 PM

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On June 9, 1939, a group of Cherokes in Stilwell, Adair County, organized under the name "The United Keetoowah Band of Indians of Oklahoma". John Hitcher was elected chief and Jim Pickup was Vice-Chief. years later when Jim Pickup was Chief of the United Band he told Tyner that issension among the leaders of the Keetoowah Society, Incorporated, was one of the reasons for the split, but the real cause was to secure the benefits of the Wheeler-Howard Act. The United Band had a program and a plan and hoped to obtain funds to finance it. In the beginning they limited membership to Cherokees of at least one half blood, but soon changed to allow any Cherokee with a roll number to belong, possible after learning the importance of numbers in Federal funding.

According to historian Angie Debo, changes for the better for the Indian tribes of the United States began to come about through Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes and Commissioner of Indian Affairs John Collier in the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration. Passage of the Wheeler-Howard Act, or Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, is a prime example of this trend. If it had passed as originally written it would have restored the system of communal ownership of land and some autonomy to the tribes, reversing what had been Federal Indian policy of the past one hundred and fifty years or so. The bill, as so often is the case, did not pass Congress as written, but it still contained much that would benefit the tribes.

Debo says the Oklahoma delegation to Congress, worked hard to defeat the bill. The Oklahoma newspapers were hostile to it almost without exception, and some influential missionaries were opposed because they thought Commissioner Collier was too sympathetic toward native religion. The Keetoowah Society, Incorporated, passed resolutions of support but many Indian people were suspicious. Debo states: ***"The Oklahoma delegation succeeded in excluding Oklahoma Indians from the main provisions of the act, especially the formation of tribal organizations and collective land holds. They were eligible to participate in such benefits as student loans and appointments to the Indian Service."***

Later another bill, known as "Oklahoma's Indian Welfare Act," became law June 26, 1936, in spite of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation's opposition. At last Oklahoma Indians were able to obtain charters, conduct business, and manage some of their own affairs.

The Stigler Bill, which stated that ***"the Keetoowah Indians of the Cherokee nation of Oklahoma shall be recognized as a band of Indians residing in Oklahoma..."*** passed Congress July 20, 1946. The two Keetoowah societies that wished to be recognized oficially as a band began to actively seek members.The leaders of the groups did have a meeting, but could not find sufficient common ground to unite.

One last time, the Keetoowah Society, Incorporated sent Levi Gritts to Washington to work with Frank J. Boudinot, but they were unable to gain recognition by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

While the Federal Government refuse to recognize any Chief the Cherokees elected on their own, the President of the United States could appoint a chief whenever he thought one was needed. Thus J. Bartly Milam was appointed Principal Chief of the Cherokees by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1943 and held that position until his death in 1948. Milam took his job seriously and worked hard to get Cherokee claims before the courts, a fact that is ofter overlooked by historians who vilify him for being a part of the white establishment. There was not a lot a chief could do in those times when he held no real authority and had no funds. Milam regularly attended classes in the Chrokee language and worked with the Oklahoma historical Scoiety in trying to preserve Cherokee doucments. The picture of J. B. Milam so oftern drean is mainly one dimensional.

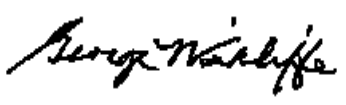
After the passage of the Indian Claims Act in 1949, Milam called for a convention of Cherokees in Tahlequah on July 1. Kenneth Fink characterized it as being "orchestrated" by Milam and the Superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes Agency because of "the possibility of a large financial settlement in the offering," leaving the impression that Milam was interested in gaining the money for himself, which people who knew Chief Milam say was not the cse at all. For one thing he was a wealthy man and did not need the Cherokee's money. it is said, he had a commitment to the Cheroke and he was a member of the tribe. he attended classes in the Cherokee language and was even a member of he keetoowah Society, Incorporated, although he would not be for long. Appointments were made that were predominately assimilated mixed-blood professional men. Although this seemed suspicious to fullblood Cherokees, some people may say it was necessary in situations of having to work with the Federal Government to get funds for the Cherokees. In order to accomplish your goals you have to have people who know how the government works and hopefully friendly congressional help.

Whatever motives the organizers of the convention may have had, it was the begining of modern growth and social program in the Cherokee Nation, which is not without its detractors to this day.

