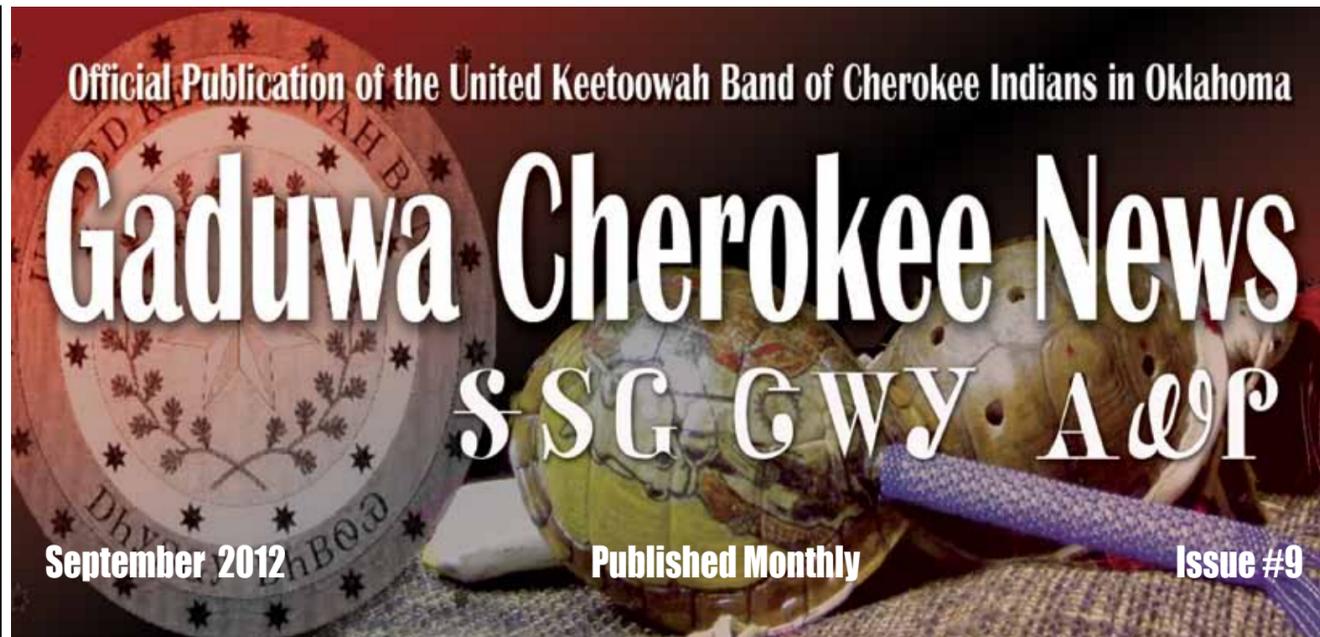


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## Eleventh-hour ruling places Keetoowah Cherokee Casino into trust

The moment consummated decades of hard work, obstacles, untold stress and doubt. The simple declarative statement, "we have it," changed everything. In that moment, the United Keetoowah Band became a landless tribe no more.

What started as a stress-ridden Monday, grinding the morale and hopes of employees and tribal members alike under the heel of a looming shutdown, instead became a day of independence, a day of hope, a day of dreams un-shattered. That was the day one signature placed a meager and magnificent 2.03 acres into trust. That was the day the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino was saved, and, by absolute extension, the UKB.

The July 30 deadline for the casino to either receive a land-in-trust declaration from the Department of the Interior or shutdown its operations until such a declaration was obtained came from an agreement between the UKB and the State of Oklahoma as a compromise of disputed claims.

On the state's side, Scott Pruitt, Oklahoma attorney general, claimed the land the casino operated on was not on Indian land, as declared in a recent National Indian Gaming Commission ruling, and therefore ineligible for gaming operations.

On the tribe's side, the administration argued the casino was operating on land owned by the tribe and that the casino, and the earlier bingo hall, had operated before the NIGC was even formed. The tribe opened the Keetoowah Bingo Hall in 1986 and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act was not signed until 1988, and therefore the tribe's operations should have been grandfathered in. The tribe even made payments to the NIGC for years, before the NIGC began returning the checks.

The only barrier keeping the state at bay was a 2006 injunction by Judge Ronald White of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma allowing the UKB to continue operating the casino until the land issue was settled.

Pruitt used the NIGC ruling to force the injunction issue and pressure the tribe into an agreement to voluntarily ask the court to lift the injunction on July 30 if the DOI had not made a land-in-trust declaration by that time.

"It was either sign the agreement and buy us some time to fight or watch them shut us down right then," said Chief Wickliffe. "Obviously, we made the right decision. We didn't lose a single day of business and the services to our people were protected."

Tribal leaders signed the June 8 agreement with the state to give them more time to get the casino property into trust status, but that time was now limited to little more than a month and a half.

The tribal administration had already met with Larry Echo Hawk, assistant secretary of Indian Affairs at the time, several months earlier and warned him of irreparable harm to the tribe if the DOI did not move forward with the trust application. They repeated that warning to Donald "Del" Laverdure, acting assistant secretary of Indian Affairs, after Echo Hawk resigned his position.

The tribe was racing against time as the DOI told tribal leaders that a trust application had never been completed in the time frame allotted, but the DOI was working on it.

"We were only asking for what is right-



The Keetoowah Cherokee Casino avoided a last minute shutdown as it received a land-in-trust declaration from the Department of the Interior. The Casino began as a Bingo Hall, one of the first in the state of Oklahoma, later adding Class II electronic games. Photo by Lindsey Bark

fully ours," said Assistant Chief Charles Locust. "All we want to do is take care of our people and this casino allows us to do that."

As the countdown got closer to zero hour, the actual ramifications of a shutdown began to emerge.

One hundred and twenty four casino employees would be placed on administrative leave if the shutdown occurred. They would continue to receive pay and benefits, but it would not last long. With no money being generated by the casino, the reserves would quickly be depleted.

Another 72 tribal employees were in equal peril. While they would be required to report to work every day, the funds for their jobs were dependant on an operating casino. When the money for the casino employees played out, so would the money for any tribal employees not paid through federal grants, and even the federal grant employees were not completely safe.

"For a lot of these federal grants, it takes tribal money to go after those grants," said Bryan Shade, executive director of Tribal Operations. "Quite literally, it takes money to make money. We pay people to write grant applications, and sometimes we have to match a small percentage of the salaries involved or other expenditures. That money comes from the casino. So, in reality it was closer to 300 jobs at risk rather than 200, not to mention the loss of services to tribal members."

Between Oct. 1, 2010 and Sept. 30, 2011 the tribe helped 2,380 tribal members with a total of \$643,216.64. It assisted 719 tribal members with college/vo-tech scholarships to a total

of \$409,663. The biannual elder assistance program helped 976 elders for a total of \$390,400. The tribe, also, had budgeted \$80,000 in clothing vouchers for its 1,199 children. All of this was paid for directly from casino profits totaling more than \$1.5 million in services to tribal members who would otherwise have went without.

These numbers do not include the nearly \$5 million in salaries the casino funds. Nor does it include the nearly \$3 million in local purchases the tribe and casino make each year. For one year, the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino boasts a \$133 million economic impact. Not an amount easily replaced if lost.

Tahlequah Mayor Jason Nichols said there was no way the town could absorb 200 lost jobs much less the additional lost revenue from local purchases and investments by the casino.

But the loss did not occur. Instead, at 4 p.m. on July, 30 the administration took a phone call where they were informed of the DOI decision and shortly thereafter declared, "we have it."

The DOI's 10-page document recognized that the casino property is in fact located within the former Cherokee reservation that is also the former reservation of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma giving the tribe the right and the ability to have land in trust and operate its casino.

The property was placed on the Federal Registry August 7.

By M. Thomas Jordan  
GCN Special Writer

## Unofficial UKB Candidates list for 2012 election

The United Keetoowah Band Election Board closed filings for the 2012 election cycle Tuesday at 6 p.m. with 30 people throwing their names into the hat to run the tribe.

This year's election is for the four officer positions with four-year terms and the nine district representative positions with two-year terms.

Incumbents Eddie Sacks, Canadian district representative, Jerry Hansen, Delaware district representative, William "Willie" Christie, Goingsnake district representative, and Peggy Girty, Illinois district representative, did not draw opponents and therefore are guaranteed their seats on the tribal council.

For Cooweescoowee District, incumbent Clifford Wofford is facing Josiah Thorne.

For Flint District, incumbent Tom Duncan,

Beverly Leach, Arthur Ross, Wiki "Joe" Squirrel and Frankie Still filed are running against each other.

For Saline District, incumbent Charles Smoke is facing Adalene Smith.

For Sequoyah District, incumbent Barry Dotson is facing Junior Levi Catron.

For Tahlequah District, incumbent Betty Holcomb, Jerry Henson, Perry Proctor and James Reese are running against each other.

For treasurer, incumbent Ella Mae Worley is facing Vanessa Hansen.

For secretary, incumbent Joyce Hawk, Carl Hornet and Kristene Scrapper are running against each other.

For assistant chief, incumbent Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Joe Bunch and Woodrow Proctor are running against each other.

For chief, incumbent Chief George Wickliffe, Dallas Proctor and Donna McIntosh Shockley are running against each other.

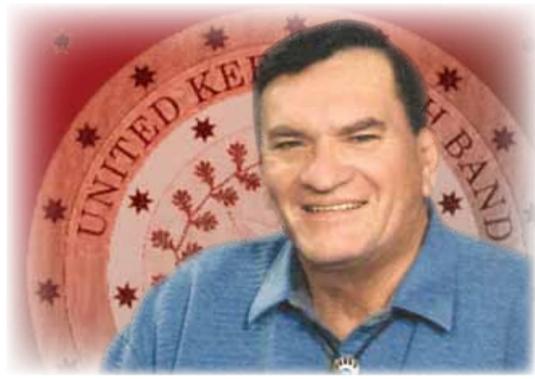
The election is Nov. 5.

At this point, the candidate's list is only unofficial. The election board is still vetting the names for eligibility. An official list will be released as soon as it is available.

For more information, call the UKB Media Department at 918-431-1818.

