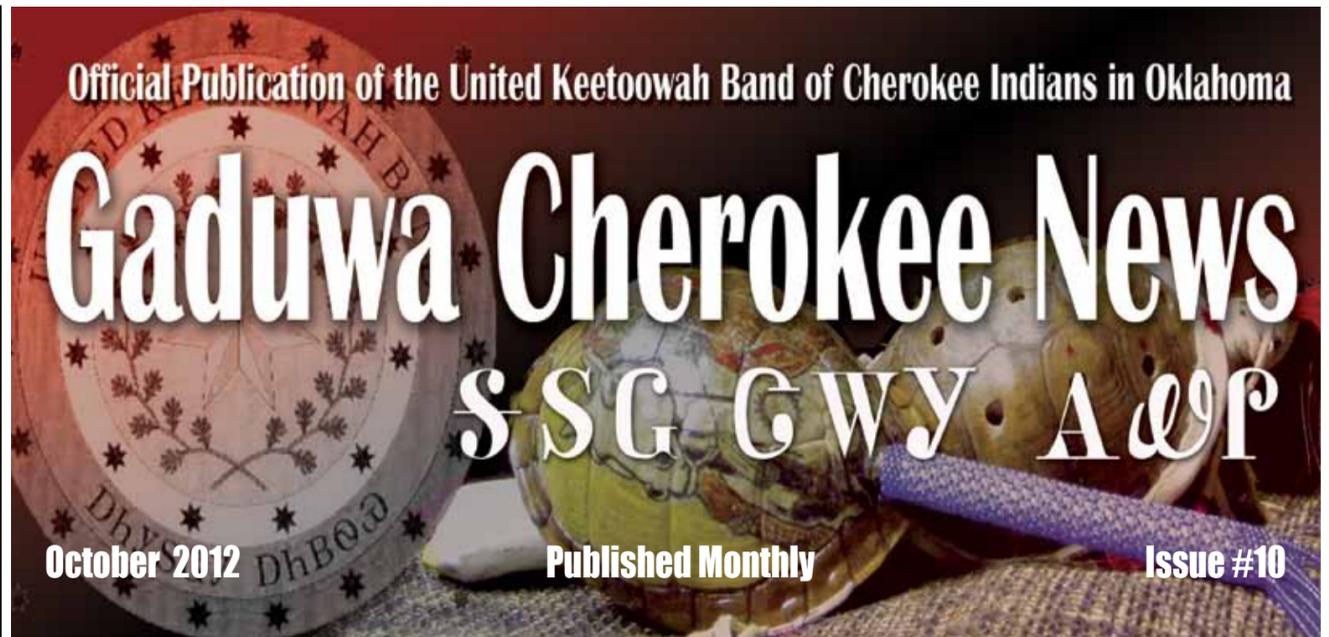


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## West Willis road construction completed and open for traffic

The much-awaited reconstruction of West Willis Road finally came to a ceremonial if not actual completion nearly 18 months after it was started.

Various United Keetoowah Band administrators, City of Tahlequah officials and Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce officials cut the symbolic red ribbon Sept. 7, announcing the road open for use.

The original half-mile stretch of narrow road between Highway 62, also known as South Muskogee Avenue, and Whitmore Lane, which is the main route to the UKB complex, was plagued with potholes and flooding. The former problem was attributed to increased traffic from an expanded housing addition and tribal development on a soft-bed road. At the time, it was also the only intersection with a traffic light for two neighborhoods. The latter problem was attributed to increased water flow from the rapid settlement of a former hay field at a higher elevation.

UKB administrators officially broke ground March 25, 2011, but the process of acquiring the right-of-way, moving the existing utilities and other environmental processes stalled the project until February 2012.

Once construction started, Glover & Associates Inc. began clearing the south side of the road and removing the soft dirt, a job made more difficult by heavy rains during the early part of the year. Construction workers hauled in a clay-based mix to widen the road and make the base of the road more solid than the abutting pavement. The workers then ripped up the old asphalt and replaced the base with the same mix used to widen the road, ensuring a more solid roadway in the future.

During this time, the ditches alongside the road were widened and graded to allow for a greater dispersion of water and new driveways were constructed by replacing old tin horns with two larger concrete boxes for the residents of West Willis Road. Curbs were poured and a sidewalk was added on the south side of the road to keep pedestrians from walking in the road as clogged and brush-laden ditches previously forced them to do.

