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Keetoowah Cherokees have many reasons to rejoice at 61st Annual Celebration

When the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma come together on September 30 and October 1, there will be many reasons to celebrate.

First of all, they will celebrate the fact that the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is no longer a landless tribe, thanks to an important decision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In a ten-page decision issued on May 24, 2011, the BIA announced its approval for the United States to take 76 acres of land into trust for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, a federally-chartered corporation under Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act. The Tribe submitted its application to have the lands taken into trust in June 2004.

The parcel of land is located in Tahlequah, and is home to the tribe's sacred dance grounds, its community gathering and celebration place, site of its elder center and other government buildings.

Although there have been numerous contributions by many individuals over many years to accomplish getting land in trust, there is no doubt that the leadership of Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust was a vital force in making things happen.

Chief Wickliffe, a former school superintendent and educator with many years experience as an administrator and a man with an affinity and knowledge of history, and Assistant Chief Locust, who brought experience in tribal administration, gaming and fiscal responsibility to his position, were both key in this major accomplishment.

Through regular trips to visit officials in Washington D.C. and an awareness of the importance of good legal representation, the history of the traditional Keetoowah Cherokee people was made known to many leaders and decision makers in Washington, D.C.

The tribes increased financial stability and financial management capability and credibility through flawless audits also contributed to the success, highlighted by a self-governance compact in spring of 2010.



Cornstalk Shoot is always a popular event at the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. Men, women and youth compete in their category for first place and bragging rights as Cornstalk Shoot Champions. Photo by Melvin Thomas Jordan

The late Joseph Burton DeLaCruz, former president of the National Congress of the American Indian said, "No right is more sacred to a nation, to a people, than the right to freely determine its social, economic, political and cultural future without external interference. The fullest expression of this right occurs when a nation freely governs itself."

The tribe also commemorates the ratification of the UKB Constitution and the UKB Corporate charter on October 3, 1950. Many elders, leaders and tribal members have worked for decades to accomplish getting their land in trust.

Another reason to celebrate is the opening of the John Hair Cultural Center and Museum. Former Chief John Hair has made many contributions, both personal and financial to make sure the tribe continued to move forward.

And of course, as always, the tribe celebrates their traditions and culture, along with the elders and tomorrow's promise, the youth.

Looking at the elements that make up the

logo for this year's celebration, one will notice hands, fire, and the Phoenix. In the Constitution and By-Laws of the Original Keetoowah Society of 1859 it is made apparent that "We worship God, and we shall be loyal to that."

Thus the hands represent God and the gifts he has given to the Keetoowahs. A special gift from God is the element of fire, where the Keetoowah people began.

Rising up from the fire is the Phoenix. The phoenix is a mythological creature that would, at end of its life cycle, ignite itself and burn to ashes. From the ashes a new, young phoenix would arise thus bringing new life. This new life, or rebirth, rings true to the Keetoowah Nation. We have reached many milestones and are continuing to grow as a strong nation.

A major event that allowed this rebirth is the accomplishment of gaining the right to put land in trust, which the tribe obtained this year after many uphill battles.

John Hair Museum and Cultural Center opens for UKB celebration

Nearly a year and a half after breaking ground on the John Hair Museum and Cultural Center, the tribe is ready to open the museum to the public during the annual United Keetoowah Band's celebration.

In a continuing tradition of naming buildings after influential Keetoowah leaders and members, the tribe decided to honor John Hair, former UKB chief, by naming the building after him.

Chief George Wickliffe said the museum is being named for John hair because he worked and devoted most of his life for the Gaduwa Cherokee cause. He unselfishly worked without pay to continue the Keetoowah Cherokee traditions and preserved all the documentation the tribe has today.

"When I think of all our Keetoowah history, archives and documents that will be preserved and housed in one location, I think of John Hair," said Assistant Chief Charles Locust. "Mr. Hair is the one person that led us here today using his own personal finances to keep the United Keetoowah Band tribe active. Who else is more deserving by honoring John's name on the new Multi Purpose Cultural Center Museum that will house our historical documents. John is one of the leading individuals that have kept the tribe active; this is why I felt he would be the perfect individual to be honored."

During Hair's tenure as a Keetoowah chief, he fought for self-governance and land in



Opening for the new John Hair Museum and Cultural Center is scheduled for October 1, 2011, during the 61st Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. Photo by Thomas Jordan

trust status for the tribe. Both of which were finally achieved in the past year, with the land-in-trust application being signed May 24.

Hair was also instrumental in purchasing the building and land where the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino now sits.

In a recent council meeting, Hair said, at the time, the property housed a lumber yard and its owners were retiring and wanted to sell the land to the Keetoowahs. He met with other Keetoowah leaders and prayed about the decision to buy the property and turn it into a Bingo hall. They agreed and borrowed the money to buy the property and converted it into Keetoowah Bingo.

That Bingo hall, eventually, was transformed into a casino and provides the tribe with necessary operating funds. And with a portion of those funds, the tribe is operating the new museum to the benefit of the public.

The museum's mission statement is: To educate the public about the history, customs and traditions of the Keetoowah Cherokee people; keep activities and exhibits current and provide educational experiences that are truly pleasant for all ages.

Ernestine Berry, interim museum director,

said in order to do that, the John Hair Cultural Center and Museum is collecting records and papers, ephemera, photos, artifacts, copies of publications and other items dealing with the history of the tribe and its people. Many for the first time, will gain knowledge of the Keetoowah Cherokee historical facts. Additionally, the museum will help to establish and strengthen the Keetoowah Cherokee tribal identity. The initial display is an overview of Keetoowah Cherokee History.

For right now, the museum has a staff of two. Berry and Wesley Proctor, archivist.

Berry is a long-time Keetoowah Cherokee and a returning member of the staff. She served as a volunteer from 1991 to 1995, tribal secretary from 2000 to 2004 and as tribal historian during that time. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tulsa in Art Education and a master's degree in Education Administration from NSU.

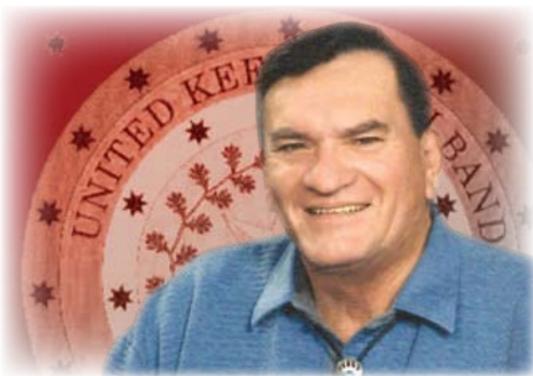
Berry said she was interested in Keetoowah Cherokee history for years and spent many hours collecting documents from libraries and various individuals regarding the history.

Once open, the museum's operating times are Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe



Dear Tribal Members,

In a booklet entitled "American Indians and their Federal Relationship," 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.

In the past two months, we have covered Powers, Rights, and Limitations of the UKB under Federal Law and and Federal Statutes Applicable to the UKB. This chapter covers the Cherokee Treaties.

CHEROKEE TREATIES

As with federal statutes, limitations found in Treaties often continue to limit the powers and rights of the tribes subject to the treaties. The Cherokee have an extensive treaty history with the United States. As descendants of and persons who were citizens of the Cherokee Nations, both East and West; the UKB membership is to be considered successors to all rights guaranteed under such

treaties. The main difference between the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and the UKB is that the Cherokee Nation's treaty history was broken by the Civil War and prior treaty rights only exist through affirmation under the treaty of 1866. Arguably the UKB's treaty history was not broken due to the Keetoowah alliance with the U.S. during that war.

This section consists of brief explanations of each of the major Cherokee Treaties.

Hopewell Treaty (1785)

Under this treaty the Cherokee acknowledged that they were under the protection of the U.S. and would have no other alliance with any other sovereign. Article IV set the boundaries of the Cherokee territory. Article V excluded non-Indians from settlement in Cherokee Country. Article VI provided that any person, Indian or non-Indian who committed a crime against a citizen of the U.S., or any other person under its protection, should be turned over to the U.S. for punishment. Article VIII provided that citizens of the U.S. who commit capital crimes against Indians shall be punished by the U.S. as if the victim had been a citizen of the U.S. Articles IX and X provided for the regulation of trade with the Cherokee by the United States.

Holston Treaty (1791)

This treaty basically restated the provisions of the Hopewell Treaty but also reduced the territory of the Cherokee, by re-defining boundaries, in return for "valuable gifts" and an annuity of \$1,000 per year. In addition the U.S. promised to prohibit hunting and travel by U.S. Citizens, from the Washington District to the Metro District, and for free navigation of the Tennessee River. On Feb. 17, 1792 an amendment to the treaty changed the annuity from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Treaty of 1794

This treaty purported to correct problems with the Treaty of 1791 (Holston Treaty). Article I reaffirmed the Treaty of Holston. Article II required that the boundaries designated by the 1791 treaty by actually marked. Article III changed the Hopewell annuity to \$5,000 yearly, but required that it be used to furnish "good suitable for their use". In addition the treaty provided that for each house stolen by a Cherokee the sum of \$50.00 would be deducted from the annuity.

Treaty of 1798

This treaty was made pursuant to the failure of marking boundaries established by Treaty of Holston and settlement of U.S. citizens on Cherokee lands. It acknowledged Hopewell, Holston and 1794 treaties and the boundaries set by Holson, except where altered by provisions of the treaty. The treaty again required cession of lands and required new boundaries to be marked. The treaty required an immediate payment of \$5,000 worth of merchandise and other goods to the Cherokee and increased the annuity to \$6,000. Travel by U.S. citizens on Kentucky Road was guaranteed and the Cherokee were allowed to retain hunting rights on lands relinquished by the treaty as long as the land was not settled extensively. The cost of stolen horses was raised to \$60 and the penalty was also applied to whites stealing horses from the Cherokee.

