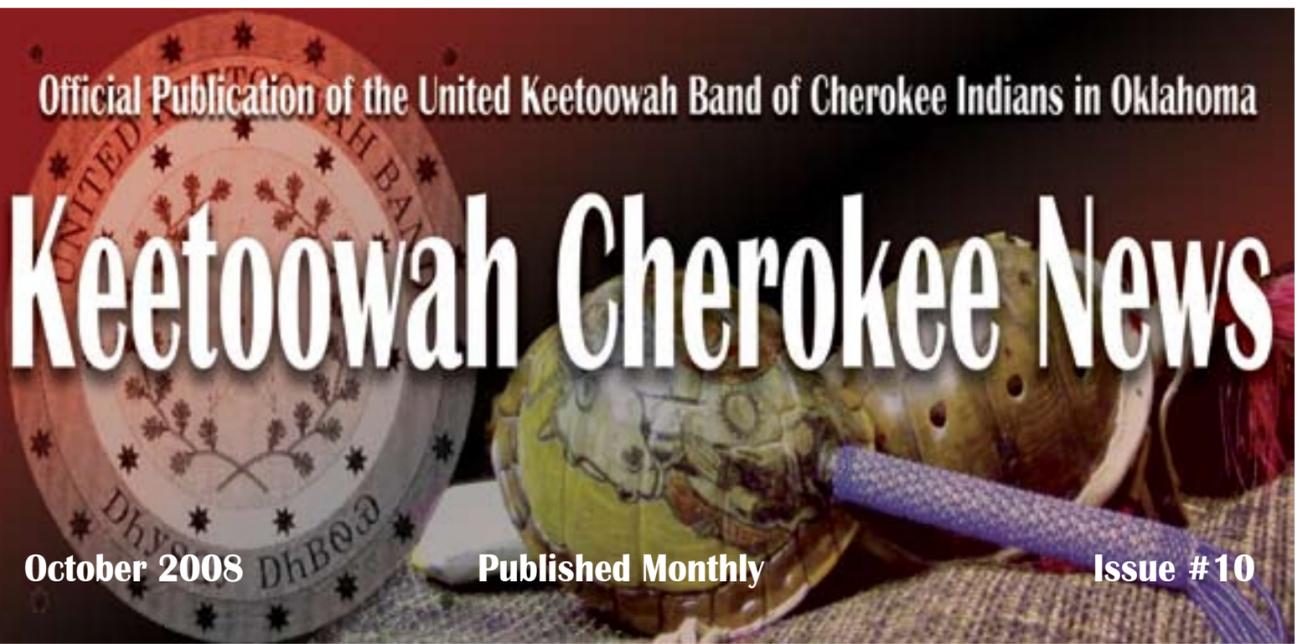


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UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND SUES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OVER HASTINGS HOSPITAL

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB), a federally recognized Tribe of approximately 12,500 members located in eastern Oklahoma has filed suit against the federal government, asserting that government officials have violated federal law in connection with a proposed turnover of the W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital in Tahlequah to the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO).

The UKB filed its lawsuit Tuesday in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of

Oklahoma.

In its complaint, the UKB said it was forced to bring suit because government officials failed to consult with the tribe or obtain its approval before entering into a contract with CNO as required by federal law.

“At no point has the Tribe issued a Tribal Resolution approving a contract between the CNO and IHS related to the providing of health care to the members of either tribe at Hastings or any other medical facility; nevertheless, the government has indicated its clear intent to move

forward with their plan. This gross failure to comply with statutory mandates is a breach of general trust and statutory obligations to the UKB,” said UKB Chief George Wickliffe.

The suit also alleges that CNO, which has operated programs under the auspices of the Indian Health Service (IHS), has denied treatment to UKB members.

“In its contracting capacity with IHS, the CNO has repeatedly denied treatment and access to care to the Tribe’s members. Furthermore, the CNO as contracting agent for IHS

has routinely miscoded members of the Tribe in the Registration Patient Management System . . . as members of the CNO, resulting in a decrease in federal health care funds allocated to the Tribe,” the complaint said.

“The UKB merely seeks to hold the government accountable for violating its obligations as trustee to the UKB and its members and flouting the clear intent and will of Congress that requires IHS to obtain the UKB’s approval before proceeding with the CNO agreement,” Chief Wickliffe said.

Interior department takes over UKB land trust appeal

An appeal of a regional decision not to allow the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees to take 76 acres into trust is being taken over by acting Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary George Skibine.

Skibine has notified the Board of Indian Appeals he will exercise his authority to decide the appeal.

“The UKB has every right to have the opportunity to have lands taken in trust so that it can provide services to its members on trust land, a right of sovereignty enjoyed by almost every other federally recognized Indian tribe in America today,” Assistant Chief Charlie Locust said.

“The leadership of the United Keetoowah Band has every confidence in the merits of our application . . . and of the integrity and fairness of Mr. Skibine,” Chief George Wickliffe said.

The land in question is off West Willis Road in Tahlequah. Many tribal services are being provided on the land, which already is owned by the Keetoowahs, the application states.

After Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director Jeanette Hanna, with offices in Muskogee, denied the UKB application in April 2006, an associate solicitor of the Department of the Interior was asked to advise Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Cal Artman on the merits of Hanna’s decision.

That resulted in a recommendation that Artman direct Hanna to withdraw her decision and reconsider, which Artman ordered her to do.

Artman asked Hanna in writing to further substantiate the basis of her decision or arrive at a different conclusion based on the evidence. Artman resigned in May.

The Interior Board of Indian Appeals issued an order vacating Hanna’s decision and remanded the case for reconsideration on June 4. Hanna denied the Keetoowah application again last month. The UKB appealed that decision and Skibine has exercised his right to take over the appeal.

Hanna’s position that the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is required to consent in order to take land into trust for the UKB was shot down in a letter Artman wrote Hanna.

While the Interior Department must consult with the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma before acquiring land in trust, it is not required to get its consent, Artman wrote.

It appeared the Interior Department had fulfilled its consultation responsibility by giving the Cherokees an opportunity to comment on the UKB’s application, Hanna was told.

It is not known how long Skibine will take to make his decision.

“There’s simply no way of knowing,” said James McMillan, attorney for the Keetoowahs. “No briefing schedule has been filed.”

*article written by Donna Hales, Phoenix Staff Writer
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United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe delivers his State of the Nation address to the attending crowd during the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. Chief Wickliffe addressed the large crowd sending a message of improved tribal government and positive future for the tribe. More celebration photos on pages 4 and 5.

Keetoowah Cherokee Language Classes Begin in Tahlequah, Nine Other Communities

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will begin another series of free Keetoowah Cherokee Language Classes in ten area communities. The class in Tahlequah will be held at the Elm Tree Baptist Church on Mon. & Tues. Oct. 6 and 7 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and will run for on Monday and Tuesdays for 5 weeks. The instructor will be D. J. McCarter. Other classes will be held in the following locations, and will run on a weekly basis for 10 weeks. For more information, contact Mary Ballou at the UKB Language, History, and Culture Department at (918) 431-9998.

Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma JOM Bldg. Mon. Oct. 6 6– 8 p.m. Instructor: Dorothy Powell	Stilwell, Oklahoma Stilwell Sub-Office Thurs. Oct. 16 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Della Wolfe	6– 8 p.m. Instructor: George Stopp
Sallisaw, Oklahoma Indian Capital Technology Center Mon. Nov. 10 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: George Byrd	Ft. Smith, Arkansas Ft. Smith Satellite Office Mon. Oct. 6 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Jim Henson	Collinsville, Oklahoma Meadowview Baptist Church Mon. October 5 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Hastings Shade
Oaks, Oklahoma Oaks Community Center Mon. Nov. 17 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Lawrence Panther	Westville, Oklahoma Westville High School Mon. Oct. 6	Hulbert, Oklahoma Keener Baptist Church Thurs. Oct. 9 6– 8 p.m. Instructor: Hastings Shade

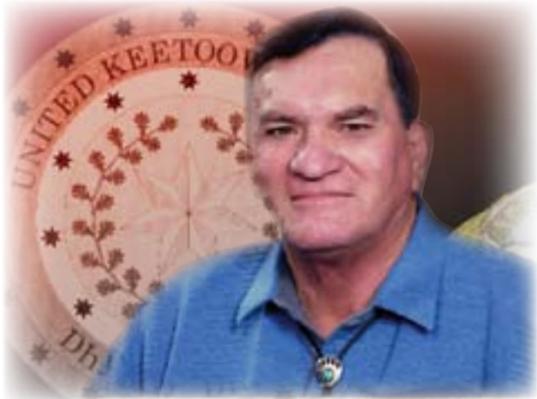
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A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe

uments until the dissolution of the Cherokee Nation at Oklahoma Statehood.”

Comically, when one reads the recent proud editorial appearing in the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma’s casino magazine, CNE marketing staff wrote that the seven-pointed star represents the seven original clans of the Cherokee, and the seven characters of the Syllabary. First, it should be noted that originally, there were at least 14, possibly 15, clans of the Keetoowah Cherokee people, although today, seven remain. In addition, there are 85 characters in the Syllabary, although seven of them appear on the seal that the star is taken from.

Keetoowah Cherokee elders tell us that this is not a star at all, that it represents the Sacred Fire, given at the beginning of time by the Creator himself. In addition, the star in the historic seal of 1871, and in the current seal of the United Keetoowah Band, the star is balanced on two points. You’ll note that since the inception of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma in the 1970’s, the seal that organization uses is ‘trying’ to balance on one point. This is ironically similar to the different

meanings between an upright pentagram and an inverted pentagram (both 5 pointed stars).

Just as Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is not the historic Cherokee Nation, the seal they use is not the historical version signed into law by Lewis Downing.

Whether the reader’s persuasion is to fancy it as a ‘star’ or the ‘Sacred Fire,’ the symbol is sacred, and as such, it’s use as an advertising slogan (Star Treatment, All Points Lead to the Star, etc.) is sacrilege. The star represents a people, not a ‘brand’ as Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma’s enterprise has suggested. As many outside groups have used to ‘brand’ Cherokee to market everything from clothing to cars, now a group calling themselves “Cherokee” is branding our sacred symbol.
George Wickliffe, Chief

UKB Objects to Desecration of Sacred Symbol

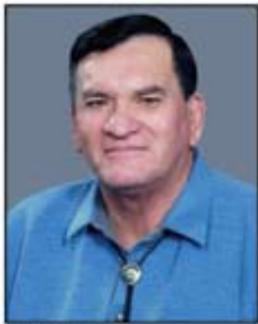
Recently, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) implemented an advertising campaign centered around the seven-pointed star which originates in the historic governmental Cherokee Nation seal, as well as that of the present-day government of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

The historic seal of the Cherokee Nation was approved by Council in 1871, during the administration of Chief Lewis Downing. According to the Oklahoma Historical Society’s Chronicles of Oklahoma, “This seal was imprinted on all doc-



THIS TRADITIONAL sacred ground of the Keetoowah Cherokee’s Stomp Ground is guarded by the 76 acres of tribal land the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is seeking to place into ‘Land in Trust’. The tribal land is located southwest of the city of Tahlequah.

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ATTENTION LIHEAP APPLICANTS

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2008: The first three days of the month will be reserved for our eligible Keetoowah elders and disabled members only.

The application process will be open to all eligible Keetoowah Tribal members on the 4th working day of the month.

This change of policy was approved during the April 5th Council meeting.

The UKB Health and Human Services Staff thank you for your cooperation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear United Keetoowah Band,

My name is Terri Williams (Jumper), a member of the UKB. I reside in Morgan City, Louisiana. On August 30, 2008, we had a mandatory evacuation due to a hurricane, so my family and I evacuated to Tahlequah, Oklahoma. to my mother’s home.

We were praying that we would have a home to go to when we returned. The good Lord above spared our home and we only had minor damages. Some of the other residents surrounding us weren’t as fortunate. We had no electricity for a week, and some families are still are doing without. My children are still out of school due to the hurricane and will be out until further notice.

While in Tahlequah, I spoke with the Chief to see if the tribe could help my family and me to get home. He did not hesitate to help us. He could have said no, because I do not live in the nine district area, but he understood my situation and helped us.

That is why I am writing this letter to let you know how grateful I am to be a member of the United Keetoowah Band. To know that no matter what, when we are in need, the tribe is there for you in anyway they can be.

So, I would like to say thank you so much for what you have done for my for family and me. What has been done will never be forgotten and you all will be blessed in so many ways. I also would like to thank God for blessing me with people like you.

Sincerely,
Terri Jumper

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ADMINISTRATION WITH PROVEN LEADERSHIP



Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust proudly displays the United Keetoowah Band Flag.

RE-ELECT UKB CHIEF WICKLIFFE AND ASSISTANT CHIEF LOCUST

Continue...

The Positive Progress!

- Established Accountability
- Expanded Economic Opportunity
- Protected Tribal Sovereignty

Keetoowah Cherokee voices...



"Our tribe from the beginning has had a tough time. I'm very proud to say that we have been resilient, we have been able to keep going. One thing the council has in common, all councils, is that we kept the tribe going."
John Hair, Salina, OK, Former UKB Chief



"The Keetoowah tribe has taken huge steps forward the past four years. More than any other time in our history, we have much to be proud of. We now have a child care program, health and nutrition and assistance programs. Our present leaders have proven their leadership."
Maxine Neugin, Hulbert, OK, UKB Member



"We have a very qualified and confident Administration. They are willing to reach out to the Keetoowah members and be where the needs are. The Chief and Assistant Chief are communicating with the right people in Washington. An Administration that tribal members can depend on."
Randall Cummings, Oaks, OK, UKB Member



"I'm really proud of Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust, they make sure that the elders and the children are taken care of. I've been around for a long time and seen a lot of problems within the tribe. But with this Administration I've seen positive progress and unity."
Dora Grayson, Muskogee, OK, UKB Member



"The tribe is doing well, I'm glad to be a Keetoowah. The Chief and Assistant Chief are doing a great job. When I went to sign up for Elder Assistance they asked me if I had signed up for LiHeap, they were very helpful, I was able to get propane. The UKB will help it's tribal people."
Frank Arnecher, Jay, OK, UKB Member



