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Gaduwa Cherokee News picks up three awards at conference

Two members of the Gaduwa Cherokee News staff attended the Native American Journalists Association conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. July 13 through 17.

The paper picked up three awards at the conference. Second place for general excellence in Division 5, first place for best news story in Division 5 and first place for best feature story in Division 5.

Sammy Still, editor in chief, and Thomas Jordan, writer/photographer, attended plenary sessions and workshops while they were there.

They learned better search methods from Sean Carlson, Google administrator. The main theme was using advanced search functions to filter out unnecessary results.

There were two classes on using social media to promote a media product. While the Gaduwa Cherokee News only uses Facebook at

this time, there is a plethora of other social media tools available. Plus, the classes taught how to use each site more efficiently.

For fans of the United Keetoowah Band's Facebook page, there are now opportunities to submit pictures of family events to the page and there are now Fan of the Day and Fan of the Week acknowledgments on the page. The Fan of the Week receives a can of Spam for their recognition.

Another addition is the topic of the day. Facebook fans make suggestions to what they want to discuss and a page administrator decides what topic to discuss and the discussion begins.

There were also two major classes on ethics. One was taught by officials from the Society of Professional Journalists. They went over the differences between what is allowed by law and what is ethical. The two subject, while related, are not the same thing.

The second ethics class was taught by a professor from the Poynter Institute. His main theme was the ethical use of pictures in media. He led a discussion on death in pictures, subject content and its relevance to a story and photo manipulation.

Additionally, a Frontline story, "The Silence," by Mark Trahan, independent journalist, was shown. The story outlines the sexual abuse of Alaskan Natives by Catholic lay workers and priests during the 60's and 70's and the impact it had on the victims.

Finally, July 16, the awards ceremony took place. Approximately 80 people from more than 20 tribes were present to honor the award recipients.

Still accepted all three of the Gaduwa Cherokee News' awards making these the first awards ever given to the paper.



Gaduwa Cherokee News was honored recently at the Native American Journalist Association Conference held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The publication received first in Best News Story, first in Best Feature Story and second in General Excellence in Division Five. Pictured are, left to right, UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Marilyn Craig, Public Relations/Media Coordinator; Sammy Still, Editor/Media Director; Thomas Jordan, Writer/Reporter; and UKB Chief George Wickliffe. Photo by Victoria Proctor

Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir Perform in Cherokee, North Carolina

The Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir hit the road in early July to travel to some of the original homelands of the Keetoowah Cherokee people, in North Carolina. The nineteen member youth choir had two performances, one at the Annual Little Snowbird Community Gospel Singing in Robinsville, North Carolina and the other as opening act for the critically acclaimed drama, "Unto These Hills", in Cherokee, North Carolina.

The group was gone from early in the morning on July 7 to late in the evening on July 11.

They were transported in the UKB's two tribal transit buses, and a van carrying luggage formed the third car in the caravan.

The first stopover on the trip was in Nashville, where the group spent their first night.

Professional drivers cannot drive more than 10 hours without having a resting period of 8 consecutive hours. The kids in the choir were delighted to spend some time in Nashville, as they got to shopping at the mall. The next morning, the group stopped by the Tennessee Titans Football Stadium before they continued their journey.

The group traveled east through Tennessee and into North Carolina through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. That evening, the choir performed at the annual Snowbird Gospel Sing-



The "Unto These Hills" drama production producer invited the Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir to perform in front of their audience during the drama's pre-show. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave

ing, before heading to Cherokee, North Carolina for the evening.

The next morning, the kids had a fun and educational tour of the Oconaluftee Indian Village and the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, located on the Cherokee Indian reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina. Visitors can experience the 11,000 year old Cherokee story through priceless ancient artifacts, computer generated imagery, artwork, life-sized figures, dioramas, and more.

Some memorable quotes about the museum include, "One of the top ten native sites east of the Mississippi." -Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of the American Indian.

"The Museum of the Cherokee Indian is revolutionary in its ability to tell stories, and should be a

model to other museums that are struggling to engage their audience with their message." -Van Romans, Walt Disney Imagineering, Glendale, California

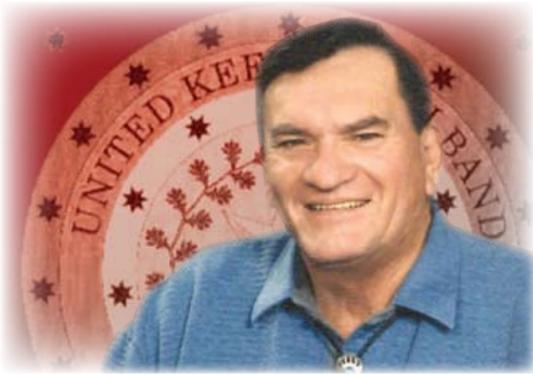
The choir was excited to perform at Mountaintop Theatre, home of the historical drama "Unto These Hills," the epic portrayal of the Eastern Band of Cherokee. The nineteen member choir, under the direction of Jan Ballou, performed a set of five songs in the Keetoowah Cherokee Language. The Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir include: Frannie Bendabout, Danelle Budds, Mikayla Budds, Justin Budds, Taylor Budds, Lauren Grayson, Raleigh Grayson, Breeze Ketcher, Manayne McCarter, Janie Pickup, Sierra Proctor, Kyla Sanders, Allie Sapp, Isaiah Sapp, Callie

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A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe



Dear Tribal Members,

In a booklet created by Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the early 1970's, it was stated: "While this booklet does not include the names of all Indian tribes, band, or groups, it does list all of those for which the Bureau of Indian Affairs has definite responsibilities."

During the next few months, I will continue to share segments of this booklet that reinforce the fact that the UKB (organized by the OIWA) was recognized as a tribe and considered, in many instances, to have more rights than the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

FEDERAL STATUTES APPLICABLE TO THE UKB

As indicated in the previous sections, federal statutes are capable of limiting or defining the powers of a tribal entity. Herewithin are to be found short summaries of statutes which may generally apply to the United Keetoowah Band. Complete texts of the laws are found in the Document Section of this report.

30 Stat. 495 An Act for the protection of people in the Indian Territory

Curtis Act (1898)

Sec. 2 Requires that in any suit where the property of a tribe may be affected that such tribe be made party to the suit.

Sec. 3 Granted jurisdiction to the U.S. Courts to hear disputes concerning claims to membership.

Sec. 6 Provides that if principal leaders of tribes fail to bring action on behalf of persons disputing membership claims, any member of the tribe may bring suit.

Sec. 11 Provides that allotment was to commence upon completion of final roll; reserved mineral rights to tribes, restricted transfers of allotted lands until full title is acquired.

Sec. 21 Provided for roll of freedmen; bared enrollment in more than one tribe.

Sec. 26 Through operation of Sec. 28, terminated all tribal laws.