Treaty of 1804

The treaty dealt with cession of lands guaranteed to the Cherokee in the Treaty of 1798. Such cession was in return for delivery of goods, etc., in the amount of \$5,000 and an increase in the annuity to \$7,000.

Treaty of 1805 (Oct. 25)

Again, this treaty was solely for the purpose of cession of lands. It specifically recognized and carried forth all prior treaties. Under the terms of the treaty the Cherokee were to receive a total of \$14,000 within 90 days of ratification and an increase in the annuity to \$10,000. The treaty guaranteed the use of two more roads to the U.S. Citizens.

Treaty of 1805 (Oct. 27)

This treaty ceded land for the use of the Tennessee assembly in return for payment of \$1,600 in money or goods. It also opened another road to travel by U.S. citizens.

Treaty of 1806

This is another treaty which was solely for the cession of land. Payment to be made was

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Notice of Office Closings

UKB Tribal Offices Closed September 26

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed on Monday, September 26 in preparation for the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration September 30 and October 1. Tribal offices will re-open on Tuesday, September 27 at 8:30 a.m.

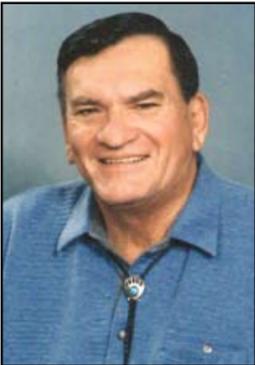
UKB Tribal Offices Closed October 3

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed on Monday, October 3 in observation of Keetoowah Cherokee Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, October 4 at 8:30 a.m.

UKB Tribal Offices Closed October 10

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed on Monday, October 10 in observation of Native American Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, October 11 at 8:30 a.m.

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Mickey Spears named UKB Lighthouse Director and Investigator

On August 10, 2011, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma announced that Mickey Spears has been named the UKB Lighthouse Director and Investigator, effective immediately. Lighthouse is the Keetoowah Cherokees name for their tribal police.

Spears was named to this position after working for the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino for the past six years. He began his stint with the tribe working the first two years as the Chief of Security, before being named the Surveillance Director working under the UKB Gaming Commission.

Spears began his career in law enforcement in 1985, when he became a state certified officer working for the Cherokee County Sheriff's department. He also drove an ambulance, back when the ambulance service was under the umbrella at the Tahlequah Police department. In addition, he served as parking meters officer.

United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe said, "Mickey brings a wealth of experience and relationships to any position. He has a lot of experience working with tribal police forces, as well as doing investigations and has worked in conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs many times."

"I have all the faith in the world that Mickey will get the job done. He will be working in conjunction with Lighthouse Captain Chris Thompson. Our Lighthouse police will be working the entire 14 county area," said Chief Wickliffe.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust said, "Mickey has an impressive background and has devel-

oped an excellent relationship with the BIA."

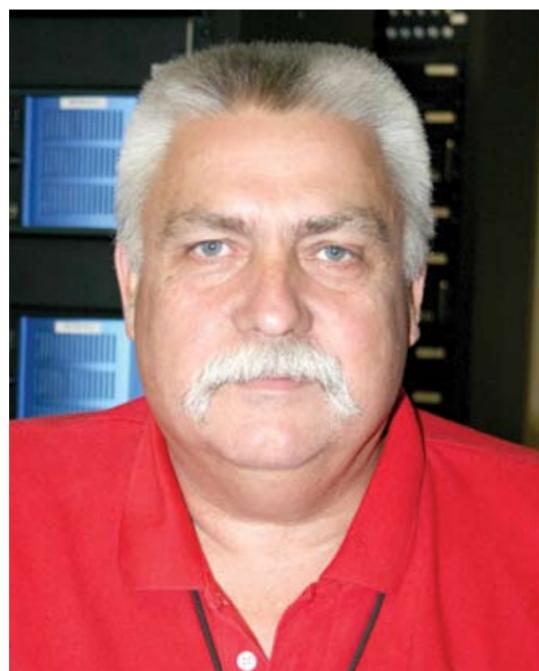
Spears said he is looking forward to the new challenge. "I've always done law enforcement. It's in my blood. Every time I hear a siren, be it a police car, fire truck or ambulance, I want to go with them to try and help. It's a natural tendency for me to try and help people in our community if I can."

Mickey has helped a lot of Keetoowah Cherokee tribal members and community members, even though his deeds went outside the realm of his job description. During the massive ice storm of 2007 and the lesser storm of 2009, the United Keetoowah Band came to the rescue for tribal members who were trapped in their homes with no heat, food or water.

"It's the Keetoowah Cherokee way, helping others," explained UKB Media Director Sammy Still. "Under Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust's direction, Mickey headed up that operation. He took food and water to people, set up generators in community buildings or churches to provide warmth for many families.

He also helped clear fallen timber off their driveways. And the tribe helped anyone who needed help in the community, they didn't ask for a tribal membership card. If people needed help, the UKB administration and council along with Mickey and his crew were happy to serve them," said Still.

Besides his outstanding history as a law enforcement officer, Mickey is also an excellent cook. He and his crew have taken first place in



Mickey Spears

the Red Fern Festival Chili Cook-off for the past five years, or since it began. He and his wife have also won or placed several times in the barbecue cook-off. He has provided good food for UKB appreciation days, celebrations and the recent "Day of Champions" football camp.

Mickey is married to Terris Spears, his wife of 36 years. They have two daughters, one son and six grandchildren.

Child Development Center organizes health and safety fair

The Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center (CDC) organized a Health and Safety Fair for children Aug. 5 at the Wellness Center at the United Keetoowah Band Tribal Complex.

The fair brought in members of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), who applied temporary tattoos and gave out safety pamphlets; dental assistants from McConnell's Dentistry, who gave out toothpaste and toothbrushes; Lisa West, CNO Environmental Health; and two CNO Public Health Nurses, who gave out pamphlets on healthy children.

Also, arriving to the delight of the children was Tahlequah Police Officer Todd Cornes and his K-9 partner, Officer Duke. Cornes taught the children how to properly pet Duke and how to never look a strange dog in the eye as that is seen as a challenge to the dog and can end up with someone getting bitten.

CDC brought in two inflatables for children, and sometimes adults, to jump in.

CDC staff served hotdogs, chips, drinks, cantaloupe and watermelon to participants.

Lala Durossette, CDC director, Maggie Jones, CCDF intake specialist, Pamela Birmelin, Licensing & Quality coordinator, Chris Stopp, maintenance, Shannon Tiger, master teacher, Christie Kirk, master teacher, and Kim Hair, master teacher, are the ones who organized the fair.

"I just want to say thank you to all that attended and thank you to all the child care employees for putting the fair together," said Durossette. "We look forward to planning the 5th Annual Health and Safety Fair and are open to suggestions from the community on what kind of information they would like presented next year."

Forty three children from CDC and the community attended this year's fair.



Carrie Scharbo, dental assistant, and Elizabeth Stillwell, dental assistant, from Dr. McConnell's Dentistry hand out toothpaste and toothbrushes to all the children who participated in the fair. Photo by Thomas Jordan

Volunteers in Service to America Serve Keetoowahs

The United Keetoowah Band benefited from a few extra hands this summer. Eleven Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) Summer Associates were brought in through the National Society of American Indian Elderly for the summer.

This is the third year the UKB participated in the eight-week program.

This year's summer associates were Jeremy Deere, Sam Deere, Caleb Grimmert, Stacy Hammer, Rozlyn Locust, Brenna McLemore, Trenton McLemore, Jake Proctor, Zachary Smith, Kristine Wilson and Taylor Yochum.

Most of them are college students, but one of them, Sam Deere, is an Oklahoma Baptist University graduate and another one, Smith, attends Cave Springs High School. The rest attend college at Northeastern State University, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Arkansas.

Sam Deere is the only returning summer associate, but most of them plan on returning next year for another round.

The summer associates performed manual labor, usually at the benefit of elders, such as yard work, clearing fences, mowing, trimming trees, washing cars, moving furniture, helping with the Meals on Wheels program, working on the UKB walking trail, getting elders and staff involved in walking for exercise, working in the community garden and, at the Land in Trust Celebration, setting up and taking down tables and chairs.

Most of this work was, of course, done outdoors in the heat and most of the summer associates said they could do without the heat, chiggers and in one case some supposedly wild pit bulls (while one person complained of the dogs, several other summer associates said the only danger the dogs imposed was licking someone to death; there was a lot of laughter on this subject).

Most of them said they have fun despite the heat and hard work. They were given responsibility with the knowledge that they are still young and that makes a difference. This is not like regular summer jobs even though they worked regular job hours.

Georgia Dick, Grants director and VISTA Summer Associate supervisor, said she tried to make sure the summer associates did the harder work in the cooler morning hours so they would not get overheated.

And, while the summer associates performed plenty of manual labor, they also got to have a little fun by way of cultural experiences. On Fridays, the group learned a cultural activity to help elders with or teach to children such as crepe paper flowers, baskets, history and crawdad hunting.

During the cultural activities and jobs that brought the associates into contact with elders, the associates developed memories that stay with them.

Brenna McLemore said when she helped with the Meals on Wheels program the people would light up when she brought their food to them.

Yochum said she enjoyed listening to the elders' stories. "They're really funny."

Wilson said the elders really enjoyed watching the summer associates work in the elder garden. They told her that the plants grew better because of their work.