Levi Gritts did not like the way the convention was going at all and let his opinions be know from the floor. Acording to historian Kenneth Fink, when Gritts was unable to gain any control or represent any points of view other than those predetermined, he withdrew from the meeting. Later he was quoted in the Muskogee Daily Phoenix as calling the convention ***"...a conspiracy to insure the retention of favored attorneys."*** He maintained that Cherokees had been tricked into giving apparent support to the convention by being forced to register, but in reality none attending had understood the real purpose of the meeting.

"The Nighthawks were smarter than I was," he said, referring to the total absence of that group from the proceedings.

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



NOTICE

UKB Tribal members should make it a point to change registration for Indian Tribe at the IHS hospitals and clinics to the full title of United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees to be registered properly.

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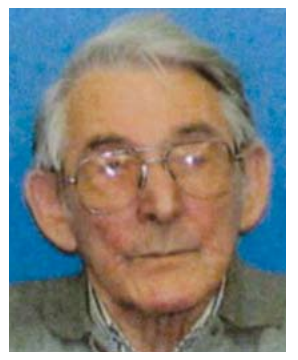

Butler Welch

Funeral services for Butler Welch were held 10 a.m., Mon., July 28, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. David Adair officiating. Burial followed at Wann Cemetery, in Oologah.
Butler died Thursday, July 24, 2008, at his home at the age of 81.

Butler Martin Welch was born September 16, 1926, to Ausley Ashmore and Francis Irene (Williams) Welch. Butler grew up on allotment land of his grandfather on cowskin prairie in Grove, OK. His nickname, Buck, carried with him throughout is life. Buck was named after both of his maternal grandparents. Butler's grandfather was one of the first ordained circuit preachers west of the Mississippi River. With the help of his mother, a school teacher, and his high intelligence, Buck was able to graduate from Grove High School in 1943 at the age of 16. After graduation, Butler moved to Wichita, KS, where he went to work for Boeing. Like most young men during World War II, Butler could not wait to serve his country. On his 17th birthday, his mother traveled to Wichita. All that he asked for was her to sign his early entrance paperwork. He proudly served his country as a pharmacist's mate in the United States Navy. His war effort was spent hunting German U-Boats off the coast of Galveston, TX. Butler was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946. He rode bulls and attended Northeastern State University. Butler spent two years at NSU before transferring to the University of Tulsa. He was just four credit hours from receiving his degree in pre-med. In 1949, Butler met Agnes "Tootie" Gritts. They were married on July 29, 1950, in Tulsa. They remained married until her death in 2001. Butler worked in teh electrical field for more than forty years. Despite weighing 135 pounds, Butler became a lineman. In a field that was dominated by men weighing 220 lbs or more, Buck traveled to Guam and became a top lineman. After returning from Guam, Butler started work as an inside wireman. Butler was a journeyman electrician. He served on the Executive Board of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers local 584. Butler owned Russell Electric from 1961-1980. His company was one of the largest minority employers of its time. During the heyday, he maintained an all Indian crew and a cowboy crew. Butler consistently employed over 60 men. In 1980, he began a new adventure as a bail bondsman in Rogers County. He continued that until his retirement in 2005. Butler loved politics and was a Yellow Dog Democrat. Butler served as a Claremore city councilman. Butler made a valiant bid for Principle Chief of the Cherokee Nation. He arried all fourteen jurisdictional counties in Oklahoma. He was only defeated by some controversial absentee ballots. Butler met Mary Jane Vanderpool at the wedding of their grandchildren. They married in July of 2002. They remained married until her death in January 2008.

Butler is preceded in death by his wives, Tootie and Mary Jane, and his parents.

He is survived by his son, John Cobb Welch and wife, Julie; step-daughter, Betty Johnston and husband, Bill; grandchildren: John Welch, II and wife, Tammy, Jacob Welch, Jeff Hale and ife, Sarah, Steve Johnston, Michael Johnston; great-grandchildren: Jaxson Welch, Max Hale, Julia Hale, and Ashlynd Johnston; sister, Gladys Kozicki and faithful friend, Woody; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Keetoowah Cherokee Rich in Tradition, Strong for the Future

The Keetoowah Cherokee are the traditional Cherokee people. We are rich in tradition, in our language and culture, as well as in the way we treat our children, elders and veterans. We are traditional in our religious practices, which include stomp dances, the Christian religion and gospel singing. Traditional cultural games such as marbles, stickball, blow gun, and cornstalk shoots are still practiced at home and during community get togethers and celebrations.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma lives by traditional values. The Keetoowah have historically stood up for the preservation and continuation of Cherokee traditions, many times sacrificing themselves, their families, and their lives to ensure that their children would remain part of the Keetoowah Cherokee culture… and not change their ways in order to fit in with other Cherokees.