For the first part of the construction, the road was usually passable for thru traffic—only closing when heavy machinery dominated the road or being narrowed to one lane— but, when it came time to dig out the two large tin horns at the west end of the road, thru traffic became impossible as trackhoes and bulldozers dug a pit approximately 40 feet wide for the new bridge.



The official opening of the West Willis road was commemorated by a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, Sept. 7 by UKB Administration and Tahlequah City officials. Photo by Thomas Jordan

No sooner did the workers begin placing the first of five rows of seven 5-by-10 feet concrete boxes for the new bridge, which was already delayed once because of mechanical malfunctions in a crane, than the rain started, flooding the pit and pushing further box alignment back until the pit was cleaned up.

With clear skies reigning once again, the crew placed and sealed the boxes, poured the flanges and laid and compacted gravel to the proper density. This set up the asphalt crew to attempt finishing a hardened driving surface capable of handling school buses before the newly-built Heritage Elementary School in Southridge opened for classes in early August.

Tahlequah had petitioned the state to install a traffic signal at the Southridge intersection so school buses and parents could exit the neighborhood safely. The UKB and several other entities even donated the funds the city lacked so there would be no problem getting the project paid for and on the state's schedule.

Tahlequah Mayor Jason Nichols said that the state told him late October would be the soonest it could get the traffic signal on its schedule.

That would leave buses and parents entering and exiting Southridge without a traffic signal to protect them for about 2 1/2 months unless West Willis Road was available for use.

Unfortunately, production problems at the asphalt company, including a complete breakdown at the factory, pushed the completion date back once again and past the first day of Tahlequah schools. Tahlequah police officers gathered en masse at the Southridge intersection to direct traffic twice a day, but it was a temporary fix at

best that resulted in massive traffic jams along South Muskogee Avenue, especially during the morning rush hour.

With the asphalt flowing properly again, the crew put down three lifts of asphalt to top the road. This opened the road for school traffic to use the traffic signal the week following school opening.

However, the few days that no traffic signal was available for school traffic pressured the state to push the Southridge traffic signal higher on the schedule. It became operational Sept. 13 allowing buses two traffic signals to use.

So far, the West Willis Road project has cost approximately \$1.3 million. Most of the funding came from the BIA through the Indian Reservation Roads program, which addresses transportation needs of tribes by providing funds for planning, designing, construction and maintenance activities, and the BIA's High Priority Projects funds. Additional funding was secured by Congressman Dan Boren through the Public Land Highway Discretionary fund.

Technically, the project is still ongoing. The water control portion of the project has a crew opening up the south drainage ditch and lining it to prevent erosion. The UKB Roads and Transportation Department also wants a few potential problem areas in the road beefed up with concrete.

Even though the road project is only ceremonially completed for now, it is open for use while the finishing touches are being added.

By M. Thomas Jordan  
GCN Special Writer

## Keetoowah transit department is set to receive new transit station

If a call comes in and someone is in need of a ride to a doctor appointment or to work, Don Perry, transit dispatcher, does what his title entails. He dispatches the request to the transit driver who adds it to his list and makes his rounds. No request is left unfulfilled, unless there are unforeseen circumstances. Whether a tribal member or the general public, the Keetoowah Transit Department is there to accommodate the people to the best of its ability.

Due to the number of requests made for the tribal transit system, the UKB is in the works of building a tribal transit facility to house the transit department, as well as the transportation department. The ground has been broken and soon the tribe can

expand its transit system to better fit the needs of its people and all others within its jurisdiction.

"We do what we can to accommodate everyone that we can," said Perry.

The Keetoowah transit got its start back in 2007 from a grant the transportation department obtained through Federal Highways. It allowed the department to buy two buses, one van and hire a dispatcher and two drivers.

"The main goal was to provide transportation to our elders' medical rides to Hastings, to Tulsa, to the VA, to different hospitals around the area," said Rick Glory, transportation director. "Also, to provide them rides up to Federal Programs to get

assistance. It has been kind of a slow process because we did not have a transit building to house our buses and stuff in at the time. So, we used an office that was emptied at the Wellness Center."