"Everything is going good with the UKB, we need to keep our Chief and Assistant Chief in office. The veterans are treated very good by the UKB We are honored every year with a luncheon. It's good once in awhile for someone to say, 'Thank you!' And a pat on the back."
Mose Killer, Tahlequah, OK, Former UKB Councilman



"I like it, the Administration is really good. The Keetoowah tribe has never been as good as it is now. They provide healthy nutritional meals for the elders and provide elder assistance. The Chief and Assistant Chief are doing a great job, I hope they continue another four years."
Jessie Still, Tahlequah, OK, UKB Member



"The last time I ordered propane, the man come over and put it in. A couple of days later I told my daughter to go to the office and pay for it. They said, 'You don't owe nothing, Keetoowahs took care of that.' It was a surprise, I like that!"
Andy Oosahwee, Hulbert, OK, UKB Member



"I graduated from Sequoyah in 2001, I received some money for graduating from High School. I also have received an education scholarship from the Keetoowahs of \$1,500 per semester."
Willis Crabtree, Salina, OK, NSU student and UKB Tribal Member

"Our word is our bond and the Assistant Chief and I promise that if re-elected we will continue to work to build on the strength and prosperity of the last four years. Because it is only through strength and prosperity that we can continue to care for our elders and prepare our children and grandchildren for a future where they know their heritage and can be proud of their Keetoowah ancestry. We want to continue the positive progress and hope you will continue to support us through this election and for the next four years."

Chief George Wickliffe

"We are stronger financially and more self-sufficient than at any time in our history and our future is bright. Keetoowah Pride is on the Rise"
Assistant Chief Charles Locust



Keetoowah Cherokee's next generation...

**Come Out & Support
Wickliffe and Locust
Along with
Secretary Littledave and
Worley, Candidate for Treasurer**

Thurs. Oct 16, 6-9 p.m.
Bell/Nicut Community Cookout
Sat. Oct 18, 6-9 p.m.
Tahlequah Community Bldg. Hog Fry
Thurs. Oct 23, 6-8 p.m.
Lost City Cookout
Sat. Oct 25, 6-9 p.m.
Stilwell Community Bldg. Hog Fry
Tues. Oct 28, 6-9 p.m.
Briggs Community Cookout

**WITH YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT
THE POSITIVE PROGRESS FOR THE UKB WILL CONTINUE!**

Monday, November 3rd...Election Day 7AM—7PM



2008-2009 Miss Keetoowah, Samantha Keen acknowledges the parade crowd as she rides in the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration parade downtown Tahlequah. (Photo by Will Chavez)

58th Annual Cherokee Celebration



A large crowd enjoyed a traditional Cherokee meal of hog fry and beans as they attended the UKB Celebration activities and events. (Photo by JoKay Dowell)



Color Guard for the United Keetoowah Band marches with our U.S. Country and tribes during the Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration.



A dancer shows his skills at fancy dancing during the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration powwow. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Oktaha High School band marches proudly downtown Tahlequah during the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Sierra Price, 2008-2009 Little Miss Keetoowah, helps with the hand at corn husk doll making with the Sheila, while attending the UKB Cherokee Celebration. (Photo by Sammy Still)



Interested Marble players watch closely as another marble competitor hits an opponent's marble during the Traditional Marble Tournament during the annual Keetoowah Celebration. (Photo by Will Chavez)



"Aim Higher and to the left," seems to be what the fellow competitor is telling this young girl as she prepares to shoot her dart from her blowgun during the Blowgun competition Saturday, Oct. 4 Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. (Photo by Will Chavez)



The Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir, under the direction of Janice Ballou, entertained the large crowd during the Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration (Photo by Will Chavez)



Competition was tough for the Three-On-Three Basketball tournament during the UKB Keetoowah Celebration, Saturday, Oct. 4th. (Photo by JoKay Dowell)



Russell Van Buskirk, was this year's United Keetoowah Band "Tradition Keeper" at the Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. Van Buskirk was given the award for woodcarving, he is from the Rocky Ford Community. (Photo by Will Chavez)



UKB women dressed in their Keetoowah Cherokee tear dresses enjoy waving to the crowd attending the Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration in Tahlequah, (Photo by Will Chavez)



Aiming for a ringer, horseshoe pitching competitor plays for that winning title of Horseshoe Champion at the annual UKB Cherokee Celebration Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Keetoowah youth wait their turn on the Balloon Slide as another youth screams as he slides down the slide in the background. Many children's activities were available for all children to enjoy during the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Winners of the Traditional Blowgun Competition were, Larry Oosahwe, 2nd, kneeling, back row left to right, Sara Oosahwe, Women's 3rd, M McCarter, Women's 1st, Danny McCarter, Men's 1st, Rusty Tuttle, 2nd, and Lucille Oosahwe, Women's 2nd. (Photo by Sammy Still)

Keetoowah Celebration



h Band proudly carries the Flags of the Grand Entry for the powwow at celebration. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Former Miss Keetoowah 2007-2008, Pawnee Crabtree, teaches Keetoowah children how to make a corn husk doll at the Traditional Craft Making event during the celebration. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Kristy Daughtery, 2008-2009 Junior Miss Keetoowah, displays her beauty during the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration parade in Tahlequah. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Seminole, tries her aide of her mother, Keetoowah Cherokee



Former UKB Chief Jim Henson purchases a 2008 Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration shirt from UKB Gift Shop Manager Willa Dean Ketcher. (Photo by JoKay Dowell)



"This is the end where you put your dart in," tells one youth to another as he explains the use of a blowgun as they enjoy the UKB Celebration. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Colorful Costumed dancers enter the UKB powwow arena during the Grand Entry at the Saturday, Oct. 4 UKB Celebration. (Photo by Will Chavez)



The children watch intently as they yell encouraging words to their turtle, hopeful that their turtle will be the first to cross the finish line at the Keetoowah Celebration Turtle Race. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Ida Sue Gray, teaches Keetoowah youth how to make a cane flute whistle at the Traditional Craft Making event at the Celebration (Photo by Sammy Still)



Keetoowah Veterans Daniel Houston Jr., J.C. Wilson and John Goodrich were the parade marshals for the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration parade downtown Tahlequah. (Photo by Will Chavez)



UKB Flint District Representative, Woody Proctor waves to the crowd attending the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration parade downtown Tahlequah. (Photo by Will Chavez)



UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust welcomed everyone to the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration during the State of the Nation Address. Assistant Chief Locust expressed how the UKB tribe has had a positive four years and sees the tribe headed into the right direction. (Photo by Will Chavez)



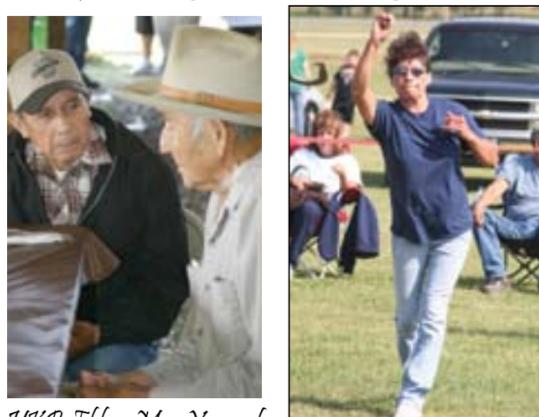
The United Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir enjoy the ride down main street of Tahlequah during the UKB Keetoowah Celebration parade waving to the crowd. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Men's Event Coordinator for the Turtle Race, Georgia Dick, prepares the turtles for their upcoming race event on the UKB grounds. "This year could be a speed breaking event, there are some fast turtles this year," was quoted by one of the youth participants. (Photo by Will Chavez)