The meaning of 'family' has always been synonymous with 'Keetoowah. From early on in our culture, the Keetoowah Cherokee were known to be made up of seven clans, or families. Down through the years, the Keetoowah believed in aiding each other through tribulations and joys, and vowed in their early Constitution to stand together until all fall together to the ground, standing up for the ethics, beliefs and rights of the Keetoowah Cherokee people.

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. To the Keetoowah Cherokee, it is more than that. We are one large family, and it takes all of us to raise our children. We are the family. We are the village. We are the past, present and future. The Keetoowah Cherokee have historically come to the aid of our neighbors when they are in need, and today this still holds true.

In this traditional tribe, our language is strong and alive. The Keetoowah Cherokee have not lost our language, nor are they struggling to relearn and revitalize it. The language is commonly used and is alive and strong. The current administration intends to see that materials are available to all walks of life so that this fluency may continue.

Children and Elders are given top priority. UKB children receive a voucher for clothing and school supplies at the beginning of each year, as well as a Christmas gift card. Programs through the education department fund school age children with monies to buy tennis shoes, cleats, art supplies and other equipment needed to participate in sports, art and music. Elders are eligible for free lunch each day (either in our comfortable new facility or deliver5ed to their home), as well as fishing trips, excursions to the theatre, etc. The elder assistance program gives a $200 assistance check to all tribal elders ages 55 and older two times a year.

Veterans are not just honored, but treated special and the tribe hosts a Veterans' Day Celebration and Luncheon annually. UKB tribal citizens who are veterans, upon presentation of their military ID, are eligible fore a tag for their vehicle for only $15.00 – regardless of year, make or model.

Many of our UKB tribal members practice the traditional Cherokee Religion, the Stomp Dance. During the last part of the 1890s throughout the mid 1900s, there were over twenty ceremonial grounds in Cherokee Indian Country. The stomp ground religion was the main component of the Nighthawk Keetoowah Society which was founded and kept alive by Redbird Smith, the most revered person of the religion. This was the church of the Nighthawk Keetoowah Cherokees. The stomp dance religion is not just unique to the Cherokees, but also unique to the Creeks and the Choctaws.

Many other Keetoowah Cherokees believe in the Christian Religion. In addition to regularly scheduled church services, Indian Gospel Sings are a frequent event. Many times the singers sing old hymns in their Native tongue. It is not unusual for Keetoowah Cherokees to attend both stomp dance and the indoor Christian churches.

Many Keetoowahs also participate in pow-wows. A modern pow-wow is a specific type of event where both Native American and non-Native American people meet to dance, sing, socialize, and honor American Indian culture. There is generally a dancing competition, often with significant prize money awarded. Pow-wows vary in length from one day session of 5 to 6 hours to three days. Major pow-wows or pow-wows called for a special occasion can be up to one week long.

One of the traditional games practiced by the Keetoowah Cherokees is stickball. The traditional stickball game was also called the "Little Brother of War" game. When a Cherokee village was preparing for battle against an enemy the young warriors would participate in the stickball game to prepare themselves for battle. The game would also be played to settle arguments between villages, which ever warriors from one of the villages won the game that village would be considered as victor to their arguments between the two villages. For those purposes, no women were allowed to play, and it was a very rough game with no rules other then the men could not touch the ball with their bare hands. At times there would be broken fingers, arms, sometimes one or two deaths.

The stickball game is played as a recreational and ceremonial game today, and women are allowed to play but do not use the sticks - only their hands. It is also played at the ceremonial grounds in conjunction with the stomp dance. There is no set amount of players, and anyone can participate in the game. Other traditional games still practiced include the cornstalk shoot, marbles and blowgun.

Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokees Represent Tribe

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Crabtree will be a sophomore this fall at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. She is majoring in Nutrition and hopes to become a Dietitian. This goal is very important to Pawnee as she wants to educate young and old Native Americans who suffer from diabetes.

She is a member of the Little Rock Baptist Church in Locust Grove, OK. She also enjoys playing basketball, softball, and volleyball. She said she loves spending time with friends and family, and meeting new people.