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



### United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Summary of the Western/Arkansas Cherokee (Old Settlers)

Dear Tribal members,

*The following is a summary of the text written by James Mooney, a U.S. Bureau of Ethnology Anthropologist, and published in the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Bureaus of American Ethnology, 1897-98 (Washington, D.C. Government Printing Office)*

The first official migration westward by the Cherokee and the subsequent negotiations resulted in the assignment of a territory in Arkansas to the Western Cherokee in the form of a Treaty with the United States in 1817. The voluntary Old Settlers were considered as 'conservative,' who desired to move west and reestablish their traditional life, of which the major body of the Cherokee, was quickly moving away from. By the Treaty of 1817, the Western Cherokee acquired title to a definite territory and official standing under Government protection. The Cherokees in the East were strongly against any recognition of the Western Cherokee.

The Treaty which assigned the lands to the Western Cherokees stipulated that a census should be made of the eastern and western divisions of the Cherokee separately, and an apportionment of the national annuity forthwith made on that basis.

Thomas Nuttall, the famed naturalist, visited the Arkansas Cherokee in 1819 and gave the following account of his findings: "both banks of the river, as we proceeded, were lined with the houses and farms of the Cherokee, and thought

their dress was a mixture of indigenous and European taste, yet in their houses, which are decently furnished, and in their farmers, which were well fenced and stoked with cattle, we perceive a happy approach toward civilization. Their numerous families, also, well fed and clothed, argue a propitious progress in their population. Their superior industry either as hunters or farmers proves and value of property among them, and they are no longer strangers to avarice and the distinctions created by wealth. Some of them are possessed of property to the amount of many thousands of dollars, have houses handsomely and conveniently furnished, and their tables spread with our dainties and luxuries."

The Treaty of 1828 between the Western Cherokees and the United States, stipulated for an assignment of land further West in Indian Territory, with a 'perpetual outlet west.' The territory assigned to them called for a 'permanent home, and which shall, under the most solemn guarantee of the United States, be and remain theirs forever - a home that shall never, in all future time, be embarrassed by having extended around it the lines or placed over it the jurisdiction of a territory or state, nor be pressed upon by the extension in any way of any of the limits of an existing territory or stated;"

Article 2 defined the boundaries of the new tract and the western outlet to be awarded. And were further modified and clarified in 1833 at a meeting at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, between the U.S. Government, the Western Cherokee and the Creek Nation, which resulted in another official Treaty. Fort Gibson was a military establishment called for I Article 9 of the Treaty. It was necessary to include the Creeks, as some of their voluntary settlers had settled along the northern bank of the Arkansas on the Verdigris River, on lands found to be within the limits of the territory assigned to the Western Cherokee by the Treaty of 1828.

This Treaty of 1833 with the Western Cherokees set the seven million acre tract boundaries, as well as a strip two miles wide along the northern border which was later annexed to the state of Kansas by the Treaty of 1866.

By tacit agreement, some of the Creeks who settled within the Cherokee bounds were permitted to remain, and among these were several families of Uchee Indians, who had fixed their residence at the spot where the town of Tahlequah was established after the arrival of the thousands of immigrant Eastern Cherokees, forcibly removed from the eastern homelands in 1838-39.

### INDIAN AFFAIRS: LAWS AND TREATIES

#### Vol. II, Treaties

Compiled and edited by Charles J. Kappler. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1904.

#### TREATY WITH THE WESTERN CHEROKEE, 1833.

Feb. 14, 1833. | 7 Stat., 414. | Proclamation, Apr. 12, 1834.

*Articles of agreement and convention made and concluded at Fort Gibson, on the Arkansas river on the fourteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, by and between Montfort Stokes, Henry L. Ellsworth and John F. Schermerhorn duly appointed Commissioners on the part of the United States and the undersigned Chiefs and Head-men of the Cherokee nation of Indians West of the Mississippi, they being duly authorized and empowered by their nation.*

WHEREAS articles of convention were concluded at the city of Washington, on the sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, between James Barbour Secretary of War, being specially authorized therefore by the President of the United States and the chiefs and head men of the Cherokee nation of Indians west of the Mississippi, which articles of convention were duly ratified. And whereas it was agreed by the second article of said convention as follows "That the United States agree to possess the Cherokees, and to guarantee it to them forever, and that guarantee is solemnly pledged, of seven millions of acres of land, said land to be bounded as follows; viz, commencing at a point on Arkansas river, where the eastern Choctaw boundary line strikes said river, and running thence with the western line of Arkansas Territory to the southwest corner of Missouri, and thence with the western boundary line of Missouri till it crosses the waters of Neosho, generally called Grand river, thence due west, to a point from which a due south course will strike the present northwest corner of Arkansas Territory, thence continuing due south on

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## Notice of Office Closings

### Offices Closed for Labor Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, August 31 and Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, September 3. We wish everyone a safe holiday.

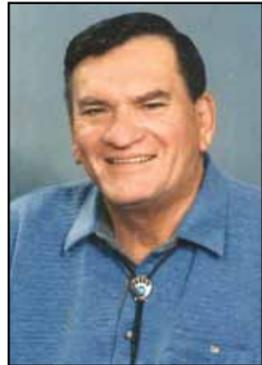
### UKB Tribal Offices Closed October 1

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed on Monday, October 1 in preparation for the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration on October 5 and 6. Tribal offices will re-open on Tuesday, October 2 at 8:30 a.m.

### UKB Tribal Offices Closed October 8

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed on Monday, October 8 in observation of Keetoowah Cherokee Day and Native American Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, October 9 at 8:30 a.m.

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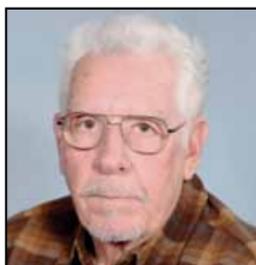
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## National Indian Gaming Commission Meets with Keetoowah Cherokee Management

Administration and management from the United Keetoowah Band tribe and casino met with National Indian Gaming Commission representatives Tim Harper, director, and Marcelin Pate Ober, field investigator for Region V, August 21.

One NIGC representative remarked of how receptive the UKB was to their visit and said it was the first time they had ever visited a tribe and the tribe was glad to see them.

“This is the first time we’ve had contact with the NIGC on a government to government basis since about 10 years when NIGC showed up and returned the fees that the tribe’s casino had been paying for 15 years of operation,” stated Ken Bellmard, UKB attorney general. “This is a historic event that we are actually establishing government to government relationship between the UKB gaming facility and National Indian Gaming Commission.”

The meeting between both parties included introductions to the tribe’s administration and gaming management. The NIGC representatives asked basic questions regarding operations of the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino and days the casino was opened.

One area the NIGC will be looking into is background checks and finger printing. This is one area NIGC wants to develop making sure the tribe’s casino is complying to their specifications.

“We’ve been waiting for this day, we

didn’t know when it would happen, ever since we have been in office we’ve been ready, thinking it could happen anytime,” said Assistant Chief Charles Locust. “For the NIGC to come and meet with us shows there are no discrepancies in our casino operations or we wouldn’t be working with the highest regulatory agency.”

All Standard Operation Procedures for the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino are up to date. The only operation that might be off track over the past years would be the inclusion of Table Track and the redemption machines that do not have updated policy based on being new equipments.

“The only write ups we’ve had in our casino audits in previous years is on procedurals,” said Locust. “We haven’t had any write ups financially, it has all been on procedures on new equipment and software we have implemented, but this comes with growth and expansion of our casino. Even the auditor agrees that it is all procedural nothing financial.”

One important item mentioned by Assistant Chief Locust is updating the tribe’s gaming ordinance. The tribe has been operating under the old 1995 ordinance. In the last few years the tribe’s council and legal team has been in the process of upgrading their gaming ordinance preparing for submission.

The tribe has operated their gaming facility as if they were always under the NIGC, up-

holding those standards and level of compliance.

“Our regulation is based on an approved gaming ordinance with the federal government with NIGC, it was approved in 1995,” said Bellmard. “This is basically the document we use to regulate our facility.”

Bellmard stressed that the UKB held to the belief and standard following the Indian Regulatory Act proceeding with business as if NIGC had the authority.

“With the involvement of the NIGC this allows us to move forward and be regulated,” said Rod Fourkiller, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino manager. “All these years we have been self regulated and we’ve done a very good job, but now we can be regulated by the Indian Regulatory Act by the NIGC like most tribes in America.”

Fourkiller said that the tribe will continue to regulate their casino through their tribal gaming commission but will take a step further with the NIGC assisting the tribe’s gaming regulatory authority.

“We will be meeting more with NIGC in the future and receiving technical advice from them with the opportunity to contact NIGC when needed,” said Locust. “We feel good that NIGC will be working with us. We are proud the NIGC is back. This means it will put us on a more level playing field with other tribes.”

### Summary of the Western/Arkansas Cherokee (Old Settlers)

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and with the present boundary line on the west of said Territory, to the main branch of Arkansas river, thence down said river to its junction with the Canadian, and thence up, and between said rivers Arkansas and Canadian to a point at which a line, running north and south, from river to river, will give the aforesaid seven millions of acres, thus provided for the bounded. The United States further guarantee to the Cherokee nation a perpetual outlet west, and a free and unmolested use of all the country lying west of the Western boundary of the above-described limits; and as far west, as the sovereignty of the United States and their right of soil extend. And whereas there was too said articles of convention and agreement, the following proviso viz. Provided nevertheless, that said convention, shall not be so construed, as to extend the northern boundary of said perpetual outlet west, provided for and guaranteed in the second article of said convention, north of the thirty-sixth degree of north latitude, or so as to interfere with the lands assigned, or to be assigned, west of the Mississippi river, to the Creek Indians who have emigrated, or may emigrate, from the States of Georgia and Alabama, under the provision of any treaty, or treaties, heretofore concluded, between the United States, and the Creek tribe of Indians—and provided further, that nothing in said convention, shall be construed, to cede, or assign, to the Cherokees any treaty now existing and in force, with any such tribe or tribes.”—And whereas, it appears from the Creek treaty, made with the United States, by the Creek nation, dated twenty-fourth day of January eighteen hundred and twenty-six, at the city of Washington; that they had the right to select, and did select, a part of the country described within the boundaries mentioned above in said Cherokee articles of agreement—and whereas, both the Cherokee and Creek nations of Indians west of the Mississippi, anxious to have their boundaries settled in an amicable manner, have met each other in council, and, after full deliberation mutually agreed upon the boundary lines between them—Now therefore, the United States on one part, and the chiefs and head-men of the Cherokee nation of Indians west of the Mississippi on the other part, agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1.