Sec. 28 Abolished tribal courts.

21 Stat. 848 Act to ratify and confirm an agreement with the Cherokee
March 1, 1901

Sec. 4 Provided for eighty acres standard allotment.
Sec. 40 Set date for inclusion on Cherokee roll - April 1, 1900.

Sec. 41 Provided for enrollment of intermarried whites whose marriage occurred prior to Dec. 17, 1895.

Sec. 58 Provided for termination of tribal governments effective March 4, 1906.

Sec. 63 Granted U.S. Citizenship to Cherokee Citizens.
Sec. 73 Continued abolishment of tribal courts.

Sec. 75 Required presidential approval on all tribal ordinances affecting tribal or individual lands after allotment.

32 Stat. 716 An act to provide for allotment of the land of the Cherokee Nation.
July 1, 1902

Sec. 11 Allotment of land equal in value to one hundred ten acres of average allottable lands.

Sec. 25 Set date for finalized roll on Sept. 1, 1902.
Sec. 28 Prevents dual enrollment.

Sec. 63 Termination of tribal governments effective March 4, 1906.

Sec. 72 Provided for leasing of allotments; grazing not to exceed one year - agriculture not to exceed 5 years w/o secretarial approval. Provided for leases in excess of 1 and 5 years and leases of mineral estates with secretarial approval.

34 Stat 822 Joint Resolution extending tribal existence and government of the Five Civilized Tribes (March 2, 1906)

Extended existence of tribal governments until all property of tribe or proceeds there from are distributed.

34 Stat 137 An act to provide for the final disposition of the affairs of the Five

Civilized Tribes Five Tribes Act 1906

Secs. 1 & 2 Closed Cherokee rolls; all persons must be born prior to March 4, 1906.

Roll must be finalized by March 4, 1907.

Sec. 3 Provided for roll of freedmen who were bona fide residents of the Nation on 8-11-1866 and their descendants.

Sec. 6 Provides for removal of principal chief by president for failure to perform duties and for appointment of replacement by president.

Sec. 11 Restricted alienation of full blood allotments for 25 years; provided for leases in excess of one year under rules and regulations of Secretary of Interior.

Sec. 20 Restricted all full blood land leases over one year to be in writing with approval of Secretary.

Sec. 27 Lands of tribe not allotted to be held in trust.

Sec. 28 Tribal governments continued indefinitely, provided; 1) council may not meet longer than 30 days per year; 2) all laws subject to mandatory approval of president; 3) no contract for payment of monies valid without presidential approval.

40 Stat. 606 An act to provide for determination of heirship June 14, 1918

Sec. 1 Grant of jurisdiction to Oklahoma State Courts in determination of heirship of Five Civilized Tribes Descendants; application of state court procedure.

Sec. 2 Application of state laws for partition of Five Civilized Tribes' full blood citizens.

...body all rights and privileges secured to tribes under IRA. Effectively removes limitation of Sec. 13 of IRA and incorporates by reference the IRA, into OIWA.

Sec. 4 Provides for incorporation of local cooperative associations, consisting of 10 or more Indians, for specified purpose; further provides that in matters not covered by Acts, federal regulation of Corporate Charter, shall be governed by Oklahoma law.

Sec. 5 Provides for loans to individual Indians, associations and corporate groups; total amount of loan fund \$2,000,000.

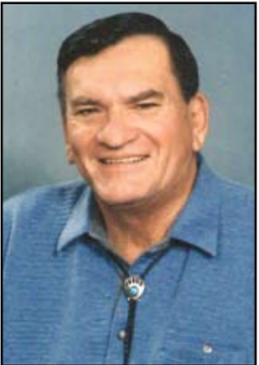
Sec. 7 All funds appropriated under IRA made available to Oklahoma Indians on a fair and just share basis.

Sec. 8 Excepts Osage County from operation of act. [Pursuant to Section 3, all rights of IRA would seem to pass to Oklahoma tribes recognized under OIWA. It would thus be arguable that such recognition would have removed limitations of laws specifically related to Five Civilized Tribes.

56 Stat 1080 To provide for probate and distribution of restricted estates not exceeding \$2,500 in value of deceased Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes December 24, 1942

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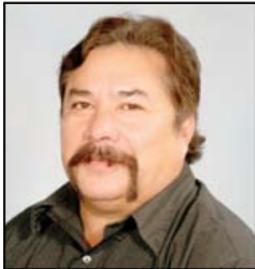
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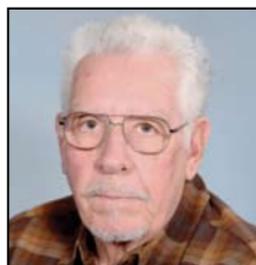
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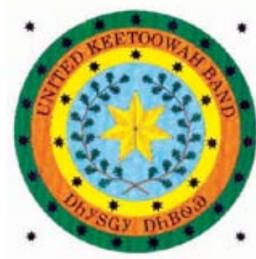
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Notice

Offices Closed for Labor Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, September 2 and Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, September 6. We wish everyone a safe holiday.

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Chief Discusses UKB Accomplishments

With all the positive changes within the United Keetoowah Band (UKB), Echo Hawk's 2009 decision, Self-Governance approval in April 27, 2010 and the recent Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Land in Trust decision, May 24, 2011, at the July 9 tribal council meeting Chief George Wickliffe praised tribal attorneys for all their dedication and hard work involved in accomplishing these feats. One particular attorney praised by Chief Wickliffe was Bill Rice for his contribution to the tribe. "As a result of Mr. Rice's help the tribe has developed a code book, which is being updated to today's standards," stated Chief Wickliffe.

During Chief's address to the council, he informed the tribal representatives that since the UKB has become a Self-Governance tribe the United Keetoowah Band can now make their own governmental decisions without approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The tribe will still be monitored annually by the B.I.A. and UKB can contact the BIA if questions arise on governmental issues involving the tribe. With Self-Governance, UKB qualifies for all government grants and funds allocated to all federally recognized Native America tribes.

Continuing with his monthly address, Chief Wickliffe announced to the council the June 25th Land in Trust Celebration held on the 76 acre tribal complex was a success. "We had so many positive comments, everyone was happy and an estimated 3,000 people enjoyed a fantastic firework display. People would walk up and say the United Keetoowah Band care about their people. The reason why the tribe cares about its people is because we were taught from God to treat everyone with respect," said Chief Wickliffe.

Chief also informed the council that the United Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir are attending a singing event in Cherokee, North Carolina in the Snow Bird Community and performed at the drama "Unto These Hills" pre-show performance in front of several hundred people.

The council was also informed that the tribe had received information regarding funding for a 30 unit elderly center. Ground breaking and construction of the new 30 unit building will be announced at a later date. Registration and qualifica-

tions for the 30 unit center was discussed with the council agreeing that Keetoowah Cherokee tribal members would have first priority for housing.