Youth Division winners for the Traditional Blowgun Competition were, left to right Ryne Maldonado, 1st, Martha McCartney, 2nd, and Celsie Drywater, 3rd. (Photo by Sammy Still)



UKB Elders Mac Vann of Briggs Community, left, and Totem Hair, Kenwood Community, share old stories as they enjoy the day's activities of the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration (Photo by JoKay Dowell) A list of tough teams competed for the Women's Horseshoe Competition for the winning trophy and title of Women's Horseshoe Pitching Champion at this year's UKB Celebration. (Photo by Will Chavez)

IHS AWARDS UNITED KEETOOWAH CHEROKEES CONTRACT

Chief George Wickliffe announced that the Indian Health Service (IHS) has awarded the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB) an Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) contract. "This is an historic event for the UKB" said Chief Wickliffe. "For the first time since the passage of the Indian Self-Determination Act by Congress in 1975, the IHS has recognized and contracted with the UKB on a Federal to Federal relationship basis."

"We appreciate the opportunity to demonstrate to the Federal government that the UKB is capable of performing government functions and providing services to the Native American people, said Chief Wickliffe. Several meetings were held with various IHS officials for the past several months prior to arriving at a negotiated contract. Mr. Robert McSwain, Director, IHS, Mr. Hickory Starr, Oklahoma Area Director, IHS and Mr. Ron Grinnell, Oklahoma Area Executive Officer, IHS, were primarily instrumental in placing this trust and responsibility with the UKB" said Chief Wickliffe.

Chief Wickliffe thanks members of his staff who have

worked diligently these past months in making this possible. He described the meeting he had with the Director of IHS this summer which also was attended by Don Ade, Acting Health Program Director and Bryan Shade, Federal Programs Director. Chief Wickliffe said "I often have to educate officials and the public about the UKB's authenticity, place in history, and federal status; this also was the case when we met with IHS officials on August 11.

The Director of IHS was surprised to learn that the UKB was Constituted and Chartered by Congress on October 3, 1950; that the UKB has an enrollment approaching 13,000; and that Cherokees of one-fourth (1/4) degree or more are required to relinquish their membership from the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma prior to joining the UKB". "All these factors in addition to the establishment of excellent standards of management functions and administrative procedures during this administration contributed to this historic contract award" said Chief Wickliffe.

The contract will enable the UKB owned Tulsa Drug Treatment Center in Tulsa to serve all Native Americans and to bill and receive



IN A historical event for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, Chief George Wickliffe signs an Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act contract with the Indian Health Service.

the full Medicaid reimbursement rate from the State of Oklahoma. The revenue generated from this enterprise will be directed toward UKB economic development, raising the health status of the UKB members and to fulfill the conditions of the contract. Successful performance of this contract during fiscal year 2009 may result in additional contracts with the Indian Health Service.

Are you a Keetoowah Cherokee with traditional skills?

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

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



Reilly James Sevenstar

Reilly James Sevenstar graduated eighth grade from Dahlongah School. He is the son of Brenda Vann and the grandson of the late Dutch and Edith Vann. He was president of the student council, and a member of the basketball, track and football team. This past spring, he was first in Cross Country for the State of Oklahoma. He placed first in the mile category, with a new state record of 5:10. He is attending Sequoyah High School this fall.



Lena Deere

Lena Deere from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology/Human Resources. She is the daughter of the late Rosella Lynch (Soldier) and the late Houston and Alice Glory.

After graduating this past spring, Lena was promoted to a coordinator position at her place of employment.

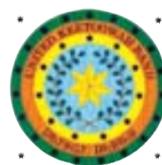
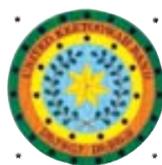


TAHLEQUAH BAND, Shades of Red, won this year's Battle of the Bands during the 29th annual World's Largest Calf Fry Festival in Vinita. Members of the band are Justin Trimball, Mark Kirkendall, Tony Hanson and Adam Chuculate, all members of the United Keetoowah Band.



NEWLY APPOINTED President of Northeastern State University, Dr. Don Betz, recently met with UKB Chief George Wickliffe to discuss a community partnership between NSU and UKB. Pictured are left to right, Chief Wickliffe, NSU President Dr. Don Betz and UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust.

Re-Elect



Liz Littledave Tribal Secretary

- Experience**
Current Tribal Secretary and former UKB Human Services Director, Educator for over 20 years, and Child Advocate.
- Responsible**
Follows the Constitution. Ensured accurate Membership records, organized and preserved vital Tribal Government documents, and completed all direction from Council promptly.
- Community Values**
Keetoowah heart in all decisions having been raised and taught the value of Christian faith. Always encouraged from her mother to work hard and give back to others. Honest and Trustworthy.

When I came into this office four years ago, I took the responsibility of Tribal Secretary and all the conditions within it. Our Constitution requires the Secretary to keep an accurate account of all proceedings and official records of the Council and membership meetings, to be responsible for the prompt and efficient handling of all correspondence pertaining to the business of the Council, and keep a correct list of all members of the Council and of the Band Membership.

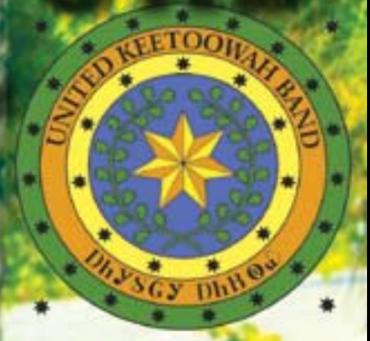
With the help of a wonderful staff we have made great strides to turn around and improve the Secretary's Office from a disorganized and inefficient office to truly meeting the requirements outlined in the Constitution. All Tribal members can be proud that we take very seriously our preservation of the Tribe's vital records. We now have accurate membership records and have organized vital government documents that help us in reaching many of the goals and legal battles of the Keetoowah Cherokee people.

I want to work another four years as your Tribal Secretary to complete the good work that has begun, I want to see the projects for the members completed and this is why I ask for your vote on Monday, Nov. 3rd.

wa-do! Liz Littledave

Building A Better UKB

Vote November 3rd



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Let's work as one.

Jerry W. Henson
Chief

Albert Shade
Assistant Chief

Vote for Positive Change on Monday, November 3, 2008

Vote to Restore Unity and Trust in the United Keetoowah Band.
Vote Jerry W. Henson, Chief and Albert Shade, Assistant Chief.

Today's economy brings changing times for the United Keetoowah Band. Although Economists say we are not in a recession, it sure feels like one. Fuel costs, auto repairs, groceries, and medical expenses are high just to name a few. The job market is scarce.

Henson and Shade have a seven (7) point plan to begin the positive change to improve the standard of living for every Keetoowah.