The United States agree to possess the Cherokees, and to guarantee it to them forever, and that guarantee, is hereby pledged, of seven millions of acres of land, to be bounded as follows viz: Beginning at a point on the old western territorial line of Arkansas Territory, being twenty-five miles north from the point, where the Territorial line crosses Arkansas river—thence running from said north point, south, on the said Territorial line, to the place where said Territorial line crosses the Verdigris river—thence down said Verdigris river, to the Arkansas river—thence down said Arkansas to a point, where a stone is placed opposite to the east or lower bank of Grand river at its junction with the Arkansas—thence running south, forty-four degrees west, one mile—thence in a straight line to a point four miles northerly from the mouth of the north fork of the Canadian—thence along the

said four miles line to the Canadian—thence down the Canadian to the Arkansas—thence, down the Arkansas, to that point on the Arkansas, where the eastern Choctaw boundary strikes, said river; and running thence with the western line of Arkansas Territory as now defined, to the southwest corner of Missouri—thence along the western Missouri line, to the land assigned the Senecas; thence, on the south line of the Senecas to Grand river; thence, up said Grand river, as far as the south line of the Osage reservation, extended if necessary—thence up and between said south Osage line, extended west if necessary and a line drawn due west, from the point of beginning, to a certain distance west, at which, a line running north and south, from said Osage line, to said due west line, will make seven millions of acres within the whole described boundaries. In addition to the seven millions of acres of land, thus provided for, and bounded, the United States, further guarantee to the Cherokee nation, a perpetual outlet west and a free and unmolested use of all the country lying west, of the western boundary of said seven millions of acres, as far west as the sovereignty of the United States and their right of soil extend—Provided however, that if the saline, or salt plain, on the great western prairie, shall fall within said limits prescribed for said outlet, the right is reserved to the United States to permit other tribes of red men, to get salt on said plain in common with the Cherokees—and

letters patent shall be issued by the United States as soon as practicable for the land hereby guaranteed.

#### ARTICLE 2.

The Cherokee nation hereby relinquish and quit claim to the United States all the right interest and tile which the Cherokees have, or claim to have in and to all the land ceded, or claimed to have been ceded to said Cherokee nation by said treaty of sixth of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and not embraced within the limits or boundaries fixed in this present supplementary treaty or articles of convention and agreement.

#### ARTICLE 3.

The Cherokee nation, having particularly requested the United States to annul and cancel the sixth article of said treaty of sixth May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, the United States, agree to cancel the same, and the same is hereby annulled—Said sixth article referred to, is in the following words—“It is moreover agreed by the United States, when the Cherokees may desire it, to give them a plain set of laws, suited to their condition—also when they may wish to lay off their lands and own them individually, a surveyor shall be sent to survey them at the expense of the United States.

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### UKB September 2012 Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

<b>September 8</b>	<b>UKB Regular Council Meeting</b> , 10 a.m. UKB Community Services Building
<b>September 11</b>	<b>Saline District Meeting and Potluck Dinner</b> , 7 p.m. Kenwood Community Building
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Delaware District Meeting and Potluck Dinner</b> , 6:30 p.m. Jay Community Center
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Illinois District Meeting</b> , 6 p.m. Vian Satellite Office
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Sequoyah District Meeting</b> , 6 p.m. Sallisaw Satellite Office
<b>September 14</b>	<b>Tahlequah District Meeting</b> , 6 p.m. Jim Proctor Elder Community Center
<b>September 15</b>	<b>UKB Elder Committee Meeting</b> , 10 a.m. UKB Community Services Building
<b>September 18</b>	<b>Flint and Goingsnake Districts Meeting</b> , 6 p.m. Stilwell Satellite Office
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Coowescoowee District Meeting</b> , 5:30 p.m. First Christian Church, Pryor
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Goingsnake District Meeting and Potluck Dinner</b> , 6.p.m. Oaks Community Center
<b>September 22</b>	<b>Canadian District Meeting</b> , 1:30 p.m. Bacone College, Muskogee

\*No other meeting dates available at press time.

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# Keetoowah Cherokee

## One Fire, One Family, Rising Together

In the history of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, before the tribe received its federal charter and constitution, the United States Government requested that all ceremonial grounds and communities become as one to form one tribe.

The Keetoowah Society, the Nighthawk Keetoowahs, the Eastern Immigrants, the Western Cherokee, the Medicine Society, the Keetoowah Society Incorporated and the Seven Clans Society, were among the groups that came together.

While there were some overlapping in the membership of those groups, each were in such a struggle to maintain their ethnic and national identity, along with their heritage, they were all working toward federal recognition.

Although some of these groups had applied to be federally recognized, the federal government said they should all come together and be recognized as one tribe. They did this with the corporate charter and constitution as the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. The charter did leave leeway for these sub-groups to continue to have their own organizations.

These groups became united in the eyes of the federal government, and in many ways, became one family.

In keeping with this request, this year's 62nd Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration theme, "One Fire, One Family, Rising Together," continues that common purpose.

"Keetoowah forefathers who loved and lived as free people and had never surrendered to anybody: They loved one another for they were just like one family, just as if they had been raised from one family." - Keetoowah Laws, April 25, 1859

"We shall never give up Keetoowah, and will all join hands and fight until we fall to the ground." - Nighthawk Keetoowah Constitution

With the Federal Government putting Land in Trust for the UKB, and recording it in the Federal Register, there is no doubt the Keetoowah Cherokees will continue rising together.

Upon hearing this historical news, Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust, responded,

"This is the greatest news for the United Keetoowah Band since it began its unique history. Everyone involved in making this happen will go down in history as helping the Forgotten Cherokees to rise above all adversity and to insure they as a people continue to fight and provide services to its members.

This is our story and our relationship to the Burning Phoenix, whose name and story are symbols for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma."

Keetoowah Cherokee ancestors foretold of the day when the tribe would prevail. Like the Phoenix rising out of the ashes, the Keetoowah Cherokee today is stronger than ever. And as the UKB moves forward with future endeavors and opportunities, the tribe will remain, "One Fire, One Family, Rising Together."

## Pre-Celebration Events

### Miss & Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant set for September 13

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 13, 2012 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 good-will ambassadors during their reign. Education Scholarships will be awarded to the winners: first, and second runner ups of \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$750 for Miss Keetoowah Cherokee and \$300, \$200, and \$100 for Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee

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

### Twelfth Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Golf Tournament

The very popular Keetoowah Cherokee Golf Tournament will be held on two days, Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29 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 21, 2012. 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, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino, PO Box 117, Park Hill, Oklahoma, 74457. For more information, call (918) 456-9350.

## Sport Competitions

### Softball

Back by popular demand, this year the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration will host two softball tournaments, a 5-5 Coed tournament and Men's Fast pitch tournament. The tournaments will be held on October 5, 6, and 7 at the Sequoyah Softball fields.

ASA rules will apply, with certified ASA umpires, and all ASA bats with the exception of Ultra's may be used. There will be a six home run limit. There will be a 15 player roster in each division.

The prizes will include hooded sweatshirts for first place, long sleeve shirts for second place, and T- Shirts for third place winners.

The tournaments will be limited to the first paid in full, sixteen teams. The entry fee is \$175. The deadline for entry fees is October 1, 2012 at 5 p.m.

Payments may be mailed to:  
United Keetoowah Band  
Amanda Stopp/ UKB Enrollment Department  
PO Box 746  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Payments accepted include cashier's checks, money orders, or cash. Make payable to UKB. For more information, contact Chris Stopp 918-905-0537 or Amanda Stopp at 918-207-5120.

### Horseshoes

The 62nd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration horseshoe tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th. 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. Partners will be picked by blind draw.

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 Amy or Michael Hooper 918-575-4923.

### Volleyball Tournament

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will be hosting a volleyball tournament on Saturday, October 6, as part of the 62nd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee 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 hooded 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 Sonya Walker Green at 918-506-0201.

### 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 6 as part of the 62nd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee 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.united-keetoowahband.org](http://www.united-keetoowahband.org). Participants may pre-register in person at UKB offices until Friday, September 28. T-shirts are guaranteed to those who pre-register.

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. Start time for the run is 7:10 a.m. Medals will be awarded to the 5K category winners. Categories will include male and female categories for 1) up to age 17 years; 18 to 45 years; and 46 and above. For more information, contact Tim Good Voice or Elizabeth Bird at (918) 431-1818.

## Special Events

### Vintage Photo ID Session

The United Keetoowah Band John Hair Museum will be hosting a "Vintage Photo ID" session during the 2012 Keetoowah Celebration, Saturday, Oct. 6. There will be two sessions that will run from 9 am to 11:30 am and from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Director, Ernestine Berry said, "We have many photos of Keetoowah people from the late 1800s and early 1900s that we can't identify. That's why we are asking our members to come to the museum to help us with identifications."

The photos are of Keetoowahs during the Civil War Period (1858-1866), the Allotment Period (1898-1906), and UKB Recognition Period (1935-1946). If you have friends or family who were active with the Keetoowahs during these time periods, you may be able to help the museum identify some of the people in the photos.

"We welcome UKB members' help and would be grateful to be able to put names with the faces in the photos," Berry said.

If you have old photos of family members that you would like to place copies of in the museum archive, the museum can make digital copies of your photos while you wait. Museum personnel will make a record of the digital photo along with names and any other information you may want to include with the photo. The photos will be preserved for future generations in the museum archive. Your original photos will be returned to you after they are digitized.

"We are looking forward to participation by our members in the Vintage Photo ID sessions. We are hoping that through these sessions, we shall be able to give due credit to our elders who labored and sacrificed for the benefit of this present generation," said Berry.