A consultation between Echo Hawk and with the tribe, Chief Wickliffe told the council that the tribe could use its Corporate Charter to develop planning and economic development for the tribe. Chief explained to the council that a Corporate Charter Board should be established to be able to progress any economic development for the tribe and that the tribal council to become the superior authority of the board. He also mentioned that the board should consist of two council members and three at-large members. Chief requested a motion to approve the establishment of a Corporate Charter Board. A motion was entertained, voted by the council and passed unanimously. The council will request names of two tribal council members and three at-large members for the board at a later date.

In a presentation to the Council, Patty Grant, Healing and Wellness Coalition of Cherokee, North Carolina and Program Manager for the A Na Le Ni Sgi (They are Beginning), a mental health substance abuse program, addressed the UKB tribal council asking for their blessing and support for the "Forgiveness Journey". The Forgiveness Journey is a week long event setting aside a three day venture, with three groups retracing the three trails of the "Trail of Tears", stopping at various known campsites of our Cherokee ancestors. They will also be performing a healing ceremony at each campsite and four days for opening and closing ceremonies. "The Healing and Wellness Coalition is a collaborative effort comprised of representatives from various agencies, organizations and churches on the Qualla Boundry," stated Grant. She explained to the council that the volunteers of these various organizations are brought together to change attitudes and feelings by addressing the historical trauma, social and health issues and concerns in the communities which has to do with substance abuse, diabetes, depression and other health issues. "Because of our historical events such as the forced removal, boarding schools, assimilation and acculturation, it has



Patty Grant, Healing and Wellness Coalition and Program Manager for the A Na Le Ni Sgi (They are Beginning), Cherokee, North Carolina.

Photo by Sammy Still

caused a near loss of our culture and identity. This proposal I am presenting to the council today is to ask for your blessing and support for the Forgiveness Journey," added Grant.

A motion was made by the council to approve the proposal giving the event their blessing and support, a vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously for the 2012 Healing and Forgiveness Journey.

In new business, the council discussed the authorization to engage in negotiation with the Department of Interior's Office of Self-Governance, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other offices for the Fiscal Year 2012 Self-Governance annual funding agreement. A motion was made and the resolution was approved by the council.

The council also discussed the 2011 Election Ordinance changes and revisions. The UKB Election Board advised the council to view the revisions and to make any needed changes if required. The council made a motion to table this resolution to give the council adequate time to review the revisions before approval.

The next tribal council meeting will be Saturday, August 6 at 10 a.m. in the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center.

UKB AG Advises Tribe To Discontinue AES Services

On July 11, 2011, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Attorney General Ken Bellmard issued a Preliminary Advisory Opinion to the United Keetoowah Band advising the tribe not to use AES and/or Terry Raney in future elections.

The Advisory Opinion read "United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB) Attorney General Ken Bellmard does sua sponte issue the Advisory Opinion related to the utilization of the services of Automated Election Services of Rio Rancho, New Mexico in future UKB Elections. Based on public information related to the appeal of the election results certifying Bill John Baker as Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, a non-OIWA entity, and the reported activities of AES principal Terry Rainey related to the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma 2011

election for Principal Chief, the UKB elections. Further clarification if this Advisory Opinion will be forthcoming."

"I've read Attorney General Bellmard's opinion and have to agree. The integrity of our election process is of the utmost importance. We want to ensure that our elections are fair and that the voice of our people is heard. The cloud of doubt cast around the CNO election makes it virtually impossible for us to utilize the same vendors without having that same cloud of doubt," stated Bryan Shade, UKB Executive Director of Tribal Operations.

"Any time you have a controversy like this in Indian Country, all of Indian Country takes notice. When one tribe looks bad, we all look bad," said Shade.

UKB Education Higher Education Scholarship Apps Deadline September 1

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma college students need to turn in their Higher Education Scholarship applications by Thursday, September 1 at 5 p.m. for the fall semester. To qualify for a scholarship, students:

1. Must complete a UKB Education Application each academic year.
2. Shall make application for admittance to an accredited university or college.
3. Must apply for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA application) through the university or college's financial aid office. Student must provide documentation.
4. Shall submit a copy of their UKB tribal membership card; and their Social Security Card.
5. Shall submit an official transcript AND, a copy of their new class schedule.

Students attending college full-time will be awarded \$1,500 for each semester, \$750 at the beginning of the semester, and the remaining \$750 upon completion of the semester. Those attending part time will be awarded \$750, half the first of the semester and the remainder upon completion of the semester.

If you have questions or inquiries contact Della Wolfe, Sonja Hartness or Education Director Leroy Qualls, at the UKB education department @ 918-456-8698 ext. 116, ext. 132, or ext. 136.



The United Keetoowah Band School Voucher Program provided school age children with a gift card to purchase school supplies or clothing. Along with the vouchers the Child Care Development Fund distributed backpacks with school supplies to children four to twelve years of age. Photo by Thomas Jordan

Notice from UKB Human Service Department

We will not be providing appliances in any of our programs.

Mary Girty – Interim Director UKB Human Services Dept

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Choogie Kingfisher shares stories at Cherokee, North Carolina

What started out as a family vacation for Choogie Kingfisher and his family, soon turned into just another day at the office. Choogie is a Kituwah-Cherokee storyteller and travels extensively from coast to coast sharing the stories that he grew up with and some that he has heard growing up in the different communities in NE Oklahoma and Western North Carolina. "Growing up in communities such as Rocky Ford, Moodys, and Snowbird has truly been a blessing," Choogie said. "It has shown me just how special it is to grow up Keetoowah and to know what my people went through in order for me to be here and do what I do".

Because of Choogie's reputation as a storyteller and flute player and his many friendships made over the years, Choogie was asked to perform for the pre-show at the Unto These Hills Drama on July 7th and at the Fire Pit storytelling in the Oconaluftee Park on July 9th, both in Cherokee, NC. When asked what he thought about being asked to share his talents with our Eastern brothers Choogie said, "What a great honor to be able to travel to our homelands and be welcomed as I have been. It shows that no matter how many miles separate us as a people, we are still relatives. I want to thank Eddie Swimmer, Diamond Brown, Daniel Trumper, John-John Grant and the EBCI for being such gracious hosts and hope to return the favor when they come to visit us here. Wa-do/Shi-gi my brothers".



Choogie Kingfisher, UKB Language, History and Culture Interim Director, was invited to perform story telling at the Fire Pit in the Oconaluftee Park and at the "Unto These Hills" drama pre-show July 9, in Cherokee, North Carolina.

Cultural Classes on Tap in August

Beginning August 9 and again on August 16, the UKB Language, History and Culture department will offer Flat Reed basket making. Come and learn the ancient art of flat reed basket making from experienced teachers. This two-session workshop will end with participants taking home their own creation.

