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## Keetoowah Cherokees Awarded One Million Dollars to Pave West Willis Road

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma were awarded one million dollars by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to pave one mile of West Willis Road in Tahlequah. West Willis Road leads out to the Keetoowah Cherokees Tribal Complex.

The road will be funded by IRR High Priority Project funding, along with congressional earmark funding received earlier in the year.

Several buildings are housed at the complex, including the UKB Community Services Building; the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center, which houses the UKB Title VI Nutrition Program; The UKB Wellness Center which houses Keetoowah Health Services; The Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center, The Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Grounds, and the recently built Keetoowah Cherokee Civil Defense Station.

“As this parcel was being developed, and as these buildings have been built, as well as neighbors building houses, there has been an increase in the traffic on West Willis Road, and we saw a need to make the road a safer place to travel,” explained Executive Director of Tribal Operations, Tim Good Voice.

“Re-building this road has been in the planning stages since 2003, after the tribe built the UKB Community Services Building. West Willis Road is located in both the city and the county and all three entities – the city, the county and the UKB were involved in planning and will help to build a new road. The road has been on the drawing board for six years, and the tribe was looking at funding through the BIA Indian Reservation Roads program. That funding was cut and we began to look at other funding. The Keetoowah Cherokees were awarded Congressional Earmarks which will be utilized and



*ROAD CONSTRUCTION is scheduled to begin later this year on West Willis Road leading to the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Complex. This project is funded through IRR High Priority Project and congressional earmark funding.*

then this project was awarded IRR High Priority Project funding.

While the road is being built, West Willis road will be shut down completely and traffic will be re-routed. For more information, go to the tribe's website at [www.unitedkeetoowahband.org](http://www.unitedkeetoowahband.org) or call the UKB roads program at (918) 456-8698.

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### Well Monitoring - Free of Charge

The UKB Natural Resources Department is still taking applications for tribal members who would like to have their private well monitored free of charge. Participants must live in Mayes, Delaware, Cherokee or Adair County. If you would like more information, call (918) 453-2823 or pick up an application at any UKB tribal office.

### Attention Tribal Members: Update your Mailing Address to Vote in Special Election

If your mailing address has changed in the last six (6) months, please come to the UKB Enrollment Office and update your mailing address so you will receive a ballot for voting in a special election.

In preparation for an upcoming special election to amend the UKB Tribal Constitution, it is important to have current addresses for all UKB members.

This will be a Federal Election completely conducted by the United States Government using their election guidelines. All eligible UKB Voters including those who are 18 years of age or older or will be 18 on/by the date of this election, will be allowed to vote.

Voting will be by absentee ballot. Your current address will be necessary in order for you to receive a ballot from the B.I.A. Along with your ballot you will receive a self-addressed stamped envelop for mailing your vote to the B.I.A. The date of this election is unknown at this time.

Please update your mailing address no later than August 31. For more information, contact the UKB Enrollment Office at (918) 453-9375.



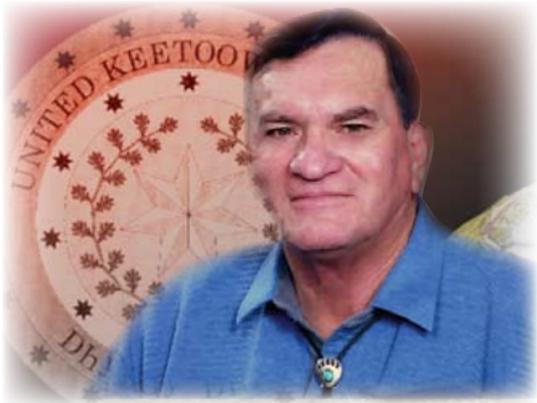
*THE KEETOOWAH Cherokee Casino recently celebrated its 23rd Anniversary. “We are celebrating 23 years of existence,” stated UKB Chief George Wickliffe. The Casino began as a Bingo Hall, one of the first in the state of Oklahoma, later adding Class II electronic games. “We are grateful as a sovereign tribe to have a casino establishment such as this,” added Chief Wickliffe. Helping celebrate the anniversary was, seated, left to right, UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust; Tribal Secretary Liz Littledave; Tribal Treasurer Ella Mae Cooksey-Worley; and Chief Wickliffe. Standing in the background are Keetoowah Cherokee Casino staff and administration.*

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[www.ukb-nsn.gov](http://www.ukb-nsn.gov) or

[www.unitedkeetoowahband.org](http://www.unitedkeetoowahband.org)

## A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe



Dear Tribal Members

A book of the history of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has just recently been completed and is to be published very soon. This publication will reflect the true history of the Keetoowah Cherokees, based on actual documents and the invaluable work of influential key players which will be mentioned in this history publication.

One such influential person was D'Arcy McNickle, who was responsible for bringing recognition of the United Keetoowah Band to Washington, D.C. Below is a brief history of the Keetoowah Cherokees for your reading.

### Brief History of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians

#### The Historic Cherokee Indians

The Cherokee Indians originally lived in the southeastern portion of the United States on lands forming present day Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. While Treaties were first entered into between the United States and the Cherokee Nation in the late 1700's, establishing boundaries of the Cherokee Nation and affirming loyalties of the Tribe to the United States, the Cherokees did not have a centralized government and the people lived in towns located throughout the Cherokee territory.

#### History of the Western Cherokees

In 1808, a delegation of Cherokees from the upper and lower towns of the Cherokee Nation went to

Washington, D.C. to inform the President of the United States that not all Cherokee people wanted to pursue what was deemed a "civilized" life. The delegation requested that the President divide the upper towns, whose people wanted to participate in agriculture and establish a regular government, from the lower towns whose people wanted to continue the hunter way of life. Further, the people of the lower towns desired to remove across the Mississippi River onto vacant lands within the United States so that they might continue the traditional Cherokee life.

On January 9, 1809, the President of the United States allowed the lower towns to send an exploring party to find suitable lands on the Arkansas and White rivers. In 1817, the United States ceded such lands to the Western Cherokees in exchange for a portion of the Cherokee lands they had occupied and were entitled to the East. One third of the entire Cherokee Nation emigrated west. Those Cherokees who moved were called the "Western Cherokees: or 'Old Settlers'."

By 1828, dissatisfied with their lands on the Arkansas and White Rivers, partly due to encroachment by white settlers, the Western Cherokees entered into a treaty with the United States to move onto lands further west. The Treaty granted the Western Cherokees seven million acres of land running along the Arkansas, Canadian and Grand Rivers. This land grant includes a portion of present-day Northeastern Oklahoma and the Arkansas Riverbed lands, which are at issue in proposed settlement to the pending claims case. The Western Cherokees were also given a perpetual outlet West, as far as the sovereignty of the United States extended.