Jerry Henson and Albert Shade with Barry Dotson Sequoyah District Councilor.



Jerry Henson and Albert Shade with Albert and Louise Robbins.

1. Elderly

Elderly on a fixed income are hardest hit by this recessive economy. They looked after us while we were growing up. It's our time to give back to them.

2. Revenue, New Businesses and Programs

By laying the groundwork for a new direction of Keetoowah businesses, and programs, we will not rely on casino revenues to sustain us any longer.

3. Employment and Employment Policies

The Henson and Shade Administration will provide a better workplace to improve the lives of our people.

4. Healthcare

There are so many issues with healthcare, we must increase our efforts in this area and ensure UKB citizens are aware of services available.

5. Education

Henson and Shade endorse education and will nurture future leaders. We understand the struggles in getting an education and want to reward students along their way.



Jerry Henson and Albert Shade with Jo Anne Tidwell, Cooweescoowee District Council Candidate.



Jerry Henson and Albert Shade, Jo Anne Tidwell, along with several of our honorable Veterans.



Future UKB Leaders

We cannot accomplish these issues alone. We need your vote. In this election, we maintain the position that the Keetoowah people deserve better. Let us keep the hope for the future and the Keetoowah spirit alive.

You've heard it when you were young,

Nvtlyz Datsetlesdi Anigiduwa Unadedii.

Someday it will be a better place for the Kituwa to live.

Today is the someday our ancestors were talking about...

This is positive change.

7. Housing Other Federal Agencies

Henson and Shade will tackle this obstacle to reach the reality of safe, affordable housing for every Keetoowah.



Richard Fields, Delaware District Council Candidate discussing issues with Henson and Shade.



Jerry Henson and Albert Shade with Barry Dotson who supports his Sequoyah District.

Jerry W. Henson, Chief Candidate 918-207-8500
Albert Shade, Assistant Chief Candidate 918-458-5339
Jo Ann Tidwell, Cooweescoowee District 918-859-7678
Richard Fields, Delaware District 918-858-7405
www.votehensonshade.com

Chief Updates Tribal Council on Land in Trust Issue in Sept. Council Meeting

In the monthly address to the council, United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe informed the council of Assistant Secretary of Interior George Skibine's decision to take jurisdiction the case concerning the 76 acres of trust land for the UKB. "Jeanette Hanna denied approval for the 76 acres land in trust application, which we expected that she would do, so we appealed immediately and asked that the Assistant Secretary take jurisdiction over the decision. We received notice that Skibine did take jurisdiction over the case for the 76 acres land in trust issue," stated Chief Wickliffe. The decision should be forthcoming within the next 90 days. There are three phases of the Arkansas Riverbed case, the first phase is the 76 acre land in trust issue, which is headed to a resolution. The second phase is the "Successor in Interest" and the third phase which is the monetary settlement of the Riverbed. "The Government took away our leadership in the "Treaty of New Echota in 1835. It's been a long time, but we are seeing results," added Chief Wickliffe.

In other issues, Chief Wickliffe addressed the issue of the desecration of the Cherokee Star. "I cannot understand how in the world that a tribe can take our symbol which belongs to the original Cherokee people, which is not a real star, it has seven points, and advertise it to gamble," said Chief Wickliffe. Recently Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) implemented an advertisement campaign centered on the seven pointed star, which originates in the historic governmental Cherokee Nation seal, as well as the present day government of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

Chief Wickliffe also remarked that CNO is an embarrassment, desecrating our religious symbol, showing their lack of knowledge of Cherokee history.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust presented to the council a resolution for approval to provide UKB employees with gas cards to help with cost of fuel as employees travel to work from their homes. "We have had several requests from employees for assistance in purchasing gas. I know that we have discussed this issue several times in our Gaming Board meetings. We tried another option where we suggested that employees try four day work week. We have several employees who have taken up this option. But, we have a few employees who are working minimum wage and they can really use assistance," said Assistant Chief Locust. For this reason, the Gaming Board requested approval to distribute \$150 gas cards to UKB employees to assist in their fuel cost. The council approved the request.

Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor reported to the council that State Bill 2100-Governmental Claim Act would allow CNO to take over rural schools within the nine districts due to rural schools having tight budget cuts. This process could take effect within the next few months. If this happens, these rural schools will be bombarded with CNO services. "We have Keetoowah children going to school in these nine districts, are these kids going to receive these services? No, CNO is going to say, 'We can't serve you because you're Keetoowah,'" said Representative Proctor. Mr. Proctor also stated that the Chief and Assistant Chief along with Councilman



UKB CHIEF George Wickliffe holds up a folder containing a letter from acting BIA deputy assistant secretary George Skibine, announcing his intent to take over jurisdiction regarding the 76 acres of land trust application for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, during the September 6 tribal council meeting.

Proctor are looking into ways to setting up a budget, looking at the future when the Keetoowah kids will be subjected to this shortfall. Allocating education funds will be addressed to provide assistance to the Keetoowah children for their educational needs.

In health care issues, Don Ade, Acting Director of UKB Health Program, announced that the United Keetoowah Band was just a few hours away from signing a contract and a funding agreement with the Indian Health Service. The contract will be for the UKB Drug Treatment Center in Tulsa; this contract will allow UKB to bill and collect Medicaid from the State of Oklahoma.

In Unfinished Business, Language, History and Culture Interim Director, Lisa Stopp requested to the council to table the seven resolutions for approval to place on the Tribal Register of Historic Places until after the Keetoowah Celebration. This will allow time to contact these sites for approval for placement on the

Historic list. The council agreed and approved to table these seven resolutions.

All other resolutions presented to the council were approved. The resolutions approved were, to allow utilization of 2% of current IRR funds, presented by Larry Howard; Submission of an application to the B.I.A. for a 638 IRR Contract, Larry Howard; to adopt Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act guidelines, presented by David McCarter; placement of Mary Stiglets on the UKB Election Board, presented by Leroy Adair; and the submission of a \$1,000,000.00 grant application to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Donation Fund, presented by Councilman Woodrow Proctor.

Due to the October 4 Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration the council approved to move the next Keetoowah Cherokee council meeting to October 11 in the UKB Community Services conference room.

UKB Installs Better Phone System to Serve Tribal Members

UKB Tribal Members and the general public will soon experience the benefits of a new phone system which will better serve our clientele advancing the tribe with a new infrastructure. The phone system was made possible by a Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Native Americans Grant. Securing the grant was a result of a collaborative effort between UKB Grant Writer Georgia Dick and the Information Technology Department. IT Director Jim Nelson is charged with implementing the program.

The goal for this project is to enhance the governmental structure increasing more streamlined services to tribal members allowing staff a more efficient phone and internet system and increased speed on our network. With this new system, the tribe will be able to update information, access and links to other services. Upgrading will allow the tribe to have one efficient system; whereas in the past, all phones were not connected and clients would sometimes have to dial several numbers to reach various tribal departments.

The installment of a larger

and more efficient connection between the tribal complex, tribal headquarters, and the casino will allow the tribe to meet the current growth in operations. The Tribe's long-range plan includes strengthening our efficiency of communication to all tribal operations and facilities.