Since the transit department got its start, it has been housed in the Wellness Center at the UKB complex. But eventually, it will have a new home in the upcoming transit facility project. The facility is being built through a grant called Indian Community Development Block Grant. It will allow for the new facility plus a few additions to the transit department, such as new vehicles, more drivers and gas units.

Glory said the new vehicles they requested will be CNG vans, which stands for compressed natural gas. He said these CNG vans will run on fuel that has a lower cost than regular gasoline. The plan is to install two compressed natural gas slow-fill units behind the transit building. These CNG units are being used more often now in dif-

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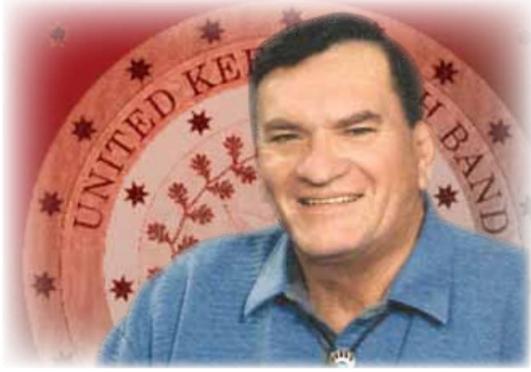


UKB Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust along with tribal council members and administrators broke ground, Friday, Aug. 24, for the new UKB Transit building. Photo by Thomas Jordan

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



*Editor's note: The following is a portion of a written journal of Lt. Harris, giving a day to day account of the movement of a group of Cherokees to Indian Territory arriving in May 1834. This section explains the relationship between Chief John Ross, General Andrew Jackson and President George Washington.*

### The River Trail: a saga of the Cherokee removal Compiled by Jane B. Noble

The year 1828 was a pivotal one for the Cherokee Tribe. This was the year that Andrew Jackson was elected President of the United States and John Ross became Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. The unfortunate tribe was caught between the cynical perfidy of Andrew Jackson and the implacable will of John Ross. This was also the year that the Cherokee Phoenix, the first newspaper published by an Indian Tribe, brought out its initial issue. It was printed both in English and in Cherokee syllabary, and the able Elias Boudinot was editor for nearly four years, until he disagreed with John Ross on the removal question. The discovery of gold on Cherokee lands in that fateful year of 1828 was to be the final undoing of the Cherokee, East.

Andrew Jackson was a recognized Indian hater. He had fought them at every opportunity, denounced them in Congress, and had once speculated in illegal Cherokee lands. But Jackson was not even an honest Indian hater. He could pretend to be their friend when he needed help or concessions from them, only to break all treaties and

promises with impunity. Jackson disliked President George Washington and often clashed with him on the subject of the Indians. When he was a member of Congress, Jackson once went so far as to suggest that President George Washington be impeached. Washington was the first and last President of the United States to exhibit sincere sympathy and understanding for the Indians.

During the War of 1812 the Cherokees, persuaded by Major Ridge, joined forces with General Jackson against their old enemies the Creeks. At the famous Battle of Horseshoe Bend, the brave Cherokee warriors saved Jackson's forces from disastrous defeat and one of them, Chief Junaluska reportedly save the general's life during hand-to-hand combat with the enemy, an act he was later bitterly to regret.

The victory at Horseshoe Bend set Jackson on the road to the Battle of New Orleans and the Presidency. He repaid the Cherokees by bringing about the loss of their ancient homelands and the death of at least one quarter of their population during the enforced removal west.

A number of men who were to play important roles in the high drama of the Cherokee Removal that were to come were present at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. Fighting beside Andrew Jackson were John Ross, Major Ridge, Stand Waite, Sequoyah, the remorseful Junaluska and other Cherokee leaders, Sam Houston and Davy Crockett were on hand as well, both of whom later championed the cause of the Indians. Unlike Crockett, however, Houston never broke with Jackson over the issue of the Cherokees. It was rumored that the two of them proposed to fry in Texas were big enough to insure their loyalty to each other.

The Creek Nation was crushed and splintered by the Battle of the Horseshoe. Those yet unbroken in spirit fled to the Seminoles in Florida where they lived to fight again in the Everglades. Those who remained gave little further trouble to the Federal Government.