Besides the development of a good work ethic and plenty of memories, the summer associates received \$200 a week for living allowances and approximately \$1,100 toward school costs or school loan payments.

Dick said while she does not have anything negative to say about past groups, and they were some good ones, this was the best group over all.



Volunteers In Service To America Summer Associates are, back row, left to right, Zach Smith, Sam Deere, Jake Proctor, Caleb Grimmert, 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

61st Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration

Pre-Celebration Events

Miss & Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant set for September 8

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma would like to invite the public to attend the Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant. The pageant will be held on Thursday, September 8th, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center, 100 North Water Street, Tahlequah, OK.

Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee will represent the tribe as a good-will ambassador during her reign. Education Scholarships will be awarded to the winner, first, second and third runners up of \$2,000, \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 for Miss Keetoowah Cherokee and \$300, \$200, and \$100 for Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee.

For any questions please call Kathy White or Georgia Dick at (918) 456-8698 or 1-800-259-0093.

Eleventh Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Golf Tournament

The very popular Keetoowah Cherokee Golf Tournament has expanded to two days, Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24 at the Cherry Springs Golf Club in Tahlequah.

Registration is set on both days for 9 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The awards ceremony will take place immediately following the tournaments.

Friday's competition will be a Two Man, Best Ball Tournament, bring your own team with two separate flights. Entry fee is \$60 per player, which includes green fees and cart rental. UKB tribal members get a \$5 discount when they show their valid UKB tribal membership card.

Saturday's tournament is a Four Person Scramble, Blind Draw A, B, C, and D. Prizes include \$4000. to the first place team; \$2,800 to the second place team, \$2,000 to the third place team, and \$1,200 to the fourth place team.

The entry fee is \$100 per player which includes green fees, cart rental, awards ceremony, luncheon and door prizes. Registration is limited to the first 144 players who register and pay by September 9, 2011. No exceptions, alternates will be contacted. UKB tribal members get a \$15 discount when they show their valid UKB tribal membership card.

Entry fees are payable by cash or money order. To pay in person, go to the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino administration office, next door to section C of the casino. Participants may pay my mail to Cody Quetone, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino, PO Box 117, Park Hill, Oklahoma, 74457. For more information, call (918) 456-9350.

Sporting Competitions

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, Okla. Off South Muskogee Avenue, turn west on Willis Road (by Finish Line Convenience Store) Turn left at the T. Spectators, 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.

Horseshoes

The 61st Annual Keetoowah Celebration horseshoe tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st. Registration starts at 1:00 pm and the entry fee is \$5 per person. Categories include Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles and Women's Doubles. Bring your own partner. The tournament will be played by south rules and no hooks.

First place prizes in singles and doubles, in both men and women, will be a jacket, second place prizes will be hooded sweat shirts, and third place prizes will be T-shirts. For information you may contact Jimmy Woodard at (918) 456-9350 or Albert Ross at (918) 431-1808.

Volleyball Tournament

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will be hosting a volleyball tournament on Saturday, October 1, as part of the 61st Annual Keetoowah Celebration. Team rosters will consist of 4 men and 4 women, and the entry fee is \$65 per team. The tournament will be limited to 12 teams. Registration will begin at 10 am and play begins around noon, following the Chief's State of the Nation address.

Prizes for 1st place will be sweatshirts, the 2nd place winners will get long sleeve t-shirts and the 3rd place winners will receive t-shirts. For more information or for a registration packet, contact Teresa Hair at (918) 457-0707 or Cindy Hair at (918) 456-8698.

5 K Run and 2K Fun Run

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will host a 5K and 2K Fun Run on Saturday, October 1 as part of the 61st Annual Keetoowah Celebration. The run will be held downtown beginning at Doc Wadley Stadium through downtown Tahlequah and back.

The 5 K event is a sanctioned event, certification code: OK-08045-DG. Participants may download a copy of the run registration form is available on the UKB website at www.unitedkeetoowahband.org. Participants may pre-register in person at UKB offices until Friday, September 23.

On site registration for the run is from 6:15 - 6:45 a.m. and will be held at Doc Wadley Stadium parking lot. The entry fee is \$12. Prizes will be awarded to the 5K category winners. Categories will include: children - up to age 15; youth - 16 to 20 year olds; women - 21 years and above; and men - 21 years and above. For more information, contact Tim Goodvoice at (918) 431-1818.

Special Events

John Hair Cultural Center and Museum Ribbon Cutting and Reception

Will be held on Friday, September 30 at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Ernestine Berry at (918) 772-4389.

Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Gospel Singing

The celebration gospel singing will be held on Friday, September 30 at Elm Tree Baptist Church in Tahlequah. The schedule is as follows: Chili Supper at 5 p.m., Devotion at 6 p.m., and Singing at 6:30 pm. All singers and listeners are welcome.

To get to Elm Tree Baptist Church, take Highway 62 East, you will see Tahlequah City Hospital on the right. Take a left on Bliss Avenue (at Danny's Muffler) and go 1 1/2 miles North and look for signs. For more information, call Choogie Kingfisher at (918) 772-4289 or (918) 316-3731.

Sixth Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Pow Wow

This year, the Keetoowah Cherokee Pow Wow expands into a two day event, Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1. On Friday, registration is held from 5 to 7 p.m., and the Grand Entry begins at 7 p.m. Dances will include exhibition, Tiny Tots, All Juniors Contest, and a Golden Age Special. The Golden Age Special is for dancers 50 years old and older.

Saturday, October 1, registration is from noon to 3 p.m., with the Grand Entry scheduled

for 3 pm. The Keetoowah Cherokee Pow Wow is special because the UKB grounds are situated near the woods, and it is a beautiful setting. The staff at our pow wow is very friendly and helpful. There will be many different tribes represented at the pow wow -Northern Tribes, Southern Tribes, Californian Tribes and of course, many Oklahoma tribes. Watching the dancers, listening to the drums and the songs make for an evening you'll never forget.

The Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Parade

Every year, this crowd pleaser, which begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday Morning, is held on main street (Muskogee Avenue) in downtown Tahlequah and gets bigger and better every year. There are more entries every year, as well as more spectators watching the event. Several marching bands will be a part of the parade. Cash prizes are



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awarded to the winning floats, and there are also prizes given to walking groups. This is an event Keetoowah Cherokee children, as well as kids of all ages in the community look forward to - they leave the parade with bags of candy and prizes!

State of the Nation Address

After the parade, the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Grounds begins filling as car after car come into the grounds. Around 11:45 a.m., the Keetoowah people gather in and around the pavilion to hear Chief George Wickliffe give his speech and let us know about the state of our nation. With all the successes and milestones of the past year, Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust will have a lot to talk about and the audience will recognize the UKB tribal council. Following both chiefs' speeches, the audience will be introduced to the tribes' new royalty, Miss and Junior Miss Keetoowah, who will begin their year long reign. Other highlights of this ceremony include introduction of the 2011 Tradition Keepers and a performance by the Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir.

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Stomp Dance

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

One of the most traditional and sacred ceremonies of the Keetoowah Cherokee, the Stomp Dance has been moved to Saturday night beginning at 11 p.m. The chief and members of the Redbird Smith Stomp Ground will lead the dances, which will be the first ceremonial dance at the new stomp ground location, which is on the northwest

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Cherokee Celebration
October 1, 2011

corner of the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Grounds.

Free Traditional Meal

Got Hog fry? You will if you attend this free feed, which will include over 1000 pounds of hog meat, potatoes, beans, and fry bread. Needless to say, this event draws thousands of hungry people. If you are hungry when you arrive, you won't be when you leave.

Arts and Crafts and Food Vendors

Fifty to sixty arts and craft and food vendors will be a part of the celebration, selling items such as Indian themed T-shirts, tie-dyed shirts, pottery, baskets, jewelry, paintings, toys and more. A variety of food booths featuring BBQ, hot dogs, hamburgers, Indian Tacos, meat pies, funnel cakes, chocolate dipped cheese cake, nachos, coffee, hot chocolate, lemonade, corn dogs and more.

Free Bingo

Kids Bingo for Ages 8 – 12 \$500 worth of prizes

Not able to specify number of rounds because there may be more than 1 bingo during any given round of bingo

Adult Bingo

\$1,500 worth of cash prizes & gift cards

Not able to specify number of rounds because there may be more than 1 bingo during any given round of bingo

Cash Giveaway

- Cash Prizes for \$500 & \$1,000 Prize Break-down: Four \$500 prizes / Three \$1,000 prizes
- Ticket Cost = \$1.00 each
- Drawing Date: October 1, 2011 @ 6pm
- DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN
- Multiple Win is possible
- Must be 18 year old or older to participate.
- Valid ID & Social Security Card required to claim prize.
- Prize is non-transferable.
- UKB Tribal / Casino Employees & their family members are eligible to win.

Children's Activities

Kids Fishing Derby

Early birds and their parents may want to arrive as early as 7 a.m. for the Kid's Fishing Derby to be held out at the Keetoowah Complex grounds located at Keetoowah Circle off West Willis Road.

The event will be for kids 12 and under and will feature three fishing times, 7 to 7:40 a.m. for the younger kids ages 1 to 4; 7:40 to 8:20 a.m. for kids 5 to 8, and 8:20 to 9 a.m. for kids ages 9 to 12.

Prizes will be awarded to kids in each category who catch the longest fish. The first 150 kids will get to keep their fishing poles. The event will be over by 9 a.m. to allow the kids and their parents' time to go downtown for the parade.

Turtle Races

Get out the Turtle Wax!