The new main number for the Community Services Building which houses several tribal departments including education, human resources, human services, and grants will be 772-4300. Most of the old numbers will still work well into October and that the main number for Community Services, 456-8698 will remain active indefinitely. Incoming calls to 456-8698 will be automatically forwarded to the new main number, 772-4300. All other departments may be reached by calling (918) 431-1818.

The fiber will also connect our data network, admin, casino, community services and Family services (roundhouse). Updated information concerning the phone infrastructure can be found on the UKB website www.unitedkeetoowahband.org



LINDA DAVIS, Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center Director, receives a gas card from UKB Chief George Wickliffe.



TRACY CHRISTIE, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino Information Tech employee accepts a Gas Card from UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust.

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

Vote November 3rd

UKB Election Set For November 3

Qualified UKB tribal members will have the opportunity to go to the polls on Monday, November 3. Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Candidates running for office in the 2008 election are as follows:

Chief Candidates

Chief George Wickliffe
Jerry Henson
Dallas Proctor

Assistant Chief Candidates

Charles Locust
Albert Shade

Tribal Secretary Candidates

Liz Litledave
Adalene Smith
Kristine Scraper

Tribal Treasurer Candidates

Shelbi Doyeto Wofford
Ella Mae Cooksey Worley

Cooweescoowee District Representative

Candidates
Clifford Wofford
Jo Ann Tidwell
Portia Wickliffe-Kelley

Delaware District Representative Candidates

Jerry Hansen
Richard Fields

Goingsnake District Representative

Candidates
Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk
William (Willie) Christie

Illinois District Representative Candidates

Barbara Girty
Donald Adair

Tahlequah District Representative Candidates

Kenneth (Toot) Hogner
Betty Holcomb
Katherine Neugin White.
V. Matthew Walls

Unopposed District Representatives

Canadian District Representative
Eddie Sacks

Flint District Representative
Woodrow Proctor

Saline District Representative
Charles Smoke

Sequoyah District Representative
Barry Dotson



The Keetoowah News wants YOU!

If your son or daughter, niece, nephew, or extended family members are students either attending K-12, vo-tech, college or a university, and are doing exceedingly well or showing strong leadership abilities or talents through their academic performance, sports, art, music, chorus and/or in other areas of interest, please contact the media department at (918) 456-6533. We would like to feature your student in an upcoming Keetoowah News Article!

Voting locations for the November 3 election

Canadian District

Muskogee, Oklahoma

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

Cooweescoowee District

Collinsville, Oklahoma

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

White Oak, Oklahoma.

Location: Carl Horner Gym,
Address: White Oak High School
Phone: 918-256-4484

Pryor, Oklahoma

Location: First Christian-Presbyterian Church
Address: 301 N. E. 1st Street
Phone: 918-825-2396

Delaware District

Jay, Oklahoma

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

Flint District

Stilwell, Oklahoma

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

Goingsnake District

Stilwell, Oklahoma

Location: Maryetta Public School
Address: 100 Maryetta Rd
Phone 918-696-2285

Kansas, Oklahoma

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

Illinois District

Vian, Oklahoma

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

Saline District

Salina, Oklahoma

Location: First Indian Baptist Church
Ph 918-434-2084
Address: 702 East Brewer St.

Sequoyah District

Sallisaw, Oklahoma

Location: Sallisaw Civic Center
Address: 111 N. Elm
Phone 918-775-6241

Tahlequah District

Tahlequah, Oklahoma

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

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

Attention UKB Voters:

You Must Have a UKB Photo ID to Vote

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

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

- 1) be not less than 21 years of age as of the date of the election
- 2) have been an exclusive member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma for a period of not less than six (6) months prior to election
- 3) have been a resident of, or affiliated with a particular district for at least six (6) months prior to the election;
- 4) be listed on the official voter list for the district in which the voter seeks to vote.

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

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

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

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

Keetoowah Cherokee part of CNO Holiday's Traditional Indian Food Cook Off Winning Team

The first place winners of the Cherokee National Holiday Traditional Indian Food Cook Off are the Drywater-Panther Team; Shawna Drywater-Terhune, Jackie Drywater, Kim Drywater (exclusive United Keetoowah Band member), and Elmer Panther(also an exclusive United Keetoowah Band member). They competed on August 30th, near The Cherokee Nation Tribal complex.

With a menu that consisted of hog meat, pinto beans, deep fried potatoes, fry bread, and grape dumplings. This was their first time entering into a traditional food competition, the team had their dishes prepared and had no bad feelings of losing. UKB tribal member and employee, Kim Drywater said, "I figured if I didn't have butterflies in my stomach, then I wasn't nervous about the competition. We went into the competition with nerves of steel, not really we were nervous, well at least I was! After we started the hog meat every thing just went into place, it was like we knew we had won, already. Again not really! I was so nervous about everyone not liking my cooking that I almost didn't stick around to find out who won. When they started announcing the winners they said, 'the second runner up,' it wasn't us, then 'the first runner up' again it wasn't us, and then 'the winners', and it was us! It didn't seem real, but it was, there were people clapping and congratulating us, it was like a crazy dream you have right before you do some thing like this. I thought I was going to wake up anytime now and have flour or some thing in bed with me!"

NOTICE

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



(Left to Right) Jackie Drywater, Elmer Panther, Shawna Drywater-Terhune, and last but not least is Kim Drywater!

Tiffany Still and Thomas Jordan exchange vows at the United Keetoowah Band complex



FIRST WEDDING to be held at the United Keetoowah Band complex, southwest of Tahlequah, was celebrated Sept. 20. The wedding of Tiffany Still and Thomas Jordan was held under the large pavilion on the Celebration grounds and the reception was held at the Jim Proctor Elder Care Center. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Victoria Jordan, Clista Greary, Emily Russell and Samantha Russell. Back row, left to right, Jim "Grizz" Sinnett, Dennis Barnett, Fred Burroughs, Thomas Jordan, Groom; Tiffany Jordan, Bride; Tonya Russell, Jessica Hays and Lindsay Houston. The Still and Jordan family would like to thank the UKB maintenance department, Title VI staff, the UKB Administration and friends for their help and support for making this wedding a joyous event.

Girdner and Blevins to Wed



Christine Girdner and Dennis Blevins are announcing their engagement and upcoming wedding. The couple will be married in a private ceremony at their home on October 10th. The Rev. Rick Gassaway will officiate the ceremony.

On October 12th, the couple would like to invite all friends and family to join them for their wedding reception. The reception will be held at the Greg Glass community Building in Tahlequah from 1-4.

Christine is the daughter of John and Johnnie Venard of Welling. Christine is the mother of three children, LaBreeska Robbins of Tahlequah, Brianna Robbins of Rocky Mountain, and Timothy Robbins Jr. of Welling. She has a grandson Adrian Cole Duvall. Christine's Grandmother is Lula Perry of Welling.

Dennis is the son of Dennis Blevins of Sand Springs and Patricia Montgomery of Portland Oregon. His Grandmother is Maxine Montgomery of Portland, Oregon.

Christine is a member of the United Keetoowah Band and resides in the Tahlequah District. Her Grandmother is Lula Perry of Welling. Dennis is the son of Dennis Blevins of Sand Springs and Patricia Montgomery of Portland Oregon. His Grandmother is Maxine Montgomery of Portland, Oregon.