John Ross, as he was moving into the leadership of the Cherokee Tribe was able to touch that same hard core of stubborn resistance in the full bloods that Redbird Smith would appeal to half a century later on the issue of land allotment. In both cases this course led to disaster and in both cases the inexorability of the approaching storm was not recognized. The Cherokees did not—could not—bend, and so it was inevitable that they

would be felled. On neither of these occasions was the leader able to understand the forces of avarice and greed that could totally eclipse any feelings of sympathy and compassion among the enemies of the tribe.

In all fairness, it is important to note that in both the Removal issue and the later land allotment situation; there were many prominent whites who fought valiantly for Indian rights. In addition to Houston and Crockett there was also Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry Clay, as well as a number of influential church men and editors.

The Georgians, who were, by 1828, in a frenzy of land acquisition compounded by a severe case of gold fever, after discovery of gold on Cherokee land, reacted with defiance to the outraged cries of men of conscience—in this case mostly northerners whom the Georgians maintained had long ago solved their own Indian problems.

“Principal Chief John Ross sought to unify his people behind a no-removal banner. Elias Boudinot, however, as editor of the national Cherokee organ, felt it his duty to air both sides of the problem, leaning somewhat toward acceptance of removal with the best possible terms. The result of this schism was that John Ross forced Boudinot's resignation, which was announced in the Cherokee Phoenix on August 11, 1832.”

The group of mixed blood Cherokees, who recognized and could correctly interpret the handwriting that was clearly upon the wall, was called the Treaty Party after they ill-advisedly signed the scandalously fraudulent Treaty of New Echota. The leaders of this group, John Ridge, the reluctant Major Ridge, Elias Boudinot and his brother

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## NOTICE

### 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.

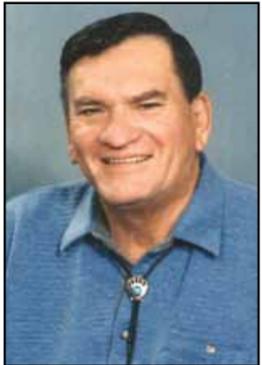
### UKB Tribal Offices Closed on November 5 for Election Day

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed on Monday, November 5 for UKB Election Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, November 6 at 8:30 a.m.

### UKB Tribal Offices Closed Monday, Nov. 12 for Veterans Day

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed on Monday, November 12 for Veterans Day. Tribal offices will re-open on Tuesday, November 13 at 8:30 a.m.

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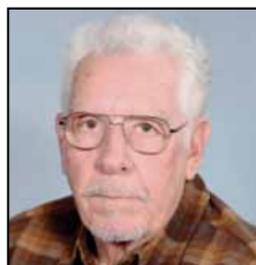
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## The River Trail

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Stand Watie, were right in their assessment of the desperate situation the Cherokees were in and hoped to force them to see what was clearly in the tribe's best interests-and, of course, their own. The issue had become much too emotional by the time the Treaty of New Echota was signed and the members of the Treaty Party were branded as traitors and cowards. While self interest was undoubtedly served they urged all of their tribesmen to avail themselves of the same pragmatic choices which they themselves had made. While the position of the Treaty Party was not so high principled and had little of the tragic glory of the staunch Ross part-more of them survived and were able to feed and house their families in the West. Whether the price was too great calls for a value judgment of the most difficult kind.

Once they had fully made up their minds that they would not be moved and had dug in their heels, it is doubtful if even John Ross could have changed the minds of the full bloods and led them reluctantly but resignedly across the Mississippi River to the West. After 1832 or 1833 it was probably already too late. Had Ross suggested this he would doubtless have been accused of "selling

out" and would have lost much of his effectiveness as a leader of the traditional Cherokee tribesmen. There is a predilection among Cherokees to believe that anyone who changes his position on a political matter has sold out. Indeed if the fortunes go contrary to their wishes it is frequently believed that someone has secretly sold out. This was said of Redbird Smith, the turn of the century leader of traditionalist Cherokees, after statehood became a fact. There is no suggestion, however, that John Ross ever had second thoughts about the advisability of resisting Removal. John Ridge and Elias Boudinot considered Ross to be simply a power-mad despot.