Rozlyn Locust, who serves as Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee belongs to the Wolf Clan, and lives in the Goingsnake District, where her UKB District Representative is Joyce Fourkiller. She is enrolled at Sequoyah High School, and will be a sophomore this fall. Rozlyn is a member of the Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir, and also a member of the Redbird Smith Keetoowah Nighthawk Society Ceremonial Grounds. She loves playing softball, cross-country, dancing (shaking shells), and hanging out with my friends.

"I would like to say it is an honor to serve as the 2007-2008 Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee. The events I participated in will always be special to me, it has been a wonderful experience to represent our tribe in this capacity," said Locust.

Applicants may down load an application from the website www.unitedkeetoowahband.org, or for more information call Gwen Goingsnake or Georgia Dick at (918) 456-5869, or 1-800-794-6514.

58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration features Gospel Singing

The United Keetoowah Band will host a gospel singing as part of the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration on Friday, October 3 at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the UKB Wellness Center at Keetoowah Circle, which is located at the UKB Complex off West Willis Road.

The host group will be Sounds of Praise Ministries. Featured groups will be the Bell Sisters and Providence from Tahlequah, Oklahoma; The Gospel Lights from Henryetta, Oklahoma; Beverly Adair from Muskogee, Oklahoma; the Buck Family from Holdenville, Oklahoma; and the Johnson Ross Family from Van Buren, Arkansas. The Master of Ceremonies is Brother Curtis Kinney. For more information, please contact Ron Livers at (918) 905-0051 or Bill Pettit at (918) 650-2093.

UKB Gaming Commissioner Joe Bunch attends Phase III Gaming Commissioners Training

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians Gaming Commissioner Joe Bunch led the discussion for Gaming Commissioners from all across the United States at the National Indian Gaming Association Gaming Commissioners Phase III Training at the Quinault Resort and Casino, in Ocean Beach, Washington. The topic of discussion was Gaming Commissioners staffing and budgeting. This was the cap training for Gaming Commissioners. Currently 10,000 people have attended the training, however only 1000 have completed all three phases of training.

"It was an honor to lead the discussion and certainly more tribes know about the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, as there were Gaming Commissioners from Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Washington, Montana, California, Wisconsin, Kansas, Alabama and Michigan. I completed all three levels of NIGA Commissioners training in July 2005", said Bunch.

Joe Bunch, UKB Gaming Commissioner speeks at the PhaseIII Gaming Commisioners training.

KEETOOWAH MEMBER MINISTERS AT WILL ROGERS DOWNS

United Keetoowah Band tribal member, Sam Hilderbrand, is a member of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America (RTCA), ministering at the race track at Will Rogers Downs in Claremore. Currently RTCA sanctions and oversees 77 chaplains who serve at 117 tracks and in training/breeding centers throughout North America and around the world. Their mission is to provide excellence for the spiritual, emotional, physical and social/educational needs of horse racing's vast workforce.

"I've been with the ministry for five years. I was training horses in Oklahoma City when one of the chaplains came to the barn and invited me to church. That's when I really needed someone to witness to me and bring the Lord back into my heart," said Hilderbrand. For three years, Hilderbrand had been trying to have a church at the race track. Mark Enterline, General Manager at Will Rogers Downs, invited the ministry to their track. Since the beginning of church services, more than 40 people have attended the weekly Sunday services and Friday night Bible studies.

"We minister to jockeys and for the day crews, anybody is welcome, and denomination doesn't matter. On the last weekend of racing on June 27, we baptized nine people," added Hilderbrand.

Sam Hilderbrand and his wife, Jenny, live in Claremore. He is originally from Chewey, Oklahoma. For more information about Race Track Chaplaincy of America or church services at Will Rogers Downs, you may contact Sam Hilderbrand at 918-637-3738.

NINE CHURCH members were baptized on June 27 at a local race track near Claremore, OK. Chaplain Sam Hilderbrand, left, assisted a fellow Chaplain as they baptized Briana during baptismal ceremonies.

VISTA WORKER MAKES HER MARK AT UKB TITLE IV PROGRAM

AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) worker, Jana Leichty has made a difference with the United Keetoowah Band Title VI program. Leichty became involved with VISTA through her friend who was a volunteer working with the Vietnamese Community in Louisville, Kentucky. She convinced Leichty to apply for the VISTA program. "She wanted me to volunteer in Louisville, I didn't want to stay in Louisville, I wanted to volunteer elsewhere. Because I've lived in Louisville all my life I wanted to experience someplace different," stated Leichty.