The workshop will cover starting a basket, materials needed, coloring, processing materials, and a brief history. Materials will be provided and you may contact UKB Language, History, and Culture department to confirm your participation.

The second session will be August 11 and 18 and will feature Keetoowah Tradition Keeper, Cindy Hair, as she instructs participants on how to weave a double walled basket. These two sessions will also cover history, colors, materials, and processing and participants will also be able to take home their basket at the end of class. Materials will also be provided and pre-enrollment is encouraged.

The third and final session for the month will be August 23 and 25 and will be Keetoowah Cherokee finger weaving by craftsman Wes Proctor. A very accomplished artisan and historian, Wes will teach a basic pattern of belt/sash and give a brief history of the sashes and their uses. Materials will be provided and pre-enrollment is encouraged.

All programs will be from 6pm until 9pm in the John Hair Museum Classroom located in front of the UKB Community Services Building at Keetoowah Circle off West Willis Road. Pre-enrollment is strongly encouraged. Interested persons can call the UKB Language, History and Culture department at 918.456.3960 or 918.772.4389 for more information.

3 on 3 Celebration Basketball Tournament September 29, 30 and October 1

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will present several athletic competitions as part of the 61st Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. Beginning Thursday, September 29 and running through Saturday, October 1, the tribe will host a 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

The divisions offered for a 5 person team includes: 5th and 6th grade girls, 5th and 6th grade boys, 7th and 8th grade girls and 7th and 8th grade boys. Proof of school grade is required.

The entry fee is \$50 per team. The first eight teams in each category will be accepted. Teams may begin signing up on September 6 and sign ups will continue through September 16. 1st,

2nd and 3rd place teams will be awarded prizes.

The Keetoowah Cherokee 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament site is the UKB Wellness Center Gym, located at Keetoowah Circle, Tahlequah, Oklahoma off South Muskogee Avenue, turn west on Willis Rd. (by Finish Line Convenience Store). The tournament will be held at the same location as last year; so be sure to bring a lawn chair.

The game times are Thursday, September 29 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, September 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct 1 from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Joe at (918) 918-207-7551 or Leroy at (918) 456-8698.

A special thanks to Rich Thompson

A special thanks goes to Charles (Rich) Thompson. Mr. Thompson donated six box fans to UKB elders and delivered them to the UKB Elder Nutrition Center office. He said he received back pay from the service and wanted to do something for Keetoowah elders and CNO elders. The Gaduwa Cherokee News salutes him for this act of generosity and kindness.

Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir

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Smith, Justus Smith, Ryle Smith, Forrest Smoke, Layne Smoke, and Emily Stapleton.

After a well received performance, the group got to sit in the audience and watch a performance of "Unto These Hills." The drama opened July 1, 1950, and is presented mid-June through late August each year, with average annual attendance of 100,000. Built by Cherokee stone masons and United States G.I. labor, the theatre is located on land where some of Cherokee history was written. A promotional piece describes the drama this way.

You can feel an ever so slight chill run up your spine. But it is not from the mountain winds shifting their direction in anticipation of the coming dusk, it is from your anticipation of the coming drama. It is a feeling millions before you have felt as the lights dim and you are transported back to the beginning of time, through the pageantry of one of the longest running outdoor dramas in the U.S. It is the same reaction visitors have had since the first performance of "Unto These Hills" nearly six million tickets ago. But it is also very different from the drama of days past. The show today has been rewritten to better portray the unique story of the Cherokee from a historical perspective. The new play traces the Cherokee people through the eons, through the zenith of their power, through the heartbreak of the Trail of Tears, finally ending, appropriately, in the present day, where the Cherokee people, much like their newly re-scripted drama, continue to rewrite their place in the world. A place based on traditional Cherokee values and modern sensibilities.

The next day, the kids got to float the river in inner tubes and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

No doubt, it was an experience they will remember the rest of their lives. The kids were so appreciative, they wrote letter of thanks to Chief George Wickliffe for allowing them to go on the trip.

Adults and parents who went along to chaperone included Dan Ballou, Carrie Grayson, Trisha Nichols, Laverna Stapleton, and choir director Janice Ballou. Norman "Hominy" Little-dave went along as the photographer as well as bus drivers Danny Hair and Richard Bailey, and van driver David Wickliffe.



Members of the VISTA Summer Associates wash cars for the elderly as part of their National Society of American Indian Elderly summer program. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Volunteers In Service To America Summer Associates are, back row left to right, Zach Smith, Sam Deere, Jake Proctor, Caleb Grimmett, Jeremy Deere, and Trenton McLemore. Front row left to right, Brenna McLemore, Roz Locust, Taylor Yochum, Stacey Hammer and Krissy Wilson. Photo by Thomas Jordan

2011 UKB Graduates



KINDERGARTEN

Mackenzie Lynn Buzzard

Mackenzie Lynn Buzzard, six year old daughter of Justin and Latisha Buzzard is a 2011 kindergarten graduate from Ketchum Elementary School. Mackenzie's favorite subjects in school were math, recess, music and homework. Her hobbies include playing with sister Mackayla, playing T-ball and riding horses. She is a member of the Cooweescoowee district.



Mackenzie Lynn Buzzard

Mackenzie wants to become a veterinarian when she grows up. Mackenzie's grandparents are Archie Buzzard and Linda Davis, Dotty and Larry Turner, Uncles Shane, Toby and Bryan, Aunt Lindsey and Cousins John-John and Clara.

EIGHTH GRADE

Makala Jo Littledeer

Makala Jo Littledeer, daughter of Nakima Littledeer, graduated from Dahlo-negheh School. Her honors included the Citizenship Award and Outstanding Leadership in Sports Award for the 8th grade class.



Makala Jo Littledeer

Her activities include basketball, softball, track, cheerleading, and 4-H. She plans to attend Stilwell High School in the fall.

HIGH SCHOOL

Taylor Reagan Allen

Taylor Reagan Allen is Keetoowah Cherokee living in Gilbert, Arizona with her mother Kelly Allen Wishom and younger brother Jordan Wishom. Her father is Cornell Hatcher of Manchester, Ct. Taylor graduated from Higley High School in Gilbert with a 3.95 GPA. She plans to attend the University of Arizona in Tucson and major in Investigative Journalism and minor in Theatre.



Taylor Reagan Allen

Taylor's hobbies include reading and singing. She was a member of Chamber Choir which is a competitive choir that competes throughout Arizona and California. She was vice president of the student body and has held an office position every year for the past four years in student council. She also became a part of the National Honor Society her junior year.

Taylor has many relatives living in Tahlequah and the Hulbert area. Her maternal grandmother is Sue Rogers and she is the great granddaughter of the late Carl and Linda Shade of Hulbert. Her paternal grandmother is Yvonne Hatcher of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her uncle is Sammy Allen of Tahlequah and her aunt is Nene Bluebird of Locust Grove.