Some historians consider the actions of the Treaty Party to be outright treason, just as Ross did:

"Upon the return of Ross from Washington in the spring of 1833 the formerly secret stirring of opposition to his policy within the Cherokee community began to come into the open. Ridge and his small coterie of fellow proprietors had been infuriated by Ross' refusal to consider Jackson's offer of \$3,000,000 for Cherokee land. Evidence, which Ross for long could not bring himself to accept was accumulating that the Ridge-Boudinot faction had entered into an outright conspiracy to under-

mine his authority as acknowledged spokesman for the Cherokee as a necessary preamble to making the nation totally subject to the will of Georgia and the United States. Their plans to forward this projected coup d'état had been discussed with state and federal authorities. The leading members of the cabal had been assured of personal rewards in the shape of title and financial preferences as a by-product of removal and had made available to them funds to give practical effectiveness to their political maneuvers. In spite of this convert collusion with Georgian and federal administrators they could continue to profess with some plausibility a devotion to the long-range best interests of the Cherokee people as patriotic as that claimed by and for Ross. Along with these protestations they ridiculed Ross' assumption of a greater nobility of purpose and decried his visionary obstinacy as certain to lead the nation to ruin."

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

**October 13** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.  
UKB Community Services Building

\*No other meeting dates available at press time.

## A Dog's Tail - a Turtle Island Liar's Club storyteller's tale

Rabbit was going along one day when a group of dogs started chasing him. Rabbit was quickly starting to get tired and the dogs were gaining on him, but he had a plan. Back in the old days dogs liked to dance, so rabbit stopped in his tracks and calmly waited for all the dogs to catch up. The dogs all stopped when they saw rabbit waiting for them curious as to why he wasn't running anymore.

Rabbit asked them if they could make a deal, "If you stop chasing me I'll show you how to do the newest dance".

The dogs were all really happy with this deal, because they really liked to dance and they agreed to stop chasing him to learn a new dance.

So rabbit took them to a round house and told them this is where he would teach them to dance....but it was only proper when they entered the house that they take their tails off and hang them on the hooks by the doorway. So being eager to learn, and wanting to be proper, all the

dogs took their long tails off and hung them on the hook by the doorway, and entered the round house. Rabbit entered also and then started teaching the dogs the newest dance.

The dogs has the best time learning the new dance and were so totally engrossed in learning and dancing, that rabbit had time to rest and saw his chance to take off and get away from the dogs.

So he eased out toward the door way, but he stopped to look at all the beautiful dog tails hanging by the door way. Rabbit did not have a long beautiful tail, and he so wanted one for himself since all he had was a stubby little tail.....so he decided he would steal the dogs tails for himself. He gathered all the dog tails in his arms and tried to sneak on out the door with them.

He'd just about made it when the dogs saw him escaping away with their tails....."Hey, rabbit is stealing our tails" a dog yelled!! The dogs all stopped dancing and started running after rabbit to get their tails back.

Rabbit tried to run as fast as he could, but he was burdened down with all the dog tails in his arms. Rabbit ran and ran....he hated to lose the dog tails, but he couldn't hold them and run at the same time.

So he tossed all the dog tails high up in the air, and was able to run a way fast and get away from the dogs.

The dogs saw rabbit toss their tails up in the air, and they got all mixed up, but the dogs started catching and picking whatever tail they came to first....even if it wasn't their tail. They were in such a hurry, they ended up with the wrong tails.

That is why to this day when you see dogs greeting each other, and they are sniffing and checking out each others tails its to see if the other dog has their original tail.

As told by Sammy Still

## McAlester Couple's Lives Change After West Nile Virus Strikes

*Editor's Note: The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) has a policy that prohibits the release of individual case information. In this unique instance, Hal and Debbie Dalton of McAlester volunteered to share their story with the news media and OSDH in order to possibly help prevent others from experiencing the debilitating effects of West Nile virus.*

McAlester — "We'd sit on the back porch until dark. I'd slap a mosquito and say 'well the mosquitoes are biting, it's time to go in,'" said Debbie Dalton about the weeks leading up to her husband Hal's onset of West Nile virus (WNV). Then, virtually overnight, the Daltons' life changed. Hal's first signs were flu like symptoms, tremors and weakness. Then while at the hospital, he lost his vision and the ability to use his legs.