UKB 10th Annual Turtle Races

The 61st Annual United Keetoowah Celebration will be holding their 10th Annual Turtle Races at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 1st, 2011. Registration will begin at noon up until 1:30 p.m. There will be four age divisions this year: 2-4; 5-6; 7-9 and 10-12. Prizes will be awarded to the top three.

There will be a limited number of t-shirts this year. Parents must register their child and sign the permission form. Children should bring their own turtles (tortoise or box shell only) this year as the UKB will have a limited number available. Further information is available by calling 918-456-8698 and ask for Georgia or Debb.

Inflatables, Face Painting and Free Sno-Cones

Following Chief George Wickliffe's State of the Nation Address, kids will be treated to inflatable attractions such as the obstacle course, the Alpine Summit and a Pirate Ship. There will also be free sno-cones and face painting for kids of all ages.

Cultural Demonstrations and Make and Take Crafts

Beginning at noon, children will have the opportunity to meet some Keetoowah Cherokee artisans and elders and observe cultural demonstrations. At 2 p.m., kids will have the opportunity to participate in make and take crafts including basket weaving, finger weaving, corn husk dolls and key chains.

There will also be a youth division in the 5K/2K Run, 3 on 3 basketball competition, the blowgun competition, the cornstalk shoot and free bingo.

Cultural Games

Marble Tournament

The 61st Annual United Keetoowah Band Celebration will be hosting a Three-Man Team Marble Tournament, Saturday, October 1, 2011. The tournament will begin at 1 p.m. and is limited to the first eight teams; you can register by contacting Dennis Sixkiller at 918-718-4351. Team members must be 18 years and older. This is a one-game elimination with 1st place prizes awarded.

The Marble Tournament will be played during the UKB Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration on the UKB tribal complex grounds, just south of Tahlequah. Look for signs.

For more information please contact, Dennis Sixkiller at 918-718-4351 or 918-456-6533 and ask for Sammy Still.

Stickball

One of the traditional games practiced by the Keetoowah Cherokees is stickball. The traditional stickball game was also called the "Little Brother of War" game. When a Cherokee village was preparing for battle against an enemy the young warriors would participate in the stickball game to prepare themselves for battle.

The game would also be played to settle arguments between villages, which ever warriors from one of the villages won the game that village would be considered as victor to their arguments between the two villages. For those purposes, no women were allowed to play, and it was a very rough game with no rules other then the men could not touch the ball with their bare hands.

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

The stickball game will be played at 4 p.m. near the stomp grounds. For more information, call Choogie Kingfisher at 918-772-4289.

Cornstalk Shoot

The cornstalk shoot goes back to the time when Cherokee hunters and warriors would compete for accuracy with their bow and arrow. To keep the tips of the arrows from breaking, participants shot through a large bank of dried cornstalks. Today the game remains very popular and is played in much the same way.

The Keetoowah Cherokee Cornstalk Shoot will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the area south of the UKB Wellness Center. The shoot will include an adult category with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, youth (14 and under) with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and atlatl with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. For more information contact Sammy Still at 918-431-1818.

Blowgun Competition

A blowgun is a simple weapon consisting of a small tube for firing light projectiles, or darts. The weapon is used by inserting the dart inside the pipe (known as a blowgun) and uses the force created by one's breath to give the projectile momentum. Its propulsive power is limited by its user's respiratory muscles.

The Keetoowah Cherokee Blowgun Competition will be held in the area east of the Child Development Center, beginning at 2 p.m. There will be three categories - men's, women's and youth's. For more information, contact Danny McCarter at (918) 456-8698.



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\$10,000 in five equal payments, a gristmill, and a cotton cleaning machine. Black Fox was to receive a one hundred dollar annuity for life.

In 1807 the Cherokees and the U.S. further defined the boundaries of the ceded lands with a resultant loss of more lands in return for \$2,000. The agreement clarified the Cherokee's retained hunting rights which would continue to exist until settlement made it impartibly.

Treaty of 1816 (March 22)

This treaty dealt with cession of all lands found within the boundaries of the newly organized State of South Carolina in return for a payment of \$5,000 by the state.

Treaty of 1816 (March 22)

Treaty dealt with disputes related to the Cherokee/Creek boundary. It made provisions for an establishment of a boundary. The Treaty allowed the U.S. to have the right to open and use any road necessary for travel between Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi Territory and the rest of the U.S. It also provided U.S. citizens total access to all Cherokee waterways. The Cherokees also agreed to maintain such ferries and public houses as necessary for accommodation of U.S. citizens. The U.S. agreed to pay individuals of the Cherokee Nation the total amount of \$25,000 for damages caused by the U.S. Militia.

Treaty of 1816 (Sept. 14)

In this treaty, the parties re-established the boundary line of the Cherokee territory with additional cession of lands. The Cherokee were to receive \$5,000 up front and \$60,000 in ten equal, annual payments.

Treaty of 1817

This treaty recognized the separation between the Eastern and Arkansas Cherokee. It stipulated the occurrences behind the first major immigration to lands west of the Mississippi. The Cherokee tribe as a whole, agreed to cede sufficient lands east of the Mississippi in return for lands west. The treaty required a census of the two groups to be made so that Cherokee annuities could be divided.

Article 5 specifically stated that lands west were to be given in equal amounts to those lands ceded in the east. Such land was to be given to the Arkansas Cherokee. The treaty specifically carried forth all former rights conveyed by treaty to both groups.

Under Article 6, the U.S. agreed to provide poor emigrants guns, ammunition, blankets and kettles or beaver traps; and to provide flatboats for transportation. The U.S. also agreed to pay the emigrants value for real improvements placed on their lands.

The treaty provided for estates for life with reversions in fee simple for children in the amount of 640 acres for Cherokee wishing to remain on lands ceded to the U.S. if such person wishes to become citizens of the U.S. In addition lands reserved from cessions of the treaty of 1806 (Jan. 7, 1806), for the benefit of specified individuals to be relinquished.

Treaty of 1819

This treaty was another which simply dealt with the cessions of lands. Vast acreage was ceded in adjustment of the Treaty of 1817. The lands were in payment for lands granted west of the Mississippi. The treaty again allowed for reservation of tracts of 640 acres in the ceded lands by persons believed to be industrious. The U.S. agreed to remove with intruders from Cherokee lands. In addition, the U.S. indicated that annuities of the tribe were to be divided 1/3 for Cherokees west of the Mississippi and 2/3 for those remaining east of the Mississippi.

Treaty with the Western Cherokee, 1828

This treaty dealt with the proposed removal of the Western Cherokee and those of the east who wished to join them to a tract comprising 7,000,000 acres in what is now known as Eastern Oklahoma and southeastern Kansas. The land was guaranteed in perpetuity. The U.S. agreed to pay for improvements lost. In addition the U.S. agreed to pay a total of \$87,460 for various purposes. By accepting the terms of the treaty the Western Cherokee were to surrender Arkansas land. The cost of the removal was to be paid by the U.S. A clear reading of this treaty would indicate that, contrary to later court cases, those persons emigrating pursuant to the treaty were the sole owners of the land. This treaty also established the Cherokee Outlet.

Treaty with the Western Cherokee, 1833

This treaty specifically resolves a dispute between the Western Cherokee and Creek Nations relating to overlapping boundaries. By terms of the treaty, Cherokee territory was modified to allow Creek possession of lands promised and adding lands to Cherokees in order to grant 7,000,000 acres. In consideration for the establishment of new boundaries the U.S. agreed to hire blacksmiths and other workmen and to provide materials and establish shops.

The preamble to this treaty, which by Article V became a part of the treaty of 1828, specifically refers to the persons with whom it was made as the Cherokee Nation of Indians West of the Mississippi, it did not mention those east of the Mississippi and by implication clearly indicated that they were two separate entities. This was altered, under protest, by the treaty of 1846. The Courts incorrectly determined that the Indian Territory was always owned jointly by both east and west Cherokees.

Treaty of New Echota (1835)

This is the treaty upon which the Cherokee Removal or Trail of Tears was predicated. To this day it is a sore spot among factions of Cherokees. The Eastern nation's Ross Faction, specifically blamed the signers of this treaty, lead by Major Ridge, for the destruction of the Cherokee Nation East. This conflict continued until the movement of the Treaty Party under Stand Watie into allegiance with the Confederate States.

Article 1 caused all lands east of the Mississippi to be ceded to the U.S. in return for the sum of five million dollars plus \$300,000 for claims for spoliations. Article 2 modified terms of the 1828 treaty and said lands west of the Mississippi were for the Cherokee Nation as a whole [without consent of the Western Cherokee]. Article 3 provided that lands in the west were to be conveyed to the Cherokee Nation by patent; provided for retention of Ft. Gibson in the U.S. and allowed for establishment of military posts as deemed proper.

Article 5 guaranteed the ownership of the new lands against inclusion in any state without consent of Tribe; and allowed operation of the Cherokee National government; but made such operation subject to the Constitution of the United States, and U.S. laws and freed the citizens and the army of the U.S. from operation of Cherokee law.

Article 8 provided that the U.S. was to pay costs of removal. The U.S. was to provide sufficient numbers of steamboats and wagons to remove the Cherokee comfortably and "so not to endanger their health," a doctor was to accompany each detachment of emigrants. Article 11 provided that in lieu of annual annuities due, the sum of \$214,000 was to be paid into the Cherokee general fund.

Pursuant to Article 12, those Cherokees wishing to remain, who were qualified to take care of themselves, could remain if they became citizens of the state in which they remained. Article 16 provided that removal shall occur within two years.

Treaty of 1846

The Treaty of 1846 purported to reunify the various opposing factions within the Cherokee Nation (Old Settlers, Ross and Treaty Parties). The Old Settlers apparently signed under protest.