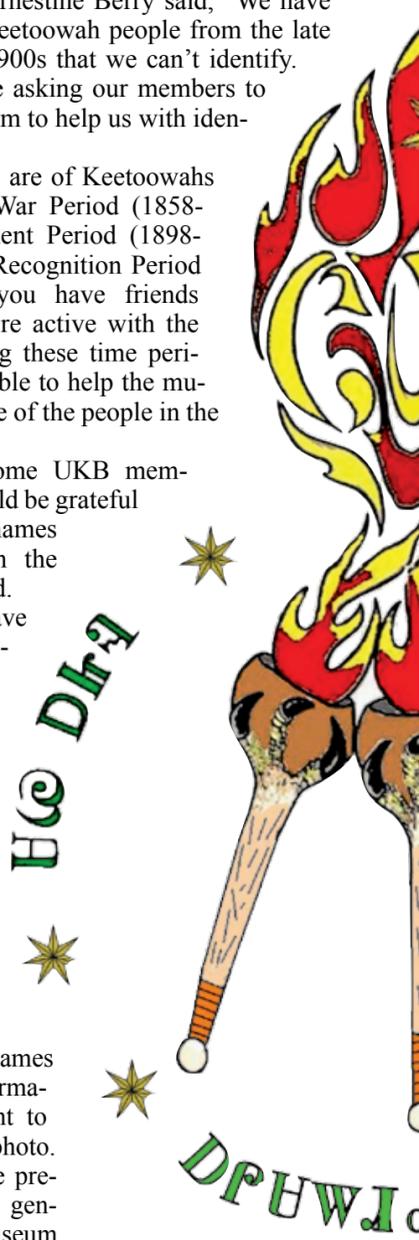
### Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Open Gospel Singing

Everyone is invited to come and praise the Lord through song! The celebration gospel singing will be held on Friday, October 5 at the UKB Wellness Center. The schedule is as follows: Dinner at 5 p.m. and Singing at 6:30 p.m. All singers and listeners are welcome.

For more information, call Choogie Kingfisher at (918) 772-4372 or (918) 316-3731.

### Seventh Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Pow Wow

The Keetoowah Cherokee Pow Wow is a two day event, Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6. 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



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# Cherokee Celebration

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Golden Age Special is for dancers 50 years old and older.

Saturday, October 6, registration is from noon to 3 p.m. A Gourd Dance will be held from 2 – 3 p.m. The Grand Entry is scheduled for 3 p.m. 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 the 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 family event, which begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday Morning, is held on main street (Muskogee Avenue) in downtown Tahlequah. The parade keeps growing every year.

There are more entries, as well as more spectators watching the event. Several marching bands will be a part of the parade. Cash prizes are 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!

Serving as parade marshals in this year's parade are Former UKB Chiefs, John Hair, Jim Henson, and Dallas Proctor. Also appearing in the parade will be the UKB Veterans Honor Guard, Chief, Assistant Chief, Tribal Secretary, Tribal Treasurer, and the nine district representatives.

The newly crowned Miss and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee will also participate. Candidates for the November election are also likely to be a part of the parade, along with candidates for the state's election.

There will be two parades in Tahlequah on October 6. Northeastern State University will host its homecoming parade immediately following the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Parade. One major difference is, while the

Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Parade goes from North to South, the NSU parade will go from South to North.

Participant's may download a parade application from the UKB website or pick one up at the UKB Community Services Building at the tribal complex or at the Administration Building, located next to the casino. For more information, contact Marilyn Craig at 918-456-6533 or Kim Drywater at 918-431-1818.

## State of the Nation Address

After the parade, the crowd will begin to fill the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Grounds. Around 11:45 a.m., the Keetoowah people will gather in and around the pavilion to hear the Chief's State of the Nation address. The tribal council will be introduced. Assistant Chief Charles Locust will also speak.

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 2012 Tradition Keepers and entertainment by area gospel singers and groups.

## Stomp Dance

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

One of the most traditional and sacred ceremonies of the Keetoowah Cherokee, the Stomp Dance, will be held on Saturday night beginning at 11 p.m. The Redbird Smith Stomp Grounds will host the dance at the Keetoowah Cherokee stomp grounds which is on the northwest 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 tee shirts, tie-dyed shirts, pottery, baskets, jewelry, paintings, toys and more. A variety of food booths will be available at the Celebration, featuring BBQ, hot dogs, hamburgers, Indian Tacos, meat pies, funnel cakes, chocolate dipped cheese cakes, nachos, coffee, hot chocolate, lemonade, corn dogs and more.

If you are interested in renting booth space, contact Bryan Shade at 918-431-1818.

## 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

- 10 Drawings for \$500 Cash Prizes
- Ticket Cost = \$1.00 each
- Drawing Date: October 6, 2012 @ 5pm
- DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN
- 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

Kids 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.

### Get out the Turtle Wax! UKB 11th Annual Turtle Races

The 62nd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration will be holding their 11th Annual Turtle Races at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 6th, 2011. Registration will begin at noon up until 1:30 p.m. There will be four age divisions: 2-4; 5-6; 7-9 and 10-12. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each division.

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 Georgia Dick at 918-456-8698.

## Inflatables, Face Painting and Free Snow Cones

Following Chief George Wickliffe's State of the Nation Address, kids will be treated to inflatable attractions such as the Sesame Street, Summit Mountain, 50 ft. Obstacle course, The Shooter, Beach 3 lane obstacle and a slide jump combo. There will also be free snow cones and face painting for kids of all ages.

## Cultural Demonstrations and Make and Take Crafts

Always a popular event, beginning at noon, children will have the opportunity to meet some Keetoowah Cherokee artisans and elders and observe cultural demonstrations, and also have the opportunity to participate in make and take crafts including basket weaving, finger weaving, corn husk dolls and key chains.

## Other Youth Events

There will also be a youth division in the 5K/2K Run, the blowgun competition, the cornstalk shoot and free bingo. There will also be art lessons offered at the John Hair Museum for youth and adults alike.

## Cultural Games

### Marble Tournament

The 62nd Annual United Keetoowah Band Celebration will be hosting a Three-Man Team Marble Tournament, Saturday, October 6, 2012. The tournament will begin at 1 p.m. and is limited to the first 10 teams; you can register by contacting Dennis Sixkiller at 918-453-5433. Team members must be 18 years and older. This is one-game elimination with 1st place awarded prizes.

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 918-453-5433 or Sammy Still at 918-431-1818.

### Stickball

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 begin at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Choogie Kingfisher at (918) 772-4372 or (918) 316-3731.

### 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 atl-lat'l with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. For more information, contact Tori Proctor at 918-456-8698.

### 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 Tori Proctor at 918-456-8698.



## Gaduwa Cherokee News wins accolades for second year in a row

Amid the neon lights and bustling streets filled with people, Las Vegas, Nevada, was the host of the Unity 2012 conference at the Mandalay Bay on August 1 through 4, for journalists from all over the United States. The Gaduwa Cherokee News staff attended and brought home six awards through the Native American Journalists Association media awards, as part of Unity.

The theme of Unity this year was "Engage. Embrace. Connect." The UKB media staff engaged in workshops to improve their skills, embraced the unity and diversity of other journalists and cultures, and brought what they learned home to connect with the people.

The six awards the paper received were in Division 5 for Monthly/Bi-Monthly publication. Sammy Still, editor in chief, won first place for Best Photo/News for his photo "Oh, my aching feet." M. Thomas Jordan, GCN Special Writer received four first place awards: Best News Story, Best Feature Story, Best Photo/Sports and Best Photo/Feature. The paper received third place for overall general excellence.

The staff attended workshops to enhance their skills as journalists and bring in new ideas that could possibly improve the newspaper and its "overall general excellence." They were informed about how to write memorable ledes, anecdotal ledes and how to formulate ledes for print and online writing from Steve Padilla, LA Times, Erika Hayasaki, University of California professor, and John Glionna, LA Times. Writing a lede is especially useful for capturing the reader's attention at the beginning of a story.

The resurgence of long-form writing workshop taught the staff that long-form writing is not a thing of the past and that people still like to read. It gave journalists the points they need to develop the long-form story and possibly turn it into a nonfiction narrative. The panel for this workshop included Greg Veis, The New Republic, Lisa Sharkey, HarperCollins Publishers Worldwide, Nicholas Lemann, dean of Columbia University and Howard Chua-Eoan, Time Magazine.

Writing for online audiences was a workshop where Victoria Lim, freelance multiplatform journalist, talked about writing effective online stories that will hold the online audiences' attention. She gave tips on how to get people to keep coming back to a website by using creative headlines and time stamp updates. The tribe has recently launched the newly designed UKB website, that is more eye-catching with its use of colors, headlines and easy to read information.

On the eve of the final day at the Mandalay Bay, the Gaduwa staff attended the 2012 NAJA Media Awards. These six new awards the UKB media department received were the second accolades the paper has won. Again, receiving the awards for the paper were Still and Jordan for their skill in photography and story writing. The UKB media department continues to grow and develop for the needs of the people and the information they deserve.

By Lindsey Bark  
GCN Reporter

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## UKB John Hair Museum receives grant to help preserve its historic collections

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries, in partnership with the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board, today announced that the United Keetoowah Band John Hair Museum was awarded a "Threats to Your Collection" grant of \$3,000 to improve archival conditions in the museum for collections of United Keetoowah Band historical documents, photos, maps and other objects.

The UKB John Hair Museum opened in October 2011 as a museum of Keetoowah Cherokee history. The museum's collects are related to the history of the Keetoowah Cherokees as well as other tribes with aboriginal roots in the southeastern United States. The ongoing collections consist of documents, photos, maps, video recordings, audio recordings and other objects. The history of the Keetoowah people has over the past fifty years remained somewhat obscure, but with the opening of the museum, Keetoowah history is becoming more widely known to tribal members and to the general public.

"Many of our Keetoowah people had no opportunity to learn their own history," said Ernestine Berry, Director of the museum. "Now, the museum can tell the story that was almost forgotten," said Berry.

"In presenting this grant to the UKB John Hair Museum, it is our intention to help further its commitment to providing the best possible care

of the historic materials in its collections," said Susan Feller, Project Director for the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board and Development Officer for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. "We hope that these grants will facilitate increased local support for the care of historic collections held by organizations such as the UKB John Hair Museum.

According to Feller, the "Threats to Your Collection" grant opportunity was an outcome of a statewide survey that assessed the condition of collections held by Oklahoma's 800 museums and libraries. The study found that almost all organizations have lost historic materials through theft, environmental damage, and other causes. "It is our goal to stem the loss of Oklahoma's heritage by providing funding for secure storage, environmental controls, archival storage supplies, fire detection, and other projects that address threats to collections," Feller said.