Those Cherokees who declined to leave the eastern homelands for the new lands in the West were called the Eastern Cherokees. The southeastern states, unhappy that these Eastern Cherokees remained, passed various harassing and vexatious legislation to encourage the Indians to leave. Violent incidents were frequent between the Eastern Cherokees and the white people, especially in Georgia. The southeastern states place pressure on the federal government to remove these remaining Indians and extinguish Indian title to the lands within those states.

#### The Eastern Cherokees are Forced onto Western Cherokee Lands

To resolve the concerns of the southeastern states, the United States entered into the Treaty of New Echota with the Cherokee remaining in the east on December 29, 1835. This treaty required the Eastern Cherokees to cede all Cherokee lands east of the Mississippi River and provided for the removal of those Eastern Cherokee Indians from that area. These Eastern Cherokees would be removed to the land then held by the Western Cherokees.

Both the "Western Cherokees" and "Eastern Cherokees" objected to the treaty, stating that the signers had not been authorized representatives of the groups. Regardless of the protests, however, the Eastern Cherokees were removed on the lands of the West-

ern Cherokees.

The Western Cherokee sent a delegation to negotiate a provision in the Treaty of New Echota which reads, "Whereas the western Cherokees have appointed a delegation to visit the eastern Cherokees to assure them of the friendly disposition of their people and their desire that the nation should again be united as one people and to urge upon them the expediency of accepting the overtures of the Government; and that, on their removal they may be assured of a hearty welcome and an equal participation with them in all the benefits and privileges of the Cherokee country west and the undersigned two of said delegation being the only delegates in the eastern nation from the west at the signing and sealing of the treaty lately concluded at New Echota between their eastern brethren and the United States; and having fully understood the provisions of the same they agree to it in behalf of the western Cherokees. But it is expressly understood that nothing in this treaty shall affect any claims of the western Cherokees on the United States."

After this influx, the Eastern Cherokees significantly outnumbered the Western Cherokees. Tensions escalated between the two groups. The Eastern Cherokee newcomers wanted their form of government to replace the government already put in place by the Western Cherokees, who, objected to such displacement of their own powers.

In an effort to lessen the tensions amongst the two communities now within one Cherokee land base, the representatives allegedly representing the Western and Eastern Cherokees met in a convention in July of 1838. At the convention, the groups entered into an "Act of Union" between the Eastern and Western Cherokees. The validity of the Act of Union was not recognized by the Western Cherokee government because they had not been adequately represented at the convention. They further believed that those representatives signing the Act of Union on behalf of the Western Cherokees did so without authority. Many of the Western Cherokees refused to attend the convention because they knew they were outnumbered by the Eastern Cherokees. The Eastern Cherokees, by force of number, were able to control the Cherokee Nation government.

But even with the 'act of union,' tensions between the Cherokee groups survived, and "between the years 1838 to 1846, the Cherokee country was the scene of intestine (sic) disorders of the gravest character, destroying the rights and liberties of certain of the Cherokees, and endangering the peace of the frontier."

In 1846, the United States entered into a treaty with the Cherokee Nation as a whole, recognizing that "serious difficulties have, for a considerable time past, existed between the different portions of the people constituting and recognized as the Cherokee Nation of Indians..." The 1846 Treaty reaffirmed that the differing factions of the Cherokee Nation were one body politic and made the Eastern and Western Cherokees, together, party to the terms of the contested 1835 Treaty.

#### A Formal Keetoowah Society is Created

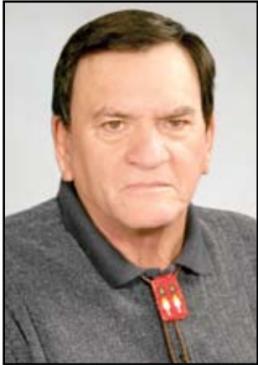
Many of the Western Cherokees saw the approaching Civil War as inevitable, and perceived it as a threat to traditional Cherokee culture. They also acknowledged that the Cherokee Nation was still divided into two main factions, with their faction being in the minority. This group of traditional Cherokees gathered "in the dark of the night and in the woods" to form an organization for self-protection, cultural preservation and to honor their relations with the United States. This organization adopted a constitution in 1859, calling itself the "Keetoowah Society."

In 1860, the Keetoowah Society met several times to develop laws under their constitution to govern its members. "Only full blood Cherokees uneducated and no mixed blood friends" were allowed membership in the Keetoowah Society.

In the beginning, the Keetoowah Society occupied a prominent role in Cherokee politics, but this power diminished as the number of mixed-bloods and intermarried citizens overwhelmed the Cherokee Na-

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tion population.

### Federal Attempts to Dissolve the Cherokee Nation

In preparation for Oklahoma statehood, Congress passed the Indian Appropriation Act in 1839, authorizing the Dawes Commission to negotiate allotments with the Five Civilized Tribes. The Keetoowah opposed allotment, passing a resolution asserting that the lands of the Cherokees were common property. While the Keetoowah later reluctantly agree to be enrolled in the Dawes Commission roll, they did so under protest.

In 1900, the Dawes Commission negotiated an agreement with the Cherokee people regarding the allotment of tribal lands and the dissolution of the tribal government. The agreement also stated that the "tribal government of the Cherokee Nation shall not continue longer than March fourth, nineteen hundred and six, subject to such future legislation as Congress may deem proper." The agreement was ratified by Congress on March 1, 1901, but rejected in a subsequent election of the Cherokee people on April 29, 1901. Members of the Keetoowah Society either voted against the agreement or abstained from voting. The Cherokee National Council, however, adopted a memorial to Congress on December 18, 1901 requesting that the Cherokee lands be allotted. In 1902, Congress passed a law that required the allotment of Cherokee lands and terminated the tribal government as of March 4, 1906. This Act was ratified by the citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and is commonly described as the Cherokee Agreement.

With the termination of the Cherokee tribal government approaching the Keetoowah found it necessary to officially organize under the federal laws of the United States. By this time there was a federal court located in Tahlequah due to the Curtis Act. The "Keetoowah Society" was granted its federal charter September 20, 1905 as a 'body politic' that could take the place of the dismantled Cherokee government and "provide a means for the protection of the rights and interest of the Cherokee people in their lands and

funds..."

By the Act of 1906, Congress permitted the Cherokee government to continue "until otherwise provided by law," but only with limited powers. The Principal Chief, to be appointed by the President of the United States, was required to execute documents upon notice by the Secretary of the Interior. If the Principal Chief did not sign within the required time, the Secretary was authorized to sign such documents. Additionally, the Office of Indian Affairs determined that the Act of 1906, while allowing the current tribal officers to continue in their office, did not "contemplate[d]...that any further elections should be held in the various nations of the Five Civilized Tribes." In effect, the Cherokee Nation was to be placed under the management of the President of the United States, acting through the Principal Chief.