Article 1 secured lands occupied to all

Cherokee for common use. Article 2 declared that all difficulties and differences are settled forever with all party distinctions to cease. General amnesty and pardons for all crimes declared. Article 3 set forth requirement that no one could be punished for a crime without jury trial.

Article 4 indicated that old Settlers did not gain exclusive title to Western territory and that since they did not gain such title they had right to share in proceeds from cession of lands under the treaty of 1835. The article specifically caused the Old Settlers to quit claim exclusive ownership of lands ceded to them under treaty of 1833.

It is interesting to note that after twice having made clear that the U.S. viewed grant or cession of land to Western Cherokee under 1833 treaty to be non exclusive, Article 4, paragraph 2, required Old Settlers to quit claim their exclusive right to ownership of western lands.

Treaty of 1866

This treaty was the post civil war reconstruction of the Cherokee Nation. Most writers tend to agree that the southern sympathizers were treated more favorably than the loyal Cherokee.

Article 1 declared treaties with the Confederacy void. Article 2 declared general amnesty.

Article 5 provides that no laws may be passed which "bear oppressively on any citizen of the nation and no district may pass laws discriminating against citizens of other districts.

Article 7 established the U.S. Constitution for the Indian Territory. Article 9 abolished slavery and granted freedmen and free colored persons all rights of native Cherokees.

Article 12 required that no law shall be inconsistent with the U.S. Constitution and be subject to approval of the U.S. President.

Article 13 established Cherokee courts but limited actions to those which both parties are citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

Article 15 provided for settlement of "civilized" tribes within Cherokee country; and where such tribe abandons their organization, upon payment, to be incorporated into the Cherokee Nation on equal terms with native citizens.

Article 17 provides for cession of certain lands in the State of Kansas to the U.S. in trust.

Article 20 sets forth movements toward allotment.

Article 31 reaffirms all prior treaties in as far as not inconsistent with provisions of Treaty of 1866.

Treaty of 1868

This was the final treaty with the Cherokee and was a supplemental article to the Treaty of 1866. Provided for sale of Kansas lands for the benefit of the Cherokee.

As indicated at the beginning of this section, treaties are one of the ways the powers of Indian tribes are either limited or strengthened. Of the 18 treaties reviewed, 15 specifically deal solely with the cession of lands. Provisions granting or limiting powers which have not been repealed by other treaties or operation of statute are found only in the Treaty of New Echota, the Treaty of 1846 and the Treaty of 1866.

The only limitations or grants of powers, not specifically incorporated into statutes or limited by statutes, now clearly remaining are those provisions relating to the rights of Freedmen, Shawnees and Delawares.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu September 2011						
						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Menus are subject to change without notice. For more info call: 918-772-4380</i></p>				<p>1. Goulash Tomato Zucchini Hominy Breadsticks Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>2. HOLIDAY</p>	<p>3.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>5. LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</p>	<p>6. Frito Chile Casserole Broccoli Breadsticks Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>7. White Beans w/Ham, Greens Diced Potatoes Cornbread Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>8. Baked Potato w/ Fixings Grilled Veggies Biscuit Salad & dessert</p>	<p>9. Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00</p>	<p>10.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>12. BBQ Smokies Mac & Cheese Green Beans Texas Toast Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>13. Smothered Pork Chops, Mashed Potato w/ Gravy, Hominy Breadstick Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>14. Hamburger Steak w/B. Gravy Rice Mixed Veggies Hot Roll Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>15. Catfish Diced Potato Corn Hushpuppies Coleslaw /Dessert</p>	<p>16. "Fishing Day" 11:30 - ?</p> 	<p>17.</p>
<p>18.</p>	<p>19. Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce Grilled Veggies Garlic Toast Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>20. Brown Beans w/Bacon, Greens Diced Potatoes Cornbread Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>21. Meatloaf Mashed Potato w/ gravy, Hot Rolls Baby Carrots Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>22. Boiled Cabbage w/ Polish Sausage Black-eyed Peas Fry Bread Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>23" Autumn Begins" Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00</p>	<p>24.</p>
<p>25.</p>	<p>26. CLOSED</p>	<p>27. Chicken Cordon Blue Herb Garlic Potato, Green Beans Biscuit Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>28. Taco Salad Spanish Rice Refried Beans Chips Salad & Dessert</p>	<p>29. Cultural Day Sept. Birthdays</p> 	<p>30. Closed For Cleaning</p> 	<p>Milk, Tea, Coffee & Water Served Daily During Lunch</p>

Obituaries

Carolyn "Diana Mouse" Buiting

Funeral Services for Carolyn "Diana Mouse" Buiting, 54, a United Keetoowah Band Tribal member and former Cherokee Nation program director, of Tahlequah, was held on Monday, August 8, 2011, in the Old Sequoyah High School Gym.



Carolyn "Diana Mouse" Buiting

Officiating was Rev. Albert Wofford Jr. Interment followed in the Grass Cemetery, with Rev. Booley Forrest officiating, at New Jordan Church in Salina under the care of Green Country Funeral Home.

On-line condolences may be left at tahlequahfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma or the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma youth choirs.

Diana was born the daughter of Willis and Emma (Ballou) Mouse on November 11, 1956. Preceding her in death are her parents. Diana died on Aug. 4, 2011, in the Woodall Community.

Surviving her are her husband, Michael, and children, Julie Mouse and her children Chelaina and Emlyn of Tahlequah; Willis Crabtree and wife Rosie of Salina; Pawnee Crabtree and husband John White and their son John Jr. of Tahlequah.

She is also survived by brothers and sisters are Jeff Mouse and wife Cheryl of Salina; John Mouse and wife Debbie of Keys; Joyce Hansen and husband Woody of Colcord; and James Mouse and wife Felicia of Salina; adopted sister Twila Pennington of Tahlequah; adopted brothers Richard Duke Pickup of Salina, Booley Forrest and wife Lisa of Oaks, Eric Long and wife Beth of Tulsa, and Rev. Jimmy Anderson; as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and loved ones.

Susie Panther

Susie Panther, a full blood member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma passed away on July 6, 2011. She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Louise Blackbear Panther, two brothers, Sammy J. Panther and James Panther, Jr.



Susie Panther

She is survived by five children: Stephanie Sears, of Kansas, Oklahoma; Alisha Tanner, Siloam Springs, Arkansas; Wendall Tanner, Jay Oklahoma; Byron Tanner, Jay, Oklahoma; Ashley Tanner, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

She had several grandchildren, also three brothers and three sisters, Elmer J. and his wife Peggy Panther of Jay, Oklahoma, Lawrence and wife Pam Panther of Kansas, Oklahoma, John C. Panther, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Maxine and husband Melvin Blossom, Sr. of Oaks, Oklahoma; Narcie and husband Jake Pritchett of Westville, Oklahoma; and Josie and husband Donnie Latham, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Susie worked for Simmons Industries at Siloam Springs, Arkansas for a number of years. She enjoyed sewing and family vacations.

Thank You

The Tanner and Panther families have greatly appreciated the UKB for their generosity in helping with the funeral expenses. Also, thank you Willie Christie, Goingsnake District representative for your support.

Panther and Tanner Families

Obituaries

Richard Amos Birdtail Jr.

Richard Amos Birdtail Jr. was born on August 29, 1956 in Torrance, California, the son of Richard Birdtail Sr. and Bessie (Staller) Birdtail. He lived in California where he was raised with his three brothers and one sister.



Richard Amos Birdtail Jr.

He then moved to Tahlequah with his family where he attended Wolf Springs Elementary School, and then on to high school graduating from Oaks Indian Mission School. While in high school he enjoyed painting and spent many hours perfecting his skills.

Richard made many friends over the years and these friendships lasted throughout his adult life. Richard attended Northeastern State University and graduated with a degree in Horticulture. He also acted in the Trail of Tears drama as one of the original cast members with his mother, father and brothers.

Through the years he enjoyed and appreciated music. His brothers often called a "Renaissance Man". While once in New York, Richard had a small role in the movie "Power".

Richard's infectious laugh and smile will be remembered by all who knew him. In his last few years, Richard enjoyed swimming, cars, and the times spent with his many family and friends in fellowship. One of Richard's favorite activities was dining out with friends.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents and a brother Lonnie Birdtail. Those left to cherish his memory include his two brothers John of Tahlequah, and Herman Dean Birdtail of Florida, and one sister, as well as many other family, friends and loved ones.

Obituaries

Ella Mae Redbird

Ella Mae Redbird, 87, passed away on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 in Salina, Oklahoma. She was born on January 24, 1924 in Delaware County, Oklahoma, the daughter of Ned Budder and Nellie (Scott) Budder. She married Zeke Redbird who preceded her in death in 1978.



Ella Mae Redbird

She enjoyed being outdoors gardening. Ella was a quilter. She enjoyed attending church and having family dinners. She spent her life making a home for her family. She loved her Lord and her family. Ella will be remembered in all the wonderful memories she leaves her family and friends.

Funeral Services for Ella were held on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Euwasha Baptist Church with Reverends Woodrow Ross and Richard Budder officiating. Interment followed in the Euwasha Cemetery with Jonathan Smith, Michael Kingfisher, Ophie Kingfisher, Zachery Lyman, Dakota Jackson and Don Panther serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers were her nephews.

She is survived by her brothers, Louie Budder, Dave Budder and Sammy Budder all of Kenwood, OK; her sisters, Agnes Blackfox of Oaks, OK and Rosa Nell Budder of Salina, OK; many other relatives and friends.

A wake service was held on Thursday evening at Euwasha Baptist Church at 6 p.m.