Support for the grant program was provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the funding arm for the National Archives and Records Administration. Grants totaling \$50,000 were awarded to 27 Oklahoma institutions.

For more information on the UKB John Hair Museum contact Ernestine Berry, Director, at 918-772-4389 or eberry@unitedkeetoowahband.org.

## UKB Sponsors Hunter's Safety Course

The United Keetoowah Band is sponsoring an Oklahoma Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunter's Safety Course Sept. 15.

The class is free, but attendees have to pre-register with Brandi Ross, UKB director of Natural Resources, by Sept. 13 at 4 p.m.

The class is limited to 30 people, and those spaces are reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The hunter education course covers a variety of topics including firearms safety, wildlife identification, wildlife conservation and management, survival, archery, muzzleloading and hunter responsibility.

The course is eight hours long, running from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the United Keetoowah Band Community Services Building, and is taught by Johnny Mitchell. Attendees are tested at the end of the course to fulfill the state hunter safety certification requirements.

The UKB is, also, providing lunch for the attendees.

For more information and to pre-register, call Ross at 918-772-4381.



## Vote November 5th

See the October issue of the Gaduwa Cherokee News for voting locations by district.



## United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Menus are subject to change without notice. For more info call: 918-772-4389 or 918-772-4378	Milk, Tea, Coffee & Water Served Daily During Lunch 11:30 - 1:00					1
2	3 Tribal Offices Labor Day Closed	4 BBQ Bologna Baked Beans Corn on Cob Texas Toast Salad & Fresh Fruit	5 Beef Taco Casserole Spanish Rice Chile Beans Tortilla Salad & Dessert	6 Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Veggies Breadstick, Crackers Broccoli Salad Dessert	7 BRUNCH 10:30 - 12:00	8
9	10 Loaded Baked Potato w/fixings, Mixed Vegetables, Biscuit Salad & Dessert	11 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots Wheat Roll Salad & Fresh Fruit	12 White Beans w/ Ham, Fried Okra Greens, Cornbread Salad & Dessert	13 Goulash Green Beans, Corn Garlic Toast Salad & Dessert	14 BRUNCH 10:30 - 12:00	15
16	17 Chicken Strips Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Sweet Peas Biscuit Salad & Dessert	18 Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Hot Roll Grilled Veggies Salad & Fresh Fruit	19 Lasagna Brussels Sprouts Baby Carrots Garlic Toast Salad & Dessert	20 Catfish w/Tatar Sauce, Black-eyed Peas Hushpuppies Colelaw Dessert	21 Last Fishing Day UKB River Park 11-2	22 Autumn Begins
23	24 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Green Beans Hot Roll Salad & Dessert	25 Ground Beef Vegetable Stew, Hominy, Cheese stick Breadstick Salad & Fresh Fruit	26 Streak Fajitas, Rice, Fried Zucchini Corn Tortilla Salad & Dessert	27 Traditional Dinner Brown Beans w/Ham Greens, Yellow Hominy, Fry Bread Salad, Birthday Cake	28 Kitchen Closed for Cleaning	29
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# UKB Regular July Council Meeting Minutes

## UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the UKB Community Services Building July 03, 2012 6:31 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

*\*\*Prior to regular scheduled meeting, presentation of swearing in of Shelly L. Harrison as Associate Justice to the UKB Supreme Court for 7 year term beginning July 1, 2012\*\**

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

### II. Invocation: Bridge Chuckluck

**III. Roll Call:** 11 + Chief answered Roll Call; Locust absent at roll call

Charles Locust arrived at 6:35 pm

MOTION by Jerry Hansen to enter into Executive Session with legal representation; TIME – 6:37 pm; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 9 Yes, 3 No (Dotson, Worley, Holcomb), 0 Abstentions.

Chief Wickliffe: Let's vote to go into regular session. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to exit from Executive Session and return to regular session; TIME – 8:17 pm; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Locust absent).

### IV. Chief's Address

- No statements at this time

### V. Approval of the minutes for the month of June 2012

- Girty: The paragraph that is written stating was spoken in Cherokee, is it the whole page or what paragraph(s)?  
- Hawk: Just the one paragraph under the bold lettering.

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to approve the Regular Council minutes of July 2012; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 10 Yes, 1 No (Worley), 1 Abstentions (Locust).

- Worley: Reason for no vote is they are censored again.

### VI. Presentations - NONE

### VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Joyce Hawk

- Before I read the enrollment report, I have included in your packet the 2012 Elder's Program "Spring" Assistance report. The program began May 7, 2012 and ended June 15, 2012. During that time 967 elders applied for the assistance. The total amount of \$193,400.00 was disbursed for program. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the committee, the casino and the Council for this program.

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to accept and approve 8 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to acknowledge and honor 10 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Ad-Hoc Report: No applicants at the time of the Enrollment Report.

### VIII. Public Forum

1. Stephanie Wickliffe – Respect of tribal members

- I would like to take this opportunity to speak and thank the Council for the opportunity, for allowing our people the freedom of speech. Thank you tribal members for being here tonight. I know a lot of our elders came a long way and then had to wait while business of the tribe was being done. I thank the visitors and my mom and dad for being here tonight. I take this opportunity to mention 3 things that might say why I am speaking about respect. When we fail to respect as tribal leaders we cut away from the constitution because we toss it away and vote and do business the way we want to do it or do it as urgency when we don't fall in good government. Post things to our tribal members such as agendas or codes whatever legislation. Last time I checked, government responded to the people and that meant information goes to the people; that our leaders do not blindly set and do business among themselves and not inform us. That's why we have to respect our constitution and not bypass that. We also have to have respect for transparency. The government as public officials what you do represents us. There are things as confidentiality with personnel issues and stuff like that becomes privileged information. How our government works and serves us is public information. How you guys operate, what you spend, what you take, what you do with the funding is public information for us. I think we have gotten away from respecting the constitution and transparency. We have gotten away from respect-

ing our women in this tribe and I say that because two months ago I sat right here and raised my hand to ask a simple question pertaining to what law allowed you to take our phones away and no faster did I get those words out of my mouth, Lighthorse was called by the Chief to try and escort me out and within that time too I was told to shut up twice by the Chief. Everyone of you men (referring to the men on Council) kept your heads down. First time I went to a Council meeting, I was a little girl. I went with my dad's father, my grandpa. You remember him George, you remember them. I remember going with them, the women stayed in there like they were told. I never saw the women go out. I'm going to back up, but you know we can't have respect for you when you don't stand up and have courage for the women that are your daughters, your mothers, your aunts, your sisters, etc. We need respect among everybody even if we disagree. I disagree with a lot of things but we need to respect each other. We need to not tell our daughters and our women just because we ask a simple question to be told to shut up. I never thought I would see the day when the Chief of the UKB... (unclear portion, covered by cough) to the women and I never thought I would see the day when the men would just sit there with their heads down and not stand up for a sister. I was not disrespectful in my question. I simply wanted to know where was the law because this is my government. So let's please don't be a coward, don't be bullied. Respect your sisters and your mothers. Thank you.

- Chief Wickliffe: I guess that's it. I knew your grandpa. He was on Council for many years and I was not finished talking when you entered and asked the question. (Both parties speak among each other and interrupt each other so language is unclear.)

- Holcomb: States let's go on about our business.

### IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

### X. New Business

1. Water Codes – Ken Bellmard  
- You've had these water codes for about two months. A meeting was attended by some of the Council. We need to establish our right to water within the nine (9) districts. We all know the Chickasaw and Choctaws are in this lawsuit with the State of Oklahoma. I would anticipate this is going to lead to all tribes having to negotiate or litigate their water claims within their jurisdictional areas. Since our jurisdictional area (14 counties) is comprised into nine (9) districts that's what this purpose is for the water codes. It is a basis to make

## Rocky Mountain School's 8th Grade Travel to Washington, D.C.

Rocky Mountain School's 8th grade class for the upcoming school year received a jump start on learning by travelling to Washington D.C. the week of July 16th. The students and sponsors spent the week touring historic sites and the locations of the federal government that they have only seen on television.

Seeing such historic sites and visiting the architecturally stunning memorials for men such as Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Franklin Roosevelt brought home to the students how important the achievements of these men are. In addition, a trip to Arlington National Cemetery to see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, President Kennedy's grave, and view the rows and rows of grave markers remembering the people who have died serving this nation sent home the message of service and sacrifice.

The students toured the U.S. Capitol Building and entered the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives while in session. The students also visited a number of memorials honoring our military including the Iwo Jima, Vietnam, Korean, and the new World War II Memorial. The group

claims for waters and those areas.

- Locust: I would like to add on to that. Whenever I was on the Indian Affairs, they were telling us at one time we would have to follow the state's codes. State codes do not recognize tribes. That was the means to develop these codes to be involved in the game, like the Illinois River with the chicken problem. We should have been involved but stated if you don't have codes then you have to go by the State of Oklahoma codes; therefore, we would like to be part of the game too. That's why we need to obtain water codes.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve the UKB Water Codes; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### 2. Loan Codes – Ken Bellmard

- This provides for an infrastructure to establish businesses within our jurisdiction that would provide loans to qualifying individuals. We do not want to be in the business of offering loans to people, due to the fact that some may default. But this does allow us to enter into a business relationship so we can start to do loan business within our jurisdiction.

- Holcomb: The loan codes will be for business only correct? It's codes that the business would have to follow to give loans to people. Select jurisdictional areas. Individuals that qualify. Changes can be made later but the only thing we don't want to start as personal loan to members. We want to keep it as a business-to-business operation.

MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve the UKB Loan Codes; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### XI. Announcements –

Tri-Council meeting in Cherokee, NC July 7-13, 2012.

Sequoyah District meeting will be July 19, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Sallisaw Sub-office

Discussion of the voting on the resolutions when the time comes to vote at the Tri-Council meeting. A copy of the policy and procedures was available to Council before they exit the meeting.