The Act of 1906 also stated that any unallotted lands would be held by the United States in trust for the "use and benefit of the Indians respectively comprising each of said tribes, and their heirs as the same shall appear on the rolls as finally concluded..." The Arkansas Riverbed lands, which were ceded to the Cherokees in the 1828 Treaty, were not allotted to individual Indians so fell within the provisions of the 1906 Act.

In 1907, Oklahoma became a state. The Act that authorized Oklahoma Statehood also preserved the authority that the United States had had prior to the passage of the Act over the Indians, their lands and property. Upon statehood, Oklahoma began exercising control over the Arkansas Riverbed lands.

W.C. Rogers was Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1903 until his death in 1917, deemed to be the last Principal Chief elected under the 1839 Cherokee constitution. The Commissioner to the Five Tribes reported, in 1914, that "the tribal form of government of the Cherokee tribe was practically abolished at the close of the fiscal year June 30, 1914, all officers having tendered their resignations to be effective as of that date."

After Principal Chief Rogers' death in 1917, the President of the United States, pursuant to the Act of 1906, "appointed from time to time as necessity arose certain members of the Cherokee Nation to the office of Principal Chief of said nation, the appointments in each case being for certain temporary periods." Over

the next 19 years, there would be six Principal Chiefs appointed by the president. The Presidential appointed Chiefs usually held office for only one day, with only one Principal Chief holding office for as long as 17 days.

On April 25, 1944, D'Arcy McNickle found that the Keetoowah Society was more than a "secret society." He stated, "It has been a formally organized body at least since 1858, with representative districts, and for many years it had a common leadership." McNickle found that the Keetoowah, through all their actions, "exercise[d] independent political action, even to the point of initiating hostile proceedings." McNickle noted that the Keetoowah name and the people originated from the historic Cherokee town of Kituhwa, in the eastern homelands, prior to western migration. McNickle stressed that Keetoowah denoted a tribal town "...historically...on a par with the Creek towns in that it was originally an independent unit of government."

The Interior Department became a proponent of federal recognition for the Keetoowah Cherokees, and on March 24, 1945, Acting Secretary of Interior, Abe Fortas, wrote a letter to Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, in support of the bill to recognize the Keetoowah Cherokees under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act.

On August 10, 1946, Congress passed the bill to recognize the UKB as a band of Indians residing in Oklahoma within the meaning of section 3 of the Act of June 26, 1936. The Tribe created its base membership roll in 1949, for certification by the Secretary of the Interior. The Tribe's constitution and by-laws were finalized and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 8, 1950 then ratified by its members on October 3, 1950. Today in order to be enrolled in the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, individual Cherokee Indians must be at least one-quarter Cherokee Indian Blood and be a descendant of an individual on the (certified) 1949 roll or the final rolls of the Cherokee Nation, which were closed in 1907. Ninety-eight percent of the currently enrolled members presently live within the nine districts that constitute the Historic Cherokee Nation Reservation. Nearly one half of the members still speak the traditional Cherokee Language, some using English only as a second language.

## EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT



**UKB Employee**  
**Kim**  
**Drywater**  
**Cheerful Greeter**

*Kim Drywater United Keetoowah Band Tribal Administration Receptionist*

"Good morning, thank you for calling the United Keetoowah Band. This is Kim, how may I help you?" is the first cheerful greeting you will receive from Administration Receptionist Kimberly Diane Drywater, when calling the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. Drywater has been employed with the tribe for over a year and enjoys welcoming people who visits UKB. "I like the feeling of being welcomed, which is what it's like everyday you come through the doors. I can't wait to see what the day is going to bring," says Drywater.

Drywater's job duties include answering phone calls, greeting visitors, answering client's questions, directing them to the appropriate departments for assistance. She also assists Administration staff by making copies of important documents, scheduling meetings, is in charge of scheduling for the fleet of tribal vehicles by employees. She provides her services to ensure that everything runs smoothly in the Administration office. She makes visitors and clients feel at home and provides information they seek.

Kim said, "Just in the year and few months I have been here, I have seen the tribe grow and I know it will continue to grow and prosper." One of Kim's most memorable moments working for the tribe came the day the Echohawk decision came, which named the UKB successor in interest to the historical Cherokee Nation. "When I first heard it, it was so exciting because I heard it directly from Chief Wickliffe on the phone. I wanted to jump up and down and cheer because I knew there would be even more opportunities for everyone in the tribe."

Drywater loves cooking; she enjoys cooking home cooked meals, such as beans, fried potatoes, frybread and goulash. She has entered several cooking competitions with her cooking team, Shawna Drywater-Terhune, Elmer Panther and her mother Jackie Drywater. They received First Place at the 2008 Cherokee National Holiday Traditional Indian Cookoff and provided traditional Indian food at her booth in the 2009 Red Fern Festival in Tahlequah.

Kim is a graduate of Sequoyah High School and has received a Business certificate from the Tahlequah Indian Capital Technology Center in 2007. She is the daughter of Jackie Drywater and the late Archie Drywater. She was born in Tahlequah and now resides in Moody, Oklahoma. Family is Kim's number one priority. She and Rick Panther have been together for over 14 years and have three beautiful children, one boy, Jerrick, 11, and two daughters, Delaney, 9 and Erianna, 7.

## EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT



**UKB Employee**  
**Laverna**  
**"Verna"**  
**Stapleton**  
**Helps Tribe**

*Laverna Stapleton United Keetoowah Band Tribal Administrative Assistant*

Laverna "Verna" Stapleton is an Administrative Assistant for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees and has been employed with the tribe for over six years. She greets and assists tribal members who visit the Administration offices and has the responsibility for taking care of the daily operations, working closely with the Chief.

Stapleton attended Northeast Oklahoma College and Rogers State University, working on her Associate's Degree in Business Administration. Her plans are to continue her education.