We've Moved

If you need to get in touch with UKB Accounting Offices, the UKB Enrollment Office, or the Gaduwa Cherokee News and Media offices, we have all relocated to the UKB Community Services Building located at Keetoowah Circle off West Willis Road. For more information, call (918) 456-8698.



HIGH SCHOOL

Bethany Jean Barnhart

Bethany Jean Barnhart, 18, graduated from Locust Grove High School. She is the daughter of Sherry Barnhart of Locust Grove and David Barnhart of Broken Arrow. Her grandparents are Mary Ballou of Locust Grove and the late Vaughn Rowe of Locust Grove and the late Raymond Barnhart and the late Elizabeth Barnhart. She has one brother, Colton Barnhart, 22.



Bethany Jean Barnhart

Bethany excelled in academics at school and managed to complete ten honors classes as well as being a member of the National Honor Society, the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, the Academic team, the Native American Student Association and the Oklahoma Honor Society. She has also done volunteer work for numerous organizations.

Bethany received a special citation from Oklahoma State Representative Ben Sherrer and Senator Kim David for her academic accomplishments and leadership contributions.

Bethany will attend Northeastern State University this fall. She plans to major in math and education.

Joetta Dwayne Crittenden

Joetta Dwayne Crittenden graduated from Kansas High School. Her parents are Leola Stopp and Dwayne Crittenden. She is the granddaughter of Lola Crittenden, of Chewey, Oklahoma and Larry Crittenden of Kansas, Oklahoma.



Joetta Dwayne Crittenden

Her hobbies include photography, hanging with family and friends. She plans to attend school and get a good job.

Jeremiah Louis Daugherty

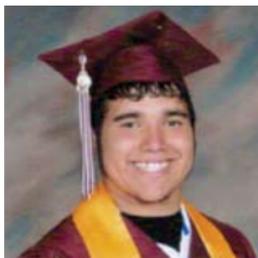
Jeremiah Louis Daugherty graduated from Salina High School. He is the son of Karma Lynn Sapp Daugherty.



Jeremiah Louis Daugherty

Tevin Andrew Keen

Tevin Andrew Keen is the son of Vanessa Fields of Oaks, Oklahoma and Bobby Keen, Jr. of Orange, Texas. He has a little sister, Kierra Fields. His grandparents are Selven and JoAnn Fields of Kansas, Oklahoma. Tevin attended classes at Oaks High School and was a member of the National Honor Society.



Tevin Andrew Keen

Tevin plans to attend NSU in Tahlequah this fall. He is undecided about his major at this time.

HIGH SCHOOL

Christian Taylor Proctor

Christian Taylor Proctor graduated from Kansas High School. Her activities included Kansas Native American club and athletics. Taylor was a member of the Lady Comets, state runner up basketball team, of which she was a starting guard.



Christian Taylor Proctor

She is the daughter of Crystal and Dewayne Proctor and the granddaughter of Phyllis and Sequoyah Proctor, Jr. of Salina, Oklahoma.

Taylor's future plans are to join the workforce and later attend NEO technology center and to continue to play independent basketball.

Kristin Danielle Walker

Kristin Danielle Walker graduated from Kansas High School. She is the daughter of Elmer and Nina Panther, and sister of Kyle Walker. Her grandparents are Rhonda Armstrong of Checotah, Oklahoma and Selven and JoAnn Fields of Kansas, Oklahoma.



Kristin Danielle Walker

Kristin plans on attending Bacone College to play softball and getting into nursing.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Susie Gonzales Bunch

Susie Gonzales Bunch graduated with honors with an Associate of Arts degree in Sociology and Psychology, as well as an Associate of Arts in Pre-Secondary Education from Carl Albert State College in Poteau, Oklahoma.



Susie Gonzales Bunch

Her parents are Emmott and Hazel (Kester) Gonzales. She has one brother, Steve Gonzales and four sons, Kyron Gonzales, Nate, Riley and Heath Bunch, and is married to Greg Bunch. Her grandparents are the late "Toss" and Betsy (Cochran) Gonzales and the late Junior and Reba (Green) Kester.

She enjoys playing the piano and singing as well as any kind of outdoor activities.

Susan plans on attending Northeastern State University in Tahlequah in the fall of 2011. She would like to obtain her master's degree in psychology and sociology and work with youth or veterans.

She said her father is a disabled veteran from the Vietnam Era and she feels there is a great need for both counseling and social services for all veterans. She also said there is a great need among our youth for counseling and social services. She would be honored to serve in either area.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Isaiah Thomas Teehee

Isaiah Thomas Teehee completed the administrative assistant program at Indian Capitol Technology Center in Stilwell. His parents are Albert and Marlene Teehee. His grandparents are Louella Duncan and the late John and Lydia Teehee. His siblings are Geronimo, Ashley, Tiffany and Jeresa.



Isaiah Thomas Teehee

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

From The Chief

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Sec. 1 Grants exclusive jurisdiction over estates valued \$2,500 or less to the Secretary of Indian Affairs (relates only to funds or securities); applies Oklahoma probate laws.

Sec. 2 Provides for collection, out of the estate, of a fee to be paid to the U.S Treasury.

60 Stat 976 An act relating to the Status of Keetoowah Indians. August 10, 1946

Sec. 1 Recognized Keetoowah as a Band within meaning of Sec. 3 of the OIWA.

61 Stat 731 An Act relative to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes August 4, 1947

Sec. 1 Removes all restrictions upon death of all Indians of Five Civilized Tribes; provided limits on all conveyances by Indians of 1/2 blood or more to be approved in open court. sub-sec (b) prevents removal to federal court.

Sec. 2 Relates determination of blood quantum to the final rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Sec. 3 Grants exclusive jurisdiction to State Court of all guardianship matters, administration of estates, probate and determination of heirs.

Sec. 5 Extends restrictions placed on funds and securities under supervision of secretary of Interior belonging to Indians of the 1/2 blood or more indefinitely.

Sec. 6 Limits tax exempt lands of Indians of 1/2 blood or more to 160 acres; specifically indicates that nothing in act will affect any tax exemption provided by OIWA.

Sec. 8 Provides that lands purchased with restricted funds will not be restricted unless deed specifically indicates that it was purchased with such funds.

Sec. 10 Provides that Sec. 2 of OIWA is amended to allow waiver of preference.