### XII. Benediction: Tom Duncan

### XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Barry Dotson; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; Approve by affirmation: 8:45 PM



Rocky Mountain group in front of White House. L to R: Tricia Christie, Kelli Eubanks, Melissa Turman, Clara Bighorse, Madison Eubanks, Haleigh Cone, Sharon Cone, Samantha Sawney, Tallee Turman, Ashley Thompson, Clarise Mankiller, Mackale Leach, Joe Alex Vardeman, Gareth Jones, Kobe Doublehead, Caleb Blevins, Justin Martin, Tracy Kimble, Frances Turman, and Kenny Littlefield. Picture by Margaret Carlile who also served as a trip sponsor.

## Freestyle Wrestling Champion and Steer Wrestler Excels in Sports

Eric Ketcher, son of Connie Grisby and Michael Ketcher and grandson of Ralph and Alyene (Hogner) Ketcher, is an All-State wrestler, two-time freestyle wrestling champion and rodeo steer wrestler.

At the age of 10, Eric came to live with his father, Mike Ketcher, former catcher for the Tulsa Oilers, a Triple-A team for the St. Louis Cardinals.

"We were living in Okmulgee at the time and my dad was steer wrestling," said Eric. "He asked me what I wanted to do and I told him that I wanted to wrestle."

He asked his dad if he knew anything about wrestling, his dad responded by saying he did not know a thing about wrestling, but said that they would learn together.

Eric attended East Central high school in Tulsa, where he wrestled in the heavy weight division. His high school wrestling coaches were T. Don Fleshman, a two-time All-American, and Gary Roberts, who was an All-American.

He also became involved in high school rodeo and learned how to steer wrestle from his coaches Britches Simms and Clarence LaBlanc, both world champion steer wrestlers. Eric was the youngest steer wrestler in high school and made the high school state finals representing East Central.

Eric participated in the International Youth Finals, where high school students from 34 states are represented, in Shawnee every July.

Eric remembers the time competing in the IYF in Shawnee when his horse didn't have the proper health papers and his horse was disqualified to compete. A fellow steer wrestler, E. P. Luchsinger, volunteered his horse for Eric to ride in the competition. Luchsinger is the the nephew of Reba McEntire.

In high school Eric made All-State in wrestling during his senior year and was chosen to wrestle for Team Oklahoma to compete in the Fargo National Wrestling Championships in Fargo, N.D. where he became a two-time freestyle wrestling champion in 1999 and in 2000.

The premiere youth event in the United States, the Fargo Nationals are held every summer at the Fargodome, where wrestlers from every

state test their skills against the best competition in freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling.

Eric had many scholarship offers in various sports, wrestling, rodeo, football and in baseball. He was considered an all around athlete in high school.

After high school, Eric attended Bacone College by receiving full scholarships in wrestling and rodeo. While attending Bacone, and participating in wrestling and rodeo, both sports began conflicting with each other and Eric's wrestling coach advised him to select one sport. Coming from a family of limited means, Eric could not afford to pay for college tuition so he decided to quit college.

After a year absent from college, Kenard Booker, the new Bacone wrestling coach, heard of Eric's plight and offered a full wrestling scholarship, so Eric returned to Bacone College.

Eric never finished Bacone, but he began coaching in youth wrestling programs, assisting high school head coaches. He has been asked to return to coach wrestling at Oologah and Sequoyah high schools.

The Ketcher family is known for producing good athletes, who excel in all sports. Eric's dad told his sons that the good Lord gave them a talent and they could play any sports they wanted.

Eric talked about his younger brother, Jesse, who is a good softball player.

"We all are good ball players," said Eric. "We are just natural at sports. We didn't work at it that hard. We still train hard and learn the skills. It just seems to come natural to us."

Because of Eric's dad's stint with professional ball, he would work his sons extra hard when teaching them baseball skills. Just because sports came natural, he would train them and teach them how to excel in any sport they participated in.

Eric would laugh when he reminisced about how at times. There would be fights between his dad and him as his dad would try to teach Eric. Eric told of how hard headed a teenager he was and thought he knew it all.

"When we lived in Bixby, it would be 100-degree weather. Dad would take me in the backyard in my catcher's gear blocking balls," said



Eric Ketcher proudly displays his 2001 All-State ring along with his 1999 and 2000 Freestyle wrestling Championship rings. Photo by Sammy Still

Eric. "I wanted to quit and go inside in front of the air conditioner, but my dad would say, 'No way, you're not quitting on me. There's no quitting.'"

There was a lot of competition between Eric and his dad, but Eric always had his dad's support. While wrestling for Bixby, Eric and his dad would travel to Collinsville, Tahlequah, Coweta and even as far away as Sallisaw. It was just the two of them.

"We'd go everywhere, just him and I," said Mike.

Eric is still active today in steer wrestling.

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### Keetoowah Citizen's Announce Joe Bunch's Bid for Assistant Chief

(Tahlequah, OK) Leading the United Keetoowah Band's Gaming Commission for the past eight years as Commissioner, Stilwell native, Joe Bunch is announcing his election bid for Assistant Chief. Joe Bunch says he is well equipped to help lead the 14,000 plus member tribe as their assistant Chief for the next four years.



"We have grown substantially in membership, enterprise, and revenue since I was confirmed by the UKB Tribal Council to be the Tribe's Gaming Commissioner. Such growth demands someone of integrity, capability, and accountability to make sure our Tribe moves forward; servicing all members equally and fairly," said Joe Bunch. "We must move forward this way and not lose sight of our history, along with preserving our language and rich culture."

Joe Bunch's work experience spans three decades in tribal services and Indian gaming. He was selected by his peers across the state of Oklahoma to represent them for three terms as Vice Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association and one term as Chairman of the Regulator Association. Bunch continues to serve as a Delegate at Large for the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association.

Joe Bunch is a Haskell, Baker University and NSU alumnus with multiple degrees, including a Master's of Science in Industrial Management from NSU. As an outstanding athlete, he played college football and played softball locally and nationally with MVP honors. This love of sport continued into coaching little league sports and envisioning Keetoowah youth as the key for the Tribe's future. Bunch will ensure there are programs and opportunities for the Tribe's youth across the districts.

"I promise to re-establish accountability in our tribal government and expand economic opportunities for our people. I envision our youth as the key to our future with the monumental land in trust decision; bringing a new and expanded opportunities to the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians," said Assistant Chief candidate Bunch. "We need someone our people can trust and I am that man."

Joe Bunch resides on his grandmother's original allotment in the Wauhilla community in Stilwell, OK with his wife Karen. They have two grown children, Joseph and Cristina. Bunch is the son of Rabbit and Opal Proctor Bunch.

For more information contact Joe Bunch at 918-207-9301 or email him at [bunch.for.ukb@gmail.com](mailto:bunch.for.ukb@gmail.com). Also look for Joe on Facebook at Elect Joe Bunch for Assistant Chief of the United Keetoowah Band.



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# Tahlequah Braves 8 and under win Little League State Championship

The Tahlequah Braves 8 & under coach pitch baseball team won the Little League state championship in Durant, Oklahoma on July 15, 2012. The team is coached by Jim Teehee, James Gourd, Matt Teehee, and Anthony Pritchett. The boys placed first place in the Cherokee County Little league which entitled them to participate in the state tournament held in Durant, Ok. The boys have worked hard this season to accomplish their goal of winning the state championship. The coaches would like to thank the sponsors for their support this season. Sponsors include; The United Keetoowah Band Casino, Little Caesars, Dream Catchers sports, Bakers' furniture, and the Cherokee Nation. Without their support and the support of the community the trip to Durant would not have been possible. The coaches would also like to thank the families for their support and encouragement throughout the season.



Tahlequah Braves are, left to right: Front row kneeling; Coach James Gourd, J Garcia, Tilon Rattling-Gourd, Talen Gann, Andon Pritchett, Bobby Spradlin, Ithyan Johnson, Austyn Holt, kneeling Coach Anthony Pritchett. Back row, left to right Coach James Teehee, Jaydun Teehee, Dylan Leep, Thomas Pablo, Jackson Coon, Sammie Girty, Robert Holt Jr., Andrew Pritchett, and Coach Matt Teehee

# Oklahoma Yankees baseball team win the 13 and under USSA World Series

The Oklahoma Yankees baseball team won the 13 and under USSA World Series in Kansas City, Mo. on July 22 against the Lumber Kings of Liberty, Mo. Oklahoma Yankees are, back row, left to right: Coach Marty Adams, Hayden Brandon, AJ Adams, Bo Adams, Jordan Robbins, Will Bates, Jaren Dirt Seller, Coach John Dirt Seller, Coach Nooge Littledave. Front row, left to right: Brendan Robbins, Brayden Littledave, Coach Darrell Trammel, Trey Fields, Darrell Trammel, Jr., Bobby Cade, Kalen Parsons.



# The 9 and Under Baseball Team, The Evil Empire, won 3rd place in the Oklahoma USSSA AA World Series

The team was coached by Zack Harper, Jeremy Joice, Don David, and Chris Stopp. This was the first year the boys have played together as the Evil Empire, and the team played in the Muskogee League. They won 1st place in the pre

season and post season tournaments. They also won 3rd place in the state tournament the weekend before the World Series.

The team played tournaments in Stilwell, Greenwood, Arkansas, Van Buren Arkansas, Pres-

ton, Checotah, Tulsa and Muskogee. The teams uniforms, and tournament fees were all paid by fund raisers. They held two softball tournaments for fund raisers and also received some funding from the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino.



Rance Stopp, 9, UKB tribal youth from Tahlequah, pitched, and played shortstop for the Evil Empire. Rance is the son of Chris and Amanda Stopp.



The 9 and under baseball team, The Evil Empire, won 3rd place in the Oklahoma USSSA AA World Series. Bottom Row(L-R): Jake Chambers, Caynen David, James Wilson, Logan Harper, and Tyler Joice. Top Row(L-R): Dakota Sanchez, Rance Stopp, Pryce Jackson, Nikolas Harper, Ian Scott.



Dakota Sanchez, 9, UKB tribal youth from Tahlequah, pitched, played 3rd base and outfield for the Evil Empire. Dakota is the son of Bobbie Barr and Rob Sanchez.

# 2012 UKB Graduates

## VOCATIONAL DEGREE

Stacey Smith

Stacey Smith completed the Vocational Surgical Technology degree from Indian Capital Technology Center in Stilwell, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Wiki Jim Squirrel and Merle Leach. Her grandparents are the late Sequoyah Leach, Sr. and the late Pauline Leach. Her siblings are Joe, Johnny, and JoLynn Squirrel.