To leave a personal message to her family please see her web memorial at www.shipmansfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were under the direction of Shipman's Funeral & Cremation Service.

Aire-Melinda Maria Pascual

One of our tiny tribal members, Aire-Melinda Maria Pascual was named the Infant Miss Huckleberry on June 25 at the Huckleberry Pageant in Jay, Oklahoma when she was ten months old. She was the Overall Winner and won Prettiest Hair in the 0-12 months category. She will celebrate her first birthday on August 16.



Aire-Melinda Maria Pascual

Aire-Melinda's proud parents are Michelle Smith and Santiago Pascual. Her grandparents are Betty Jean Tagg and Charlie Tagg.

Aire-Melinda's mother, Michelle Smith said there are several companies wanting the baby to model including Johnson and Johnson and Stage stores.

Allison Foster wins Arkansas' Best Pageant

Allison Foster, from Jay, Oklahoma recently won the title of Queen in the Arkansas' Best Pageant in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. She also won Best Fashion, Prettiest Hair, Most Beautiful and Prettiest Eyes.



Allison Foster

Allison will be competing in the National's Best Pageant, which will be held in Springdale Arkansas.

She is a 7th grader at Jay Middle School. She also enjoys softball, running and singing. Allison is the daughter of Carolee Tanner Crispin and the granddaughter of Ruby and John Tanner and Pat Coble and Elvis Orr.

UKB Family Services Host "Never Stay Silent" Workshop

"Never Stay Silent", was the topic of the Thursday, August 25th workshop on Elder Abuse, sponsored by the United Keetoowah Band Family Services Department. Special presenter for the workshop was Martha Green, director of the Grace Living Center on Cherrie Street in Tahlequah.

Topics included Elder Abuse and its definition, statistics and its major types such as, neglect, abandonment, physical and sexual abuse, mental, financial,

and signs and symptoms of Elder Abuse. The afternoon session included risk factors among caregivers, preventing elder neglect and advanced directives.

The workshop ended with a question and answer session and discussion on Elder Abuse, with contact information on several agencies and an Abuse Hotline given out to the attendees.

For more information, contact, UKB Family Services at 918-456-9200.



"Never Stay Silent" workshop attendees were, left to right seated, Sue Gaytan, TVA Advocate; Raven Owl, ICW Advocate; Lois Fuller, TVA Advocate; and Gwen Goingsnake, TVA/ICW Director. Back row, standing left to right, Martha Green, Palmetto/Medicare Psychiatric RN and Director of Nursing; Jana Green, Volunteer Coordinator of Help in Crisis; and Joyce Hawk, UKB Tribal Secretary. Photo by Norman "Hominy" Littledave

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61st Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration



Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 29

6 -9 pm 3 on 3 basketball tournament (Wellness Center)

Friday, September 30

8:30 am- 5 pm Vendors set up (Grounds)

5- 7 pm Pow Wow: registration (Grounds)

7 pm PowWow: Grand Entry (Grounds)

5 pm Dinner for Gospel Singing (Elm Tree Baptist)

6 pm Gospel Singing (Elm Tree Baptist)

6 p.m. John Hair Cultural Center and Museum Ribbon Cutting

6-9 pm 3 on 3 Basketball tournament (Wellness Center)

Saturday, October 1

7 am 5K Run and 2K Fun Run (begin @ NSU/ Downtown)

7 am Kids Fishing Derby (Grounds)

8 am Dignitaries Breakfast (Location TBA)

10 am Parade (Downtown)

10 am-3 pm Cultural Demonstrations (Shed @Grounds)

11am Keetoowah History (Museum)

11:45 am State of the Nation Address (Pavilion)

Introduce Tradition Keepers

Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah

Noon Entertainment- Music (Pavilion)

Noon-3 pm Pow Wow: registration (Grounds)

Make and Take Crafts (Shed @Grounds)

12:15 pm Children's Activities (Grounds)

1pm Marbles (Behind Daycare)

Volleyball (Front of Daycare)

Traditional Indian Meal (Pavilion)

1:30 pm Cornstalk Shoot (Grounds)

2 pm Children's Turtle Races (Grounds)

Horseshoe Tournament (Behind Daycare)

Blowgun Competition (Behind Daycare)

2-4 pm 3 on 3 Basketball tournament (Wellness Center)

3 pm Pow Wow: Grand Entry (Grounds)

3:30 pm Free Bingo (Pavilion)

4pm Stickball (Grounds)

6pm Cash Giveaway (Pavilion)

11pm Stomp Dance (Grounds)

For more information, call (918) 431-1818

Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma makes history with inauguration

The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma inaugurated its newly elected tribal council and deputy chief Aug. 14. The moment was made historical in the fact that immediately after being sworn in as deputy chief, Joe Crittenden was then sworn in as principal chief.

The principal chief's office was vacated by the CNO Supreme Court's ruling that the principal chief's election was invalid and another election must be held. According to the CNO constitution, the principal chief's term ends Aug. 14 causing Chad Smith to vacate his office and Crittenden to step up to fill the void.

As far as anyone can tell, this has never happened before.

The affair was straight forward enough. The immersion school children led the assemblage in the "Pledge of Allegiance" in the Cherokee language. They were proceeded by the Cherokee Youth Choir singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and then, by the Kingfisher family, singing "Just a little talk with Jesus."

Charles Hoskins Sr. emceed the ceremony saying everyone was present to witness a peaceful transfer of power to an official elected by the Cherokee people. During his father's era, Washington selected the chief the U.S. government wanted to rule instead of the Cherokee people having a say. But today, the Cherokee people have a say and as long as they vote, participate and instill civic pride in their children then the Cherokee will not only live, but also thrive.

In a symbolic gesture of the hand over, Meredith Frailey, CNO council speaker and interim deputy chief, passed a fan made of eagle feathers for Crittenden to possess while he holds the office of principal chief.

Crittenden said the reason for the CNO government to exist is to serve the Cherokee people, to do the things that the state or federal government cannot do. He brings the philosophy of doing the right thing for the right reason to the government.

"I don't always do what is politically correct, but what I feel is right," said Crittenden.

Crittenden moved on to talk about services for the people saying when people are genuinely trying to help someone, then they end up helping themselves. And, the help offered is not a handout



In an historical inaugural event by the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust attended S. Joe Crittenden swearing in ceremony August 14. Photo by Sammy Still

but a hand-up. He plans on looking into bringing in extra money from the casinos to provide more funding for health services, education, housing and elder assistance. He wants to give elders a bi-annual living assistance check and look into building a retirement center for them.

"It's time we remember who this money belongs to," said Crittenden. "It's the people's money."

Even with the unprecedented change of power, Crittenden said he intends for the transition to be as smooth as possible by making sure services continue.

Observing the ceremony were several thousand attendees. Dignitaries aplenty were present to witness the moment, including the United Keetoowah Band's Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust.

"It was a historical event where the Cherokee Nation citizens got to hear from a Chief, who actually sounded like he was for the people and not for big business," said Assistant Chief Locust. "I

am proud to hear them state, they will expanding their education awards, building more homes, and especially giving their elders a bi-annual assistance check. The elders I spoke to were very happy and looked forward to seeing CNO and UKB working together, instead of hearing of ongoing personal attacks from the older CNO leaders. Most all are from the Cherokees by blood, and I can't think of any reason why we couldn't work together, other than personal egos and special paybacks from big business. But, like the new Chief, Crittenden, said, we forgot who the casino money really belongs too. This is the same for the whole tribe, they need to remember who they work for and why the Government even exists. It's not to make individuals wealthy and leave others without. The most honored thing, I witnessed, was the fact, this CNO inauguration was probably the first one attended by the UKB Chief and Assistant Chief in over 50 years. That is historic.", added Locust.

The CNO principal chief's election is slated for Sept. 24.

Elder Committee Holds Raffle

The UKB Elder Committee is selling raffle tickets to raise money to help elders with medicine, air conditioning, trips, etc.

The tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. There are two types of tickets. One is a 50/50 drawing and the other is for drawings for a Seminole jacket, beaded stickball sticks and an Indian flute.

Nita McCarter said someone should be set up at the Elder Center everyday from now until the annual celebration on Oct. 1, which is when the drawings are taking place, to sell tickets.

Tickets are also being sold at any UKB events or gatherings by McCarter, Betty Holcomb and John Hair.

Elder center commemorates August birthdays with cultural foods

The last Thursday of every month is cultural foods day and the celebration of any elders' birthdays during that month at the United Keetoowah Band's Elder Center. The staff and elders bring in foods such as wild onions, peach and rhubarb cobbler, fried zucchini and tomatoes, fried potatoes and fried chicken, just to name a few. There is also a birthday cake and, usually, a festive rendition of "Happy Birthday."

August's celebration was far from normal, though. The cake and cultural foods were all there. "Happy Birthday" was sang. The birthdays were a husband and wife. And while that is not unheard of, the two were both born on Aug. 8, although five years apart. Next, Roberta Worthman is most likely the oldest living Keetoowah Cherokee. Roberta was born Aug. 8, 1917 making her 94 years old.

Georgia Mauldin, enrollment specialist, said there are a few people on the rolls who were born in the late 1800s, but none of them are thought to still be living.

Roberta says she never thought anything about being the oldest living Keetoowah. She grew up like anybody else did. Her parents, Louis and Lizzie McLemore, were both Keetoowah and spoke both Keetoowah Cherokee and English in the home, teaching their children both languages, which she still speaks today. She played with dolls, hide and seek, baseball and rode horse, mules and cows.

Her daughter, Nadine Mahaney, said Roberta continued riding horses throughout her life, even riding a large white horse in parades until recently when her family began fearing for her safety.