Christine is a member of the United Keetoowah Band and resides in the Tahlequah District. She is a student at the Indian Capital Technology Center, where she is enrolled in the Information Technology Course. She is pursuing her degree in Computer Information Systems through OSU- Institute of Technology. Dennis is employed at Swans Bakeries.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu October 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Marinated Chicken Wild Rice Grilled Vegetables French Bread Stick Salad Dessert	2 Chimichanga Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad Dessert	3 Breakfast Served at 10:30
6 closed	7 Bratwurst Sour Kraut Mashed Potatoes Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	8 Brown Beans Jalapeño Cornbread Mixed Greens Salad Dessert	9 Southwest Casserole Hominy Tomato/Zucchini Hot Rolls	10 Breakfast Served at 10:30
13 closed	14 Smothered Chops White Rice Tomato/Zucchini Buttermilk Biscuit Salad Dessert	15 Cal Zone Pasta Marinara Grilled Zucchini Caesar Salad Dessert	16 Catfish Beans Hushpuppies Cole slaw Dessert	17 Fishing Day And Hot Dog Roast At the River Park
20 Beef Stew Cornbread Salad Dessert	21 Spaghetti and Meatballs Asparagus Garlic Toast Salad Dessert	22 Chicken Tenders French Fries Green Beans Buttermilk Biscuit Salad Dessert	23 Frito/Chili Pie "Fixins" Salad Dessert	24 Cultural Foods Day
27 Fish Sticks Galley Chips Hushpuppies Salad Dessert	28 Beef Stroganoff Broccoli Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	29 Herb Baked Chicken Red Potatoes Green Beans Hot Rolls	30 Halloween Party October Birthdays	31 Closed for Cleaning

UKB Regular August Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At UKB Community Services Building August 02, 2008 10:00 a.m. – 12:25 a.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Jerry Hansen

III. Roll Call: 8 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared.
- Sacks, Proctor, S. Wofford, and Fourkiller absent at Roll Call

IV. Chief's Address (10:07 AM – 10:25 AM)

- Reminded of letter from Regional Office which had been sent to each member of Council informing of ongoing progress relating to Trust Land status. Process is ongoing. Decision is expected soon.

(S. Wofford and Proctor arrived at 10:13 AM)

- Lawyers are necessary when dealing with law suits. There is no possible way to consistently conduct all legal activities required to carry on the type of law suits we are involved with unless we utilize several lawyers. We need lawyers to represent our law suits. Our lawyer in Washington is Michael Rosetti who previously worked for the B.I.A. and is aware of the activities of such agency. We have a lobbying firm situated in Washington who is constantly aware of activities in the halls of the Senate.

- We have our lawyer in Oklahoma assigned to casino situations.

- Attorney Jim McMillin deserves credit for his representation of the UKB in Federal Court relating to our casino suit.

- Attorney Dianne Barker-Harrold obtained a declaratory judgment which kept our casino operational.

The casino produces the funds which provide most services given to the people.

- Casino funds allowed \$200 twice a year to our elders.

- The casino is vital for funding UKB programs.

- Last month the discussion of mandate propane "purging" came up. The propane company can require this "purging of the propane lines" of an individual but such cannot be required/forced on a tribe.

- Just recently a court decision relating to the Freedman Issue stated, "a tribe cannot be sued; however, individuals can be sued."

(Sacks arrived at 10:12 AM)

- Attorneys represent a tribe, school, etc. A tribe cannot be sued unless consent is given. Consent will never be given in such cases CNO has challenged our grants/ear marked funds but to no avail.

- CNO's claims of authority of jurisdiction over the fourteen counties have been "shot down." All of the three cases CNO used to show their authority of jurisdiction has been struck down, so far by the solicitor.

- The UKB is in good position. This position does not happen by accident, it comes by a gathering of people who work hard to make things happen.

- The UKB is an Indian Tribe with sovereignty.

- CNO got our housing money stopped. They didn't get our money, it was given to someone else.

- Chief stated: he had been Keetoowah all his life. He was born into the Keetoowah family and he only knew to fight for the Keetoowah-Cherokee people. Anytime the Keetoowahs win something, that is a win for all Cherokee people and this helps all Native Americans

across the United States.

- Because of the high price of gasoline, our employees have been given the opportunity to go on 4-10 hour work days. Some have accepted this opportunity.

- We continue to wait for what we expect to be a positive decision on Trust Land for the UKB and when it comes we will celebrate.

- He realized there would be campaign signs here and there and that is alright but on the Keetoowah Celebration Grounds there should not be any politicking going on.

- We need to stay focused as we were when we came into office in 2005 according to the wishes of our elders. I will always continue to hold hands with my people.

- He wished, hoped all would continue to fight. It has been hard. It's been 58 years since the Keetoowahs were federally recognized but we're still looking for that "little piece of dirt." Without the attorneys and work of the Council it would not be possible for us to be where we are today.

- He said he will stand up for all Keetoowah members.

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

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on July 12, 2008; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks;

- Comment: Woodrow Proctor stated a need for correction on page 4 of the minutes, wherein, it was entered that Jerry Hansen inquired of HUD money being used by CNO to entice people back to CNO in order to receive a house, when in reality it was he (Woodrow) who had made the inquiry. Hansen had no problem with this change in the minutes. Secretary will make name change in official minutes.

VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Fourkiller absent).

VI. Presentations -

- Albert Shade: inquired if the tribe would provide emergency assistance for a tribal member whose house has completely burned down and all possessions were lost. He asked if shelter could be provided for as long as the need was there.

- Chief: said the tribe will give assistance in this need and the Red Cross could also be contacted.

(Fourkiller arrived at 10:32 AM)

- Charles Locust: stated this house was lost due to an explosion. This was the home of Billy Heath. He and his wife were not at home at the time of the explosion. Tim Good Voice had already visited the site of the home and there is nothing left. We will continue to follow-up on this. Say a prayer for the family.

- Chief: assistance will be given to Bill Heath and his wife.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledave

29 Applications for new membership were received and verified to contain all required documents. The Enrollment Committee recommends these applicants to be approved/accepted by Council.

1 C.D.I.B. card for a 0-3 year old child was processed and the child has been entered on UKB tribal member roll. This information is presented for acknowledgment and to be honored by Council.

MOTION by Albert Shade to approve/accept 30 new membership applicants into tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

10 Requests for Tribal Relinquishment from UKB Tribal Membership were received. All requests are documented by signed relinquishment forms. The Enrollment Committee does present this information for acknowledgment of Council.

MOTION by Albert Shade to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 10 UKB members; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

VIII. Public Forum - None

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Barry Dotson inquired of the status of the Marble City and Kenwood stores.

- Chief: Marble City area was visited and evaluated. The findings reported by Don Ade, EDA Director; the price of property was "too high." There is a second site being looked at in that area. The main problem with the Kenwood Project is a parking area. When the Trust Land decision is made in our favor we would be in a position to exercise jurisdiction and then we could have access to secure parking space.

X. New Business

Detailed explanation of Agenda Items X, 1-7 by Lisa Stopp.