Her hobbies include spending time with her family and friends, and outdoor activities.

She plans to work on a surgical team utilizing the skills she has acquired.



Stacey Smith

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Leah Eike

Leah Eike graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University with an Associate of Liberal Arts Degree. She is the daughter of Mary Bearpaw and Rpd Eike. Her grandparents are Lewanna Bearpaw and Richard Bearpaw. Her siblings are Jarrod and Kourtney.

Her hobbies are fishing and softball. She plans to attend NSU this fall. She hopes to graduate from NSU and become an athletic trainer.



Leah Eike

# Young Natives say Thanks



Young Natives, a Three on Three basketball team, and their coach say thank you to UKB Chief Wickliffe and Flint District Representative Tom Duncan for their support in their travel to Okmulgee June 23, to participate in the Indian Basketball 3 on 3 tournament. The team placed third in their age group, they are left to right, Tanner Wear, Young Wolf Vann, Reba Jones-Vann, coach; Chavio Jones, Brandon Jones, and Hunter Soap.

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## Horseshoes: A community sport that brings together the young and old

Hearing the clanging of metal against metal, laughter is mixed with a look of acute concentration as a pitcher holds their horseshoe in front of them, aiming for a 15 inch stake 40 feet away. They throw back their arm and toss underhanded. Their horseshoe flies through the air and rises into an arc, either flipping or turning into the opposing pit. It is hard to tell if the 'shoe is "on," meaning a ringer. The next 'shoe is thrown the same way.

The opponent throws, hoping to "kill" the ringer that was possibly just placed before them. But to no avail. This is the competitive world of horseshoes, a sport that can be found within many Indian communities throughout northeast Oklahoma, and even on a national and universal level.

Avid horseshoe pitchers are spread throughout the nine UKB districts with a combination of young and old, men and women. Many older pitchers advise the young, who want to perfect their throw and improve their skill.

Dave Killer, Greasy, is one of those seasoned pitchers at 74. He has been playing for more than twenty years. Starting out was somewhat tough for him, be he kept at it.

"I had been to several tournaments before I started," said Killer. "I would get in every time and only play two games and then sit down."

That meant he only lasted two games before being eliminated, which is how it goes sometimes for the newer horseshoe pitcher. So he set out and trained himself on his homemade court in his yard.

"I practiced and practiced and practiced," said Killer.

For a lot of pitchers, starting at home in the back yard is how one develops skill. It is also just for recreational purposes because there is no competitive edge to be found, only fun. Making new friends is also an integral part of the sport.

Killer met his good friend Paul Crittenden, Peavine, at a local horseshoe tournament. The two have been friends for close to twenty years. Crittenden is another seasoned pitcher, who has been pitching for over 50 years, starting at the age of 7.

"I love the competition of it, especially one on one, playing singles," said Crittenden. "Anybody can pitch horseshoes. Young kids can pitch, all in between up to old people. It's what I call a gentleman's sport, people shake hands. I like that part about it. You see very little drinking. You hardly hear bad language at these tournaments. It's just a fun sport."

The younger generation has indeed become another inherent part of the sport that helps bring all ages together.

Clint Proctor, Tagg Flatts, has been pitching since he was 15. At age 24, he competes almost on a weekly basis, practicing when he can on his own horseshoe court. His love of horseshoes comes from watching his dad and uncles pitch years before he began.

Crittenden said the younger people will watch their parents and grandparents pitch and decide to give it a try. It is just a matter if they will stick with it or not.

"I like to play because it's really fun," said Proctor. "All of our dads used to play all the time, so it's kind of like a family tradition."

In his short years playing, Proctor has many memorable horseshoe



Bill Vann tosses what looks to be a ringer during a horseshoe tournament on Killer Mountain located in Greasy just south of Stilwell. Photo by Lindsey Bark

moments. But there is one that comes to mind the most.

"One weekend I beat everybody and won an actual running vehicle," said Proctor.

Most prizes include money, T-shirts, jackets, chairs and the like. It is rare to actually win a car. He also said his dad and uncles gave him advice about pitching throughout the years.

"My dad said just have fun, remember it's a game and you'll play better that way," said Proctor. "Rick Proctor said 'just hit the pole.' And the late Leon Proctor said 'if you have to ask, it ain't on there.'"

Proctor's friend, CJ Moncooyea, Tahlequah, is one of the new comers to pitching. He said he likes to throw the casual game and have fun, but during an actual competition, he just likes to watch because it gets pretty intense. But, he said he will continue to practice.

There are several types of horseshoes that are favored among various pitchers. Proctor said he favors the Mustang brand but would eventually like to switch to the Snyder, whenever he can buy them. He said he is considering switching because he is a "slave to trends."

"It's the horseshoe that's trending right now," said Proctor jokingly.

Horseshoes is a community sport. It brings people together and without realizing it, people create new friendships that could last throughout the years.

"You know what's great about the horseshoe community?" said Moncooyea. "It's a tight-knit group. People are always playing at other people's places. They are always holding benefits to help out people in need, people that are sick, people that need money. They help each other out. They travel for miles to help each other out and have a good time."

If anyone wonders why such a sport is liked by a span of all ages, it is not hard to figure out why.

"I guess it's like eating pie, you just like to," said Killer. "Horseshoes are my thing. I love playing horseshoes."

By Lindsey Bark  
GCN Reporter

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O-Si-Yo,

As a long standing Tahlequah native and a proud member of the United Keetoowah Band, it would be my honor to serve my people as the Tahlequah District Council Representative.

In the past 40 years I have served as a public servant on local, state and federal levels. Recently, I retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I had the privilege to work with many tribes across the United States and have

seen both their successes and disappointments. I have a working knowledge in the area of self governance and hope to bring this knowledge to the UKB so we can continue to grow and thrive.

Currently I am an assistant professor at Bacone Indian College where I teach many classes in the area of Criminal Justice. I hold two degrees from Northeastern State University, both a Bachelors and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice. I believe that education is one of the best things we can do for our people, it is one thing that cannot be taken from us. I hope to see more opportunities for our people to expand their education.

My wife, Vickie, a direct descendant of Dave Bush, and I both share long standing family ties to the United Keetoowah Band. Our children have also been involved members of the tribe. Our daughter, Victoria (Tori) Proctor, was one of the former Miss Keetoowah's and completed her internship as the Celebration Coordinator last year. Jake, our son, has volunteered many hours working for the tribe and has helped many elderly members.

I believe in doing what is right and leading by example. This is a great time to be a Keetoowah, in order for us to be a strong, sovereign nation we need leadership that is accountable, educated, dedicated, and has a vision for the future. I would really appreciate your vote on Nov. 5.

Wa-Do,  
Perry Proctor

**For more information, call Perry at 918-457-6613 or e-mail him at [proctorforukbcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:proctorforukbcouncil@gmail.com) or check out his Facebook page.**



Director of Health Equity for Native American/Alaska Native Initiatives for the American Heart Association, Rachel Crawford, demonstrates how to make a heart healthy meal to United Keetoowah Band employees August 14. The Tailgate Chili was made using 95 percent lean beef that was rinsed of fat after the browning process. The beans were, also, rinsed to eliminate additional and unneeded sodium. For more information on healthy cooking, go to [www.heart.org/simplecooking](http://www.heart.org/simplecooking). Photo by Thomas Jordan



Rachel Crawford, director of Health Equity of Native American/Alaska Native Initiatives for the American Heart Association, demonstrated how to perform hands-only CPR to a group of UKB employees August 14. Pictured, Cheryl Williams, performs chest compressions on a "Minnie Anne" training dummy. "Any CPR is better than no CPR," said Crawford. A person's chance of surviving a stopped-heart trauma increase exponentially if someone performs CPR on them until professional medical personnel arrives. Photo by Thomas Jordan

# Keetoowah Cherokee Girl Encourages Youth to Learn their Language

Hello,

My name is tsi lu go. I started Immersion school when I was three years old, and I also started speaking Cherokee, too. They taught us simple things like animals, math, and people. I went to school there for eight years. I love all my teachers and all teachers are very smart. In my class, there's only nine kids. I love all my friends that I grew up with. All of us are like a big family.

I really want everyone to learn Cherokee. We sixth graders are heading off to seventh grade. I will really miss everyone I grew up with. I'm really proud to speak Cherokee. Thank you Chief Wickliffe.

Lauren Grayson is the daughter of proud parents, Tim and Carrie Grayson, and she also has a big sister, Raelie.



Lauren Grayson, who just completed Immersion School, wants to encourage other Keetoowah Cherokee youth to learn to speak and write Cherokee.

## OBITUARIES

### Louie Junior Sanders

Louie Junior Sanders son of Jim and Ruby (Smith) Sanders was born September 16, 1948 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and departed this life to be with our Lord on May 24, 2012 in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 63 years, 8 months and 8 days.



Louie Junior Sanders

Louie loved watching any kind of sports. He never had a favorite team because he enjoyed watching so many different ones. He also liked visiting with company that would come to see him and spending time with family.

He served his country proudly in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a great soldier for his country and it showed as he received the Army Commendation Medal and two Purple Hearts.

Louie was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers; Lloyd Sander sand Roy Sanders and 1 sister; Lenora Guthrie.

He is survived by a very loving family that includes 1 brother; Eddie Sanders of Bunch, OK, 2 sisters; Emma Holmes and Valerie Sevenstar both of Stilwell, OK. Special Aunt; Francis Volkman, special friend; Bryce Ketcher, several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews other relatives and many, many friends also survive him.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel with Bro. Robert Ketcher and Bro. Joey Ketcher officiating. Interment followed at Sanders Flat Cemetery.

### Mollie Washington

Funeral services for Mollie Carey-Washington were held on Wednesday, July 18th, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the Reed-Culver Chapel with Pastor Rodney Carey officiating. A wake was held at her residence on Tuesday, July 17th, 2012 starting at 6 p.m. Burial was at Ft. Gibson National Cemetery, Wednesday at 1:00 PM.



Mollie Washington

Pallbearers include James Reece, Tim Washington, Chris Stopp, Josh Phillips, Tommy Lee Phillips, and Blue Grimmett. Honorary pallbearers for Mollie include Dwight Walker, Robbie Wood, Jerry Ray, Nathan Washington, Bobby Washington, Willie Washington, Broady Johnson, Bryan Johnson, Bobby Whitewater, Eric Talley, Mark Walker, Jacky Walker, Kenneth Tawkoity, Angelo Pezzullo and John Reece.