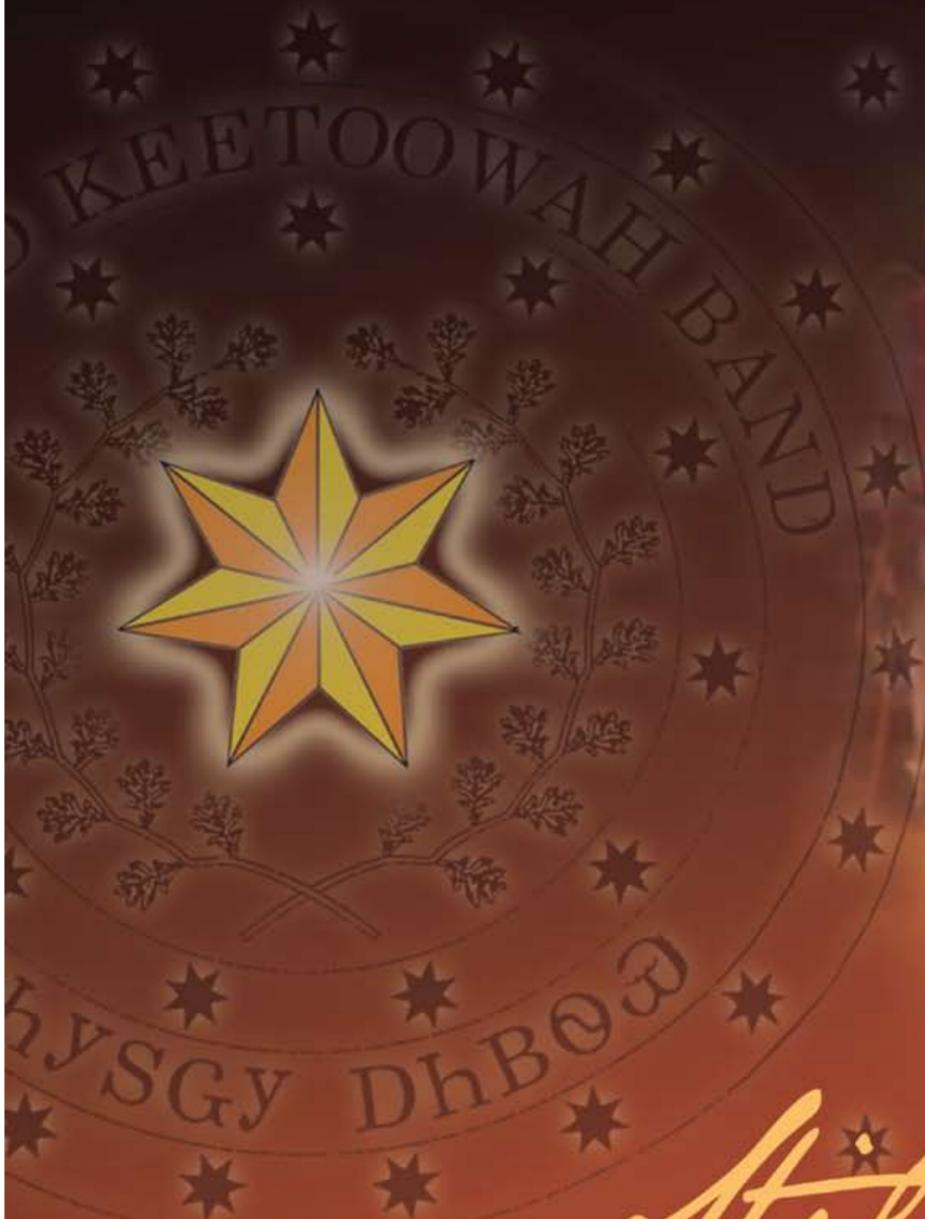
She can converse in the Keetoowah Cherokee language and is able to speak with tribal members when they come into the office for assistance. "I'm glad we are protecting our language throughout the communities," states Stapleton.

Verna enjoys the annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration, when all tribal members and visitors come out to participate in the celebration. "I enjoy watching families and friends getting together enjoying the festivities of the Celebration," added Stapleton.

Stapleton was raised in Kenwood, Oklahoma by Betty and Richard Blackbear. She now resides in Salina, Oklahoma, where as a single parent most of her life, she has raised three children. She has two grandchildren.

Her goal is to see tribal families have the opportunity for safe and decent housing and health care for all tribal members covering diabetes prevention and other preventative care including child care, regular check-ups, routine immunizations and appropriate referrals to private medical care providers. Verna is proud to be a Keetoowah Cherokee, "The Keetoowah Cherokees are very traditional people, I like how they keep their beliefs and culture alive," she stated.

# 59th Annual Celebration Oct. 2nd & 3rd, 09 Keetoowah Cherokee Tahlequah, Oklahoma



## Still the Sacred

### Schedule

**Pre Celebration Events • September 18** • Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant • Tahlequah Armory Museum  
**Friday October 2 • 6 PM – 10 PM** Gospel Singing • 6 PM Three Kings  
**Saturday, October 3 • 7 AM** 5K Run/Walk and 2K Fun Run • 7 - 9 AM Kid's Fishing Derby • 8 - 9 AM Dignitaries Breakfast • 10 AM  
UKB Departmental Displays • Merchandise Booth • Arts & Crafts Vendors • 11:45 AM State of the Nation Address • 12:15 PM  
Children's Activities • Three on Three Basketball • 1 PM Marbles • Volleyball Tournament • Traditional Indian  
Men's Horseshoe Tournament • Women's Horseshoe Tournament • Blowgun Competition • 3:30 - 5:00 PM Free Bingo • 4 PM Stickball Game Ages 12 and up • 5 PM CASH C

### Come Join the UKB Celebration Parade!

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is pleased to announce its 5th Annual Celebration Parade as a part of the 59th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. The parade will be held on Muskogee Avenue in Tahlequah beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 3.

We honor our ancestors by commemorating the signing of our constitution at this special festival. The theme for this year's celebration is "Keetoowah Cherokee Traditions - Still the Sacred Fire Burns."

Keetoowah Legend says that seven wise men went on top of a mountain (near what is now the TN-NC border), and the Creator gave them the sacred fire. He told them "From this day forward, you shall be known as Kituwa". (pronounced gah due wah).

The seven men took the fire directly from Unetlanv (the Creator) to their mother town, which became known as "Kituwah." A great wise man of the Keetoowahs stated in the 1700's that if the Keetoowahs quit honoring the Creator and thanking him for all that he provides in the manner he ordered, the Creator would forget about the Keetoowahs, as well.

Today, the tribe honors the Creator by maintaining the name "Keetoowah," and keeping the sacred fire burning. Although some Keetoowah Cherokees have adopted parts of other religions, all keep the traditions alive and honor and respect the messages from the Creator and hold their name as sacred as the fire.

Several marching bands will be performing in the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Parade. In the float category, the first place winners will receive \$200, second place winners will receive \$150 and third place winners will receive \$100. Other groups walking in the parade will be eligible for prize money paying \$200, \$150 and \$100.

"Tahlequah has always loved parades, and we expect good participation from the community, as well as from surrounding communities. We would like to invite your organization to be a part this special event. We invite groups with floats, walking groups, groups or individuals riding in cars or trucks, parade on bikes, or wagons, and even their pets to be a part of this event," said parade organizer, Marilyn Craig. For more information, or to get an entry form, call (918) 456-6533.

### Nominations Open for UKB Tradition Keepers Award

Nominations are being taken for the Keetoowah Cherokee Tradition Keepers award, which will be presented at the 59th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration, on Saturday, October 3, after the Chief's State of the Nation Address..

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

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

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

To nominate a UKB tribal member for the award, contact Cindy Hair at (918) 772-4387.