[note: Section 6(d)'s exception of tax exemptions granted under OIWA and IRA would seem to indicate or allow argument that Oklahoma tribes organized pursuant to OIWA are different or separate from Five Civilized Tribes and the Five Civilized Tribes Statutes do not apply. Application of such statutes is the reason Keetoowahs of less than 1/2 blood have not been able to have lands placed in trust]

84 Stat 1091 An act to authorize each of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma to popularly select their principal officers. October 22, 1970

Sec. 1 Authorized election of popular selection of

principal leaders of

Five Civilized Tribes; subjects procedures for selection to approval of Secretary of Interior. [note: This statute again indicates that bands or tribes organized under the OIWA are not part of the Five Civilized Tribes as they were granted the right to elect leadership upon recognition]

These statutes clearly show that the United Keetoowah Band is not specifically limited by any federal statute. However, they are limited by all statutes which generally limit the operation of all tribes, excepting the Five Civilized Tribes and the Osage statutes. Limiting statutes would include the IRA [48 Stat 984], OIWA §49 Stat 1967] and the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 [82 Stat 73] and the Indian Child Welfare Act [25 USC 1901]. The United Keetoowah Band would have an absolute right to all programs specifically designed for the benefit of Indians and tribes such as those found under the Snyder Act [25 USC 13] and the Indian Self Determination Act [P.L. 93-638]. Failure of the BIA to recognize these rights would be in violation of the trust responsibility and in violation of the specific federal statutes.

Wedding Announcement

Heather Woods and Mitch Vann will be married on Saturday, August 6 at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship Baptist Church in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

Heather is employed at Stilwell Memorial Hospital and Mitch is employed at Donald Vann Company.



Heather Woods and Mitch Vann

DeSha LaKay Canoe

Desha LaKay Canoe of Peavine School was named Outstanding Headstart/Pre-K student. DeSha is the daughter of Eric Canoe and Lyetta Bird and the granddaughter of Leo and Brenda Bird and Dexter and Jennie Taylor, all of Stilwell, Oklahoma. DeShae has been a UKB member since 2005.



Desha LaKay Canoe

Triple Crown Finalist

Oklahoma Crush, the 18 and under, All-Indian, Tahlequah girls fastpitch team, received Runner-up in Edmond, OK during the Triple Crown Tournament on June 4-6, 2011. There were thirty one 18 and under teams from across the US and Canada that met to play.

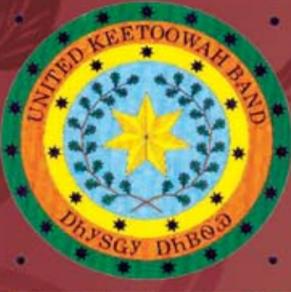
Oklahoma Crush was one of two teams to represent Oklahoma in the 18 and under division, when they played teams from Sandy, Utah; Littleton, Colorado; Kansas City, Missouri; and Columbia, Missouri, during the two day pool-play games. The Oklahoma Crush were seeded and placed in the Grand Slam bracket of the single elimination one day tournament on Monday.

Playing four back to back games in the 97 degree weather, these young ladies, ages 15-18, won games against Elkhorn, Nebraska; Kelowna, Canada; Omaha, Nebraska and until the 6th inning, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The final score was 3-1.

Congratulations to our very own "chicks from the sticks" for this very tough job well done. The girls played amazing and made some fantastic plays. We are very proud of you all. Just a little note: Ok Crush was the only team to score on New Mexico.



Front row: Kelsey Leach, Jessica Bluebird, Trinity Busby
2nd row: Shelby Sanders, Jamie Linch, Megan Towie, Sam Perry
Back row: Summer Cunningham, Jessica Blalock, Bayley Bedford and Erin Isham. Girls are coached by Dennis Bluebird and Mark Linch



Miss & Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant



Entry Deadline:
Wednesday, August 31

Pageant Date:
Thursday, September 8

Education Scholarships will be awarded to the winners



Help us encourage eligible young ladies to enter the competition. It is a great place to meet new people and make lasting friendships. Excellent learning experience. Awards presented to first, second, and third place. Participants must be between 13-17 years old for Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee and 18-21 years old for Miss Keetoowah Cherokee. Call (918) 456-8698 for more information.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Menus are subject to change without notice. For more info call: 918-772-4380	1. Chicken Strips Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Hot Rolls Salad & Dessert	2. White Beans w/ Bacon, Greens, Diced Potatoes Cornbread Salad & Dessert	3. Baked Potato w/ fixings, Grilled Veggies Breadsticks Salad & Dessert	4. BBQ Bologna Baked Beans Potato Salad Corn, Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	5. Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00	6.
7.	8. Sour Kraut & Weenies, Black-eyed Peas Biscuit Salad & Dessert	9. Roast Beef on Texas Toast Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Carrots Salad & Dessert	10. Enchiladas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad & Dessert	11. Pizza Green Beans Broccoli Salad Dessert	12. Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00	13.
14.	15. Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Green Beans Garlic Toast Salad & Dessert	16. Brown Beans Diced potato Spinach, Jalapeno Cornbread, Salad & Dessert	17. BBQ Chicken Potato Salad Baked Beans Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	18. Catfish Scalloped Potatoes Corn, Coleslaw Hushpuppies Dessert	19. "Fishing Day" 11:30 - ? 	20.
21.	22. Baked Ham Sweet Potatoes Hominy Cheese Biscuit Salad & Dessert	23. Stuffed Peppers Rice, Tomato Zucchini Bread Sticks	24. Smoked Sausage w/ Cabbage Black-eyed Peas Cornbread Salad & Dessert	25. Cultural Day August Birthdays 	26. Closed For Cleaning 	27.
28.	29. Sloppy Joes Potatoe Salad Baked Beans Salad & dessert	30. Chicken & Dumplings Mixed Vegetables Biscuit Salad & Dessert	31. Chicken Fried Steak, Masked Potato w/ gravy Carrots Hot Rolls Salad & Dessert			Milk, Tea, Coffee & Water Served Daily During Lunch

UKB Regular May Council Meeting Minutes

**UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At the UKB Community Services Building
May 07, 2011
10:03 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.**

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Sammy Still

III. Roll Call: 12 + Chief answered Roll Call

IV. Chief's Address

- My address will not be that long. I will also ask Council to approve to go into Executive Session.
- It is a very important time we are living in. Right now it is hard to understand our trust land application went all the way to the White House. It won't be very long until we will be rejoicing and getting ready to kill that buffalo. It is a very exciting time for the UKB. It took us a long time to get to where we are but we didn't get there by lying. The elders provided us with enough history to continue this journey.
- We are getting attention in Washington, D.C. We have all the documentation to provide to people to let them know who the UKB people are. We had a comment from another tribe. They said if it can't be done call on the UKB. This has opened doors for small tribes.
- We are looking forward to receiving approval for our trust land application. Back when I ran for election, we had ideas to work together as a team.
- We had been eligible for many years to have land in trust.
- We are traditional people. We are not selfish people. We believe in God.
- Despite the many battles we have faced in court cases and attacks in newspapers and other media, many people are still with us today. They do know who the UKB people are and they continue to stand by us.
- June 24, 2009 up to now is the time frame it took to get to where we are today to get our trust land application approved. It is a great time to be a member of the UKB! On that note let's continue the meeting.