Being the youngest of five children, Roberta says she had to step to everyone else's music, but she grew up and started her own life.

During WWII she worked for DuPont. Later, she worked as a nurse's assistant at Hasting's Hospital before becoming an LPN. After retiring in 1973, she worked for two nursing homes and



Becky Dreadfulwater, Title VI caregiver coordinator, helps Roberta Worthman (seated in black) open her birthday present from Title VI. Worthman's husband, Jim Worthman (seated across from her), her granddaughter Laurel Mahaney (yellow shirt) and her daughter, Nadine Mahaney (red shirt), joined Roberta in celebrating being the oldest living Keetoowah Cherokee.

the Trail of Tears drama, eventually bringing her granddaughter, Laurel Mahaney, into the drama at 8 years old.

For the party, the Title VI staff set aside a table for Roberta and her family. Roberta's daughter and granddaughter joined them in making the party extra special. Roberta and her husband, Jim Worthman, had their own cake and a lot of well wishes from the gathered crowd.

Attention UKB Tribal Members

All UKB members should make it a point to check your enrollment files to be sure you are registered to vote in the right district. Tribal members must make changes in person. The enrollment office is now located in the Community Services Building at 18263 W. Keetoowah Circle off West Willis Road, south of Tahlequah. For more information, call the enrollment office at (918) 453-9375.

United Keetoowah Band's stomp grounds are being relocated

The United Keetoowah Band's stomp grounds are in the process of being relocated from its current location next to the pavilion at the UKB Celebration Grounds to the northwest corner of the Celebration Grounds.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust says the move was necessitated by the Powwow Committee's wish to have two days of powwows at the annual celebration.

The current location of the powwow grounds and the stomp grounds does not allow for concurrent events.

While the new location is nearby the old location, the amount of work undertaken to make the move is no less intensive.

Rick Glory, director of Roads and Transportation, said approximately 9,000 cubic yards of dirt was moved to level the location. The dirt came from the undercutting on one of the road projects and was previously stored behind the Civil Defense Building.

Assistant Chief Locust said the weather put the project behind schedule, as it was planned for the stomp grounds to be moved in time for the October celebration. However, he says the relocation crew is doing its best to finish the job on time.

Assistant Chief Locust said he also contacted the Chief at Redbird Smith Ceremonial Grounds, and he said, "once we determine the permanent site for the grounds, we will make preparation for it to be blessed by the appropriate religious persons to insure it remains a huge part of the Keetoowah Celebration and it allows our children to learn our culture and traditions."



Two of the seven arbors of the Keetoowah Cherokee stomp dance grounds is relocated to the new stomp dance ground in preparation for the 61st Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. The old location of the stomp dance ground is seen in the background. Photo by Thomas Jordan

2011 UKB Graduates



HIGH SCHOOL

Anthony Kingfisher

Anthony Kingfisher completed the Certified Surgical Technology program from Indian Capital Technology Center in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. His parents are Leola Stopp and Howard Kingfisher. He is the grandson of Lola Crittenden. His sisters are Joetta Crittenden and Courtney Reeder.



Anthony Kingfisher

Anthony's hobbies include being around his family and friends and working on his truck. He enjoys being president of Warparty Carz and Truckz.

He plans to continue to work full time at Stilwell Memorial. Anthony said, "Thank you to the tribe for assistance with school expenses."

Chace Hunter Tiger

Chace Hunter Tiger, 18 years old, graduated from Round Rock High School in Round Rock, Texas. He is the son of Chebon Tiger and Carla Girty Tiger. He has two younger siblings: Chelsey Blair Tiger and Christian John-Coleman Tiger.



Chace Hunter Tiger

His grandparents are Mary Ann Shade Girty, Interim Director UKB Human Services Department and Rufus Girty from Garland, Texas and Thelma Jean Stand from Tahlequah, Oklahoma and Marcy Tiger from Lorton, Virginia.

Chace was active in football all four years, ran track his freshman and sophomore years and was selected to Texas Boys State his senior year. He was a member of the National Honors Society and graduated with honors and in his spare time he enjoys playing the guitar. Chace is attending Texas A&M University this fall with a major in biology. His future plans are to attend medical school.

HIGH SCHOOL

Destini Kay Hogshooter

Destini Kay Hogshooter graduated from Jay High School last May. She is the daughter of Shelly and James Hogshooter. Her grandparents are Mary and Thomas Sharp. Her siblings are Kayla, Thomas, Tyler, and Austin.



Destini Kay Hogshooter

She plans to attend Northeast Area Technology Center in Kansas, Oklahoma to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. Destini loves to hang out with friends and family.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Autom Sand Goedecke

Autom Sand Goedecke graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor of Science in Human and Family Sciences. She is the daughter of Ella Sands. Her siblings are Chad Goedecke, and Russanda Godecke-Barnoski.



Autom Sand Goedecke

Her grandparents are Wyley and Geraldine Turtle, Dorcas Russell and Dean Goedecke; great grandparents Tom and Nancy Sands and Homer and Meda Russell.

Autom's hobbies include spending time with her son, family dinners and playing Mario Cart.

She plans to work toward getting her Master's degree and to secure employment in degree fields to better help Native American Tribes. Autom is currently searching for a graduate school to pursue an education in social work or human environmental science.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Kimberly Houston

Kimberly Houston graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor degree in Sociology. Her parents are Sandy Houston of Teresita and Don Houston of Tahlequah. Her grandparents are the late Dan Houston, Sr. and late Juanita Houston and the late Eli Blossom and Sarah Blossom. Her brother is Aaron Houston.



Kimberly Houston

Kim has two daughters, Darian 16, and Reese 1, and one son, Cory 4. Kim plans to continue her education by getting a master's degree next year.

Samuel Whitaker Deere

Samuel Whitaker Deere received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Oklahoma Baptist University. His parents are Jesse and Leon Deere. His grandparents are Houston and Alice Glory, Rose Ella Lynch, Judson and Nancy Deere and Lena Christie. His siblings are Jeremy Deere and Jesseca Deere.



Samuel Whitaker Deere

Samuel plans to go to graduate school at the University of Arkansas to study archeology.

Jamie Loy

Jamie Loy, from Salina, Oklahoma, graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor degree in Botany. Her parents are James and Annie Loy and her grandparents are Walt and Nancy Loy.



Jamie Loy

She plans to do botanical research in the future.

Natural Resources Department had intern for the summer

At the NSU Symposium of the American Indian this spring, an opportunity opened for one NSU student.

Brandi Ross, director of Natural Resources, was manning her booth at the symposium, educating interested parties in the programs the United Keetoowah Band offers to serve the public. Jahna Hill, Fish and Wildlife/Biology majors, approached Ross and asked if she needed an intern for the summer. And, just like that, the UKB had an intern for the summer.

Hill spends Monday through Thursday attending genetics and geology classes at NSU. Then, for a few hours each Friday she worked for the tribe baiting traps for the American Burying Beetle.

This involved taking raw chicken and placing it in a small cage along with the other rotting chicken and bugs and maggots. The traps were spread out along West Willis Road in Tahlequah, the site of a road widening project the UKB has partnered with the City of Tahlequah. If the beetles are found in the traps they must be lured away from the construction area as they are on Endangered Species List. A dirty job no matter how it's looked at.

Besides going to school and playing with raw chicken, Hill is also a full-time mother to two girls. She is also an assistant Girl Scout leader for her girls' troop, the same troop that makes Valentine's Day cards for UKB veterans.



Jahna Hill

After college, she wants a job in the environmental field protecting the Earth and its resources, especially, water.

So, the woman wading through weeds, fighting ticks and chiggers looking for an elusive beetle is not crazy. She's doing a dirty job helping the tribe protect nature.

Cultural workshops set for September

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Culture and History Department invite the public to attend free cultural workshops including:

Corn Husk Dolls

Tuesday, September 6 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Choogie Kingfisher
John Hair Museum and Cultural Center Classroom
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Miniature Stickball Sticks

Monday, September 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Choogie Kingfisher
John Hair Museum and Cultural Center Classroom
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Basketmaking

Tuesday, September 13 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Kenwood Community, location to be announced
Instructor: Choogie Kingfisher and Cindy Hair

Open Storytelling

Tuesday, September 20 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
UKB Pavilion at UKB Celebration Grounds
Moderators: Choogie Kingfisher and Sammy Still
* Open to all tribes - All storytellers are encouraged to come and tell a story

For more information, call (918) 772-4372

UKB Regular July Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At the UKB Community Services Building
July 09, 2011
10:07 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

*Prior to the meeting Chief made comments regarding the change from the Federal Building to using the Jim Proctor Elder Center for Council meetings.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Ed Foreman

III. Roll Call: 10 + Chief answered Roll Call; P. Girty and T. Duncan absent at call

IV. Chief's Address

- Lots of changes are positive with the Land in Trust decision using the corporate charter suggested by Echohawk for economic development and use it through Council action. One person we stay in touch with is Rice. Results that came from these people gathering were collecting from the hat and making the trip to D.C. and Muskogee. Years pass and times change and the tribe grows and today the UKB is a self-governance tribe.

- As far as codes, we have the codes books that have been compiled and making sure these codes are always updated along the way. We are making sure all things are possible to receive funding. In other words, we do not have to run to the B.I.A. in Muskogee. We have been declared a self-governance tribe.

- There are very few things we will have to request. We can make our own decisions. But what will happen is we will get monitored at least once a year by the Bureau in more details. The Bureau in Muskogee stated we can still continue to consult with them from time to time if we need to as questions and get answers.