Mollie Washington was born on June 12, 1922 at home in Hulbert, Oklahoma, the daughter of Harlan and Lucy (Jumper) Carey. She attended school at the Women's Seminary in Tahlequah.

On November 10th, 1960 she married the love of her life, Black Washington in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Together they raised a family of four daughters and one son. Mollie was a Nurse's Aide by profession and worked in a number of nursing facilities in Cherokee County.

When she wasn't working, Mollie could be found having fun with her family. There was always a trip to her favorite fishing hole or a chance to go after crawdads with her grandchildren. She loved to hunt for wild onions and enjoyed a BBQ with her family. Mollie had a mind of her own, and she would share her opinion with anyone that wanted to hear her view. She was loving, kind and possessed a great sense of humor. Mollie liked a shopping trip in town, followed by a cold coke and a sack of Lays potato chips. Mollie was happy just to be in the company of her family. They brought her great joy and happiness.

As she grew older, Mollie still kept track of all her families activities by talking to them on the phone in the company of her canine companion, Smokey. A Christian by faith, Mollie enjoyed worship with the various pastors that came out to her community to worship. The Lord called Mollie to her heavenly home on Saturday, July 14, 2012 at her home with her family gathered by her side. Mollie was 90 years old. She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

Mollie is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Black in 1977, two sons, Andy Campbell and Robert Whitewater, and one daughter, Mary Vann.

Those left to cherish Mollie's memory include her four daughters and one son, Judy Johnson of Tahlequah, Nakita Walker and husband Dwight of Tahlequah, Martha Reece of Tahlequah, Timothy Washington of the home in Park Hill, and Darlene Wood and husband Robbie of Little Rock, Arkansas. She leaves one brother, Stanley Carey and wife Ruth of Adair, Oklahoma, and one sister, Charlotte Hopkins and husband Orae of Stilwell. Mollie's legacy lives on in her 30 grandchildren, 59 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends and loved ones.

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O-Si-Yo,

In less than three months the Keetoowah Cherokee people will make their voices known at the polls. I have faithfully served our Keetoowah Cherokee people during the last four years as Treasurer. I deeply appreciate the trust and faith they have in me to do the right thing, because I've always said, "It's not about me, it's about the people."

Doing the right thing is a part of who I am. As a life-long educator with 29 years' experience I've instilled in my students to always do the right thing, to do their very best, and achieve their goals. As the Treasurer for the Keetoowah Cherokee people I have lived by my own advice to do the right thing and do my very best, however achieving the goals to ensure transparency and accountability have been difficult, as I've been denied access to do the job you've elected me to do.

**The Constitution and By-Laws of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, Article I – Duties of Officers, Section 4. Treasurer clearly states:**

*The treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds in possession of the Council from any source. He shall keep an accurate record of all such funds and shall disburse the same in accordance with the vote of the Council. He shall render a written report at the annual Council meeting and at such times that he is requested to do so by the Council. He shall keep all Band moneys entrusted to his care in a special account....*

I will continue to press on and do the right thing as your elected Treasurer to abide by the Constitution. **My priority and promise to the people is to ensure transparency and accountability in the UKB government and its enterprises.** I would appreciate your vote come November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Wa-Do!

Ella Mae Cooksey Worley  
 Treasurer, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians

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**ARTICLE 4.**

In consideration of the establishment of new boundaries in part, for the lands ceded to said Cherokee nation, and in view of the improvement of said nation, the United States will cause to be erected, on land now guaranteed to the said nation, four blacksmith shops, one wagon maker ship, one wheelwright ship, and necessary tools and implements furnished for the same; together with one ton of iron, and two hundred and fifty pounds of steel, for each of said blacksmith shops, to be worked up, for the benefit of the poorer class of red men, belonging to the Cherokee nation-And the United States, will employ four blacksmiths, one wagon-maker, and one wheelwright, to work in said shops respectively, for the benefit of said Cherokee nation; and said materials shall be furnished annually and said services continued, so long as the President may deem proper-And said United States, will cause to be erected on said lands, for the benefit of said Cherokees, eight patent railway corn mills, in lieu of the mills to be erected according to the stipulation of the fourth article of said treaty, of sixth of May, one thousand eight hundred twenty-eight, from the avails of the sale of the old agency.

**ARTICLE 5.**

These articles of agreement and convention are to be considered supplementary, to the treaty before mentioned between the United States, and the Cherokee nation west of the Mississippi dated sixth of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and not to vary the rights of the parties to said treaty, any further, then said treaty is inconsistent with the provisions of this treaty, now concluded, or these articles of convention or agreement.

**ARTICLE 6.**

It is further agreed by the Cherokee nation, that one mile square shall be reserved and set apart from the lands hereby guaranteed, for the accommodation of the Cherokee agency; and the location of the same shall be designated by the Chero-

kee nation, in conjunction with the agent of the Government of the United States.

**ARTICLE 7.**

This treaty, or articles of convention, after the same have been ratified, by the President and Senate shall be obligatory on the United States and said Cherokee nation.

In testimony whereof, the said Montfort Stokes, Henry L. Ellsworth, and John F. Schermerhorn, commissioners as aforesaid, and the chiefs and head men of the Cherokee nation aforesaid, have hereunto set their hands, at Fort Gibson on the Arkansas river, on the 14th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

*Montfort Stokes,  
Henry L. Ellsworth,  
J. F. Schermerhorn,  
John Jolly, his x mark,  
Black Coat, his x mark,  
Walter Weller,*

**Principal Chiefs:**

*John Rogers, president commissioners,  
Glass, president council.  
Signed, sealed, and delivered in our presence:  
S. C. Stambaugh, secretary commissioners,  
M. Arbuckle, colonel Seventh Infantry,  
Geo. Vashon, agent Cherokees west,  
Jno. Campbell, agent Creeks.  
Alexander Brown, his x mark,  
Jno. Hambly,  
Wilson Nesbitt,  
Peter A. Carns,  
N. Young, major U.S. Army  
W. Seawell, lieutenant Seventh Infantry,  
Wm. Thornton, clerk committee,  
Charles Webber, clerk council,*

**Interpreters**

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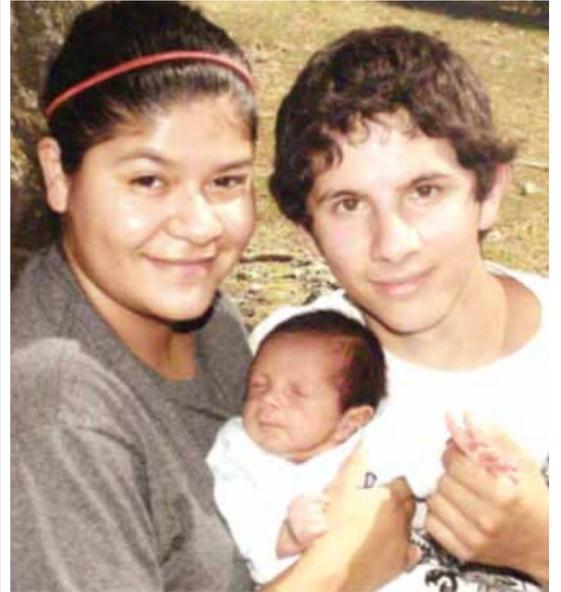
*George Washlife*

**Birth Announcement**

**Christopher Eugene Hinzo**

Maria Perez and Deacon Hinzo announce the birth of their son, Chistopher Eugene Hinzo, born on July 6, 2012 at 8:03 A.M. He weighed 5 pounds, 15 ½ ounces and was 18 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Maria and Agustine Perez of Kansas, Oklahoma. Paternal grandparents are Patricia and Victor Lackey of Tagg Flats and the late Seffie Hinzo.



Maria Perez, Christopher Eugene Hinzo and Deacon Hinzo

**Tribal Veterans Representative  
Jacob Littledave  
has new phone numbers.**

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**62nd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration**

October 5 - 6, 2012  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, October 5**

- 8:30 am-5 pm Arts and Crafts, Food Vendors  
Set up - Grounds
- 5-7 pm Pow Wow registration - Grounds
- 5 pm Dinner for Gospel Singing - Wellness Center
- 6 pm Softball Tournament - Sequoyah H.S. Fields
- 6:30 pm Gospel Singing - Wellness Center
- 7 pm Pow Wow Grand Entry

**Saturday, October 6**

- 7 am SK Run - begin at NSU/Downtown
- 7 am Kid's Fishing Derby - Pond
- 8 am Dignitaries Breakfast - Go Ye Village
- 9 am Softball Tournament - Sequoyah H.S. Fields
- 10 am Parade - Downtown Tahlequah
- 11 am-10 pm Arts and Crafts, Food Vendors
- 11:45 am Posting of Colors (Honor Guard) - Pavilion
- State of the Nation Address (Chief)
- Introduction of Tradition Keepers
- Introduction of Miss and Jr. Miss
- Entertainment
- Noon Pow Wow Registration - Grounds
- Noon-3 pm Make & Take Crafts - Shed at Grounds
- Noon-5 pm Basic Art Lesson - Museum
- Vintage Photo Identification - Museum
- 12:15 pm Volleyball Tournament
- 12:15 pm Children's Activities
- 1-3 pm Cultural Demonstrations  
- Shed at Grounds
- 1 pm Marbles
- Traditional Indian Meal  
- Pavilion
- 1:30 pm Cornstalk Shoot
- 2 pm Children's Turtle Races
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Blowgun competition
- 2-3 pm Gourd Dance

- 3 pm Grand Entry
- 3 pm-10pm Pow Wow
- 3:30 pm Free Bingo - Pavilion
- 4 pm Stickball
- 5 pm Cash Giveaway - Pavilion
- 11 pm Stomp Dance

Other Activities:  
Miss Keetoowah Date: Sept 13  
Location: Tahlequah Municipal Armory  
Golf Tournament Date: Sept 28/29  
Location: Cherry Springs Golf Course



**One Fire ♦ One Family ♦ Rising Together  
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For more information:  
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All events are at the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Grounds unless otherwise specified.