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of April 2011

1. MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to approve the Regular Council minutes of April 2011; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

VI. Presentations -

1. Betty Holcomb: (Tag issue)
Received an anonymous letter and would like to read it to Council. Would this be alright?
Chief Wickliffe: stated there were some questions regarding a board member who was allowed to

purchase a tag as a novelty tag. This board member is a non-member.

Sacks: There is no reason why a person cannot purchase a tag.

Dotson: I believe we should ask to have this tag returned for credibility. My people do not like that a non-member has purchased a tag.

Girty: asked for more explanation.
Sacks: previous Council kind of had this same issue.
Duncan: I don't think this is right. It will come back to us (Council and tribe).

Sacks: I don't think it will come back to us.
Holcomb: let's check into this please. We just don't need to have the tribe get into a legal issue.

Duncan: let's don't lose our credibility.
Wofford: Can this be brought to the board or Tax Commission?

K. Bellmard: this is a tax commission issue now. The commissioners should review this.

Hawk: stated she would bring this to the tax commissioners and have the item on their agenda at the next meeting.

Dotson: stated Chief and Charlie have done many great things to get our tribe to where we are today, but let's don't lose our credibility on this tag issue. I am against it completely. Having a non-member receive a UKB tag is not right.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION:
In summary this issue will be brought back to tax commissioners for review.

Girty and Worley: stated we should have the tax commissioners review this issue.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Ken Bellmard: Codes Project
- There will be an internet workshop on May 24th; the final ideas on all codes before Council review. We may want to focus on criminal codes a little more.
- Provision on all codes so they don't conflict with the others.
- Holcomb: I am curious about a property and the UKB owns this property.
- Hansen: I went to a tribal historic meeting. It was very informative. One question addressed is land (restricted) and would be great if UKB could have our tribe represented at these meetings. He would also like to recognize Lisa LaRue on a job well done.
- Christie: he would like to thank the administration for helping some families during the floods at the Chewey community.
- Duncan: thanked the administration for letting me attend the self-governance conference
2. Enrollment Report: Joyce Hawk
MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept and approve 21 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge and honor 9 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Joyce Hawk informed Tom Duncan that he has been selected to be a member of the Enrollment Committee.

VIII. Public Forum

1. Leroy Qualls:
Introduced himself.
I am the Education Director for the UKB. I have been here for about two weeks now.

I have 33 years experience in education. I was raised in the Nicut community. I can see the UKB has a big heart for the people and I would like to be a part of that team.

2. Joyce Hawk:
I would like to wish all the mothers a "Happy Mother's Day" and I brought a flower arrangement. Due to the demand on all the flower shops I was only able to get one so we will have a drawing for this arrangement. Ken would you please draw a name? Congratulations to Georgia Hogner. She is the winner of the Mother's Day gift. Please remember your mothers tomorrow.

IX. Unfinished Business – NONE

X. New Business – NONE

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to enter into Executive Sessions, session to include Attorney General Ken Bellmard (TIME: 11:51 AM); SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to exit from Executive Sessions and return to regular session (TIME: 12:47 PM); SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to authorize the expenditure of up to \$865,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring property to be developed by the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma and borrow \$778,500.00 from Bank of Cherokee County secured by a mortgage on said property; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to authorize the transfer of \$250,000.00 of the United Keetoowah Band reserve funds to the United Keetoowah Band general funds FY 2011; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

XI. Announcements -

XII. Benediction: Tom Duncan

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Barry Dostson; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; Approve by affirmation: 1:05 PM

UKB Regular June Council Meeting Minutes

**UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At the UKB Community Services Building
June 04, 2011
10:04 a.m. – 1:27 p.m.**

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Tom Duncan

III. Roll Call: 10 + Chief answered Roll Call; Hansen and Smoke absent at call

IV. Chief's Address

- Official minutes are taken by the Secretary, drafted then given to Council to review. These are official after passed by Council. During last month's meeting incorrect minutes were noted and posted to the public. Some notes may be taken but we want to stress they are not the official minutes.

- We just came back from Washington, D.C. Smoke and Hansen arrived at 10:10 AM

- When Bryan arrives he is going to have a grant to request. We are reapplying for an Education grant due to the trust decision.

- We were told in D.C. by the Bureau we qualify for many programs with the result of the trust decision. We have a solid decision. We are guided by our history with documentation to support our history. People depend on us (UKB) administration and Council to make good decisions. I would like for us to have a meaningful meeting and with good intentions to progress forward and take care of our UKB people. We must stay united as we have been doing and as a tribe to move forward.
- This is the happiest time of our lives. We have been granted trust land.

- We should be proud of what we have accomplished.

- Robert Whitekiller: Sure proud of you, Chief and Charlie.

- Chief Wickliffe: We have made a lot of progress. Robert, now is the time we talk about the buffalo! We just need to be careful on notes, let's talk about the good things. The Bureau stated to go ahead and move forward; start applying for more grants. The UKB has 76 acres in trust. We are not slowing down. We have overcome a bumpy ride. There were briefs filed and for each one we had an answer. We have the right to argue our sovereignty and our federal side,

Which we will call phase 2. The Federal Government has made their decision to put our 76 acres into trust.

We want to be in a position to be able to give our youth an education to help enhance their capabilities to learn as much as they can. We do everything to help our elders, children and keep our culture.

Let's just all be happy for we have accomplished! Something historical that has been a long time coming!! Anyway, let's continue with our agenda.

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of May 2011

1. MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to approve the Regular Council minutes of May 2011; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 11 Yes, 1 No (Sacks), 0 Abstentions.

Dotson: I have a problem with the minutes. Last meeting we discussed the tag issue.

Chief Wickliffe: There have been no "free tags" given. We have an Attorney General to address this issue.

K. Bellmard: I investigated this issue. The tag agency has issued a letter of regulations and legal is to be contacted as instructed from legal opinion.

Holcomb: Let's just lump all our problems together and get them resolved. I'd also like to request an Organizational Chart be given to each Council member. That is very important to have.

Bryan Shade: the Organizational Chart does exist and has some changes. We will make necessary changes and distribute to Council as requested.

Dotson: The Lighthouse Police Chief is temporary only, right? If that is true, then why has it been such a long "temporary" time frame?

Chief Wickliffe: We were waiting on the trust answer. The "temporary" issue has already been resolved.

Dotson: I would like for the Council meetings to be moved back over to the Jim Proctor Elder Center, we are discouraging people from attending the meeting. Therefore, can we move the meeting to a bigger setting like the Jim Proctor Elder Center?

Holcomb: I would like documentation on this tag issue in writing.

Hawk: stated the Tax Commission with legal will have tag agents prepare the requested documents related to the tag issue and have this request on the agenda at the next meeting of the Tax Commission.

Girty: asked about a gift shop. People are asking about the means of a gift shop to open again. People have crafts they would like to sell.