- CDIB cards: The issue may become history; we may issue our own to be eligible, we already issue 0-18 year olds so they can receive services. Council passed a resolution to make this possible. Before that I guess a child who needed services but did not have a CDIB card would have to wait due to the fact CNO was issuing CDIB cards at that time. So the demand for CDIB cards was starting to increase the time to receive a card. The waiting period began to be lengthier. We fixed it to where we were able to issue to our children a card (CDIB) based on them being a minor and the parent(s) being enrolled with UKB. So I think there is something in the works for where we can take care of our own so when you use the I.H.S. facilities show them your card and they cannot say we are causing duplication of services.

The government knew we were out there and were then known as the Keetoowah Society. We reviewed our constitution and updated it.

Keetoowah's were God's people. Elders envisioned this period where we would struggle and struggle until we settled and opportunity began for the UKB.

CNO Election: Many comments are being made on the CNO Chief election and the negative highlights but I believe people are seeing and speaking up for their voice to be heard and wanting some change.

Celebration of Trust Land: We have had a lot of great comments on the food, the attendance, the fireworks display and the hard work that was put into the planning to honor a day we have been waiting on for a very long time. Our philosophy is handled from our elders and that is to be honest and respect our people and to lend a helping hand. As stated many times we are "united" and we stand together and fall together but until then we continue to support the people by any means possible.

Today we have many people to thank and appreciate for working hard to keep our casino open with the Declaratory Judgment by D. Barker Harrold and J. Garrett. We are being acknowledged as people who care for the people. We have a strong history. 1859 Keetoowah Society with Federal Recognition, many people will need to be honored for helping us receive what we have prayed for and finally received the blessing we have received today.

Training: Educating our youth and educating with vocational skills will enhance our youth. They will be able to obtain better jobs and be independent to be able to support their families.

We have reached a level of rapid growth for the tribe and the elders told us we would be to that level someday. We only move forward now and great to be announcing we have received the green light to having the elder living center approved and will break ground soon. These are things to be proud of for our elders.

Eastern Band: They are in an election this year and they are having run-offs. Our choir is in North Carolina performing in the area up in the mountains.

Self Governance: We have been in negotiations with them earlier this week and have things ready and set to kick off in October 2012 funding year. We qualify for everything and will include the membership count of members with that in mind. This gives us means to be eligible for an I.H.S. hospital; with this we can have contract health and hopefully our own clinic. A process we hope to achieve in the near future. Keep in mind it won't happen overnight but it will be prayed about and will become a reality.

We have a lot of work ahead of us and as Chief I will continue to do everything possible to keep us moving forward.

The Corporate Charter will be used to venture in business, support economic development and other areas. A Corporate Charter Board would be credited to discuss these types of programs.

B. Holcomb: With self-governance and the B.I.A. grants/funding would we be able to have a youth program to put our youth to work?

T. GoodVoice: Discussions up in Washington would fall under the Dept. of Labor and these types of programs would generate. Due to cuts in budgets and funding changing from year to year. There is money in the vocational training area which generally where our funding came from for our training/education center.

B. Holcomb: We just need to keep our youth out of trouble and with a program for them to work this would help out a lot. CNO will put the UKB children on the bottom if they apply through that program.

T. GoodVoice: Doors have opened up for us in a lot of areas so we will progress towards areas of that nature. Budget cuts play a big part in funding so we will look into being qualified to apply for that type of program as soon as possible.

B. Holcomb: Okay, just need to teach and be able to employ our youth to learn how to work.

Chief continues his address to Council; We will need to have a resolution to form the Corporate Charter Board which will consist of five (5) members, as boards and committees need to have Council and three (3) at-large members.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve a resolution for a Corporate Charter Board which will obtain a five (5) member seating; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Girty and Duncan absent).

B. Holcomb: Can we declare our trust land approval day a holiday or are we including this with our celebration in October?

Chief Wickliffe: We discussed this earlier and maybe have one big holiday to celebrate both.

W. Christie: Would be something to think about.

Chief Wickliffe: Let's discuss maybe at the next meeting. This would need to be discussed with more detailed information.

Patty Grant (Eastern Band member): I would like to say Sammy Still just informed me you all do your celebration the same time we do our Indian Fair, a lot of our events and the inauguration of the Eastern band Council will be part of the celebration this October. It would be wonderful to have the United Keetoowah Band at our Indian Fair this fall.

Chief Wickliffe: We want a great working environment with the Eastern Band

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

1. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the Regular Council minutes of June 2011 with corrections; SECONDED by W. Christie; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Girty and Duncan absent).

VI. Presentations -

1. Patty Grant:

Joyce Hawk introduced Patty Grant who is from the Eastern Band in North Carolina. Patty is here to present to us an event that will take place in 2012. It is a Healing and Wellness Journey.

Patty Grant: thank you Council for allowing me to sit before you this morning. I am from the deer clan and a member of the Eastern Band from Cherokee, NC. I come to you to ask for your blessing and support for this opportunity to let me give my presentation.

This event would target to revitalize our culture and history, the scare of our losing our language, the abuse of alcohol, drugs and other issues to help our people beat these addictions. The presentation consists of a walk and healing events to have the people be able to express feelings and learn to heal themselves through the walk and understand what our ancestors faced in the past during their removal.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION

Chief Wickliffe: This is a fine time; we will work together with the Eastern Band.

R. Whitekiller: Chief, from what I understand we were here 10 years before the Trail of Tears happened.

Chief: How does the Council want to help with Ms. Grant's proposal?

J. Hawk: I feel we could help but I think Don Ade, IHS Director, could work with Ms. Grant due to the fact the Journey consists of health issues that would be something Don would probably have more understanding.

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve to co-work, support and give blessing to the Healing and Wellness/Wellbriety Coalition of Cherokee, NC; SECONDED by Betty Holcomb; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Girty and Duncan absent).

Chief Wickliffe: We will be glad to work with you in any way. We thank you for your presentation.

2. Tim GoodVoice: Waterline Approval proposal

C. Locust: I think this would implement a positive relationship with the city and would be a positive move on our part.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the funding of the S.H. No. 10 Water Line Extension – Echota Connection, in the amount of \$21,500.00; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Girty and Duncan absent).

3. Betty Holcomb: Elder Housing

Is it still in the process of being built?

T. GoodVoice: Yes it is. We received notice we're eligible for funding now it goes before a board. We scored enough points based on the recommendation by the board. There will be 30 units with the Elder Center.

E. Worley: I come into the Elder Center (Title VI) and the elders are asking if they can come in early to play games or just get out of the heat due to the heat wave and want a place to stay cool.

B. Shade: Staff is here already so there is no problem with the members coming to the center early.

RANDOM DISCUSSION:

B. Dotson: Thank you for making it possible for my people to be able to attend the Trust Land Celebration. Also I am having cell phone trouble. Would it be possible to have it fixed so I may receive my calls from my members?

B. Holcomb: Are we going to get the roads completed?

T. GoodVoice: Yes. It will be getting worked on and traffic on the road will go in another direction.

K. Bellard: This is a copy of a piece of legislation pertaining to cross-deputization. It authorizes tribal police to have certain authorities that state police have on Indian Land.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Joyce Hawk

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to accept and approve 12 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Girty and Duncan absent).

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to acknowledge and honor 12 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Girty and Duncan absent).

FYI: Also we had a total of 925 Elder Assistance requests for the summer 2011 disbursement.

VIII. Public Forum

1. Robert Whitekiller: Welding

A welder can make up to \$1,000.00 a day on pipeline.

2. Betty Holcomb: School clothing vouchers

When do disbursements begin?

J. hawk: If I understand right the day to begin is July 18th through July 22nd but the schedule is in our Gaduwa newspaper.

3. Barry Dotson:

Thank you to all those who donated their time and effort for making the Trust Land Celebration a great success!

R. Whitekiller: The stomp dance was great.

4. Ed Foreman:

Appreciate the hard work of the Council receiving our Trust Land and how we need to keep our language alive. Upholding our traditions and our elders today see their visions accomplished.

IX. Unfinished Business – NONE

X. New Business

1. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve authorization to engage in negotiation with the Department of Interior's Office of Self Governance, Bureau of Indian Affairs and other offices for the FY 2012 Self Governance Annual Funding Agreement; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Girty and Duncan absent).

2. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve to table agenda item X,2 until further notice; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Girty and Duncan absent).

Lengthy Discussion pertaining to agenda item X, 2

B. Holcomb: Address issue. How did my opponent receive the list of addresses? From my understanding he received them from the media.

Sammy Still: May I address that issue? This happened at the time of the Tribal Secretary's passing. So due to the change in the personnel of the Enrollment Department you don't get the addresses directly.

B. Holcomb: I feel this should be in the ordinance.

K. Bellard: This is a policy issue that the Council will have to review as the ordinance is reviewed.

XI. Announcements -

Joyce Hawk: I would like to ask the Council to pray for Tom Duncan, our Flint representative. He received a tragic phone call yesterday afternoon about his great grandson and as of last night he called me and said his great grandson has passed. Please keep Tom and his family in your prayers

Charles Smoke: Laverna called and the choir will be returning Sunday instead of later this evening.

Betty Holcomb: Tahlequah district meeting August 12th at the Jim Proctor Elder Center at 6:00 PM.

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Eddie Sacks; SECONDED by Charles Locust; Approve by affirmation: 1:10 PM

We've Moved

If you need to get in touch with UKB Accounting Offices, the UKB Enrollment Office, the UKB Court Clerk, Realty Office, Secretary's Office, the Treasurer's Office, and the Gaduwa Cherokee News and Media offices, we have all relocated to the UKB Community Services Building located at 18263 W. Keetoowah Circle off West Willis Road. For more information, call (918) 456-8698.



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