# Cherokee Traditions



## Sacred Fire Burns

**of Events**  
 Municipal Center | **September 25** • 9th Annual Keetoowah Celebration Golf Tournament • Cherry Springs Golf Course  
 on Three Basketball • 9 PM Stomp Dance Celebration Grounds  
 10 AM Keetoowah Celebration Parade Downtown Tahlequah • 11 AM - 8 PM Keetoowah History & Family History Exhibit  
 Introduce Tradition Keepers, • Miss & Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee • NOON Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir, & Music  
 and Meal • 1:30 PM Cornstalk Shoot • 2 PM Children's Turtle Races • Cultural Demonstrations & Make and Take Crafts  
 • 3 PM - midnight 4th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Pow Wow (Dance registration @ noon)  
**GIVEAWAY** • FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: UKB MEDIA DEPT. 918-431-1818

### Miss & Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant 2009



**September 18, 2009**

Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center  
 100 North Water  
 Tahlequah OK

*You are cordially invited*

To participate as a contestant in the  
 Miss & Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee  
 Pageant

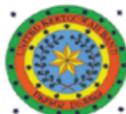
Miss & Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee will represent the tribe as good-will ambassadors  
 Jr. Miss Keetoowah participants must be between 13 and 17 years of age before Sept. 12, 2009.  
 Miss Keetoowah participants must be between 18 and 21 years of age before Sept. 12, 2009.

Requirements include: exclusive UKB tribal member; tribal enrollment copy; proof of school  
 enrollment, never been married or cohabitated, no children, and never convicted of a crime.

Scholarships are available for winners & 1st and 2nd  
 place categories.

Deadline date for applications is Friday August 28th, 2009.

Contact Georgia Dick at (918)-456-8698 or 1-800-259-0093.



### FOURTH ANNUAL KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE

## POW WOW

**October 3, 2009**  
 Keetoowah Celebration Grounds  
 Tahlequah, OK

#### Head Staff

Head Man Dancer...Kevin Connywerdy-Kiowa/Comanche, Norman, OK  
 Head Lady Dancer...Mary Ramirez-Ovage, Pawhuska, OK  
 Emcee...Rob Daugherty-Cherokee, Jay, OK  
 Northern Drum...Buffalo Horse, Minneapolis St. Paul, MN  
 Southern Drum...The Thunder, Apache, OK  
 Arena Director...R.G. Harris-Sac n Fox, Stroud, OK  
 Joseph Byrd-Cherokee/Ovage/Quapaw, Tahlequah, OK

#### Dance Competition & Prize Money!

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

**1st-\$600, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300**  
**ADULTS 17 & OVER**

**1st-\$300, 2nd-\$200, 3rd-\$100**  
**JUNIORS 11-16 yrs**

**Tiny Tots (10 & under) - Day Money**



**Schedule of Events**  
 Registration:  
 Begins at Noon-3pm  
**Grand Entry 3pm**  
 Tiny Tot, Juniors, and  
 Adult Dance  
 Supper Break 5pm  
 Adult Dance Continues

59th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration  
 October 2-3, 2009  
 For General Information Call:  
 918-431-1818 or 1-877-431-1818  
[www.unitedkeetoowahband.org](http://www.unitedkeetoowahband.org)

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

## Hot Rod Lincoln

Lincoln Adair of Tahlequah, OK is a member of the 5C's Car Club (Cherokee Crusin' Classic Car Club). He enjoys rebuilding and competing at car shows. Some of his past trophy winners have been a '79 el Camino, '83 el Camino, '67 Nova, '64 Barracuda, '84 short bed Chevy pickup and his current prize possession a white 1970 two-door Lincoln Continental. He has won numerous awards over the past year showing these fine classic cars.

He attends many car shows and has also judged care competitions. Lincoln is married to the former Lydia McCully who also loves this sport and she has also judged car competitions. This has been one of his loves besides attending Cornerstone Fellowship Church.

The car show season begins in early April and runs through October. One of the bigger shows was held at Locust Grove called the "Outlaw Cruisin' Show" which had about 200 cars in competition. Cars are judged on Paint/body, engine, interior and classification. Cars have to be at least 20 years old to enter a show. Lincoln is the current Vice-President of the club and an enrolled member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. For more information you can contact Lincoln Adair at 918-458-1469.



Lincoln Adair of Tahlequah proudly shows off some of his most recent trophies

## Oaks Hawks make state

The Oaks Hawks made it to the state tournament and qualified for the Little League World Series, which was held in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The Hawks were 2nd runners-up in the NEOUSSSA League. The team finished the regular season with ten wins and four losses. The Oaks Hawks were made up of team members from Little Kansas, Oaks, Peggs, Locust Grove and Tahlequah.

Front row left to right: Gabe Simpson, Tate Trejo, Brad Fields, T.J. Cummings, Nakoma Romannose, Brenden Robbins, Kalen Backwater  
2nd row left to right: Ethan Sinor, Chico Foreman, Jordan Robbins, Isaiah Ramos, Ezra Morrison, Jordan Sands, Zack McClain, Ty Fields (batboy)  
Coaches: Sonny Foreman, Dink Cummings, Barry Sanders



## Reeling For Cash

Larry and Carolyn Swimmer are quite an awesome couple. Besides being married for 33 years they have fished together since 1990 in the Nitro Couples Competition - an organization related to Bass Fishing Competition.

The fishing tournament season begins in March and runs until October with the big finale called the "Classic Championship" being held on two different lakes, one being held on Grand Lake and the other on Lake Ft. Gibson. This being a two-day tournament held on October 17-18.

Larry had been fishing competitively for 32 years. He also fishes with his cousin Scott Phillips in the men's "Sceeter Trail Competition". In the month of June they brought home \$2,700 in cash from one tournament. Last year they won \$20,000 from another tournament. Larry and Scott won the "Angler of the Year Award" put on by the Tulsa Bass Association.

Carolyn and Larry are currently in 4th place in point standings in the Nitro Couples. Some of the lakes where tournaments are held are Tenkiller, Eufaula, Ft. Gibson, Lake Hudson and Grand Lake. They are required to fish a different lake all summer. One of the biggest bass caught by Larry was a 7lb 5.6oz caught on Eufaula Lake in June of 2009.

Carolyn and Larry also hunt deer and turkey during the season. They are enrolled United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and attend First Baptist Church in Tahlequah, OK.

If you have an interest in bass fishing you may go to BassZone.com for more information.



## Skyla Cochran Student of the Year

Congratulations go to Miss Skyla Cochran, 9 who was named student of the year for the 3rd grade at Washington Elementary in Pryor. Her proud mother is Gaye Cochran. She has three brothers Trey, Choogie and Jason and one sister, Melia. She loves to read, play softball and help her mother. Sky will be in the fourth grade next year at Washington Elementary.