AmeriCorps VISTA is a national service program; founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965 the organization was incorporated into the AmeriCorps network in 1993. Volunteers can apply for a one-year to three-year service to this program.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians offered Leichty a position as a volunteer and she accepted. "The United Keetoowah Band tribe sounded interesting to me. It's different, coming from a big city, and then coming here, at least compared to Louisville," said Leichty. When she first arrived and began working at Title VI many of the Keetoowah Cherokee elders were kind of quiet and reserved toward Leichty. The elders finally came around and opened up to her and began taken her in as their own.

During Leichty's year long stay, she has established a volunteer recruitment system for the Title VI program and published a UKB cookbook with recipes supplied by the Keetoowah Cherokee elders. She also coordinated elder activities such as arts and crafts, basket weaving, exercise activities, computer classes, and Cherokee Language classes for the elders. She also created and completed a database of the UKB Tribal census surveys. Leichty also provided grant research assistance for programs for the elderly, from the Association of American Indian Physicians for a $1,000 Diabetes mini-grant, USDA Housing Preservation Disaster Assistance, and a National Endowment for the Arts for a Creativity and Aging project and many other programs.

Leichty returned to her home in Louisville. She plans to apply at the University of Kentucky in Lexington to begin work on her graduate studies toward a degree in Library Science and hopes to become a librarian.

"People here have been very friendly, like Kendall and her family; they've kind of adopted me into their family, inviting me to their family reunion and to holiday events. Especially the elders, I've gotten close to them, I'm going to miss them. I've learned basket weaving from Nellie Hunt, learned the culture of the tribe, and attended a couple of powwows, gone horseback riding, floating on the river and swimming at the Boy Scout Hole. I will miss the friendships that I have made here," said Leichty.

Jana is the daughter of Greg and Cathy Leichty. Greg is a professor at the University of Louisville and Cathy is a nurse.

UNITED KEETOOWAH Band of Cherokee Indians Chief, George Wickliffe, presented a plaque for outstanding service for the UKB Title VI program to Jana Leichty, VISTA Volunteer, during a luncheon in her honor.

2008
58th ANNUAL
KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE CELEBRATION

UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND
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Schedule of Events

Pre Celebration Events

Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Rehearsals and Pageant
September 10, 11, & 12
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Friday October 3

7 - 8 AM	Registration for Golf Tournament
9 AM	8th Annual Keetoowah Celebration Golf Tournament Cherry Springs Golf Course
6 PM - 12 AM	Gospel Singing
6 PM	Three on Three Basketball
9 PM	Stomp Dance

Saturday, October 4

7 AM	5K Run/Walk and 2K Fun Run
7 - 9 AM	Kid's Fishing Derby
8 - 9 AM	Dignitaries Breakfast
10 AM	Keetoowah Celebration Parade
11 AM - 8 PM	Keetoowah History & Family History Exhibit UKB Departments Displays Merchandise Booth Arts & Crafts Vendors
11:45 AM	State of the Nation Address Introduce Tradition Keepers, Miss & Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee
NOON	Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir, & Music
12:15 PM	Children's Activities Three on Three Basketball
1 PM	Marbles Volleyball Tournament Traditional Indian Meal
1:30 PM	Cornstalk Shoot
2 PM	Children's Turtle Races Cultural Demonstrations & Make and Take Crafts Men's Horseshoe Tournament Women's Horseshoe Tournament Blowgun Competition
2 PM - midnight	3rd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Pow Wow (Dance registration @ noon)
3:30 - 5:00 PM	Free Bingo
4 PM	Stickball Game Ages 12 and up
5PM	$10,000 GIVEAWAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: UKB MEDIA DEPT. 918-431-1818

Briley Alizabeth Henkel

Briley Alizabeth Henkel is the daughter of Brian and Manda Henkel born July 16, 2007 at St. John's Hospital weighing 3 lbs and 12 oz. She was a little miracle. "We would like to wish a Happy 1st Birthday to her. She is ¼ Keetoowah Cherokee Indian. Her roll comes from her Mother's side," Manda said. "We would also like to thank Albert Shade and the Keetoowah Band for helping us through this trying year. We would like to include our whole family in wishing her a Happy 1st Birthday and a very Blessed Year."