- DISCUSSION

1. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove to place "Fort Wayne" on the Tribal Register of Historic Places as site number K0711 (Item #5 on agenda)

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve to place "Fort Wayne" on the Tribal Register of Historic Places as site number K0711; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to table agenda items X, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 until September Council meeting; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove an application for High Priority Projects funds from the BIA for West Willis Road project (Larry Howard, transportation coordinator, was available for questions and gave explanation).

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve an application for High Priority Projects funds from the BIA for West Willis Road project; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

3. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the restyling of Bank of Cherokee County Title VI Part C (#XXXXXX4134) to read as Institute of Museum and Library Service; this account is said to have been dormant since June 2006.

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the restyling of Bank of Cherokee County Title VI Part C (#XXXXXX4134) to read as Institute of Museum and Library Service; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; - DISCUSSION

VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

- Chief's statement: In 2005, when current administration came into the office, the tribe was behind in audits being completed. The administration immediately began working on those incomplete audits. Incomplete audits caused our finances from grants to be sanctioned. We worked with the grants agencies in becoming current in our audits. We brought in a comptroller to bring our finances into audit compliance.

- This administration came into a financial mess. It is not by accident we

are where we are today. Audits are now up-to-date. This current audit is the best we have ever had. We are now ready for self-governance and that will allow many opportunities for the United Keetoowah Band.

- The Bureau/Regional Office believes we have a good, maybe the best, accounting system. People in Tahlequah, people we do business with say we can rely on the UKB to pay their bills on time and it is all because we account for all the money.

MOTION by Charles Locust to enter into Executive Session for discussion of the Financial Audit. This session will include AG Ken Bellmard and attorney Tim Brown; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Time: 11:15 AM).

MOTION by Charles Locust to exit from Executive Session; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 1 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen left before vote) (Time: 12:12 PM).

- Chief Wickliffe: thanked Stanfield and O'Dell representative, Craig Legner, for the hard work he and his firm had done in reference to UKB Audit Reports.

- Woodrow Proctor: thanked the auditors for the work they had done. He wished the people to know our audits have been real good for the last four years. We are now a stable government, our audit reports have proved that for the last four years all of us have served on this Council. He thanked each Council member and recognized Chief, Vice Chief and the officers on a tremendous job done in upholding our tribal government. He wished to let the people know we are a sound stable government.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to accept the 2007 Audit; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen not available at vote).

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to retain Stanfield and O'Dell for the 2008 Audit; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen not available at vote).

- Mr. Craig Legner: commended the Council for its good governance in setting up the accounting department and that department's development to where there can be a clean audit report. This current audit is the cleanest since Stanfield and O'Dell has been involved.

MOTION by Charles Locust to allow our auditor, Stanfield and O'Dell, to produce a "short form" of the 2007 Audit for utilization in banking institutions; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; (This would allow sharing audit numbers with the public) VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen not available at vote).

- Woodrow Proctor: said for the last four years we have not really reported our audits to the public because of deficiencies and we didn't want to let the people know where the problems were. We now have good audits and we can report to the people. We can report the numbers.

MOTION by Charles Locust to allow EDA legal representative (s) access to the "Short Form" Audit Report for banking research; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen not available at vote).

XI. Announcements

XII. Benediction: Shelbi Wofford

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 12:25 PM

Samantha Keen named Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Kristy Feather Daugherty named Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee

Eighteen year old Samantha Keen, from Westville, Oklahoma was crowned Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2008 – 2009 on Friday, September 12 at the Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant held at the Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center. Miss Kristy Feather Daugherty was crowned Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2008-2009.

The event officially kicked off the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration, which will be held Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4 in Tahlequah. The celebration theme is “Rich in Tradition, Strength for the Future”. “This year, our celebration will pay tribute to the Keetoowah Cherokee People – the traditional Cherokee people,” said Chief George Wickliffe. “Thanks to the lifestyle and teachings of our elders, the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribe is rich in our traditions, and by investing in our tribe’s youth and education, we ensure strength for the future,” said Assistant Chief Charles Locust.

The role of Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee is to serve as a good will ambassador for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma and to serve as a messenger to promote the culture, traditions and heritage of the Keetoowah Cherokee people.

In the pageant, contestants were required to perform in several categories including Introduction and Traditional Dress; a Platform presentation on an issue that will be the focus of the candidate’s reign; a talent competition, and a question and answer competition with questions about the history, culture and language of the Keetoowah Cherokees.

Miss Keen, a graduate of Westville High School is the daughter of Barbara Keen of Westville and Bob Keen of Lowery. She attends Coffeyville Community College and will major in Veterinarian Medicine. She also works at the South Coffeyville Sale Barn.

Her platform was on “Respect” and her talent presentation was storytelling, where she told “Why the Cornhusk Doll has no Face”.

Kristy Feather Daugherty, 15 won the crown for Miss Keetoowah Cherokee and gave a presentation in the talent category on how to make clay beads. She is of the Wolf Clan and is the daughter of Ann and Nathaniel Glass and Jimmy Daugherty. She is from Stilwell, and attends Sequoyah High School. Her goal is to attend college and become a psychologist.

Tradition and Strength

by Kristy Daugherty

When I think of tradition and strength, I think of our Keetoowah elders. If they weren’t here to pass down our culture, language and traditions, where would our Keetoowah people be today?

I think of my grandmother as an elder/leader in my life, because she took the time and had the patience to try and teach me my native language. Although I had no desire or interest to learn, she still kept trying. She even told me the importance of knowing my culture and language and that someday it would shape me into the person I am supposed to be, a proud young Keetoowah Cherokee woman.

Now that I look back, I wish I would have listened to all of the knowledge she had to offer, because now I am taking Cherokee language classes and trying to learn what I would have already known if I had listened. She also told me to never let anything or anyone make me ashamed of my heritage or of who I am.

As I have grown older, there are other things she has tried to teach me such as respecting my elders and speaking up for what I believe in and that I can do anything or be anything in life that my heart desires.

My grandmother is my beacon of strength in the night. No matter what obstacles she has faced in her life, thus far, she has stood strong and unmoved. To me she is a strong willed Cherokee woman, because diabetes has taken its toll on her body, eye-sight, as well as her health. She tries not to let it stop her from doing the small things in life that she enjoys. She is a strong Cherokee woman whom I have nothing but the deepest respect and love for.

I see the strength in her that I need in my own life to be a young strong willed Keetoowah Cherokee woman in my own home, community, and family. If I could be as blessed as my grandmother, I could be the strength for other young Keetoowah Cherokee women, as well as a leader for my tribe.

It is up to this generation to keep our native culture, and language, that our elders as well as grandparents have passed down to us, strong and thriving for future generations. “We are the strength for the future!”

This essay was written by Junior Miss Keetoowah Kristy Daugherty and was the essay that helped her win her title.



Miss Keetoowah
2008-09
Samantha Keen



Junior Miss
Keetoowah
2008-09
Kristi
Daugherty



MISS AND Junior Miss Keetoowah pageant contestants, left to right, Suzette Vann, Alyssia Jones, Kristi Daugherty, Kristin Walker, and Samantha Keen.



MISS KEETOOWAH and Junior Miss Keetoowah pageant committee members were, left to right, Stephanie Wickliffe, Debra Pritchett, Brenda Locust, Gwen Goingsnake, and Georgia Dick.