## Keetoowah Cherokee Youth takes First Place in Cherokee Language Bowl

Congratulations go to Trey Glass, 11, who took first place in Division 2 (or grades third through fifth) at the Cherokee Language Bowl. His proud parents are Gay Cochran of Salina and Sanford Glass of Little Kansas. His grandmother is Betty Arthurs, from Salina. He has 2 brothers Sanford Glass, Jr. and Jason Glass and 2 sisters, Melia Glass and Sklya Cochran.



Trey loves sports, especially baseball and football and he loves to read. Trey will be in the 5th grade next year at Washington Elementary in Pryor.

## Offices Closed for Labor Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, September 4 and Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, September 8. We wish everyone a safe holiday.

## United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu August 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Brown beans Spinach Cornbread Salad & Dessert	4 Shepherds Pie Broccoli Breadsticks Salad & Dessert	5 B-B-Q Chicken Baked Beans T.T. Grilled Veggies Salad & Dessert	6 Pizza Green Beans Caesar Salad Dessert	7 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
10 Enchiladas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad & Dessert	11 Beef Stroganoff Broccoli, T.T. Salad & Dessert	12 Loaded Baked Potato w/fixins Salad Dessert	13 Steaksfingers Mashed Pot/ Gravy Corn Salad & Dessert	14 Fishing Day @ the River 11:00 -?? 
17 White Beans w/Ham Greens Cornbread Salad & dessert	18 Tortilla Soup Rice Breadstick Salad & Dessert	19 Baked Fish Cole Slaw Corn Hushpuppies	20 Mac & Cheese Li'l Smokies Green Beans Salad & Dessert	21 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
24 Beef Stew Cornbread Crackers Salad & Dessert	25 Marinated- Chicken Tomato/ Zucc. Wild Rice Salad & Dessert	26 Fishing Day @ the River 11:00-?? 	27 Cultural Day & August B-days	28 Cleaning Day 
31 Frito Chili Pie w/fixins Salad Dessert				

## UKB August '09 Calendar of Council, District & Special Meetings

- Aug. 1 UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.  
Jim Proctor Elder Center, Tahlequah
- Aug. 7 Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Keener Baptist Church
- Aug. 11 Saline District Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Kenwood Community Center
- Aug. 13 Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- Aug. 14 Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.  
UKB Elder Center
- Aug. 20 Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Vian UKB Satellite Office

## UKB Sept. '09 Calendar of Council, District & Special Meetings

- Sept. 12 UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.  
Jim Proctor Elder Center, Tahlequah
- Sept. 18 Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.  
UKB Elder Center

# UKB Regular June Council Meeting Minutes

## UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the Jim Proctor Elder Care Center June 06, 2009 10:05 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

### I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

### II. Invocation: Sammy Still

**III. Roll Call:** 11 + Chief answered Roll Call (Hansen did not answer call)

### IV. Chief's Address

- Yesterday, we received a phone call informing the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeal had ruled in favor of the UKB in our Housing suit.

(Hansen present at 10:07 AM)

- This is the second good news; the first was when federal Judge, Ron White, ruled to keep our casino open.  
- What has been accomplished will affect all federally recognized Indian tribes, throughout the United States.  
- Things that were a hindrance to us was that the UKB had no jurisdiction according to how some programs were written by Housing grants. The 10th Circuit Court ruled; our housing case had nothing to do with jurisdiction but was "a need." When we went to Washington to negotiate our housing situation, CNO showed up and argued they have exclusive jurisdiction, therefore; UKB is not entitled to housing grants.

- CNO has no history before 1976 when their constitution was ratified by Washington. Chad Smith claims CNO is Cherokee Nation but all correspondence from Washington refers to CNO as Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma not Cherokee Nation.

- Washington continues to study out situations CNO continues with illegal moves. Yesterday in the Tahlequah newspaper it was reported, the Freedman/Black Caucus was calling for an investigation of the "five tribes."

- A Chief of a tribe in the Ardmore area informed he had worked for 9 years before his tribe achieved a "land base." He was told the UKB have papers waiting for signatures which would give the UKB a land base.

- We are not permitted to have a conference with Larry EchoHawk, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, about our Trust Land for the Keetoowahs. His decision for UKB Trust Land will be made on the 24th of this month. CNO is also prohibited from talking with Assistant Secretary EchoHawk on this.

Assistant Secretary, EchoHawk, has stated he would treat all tribe's business alike and would be fair.

Previously Carl Artman told Jeanette Hannah there was no reason she should not approve Trust Land for the UKB. He stated to Ms. Hannah, the UKB By-Laws gives every right for UKB to have trust land.

The book, "The Burning Phoenix," written by Allogan Slagle, is a vehicle that is strong with good research. The current administration brought in people who continue with research.

Our efforts are bring down a lie that has lasted for probably 200 years. It appears Washington is trying to make correction in their view of the Keetoowah. The word "jurisdiction" was/is being used against landless tribes.

We believe U.S. Congress intended for us to have land if we were federally recognized. In the UKB By-Laws, we actually describe we have jurisdiction over 9 districts which equals 14 counties. Artman said the UKB has always had jurisdiction because the UKB Constitution was approved and signed by the Secretary of the Interior.

The UKB have treaties. CNO has no treaties.

(Presentation of UKB history and treaty information)

All information the UKB presents is supported by facts.

The Secretarial Election will be scheduled as soon as we complete certain things. This election will be conducted by the United States. This election will be conducted under U.S. Congress laws. Jeanette Hannah stated 18 year olds might not be allowed to vote because UKB Constitution states the voting age was 21 years. We have the understanding because this election will be an election by the United States, 18 year olds will vote because 18 year olds are considered as adults. Two of our lawyers have been through this type election and they say 18 year olds are allowed to vote in such an election.

In reference to our pending Secretarial Election we will be mailing a letter to all UKB voters and for that reason we must have a list of all members/voters to make sure they complete their information exactly as is required and to verify mailing addresses in order to vote in this special election. This letter will include a self-addressed stamped envelope so the voter can mail their information back to UKB enrollment. When this information is received by UKB enrollment then all data will be packaged and forwarded to the Muskogee area office. This data will determine qualified voters for this Secretarial Election. The question on the ballot would be about bypassing the Secretary of the Interior." Then Council decisions will not require approval by the B.I.A.

Many tribes have already made changes which allow them to by-pass the Secretary of the Interior. If the UKB voters pass this question on the ballot, the UKB could put our own land into trust without the involvement of the B.I.A.

A date for this special election is not known but will be scheduled after all voters data is received by the B.I.A. and then received by the Secretary of the Interior.

This Secretarial Election is called by the UKB but it is not a UKB election. This will be an election conducted by United States rules. We must comply with national laws. This election will be by absentee vote. There will be 2/3 UKB members on this election committee. The election date will be determined 90 days after the voter list is received by Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior.

Proctor: requested the letter of decision on HUD be available to the people in district meetings.

Chief Wickliffe: stated such information would be made known to the Keetoowah people.