Love,
Daddy and Mommy, Sister Payle, Brother Ethan, Grandparents Grandmo and Poppy Whitekiller; Papa and Grandma Henkle. Aunts Charlotte and Clara (T); Uncles Hank and Matt and Cousins Matthew, James, Katelynn and Kelton.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE USSSA OKLAHOMA STATE CHAMPIONS 2008 CLASS 9UA - THE OAKS HAWKS

Back Row: (Coaches) Dink Cummings , Barry Sanders and Sonny Foreman
Middle Row: Alacyn Cummings, Bradley Fields, Jordan Robbins, Ezra Morrison, Isaiah Sapp, Chico Foreman, Brandon Weaver.
Front Row: Bat Boy Tyler Fields, NaKoma Ramannose, Joseph Cooper, Tray Fields, Taten Trejo, Cody Foreman.

OSU Certified Nurse's Aide Training to being in August in Tahlequah

OSU Certified Nurse's Aide training will start later in August at Grace Living Center, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. For more information, call the OKC-CNA Training Program at (800) 560-4009 x615. The instructor for the class is UKB tribal member Dru (Welch) Pratt. Ms. Pratt is transferring to the Tahlequah Grace Living Center from the Jenks Grace Living Center, which is a training site.

Flint & Goingsnake Districts Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m.

UKB Stilwell Satellite Office

THIRD ANNUAL KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE

POW WOW

October 4, 2008

Keetoowah Celebration Grounds
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

HEAD STAFF

Head Man Dancer: **Phillip Bread**, Cherokee/Kiowa, Tahlequah OK
Head Lady Dancer: **Holly Warrior**, Tonkawa, Ponca City, OK
Master of Ceremonies : **Rob Daugherty**, Cherokee, Jay OK
Arena Directors: **RG Harris**, Sac n Fox , Stroud, OK
Joseph Byrd, Cherokee/Osage/Quapaw, Tahlequah, OK
Walter Buffalomeat, Keetoowah Cherokee/S Cheyenne, Pryor, OK
Northern Drum: **White Lodge**, N.D.
Host Southern Drum: **Yellow Spotted Horse**, OK

CONTEST CATEGORIES & PRIZE MONEY!

Men	Women	Junior Boys	Junior Girls
Traditional	Buckskin	Traditional	Buckskin
Grass	Cloth	Grass	Cloth
Straight	Jingle	Straight	Jingle
Fancy	Fancy	Fancy	Fancy

1st - $500, 2nd - $300, 3rd - $200
Adults: 17 & over

1st - $300, 2nd - $200, 3rd - $100
Juniors: 11 - 16

Tiny Tots (10 & Under) - Day Money

GRAND ENTRY 3 PM

KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE CELEBRATION
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58th Annual
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October 3- 4, 2008
918-431-1818 or 1-877-431-1818

Schedule of Events

Registration Begins Saturday Noon - 3 pm
Grand Entry 3 pm
Tiny Tot, Juniors and Adult Dance
Supper Break 5 pm
Adult Dance Continues

If not 3 in each category, reserve the right to combine categories.
All decisions of the committee are final.
No alcohol or drugs allowed.

Directions: 1.5 miles South of Wal-Mart on HWY 62 in Tahlequah; turn right on Willis Rd.

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!

Are you a Keetoowah Cherokee with traditional skills??

The Keetoowah Cherokee Language, History and Culture Department is looking for traditional Keetoowah people who would like to share their skills with youth. Whether it is basket-making, stickball, marbles, bow-making, traditional cooking or any other skill, we need you!

Please contact Cindy Hair, Cultural Coordinator at: 918-431-9998

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

$10,000 CASH GIVEAWAY!

Drawing on Saturday, October 4th at 5 pm at the Celebration Grounds

- Five (5) $1,000 Prize Drawings / Tickets $1.00
- One (1) $2,000 Prize Drawing / Tickets $2.00
- One (1) $3,000 Prize Drawing / Tickets $2.00
- **Ticket locations:** Keetoowah Cherokee Casino & Keetoowah Cherokee Gift Shop
- **You Do Not Need To Be Present To Win!**

KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE CASINO

(918) 456-6131

www.KeetoowahGaming.com

Must be 18 years or older to participate • Photo ID and SS Card required to claim prize
Prize is non-transferable • UKB tribal and casino employees and their families are eligible to win
Mulitple win is possible • Winner is responsible for any taxes incurred