Locust: There were a few problems with the gift shop. We had a back-log as well as members selling their crafts from areas outside of the gift shop for cheaper prices.

Girty: three ladies are asking me about the availability of employment within the tribe. Also who do the air conditioners get distributed to? I understand we need to provide for the elders and the disabled, but do we also help out members who are not elderly?

Bryan Shade: currently the program is designed for elders and it would take an act of Council to modify the program.

Girty: I understand, still a need of those who don't fall in that category.

Chief Wickliffe: we were in a meeting with B.I.A., there are a lot of programs we (UKB) are able to apply for now. I.H.S. also has been discussed and we have been heard and the B.I.A. knows of the difficulties. I.H.S. negotiations are in the next area we will be working on with Artman and the Bureau.

VI. Presentations -

1. Bryan Shade:
I have an item in "presentations" to present to Council if I may at this time?

Due to the deadline of the 20th to be on the agenda, and the trust land signature granting us trust, I need a resolution for an Education grant/Higher Education. Back in 2009 we applied for this grant but were denied based on jurisdiction. Since we have the land in trust we can re-apply but need to pass today to meet deadlines. It is for a 638 program.

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve authorization to enter into negotiations with the Bureau of Indian Education for FY 2012 Indian Education Funds; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. Craig Legner: Audit (Standfield and O'Dell)
Shared the results of the audit.

You, as a tribe, received the highest possible rating you can receive. There are no weaknesses in the

internal controls. There are no compliance issues.

K. Bellmard: these are independent auditors by the way.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Joyce Hawk
MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept and approve 10 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.
MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge and honor 7 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Also due to the tribal offices being closed on July 1st, the regular Council meeting scheduled would be July 2nd; therefore, I ask Council to move the meeting to the 9th due to the July 4th weekend.

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve to move the July Council meeting to July 9th due to the Independence Day holiday being the first Saturday of the month; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

VIII. Public Forum

1. Barry Dotson: Trust Celebration Transportation
I would like for my people to attend this celebration. I would appreciate any type of assistance.

Also has there been any further development as far as the propane business? Can someone give us an update?

Ella Mae Worley: Mr. James Walters and I did meet with E.D.A. and due to the bid and business going through E.D.A. discussion; she stated right now we are not able to do business at this time. The timeframe has been 6 months or longer and this cannot be negotiated.

Dotson: bids would be more appropriate on propane issue.

Bryan Shade: data would be prepared on value, bids and procedure on how tanks are supplied and how the company functions on money to obtain gas, with prices going up and down. Bids stand firm. Propane is expensive right now!

Duncan: propane could be discounted if we have an agreement with the company. I'm working on this in my district (Flint).

Locust: work with Bryan to get numbers on LIHEAP service to members. Get a count of how many are receiving services.

K. Bellmard: this would be a Motor Fuels compact.

2. Willie Christie: Community Cellar for Goingsnake District
At the Oaks meeting of Goingsnake district, people wanted to know if a community cellar/building could be built for UKB to meet/use.

Chief Wickliffe: asked Bryan Shade if there were any opportunities to find monies for such a building after seeing the devastation in Joplin.

Bryan Shade: F.E.M.A. shelter was used in Lost City but they aren't everywhere.

3. Sheila Henson: (audience member)
Gave a brief summary of why she chose Indian Law to study. She is an exclusive UKB member. She also gave a brief background of her grandfather. She also apologized and let everyone know she meant no

Keetoowah Cherokee Choir in North Carolina



The United Keetoowah Band Cherokee Youth Choir witnessed first hand of native Cherokees handcrafting bead work and other crafts as they toured the Oconaluftee Indian Village. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave



The Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir toured the Oconaluftee Indian Village in Cherokee, North Carolina. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave



Members of the Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir (photo left) take time out for a group photo at the Cumberland Gap overlook during their recent trip to Cherokee, North Carolina. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave



The nineteen member Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir performed at the 24th Annual Snow Bird Gospel Singing near Cherokee, North Carolina. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave



UKB tribal youth choir enjoy an evening as they attend the "Unto These Hills" drama in Cherokee, North Carolina. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave



Eastern Band Cherokee members gathered at the 24th Annual Snow Bird Gospel Singing to listen to the Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir as they sang Cherokee hymns in their native language. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave



United Keetoowah Band Tribal Administration and staff of the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino celebrate their Silver Anniversary. The casino began as a Bingo Hall, one of the first in the state of Oklahoma, later adding Class II electronic games; it has been in operation for over 25 years. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave

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**Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
2nd Saturday of the month 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

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disrespect. She was just stating her opinion.

4. Charles Locust:

Due to our trust land decision, please understand we have great opportunity to move forward and fast. Just understand their will be propaganda to make false statements about UKB. Be alert because they will still try to knock us down. It is merely a stall tactic. Remember we are stronger than ever!!

Holcomb: we should move on with honor and dignity
Chief Wickliffe: we are sitting on trust land as we meet today! We are the Cherokee people!

5. John Hair:

Elderly committee is asking for help. The committee meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We appreciate Council attendance. I'm very happy today. We have accountability, trust land, great audits. People, you've made some good choices. The Council you see sitting here has worked hard and has been elected by you. Now look at what they have accomplished. I am happy to see all this for our tribe. Thank you!

Chief Wickliffe: I concur with John. We do care for our elderly, not only them but all our members. John has been and seen the past from passing the hat to now, accountability to make movement progress forward.

IX. Unfinished Business – NONE

X. New Business

1. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove to rescind the sub-charter issued May 4, 1996 as resolution #96-UKB-08 and issued to "Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokees."

Due to a past election a candidate ran for office but was the chief for the Georgia Tribe; therefore, they had concern so we felt like we need to rescind this resolution pertaining to this item.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to rescind the sub-charter issued May 4, 1996 as resolution #96-UKB-08 and issued to "Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokees.;" SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant FY 2011 (ICDBG) in the amount of \$800,000.00 for a Public Facilities project-Tribal Transit Facility.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant FY 2011 (ICDBG) in the amount of \$800,000.00 for a Public Facilities project-Tribal Transit Facility; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

3. Tribal Audit – Craig Legner

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to enter into Executive Sessions, session to include Attorney General Ken Bellmard (TIME: 12:04 PM); SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Charles Locust to exit from Executive Sessions and return to regular session (TIME: 12:37 PM); SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Charles Locust to accept the report of audit for FY 2010 and engaging for FY 2011; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Chief Wickliffe: We need to discuss and plan our day to celebrate our "Trust Land" which is an historic day! We will set it for June 25, 2011 at 6:00 PM at our pavilion. Council agrees with the scheduled date, special projects coordinator will plan the upcoming event.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve to have the Council meetings moved to the Jim Proctor Elder Center; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

XI. Announcements

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Eddie Sacks; SECONDED by Willie Christie; Approve by affirmation: 1:27 PM