Proctor: then expressed his thankfulness in the accomplishments of the current administration.

Assistant Chief Locust: commented on how several cases by the UKB were slapped down. People questioned if our response/action was the right decision. Each time the UKB appealed a decision we have won our appeals. We have

won our appeal on NIGA, CNO attacked us on our HUD appeal and we have won that appeal and with our Trust Application with B.I.A. where our application was denied by Jeanette Hannah, we are very close to receiving approval on this application for trust status. Every time we have been slapped down, the Keetoowahs have come back up and fought back. (See Supplement: B.I.A. & Special Election) We must realize where we are now. This special election is really important. We must vote to by-pass the Secretary of the Interior. If we don't we will keep going in the same routine just like the last 4 years. We need to communicate to our people to vote to by-pass the Secretary of the Interior because if we don't pass this question the B.I.A. will do what Chad Smith wants them to do and we don't want that. The Keetoowahs are on a roll and we will get everything that we rightfully deserve. He encouraged the Council to give support to each other and keep moving in the positive direction. This special election if passed by voters, will allow the UKB to by-pass the Secretary of the Interior and Jeanette Hannah will have no say in what the Keetoowahs do. We want to control our destiny we don't want Jeanette Hannah or Chad Smith controlling anything about the Keetoowahs. We need the UKB Council controlling UKB destiny and this is what will happen if we vote in this special election and pass the question; by-pass the Secretary of the Interior. If we don't pass this voting question there will be no change for the UKB, our destiny will continue to be controlled by Jeanette Hannah and Chad Smith. Our UKB voters need to vote "yes, by-pass the Secretary of the Interior," because if they don't we will stay just like we are right now and somebody else will control everything the Keetoowahs do.

The B.I.A. will have an election board and Jeanette Hannah will be the chairperson. The Keetoowahs will delegate 2 people to sit on this board. This board will count the absentee votes.

In reference to I.H.S. and UKB being viewed as a "new tribe," nothing has been seen by UKB administration about UKB status being a "new tribe." Anything heard is considered "hear-say" and until a written document is received about I.H.S. will be deemed as hear-say.

Chief Wickliffe: he will never agree that UKB is a "new tribe."

Liz Littledave: exhibited 2 documents received from the B.I.A. (which were available to each Council member) Documents were; Voter registration form and official ballot.

#### EXPLANATION OF THE PROCESS:

(1) – Current/correct mailing address is needed for this special election because B.I.A. will mail a voter registration form to each voter list along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

• (A) – because this special election is conducted by the Federal Government. 18, 19 & 20 year old tribal members must also comply with the requirements of this special election and would be allowed to vote.

• (B) – when UKB Enrollment mails you a letter asking to verify your correct mailing address, you will also receive a self-addressed stamped envelope so you can mail back your address verification to UKB enrollment. This information will then be sent to the B.I.A.

• (C) – The B.I.A. will send all information to the Washington office. That office then has 90 days to schedule a date for this special election

• Election date is not known at this time.

• (D) – You will receive a registration form and a self-addressed stamped envelope from the B.I.A. The voter will complete the form. Sign your name on the form as it appears on your Tribal membership photo card, even if you have changed your name you must sign your name as it is on the membership card or I.D. card. If you sign by any other name, B.I.A. will not identify you as an eligible voter and you will not be allowed to vote.

• (E) – after this registration form is completed, mail the form back to the B.I.A. in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

(2) – The completed registration form will determine if your name is put on the voters list and then B.I.A. will mail you an official ballot. You will also receive a self-addressed stamped envelope for mailing your "marked" ballot back to the B.I.A. On the back of this envelope is a place for you to sign your name and the date you signed your name. BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME AS IT IS SIGNED ON YOUR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP OR PHOTO I.D. CARD.

(3) – The Chairperson of the election committee, Jeanette Hannah, and 2 people/members, chosen by Keetoowah administration will serve on this election board and will count the absentee votes.

• 30% of registered voters must vote in this special election before it can be an official election.

Littledave: stated her need for approval from Council was to authorize the Tribal Secretary to utilize the most recent UKB voters list for mailing letters to members for verification of member's correct mailing address. She informed she had spoken with attorney Michael McMahan on this situation, wherein; he supported the use of this list for it's intended purpose and if needed he would prepare a statement of such support.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to authorize Tribal Secretary to utilize UKB voters list in mail-out requesting verification of mailing address in preparation for Secretarial Election RE: Registration Forms; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### V. Approval of the minutes for the month of May 2009

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the Council minutes of May 2009; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### VI. Presentations -

1. Barry Dotson: RE: Marble City, Nicutt Youth Services Donation  
Goal: \$2,000.00  
Casino considers such requests  
UKB will assist in this request

### VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledave

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to approve/accept 21 new members into tribal membership (This does include 2 C.D.I.B. cards issued to children between the ages of 0-3 years); SECONDED by Eddie Sacks;

VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 4 UKB members from UKB Membership Rolls; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### VIII. Public Forum - NONE

### IX. Unfinished Business

1. Approve revisions of current Election Ordinance. Liz Littledave presented a request from Election Board Chairman, Leroy Adair. Mr. Adair requested this agenda item be tabled until July Council meeting in order to allow attorney Michael McMahan careful detail review of election ordinance revisions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to table action on current election ordinance until July Council meeting; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. Barry Dotson: RE: Nicutt Road Concern

Nicutt residence requested Mr. Dotson make inquiry on concern of a creek crossing.

Referred to Tim Good Voice where he explained KCI had installed a tin-horn which the creek has now washed away, now this situation must go through EDA if KCI is to do something else about the situation. There is no funding for this year that can be applied to this situation. Such need could receive attention sometime later. Cost estimates could be looked at for future action. The county has had similar experiences with same type projects.

### X. New Business

1. MOTION by Jerry Hansen to authorize UKB Chief or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with the U.S. DOI – Bureau of Indian Education for the UKB's proportionate share of Indian Education monies as authorized under P.L. 93-638; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Presentation & discussion by Tim Good Voice

2. Barry Dotson: RE: Nicutt Nutrition Program

Seems only one person is participating in this program. Most have now gone to Muldrow for such program. Not sure if what is going on but he will follow up for details and report back to Chief. He said there was a request from the cook for UKB pictures of Council, etc. to be hung at the site and UKB be represented at a fish fry on June 20th. He believed this is an effect to get UKB assistance of some sort.

Chief Wickliffe: stated caution be given whenever CNO has claims of authority. Where there are UKB members involved we will try to help but CNO will resist when UKB is involved. Example: The Red Fern Festival was scheduled for the old Courthouse Square. CNO saw UKB was represented in the area and CNO ordered all UKB exhibits, etc. be taken down. The Tahlequah Chamber moved festival site on North end of Tahlequah near NSU.

3. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Recovery FY '09 (ICDBG-R) Grant in the amount of \$84,231.31 for infrastructure toward development on the 43.80 acres for public facility and improvements; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Presentation by Georgia Dick.

#### DISCUSSION

4. MOTION by Barry Dotson for Council to remain in Open Session while completed audit for FY 2008 is discussed; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

A short form version of this audit will be prepared and submitted to Council for their information and record.

Very good audit

Stated appreciation to administration for actions of accountability in all departments.

5. MOTION by Charles Locust to accept 2008 Audit as presented by auditor; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

6. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve to retain Stanfield and O'Dell, P.C. for the 2009 UKB Financial Report; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### XI. Announcements

1. Charles Locust: the regular Council meeting for the month of July is scheduled on the first Saturday which is the 4th of July and for that reason:

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve to schedule July Council meeting for the second Saturday in the month due to the regular schedule day being the 4th of July; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. MOTION by Barbara Girty to approve Lois Fuller be placed as a member of the Elder Committee; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

3. Liz Littledave: Enrollment audit was 11,557 in 2008. In 2009 the audit will show enrollment of 13,822, an increase of 2,265.

### XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

### XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Eddie Sacks; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller-Hawks; Approved by affirmation.  
Time - 12:45 PM



**Hog Fry!!!!**

Please bring your favorite dishes and desserts

**Saturday, August 22, 2009**  
**11:00 am to ???**

For more information contact:  
Dixie Wolf at 918-456-7147

Location: United Keetoowah Band Wellness Center on Willis Road in Tahlequah



# 2009 UKB Graduates

### Justice Forrest Flute

Justice Forrest Flute, 6, from Sequoyah District completed Kindergarten from Brushy Elementary. He was Student of the Month for May. His proud parents are Forrest and Jamie Flute of Sallisaw and his sisters are Aliyah, 9 and Alison, 8. Allison was Student of the Month for May.



The very proud paternal grandparents are Dan and Lois Fuller of Tahlequah. Other paternal grandparents are John and Missy Flute of Flute Springs. The maternal grandparents are Jill Ward of Sallisaw and Steve Owens of Sallisaw.

Justice is the paternal great grandson of the late Thomas Flute of Flute Springs and Lorine Flute who resides in Flute Springs. He is also the great grandson of the late Joe Bolin of Marble City and Narcie Jennie Bolin who resides in Sallisaw.

Justice is the maternal great-grandson of the late William Wesley and Cleo Ellis who resides in Sallisaw.

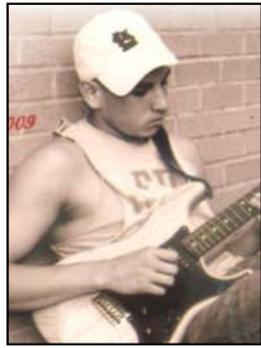
### Harrison Diver

Harrison L. Diver graduated from the eighth grade at Brushy School. He is the son of Carolyn and Leroy Diver. His brothers are Harold, Jeff, Paul, Ricky, Leroy Jr. and Matthew Diver. His grandparents are the late Elsie Vann and the late Andy and Annie Diver. Harrison will attend high school this fall at Central. When he graduates high school, he plans to attend college majoring in Art.



### Richard Berry, Jr.

Richard Berry, Jr. from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated from Stilwell High School. He is the son of Karen Berry and the grandson of Winnie Chuculate and the late Jess Chuculate. He plans to attend college and become a firefighter. Richard said, "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go and compete in show choir. Thanks to funding provided by the UKB, I was able to compete in Chicago, San Antonio and Branson where we placed fifth or better in every competition."



### Aaron Mike Bolin

Aaron Mike Bolin from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated from Tahlequah High School. He was given a presidential honor and named a gifted child from Duke University. He is the son of D. Hurlburt and Richard Hurlburt. His grandparents are Frances Bolin and the late Martin Bolin. Aaron plans to take a year off, then work and take classes at Indian Capital Technology Center.



### Thomas Sharp

Thomas Sharp graduated from Jay High School. His parents are Shelly and James Hogshooter. His grandparents are Mary Jane and Thomas Sharp. He plans to go to work.



### Tyler Seth Tipton-Durman

Tyler Seth Tipton-Durman from Round Rock, Texas graduated from Rocky Point High School. He graduated with honors as a Texas Scholar Candidate, maintained a 4.0 grade point average and finished in the Top 10% of his class. He was a Tigers in Service member. He is the son of Michael Durman and Tracey Girty Durman. His grandparents are Ronald and Mary Durman of Round Rock, Texas and Mary A. Girty of Tahlequah.



He has been admitted to the College of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin, where he plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Biology and admission to medical school.

### Tishina D. Grimmert

Tishina D. Grimmert graduated from Jay High School. Her parents are Tishaleta Smith-Guevara and Roy Lee Grimmert. Her grandparents are Adalene Smith and the late Dwayne Smith and Roy and Inola Grimmert. She plans to attend nursing school and obtain a RN license.



### Kristen Morton

Kristen Morton graduated from Stilwell High School. She was named to Who's Who Among American Math, French and English Students. She is the daughter of Rita and James Stockton. Her grandparents are Kathy and Jimmy Ketcher. She plans Carl Albert College in Poteau, Oklahoma to obtain her RN license.



### Nick Qualls

Nick Qualls graduated from Coweta High School. His parents are Dana Qualls and Jeff Qualls. His grandparents are Alyene Hogner, Kathy and Chuck Hebezi, Mike and Cindy Drain, and Clark and Ins Qualls. He plans on attending Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas to play football.



### Emily Nequel Shuck

Emily Nequel Shuck from Jay, Oklahoma graduated from Grove High School. She is the daughter of Louis and Nikki Fry. Her grandparents are Nicole and J.R. Rutherford and Charles Melton. She plans to go to college, then begin a career and then start a family.



### Annette Suasnavas

Annette Suasnavas from Tahlequah graduated from Clarksville High School in Arkansas. She is the daughter of Angela Suasnavas and her grandparents are Margaret Luethje and Arnold Luethje. She plans to attend college in Ft. Smith, Arkansas this fall. Her goal is to become a registered nurse.



### Zachary Truett

Zachary Truett graduated from Vian High School. He was Pitcher of the Year, an Olin Smith Award recipient, a Green Country All-Star, a Kiamichi All-Star, and a Gold Glove infielder. He is the son of Lula Drywater and Ken Drywater. His grandmother is Vivian Brooks. He plans to attend college and become a high school baseball coach.



### Billy Runabout

Billy Runabout from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated from the Indian Capital Technology Center with brake, heat and air, steering and suspension competency certificates. He was a member of the President's Honor Roll, a member of the National Technical Honor Society and a member of the A-Team leadership group. He is the son of Charlotte Runabout and the grandson of White and Nancy Runabout. He plans to open his own garage.




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