Hal Dalton was Oklahoma's first 2012 confirmed case of WNV.

The Daltons describe themselves as "outside people." Golf four days a week, growing eight foot tall tomato plants, watering the flowers and relaxing on the back porch are staples of everyday life.

The 78 year old Dalton retired in 1993 after 39 years at Rockwell International. His wife Debbie has worked at Spirit Aerosystems for 35 years. Caring for her husband has caused her to miss more than six weeks of work. They hope that by sharing their story perhaps they can prevent other Oklahomans from getting WNV. "We were completely ignorant about West Nile," Hal Dalton said. "We didn't know how serious it could be."

Dalton contracted WNV in June and spent a total of four weeks in a Tulsa hospital and a rehabilitation center in Okmulgee. While he has regained most of his vision, he is still unable to move his legs.

Healthy, active adults who are 50 and older have the highest risk of illness caused by WNV. Most cases in Oklahoma have occurred in persons over 40 and have been neuroinvasive WNV disease, the most severe form of WNV infection that causes inflammation of the brain and spinal cord, and also the type afflicting Hal Dalton.

Illness associated with WNV ranges from no symptoms at all to milder "West Nile Fever" symptoms to serious neurologic disease. Symptoms of West Nile Fever include sudden onset of fever, headache, nausea, dizziness, and muscle weakness. Sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash are also present with West Nile Fever. Symptoms of serious neurologic WNV disease can progress quickly and may include high fever, headache, stiff neck, mental confusion or disorientation, numbness, convulsions, and coma. A polio-type paralysis of an arm or leg may also be caused by WNV. Some of the neurological, effects of WNV may be permanent or fatal. Persons should seek medical attention if any of these symptoms develop, especially within two weeks after mosquito bites.

Although the Daltons will not be using their OU football tickets this year, Hal said Debbie has a motivational message for him.

"Debbie told me if they go to the national championship, she's going to roll me or drag me there," he said.

## Oklahoma State Department of Health and UKB Officials Warn of West Nile Virus Resurgence

Evidence of a resurgence of West Nile virus (WNV) has the Oklahoma State Department of Health and UKB officials warning residents of Northeastern Oklahoma to take precautions against the mosquito-borne illness for the remainder of the summer and early fall.

The 123 cases reported in Oklahoma to date in 2012 is the highest number of West Nile virus disease cases since cases were first reported in this state in 2002. To date in Oklahoma in 2012, seven deaths have occurred due to West Nile virus disease.

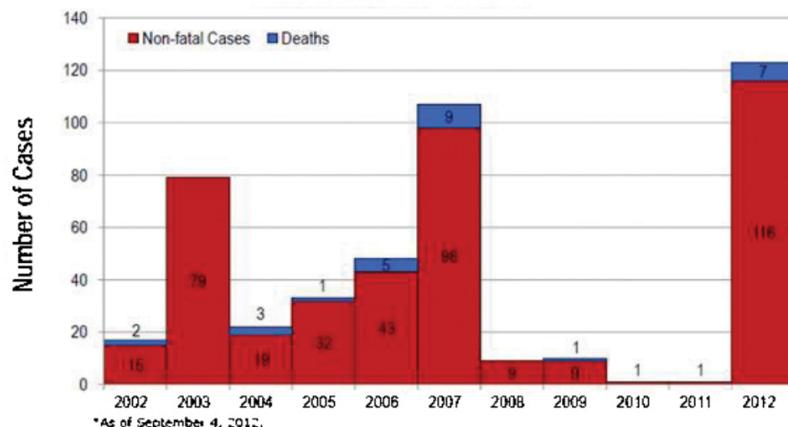
West Nile virus is spread through the bite of the Culex mosquito, which feeds on infected birds and then transmits the virus when biting humans, horses, and some other mammals. Symptoms of WNV include sudden onset of fever, headache, dizziness, and muscle weakness. Long-lasting complications can include difficulty concentrating, migraine headaches, extreme muscle weakness and tremors, and paralysis of a limb. If one or more of these symptoms develop, especially after suffering mosquito bites within the previous two weeks, a health care provider should be contacted. Persons over the age of 50 are at greatest risk of developing severe neurologic disease from WNV infection. Some of the neurological effects of WNV may be permanent or fatal.

Among the precautions to take against mosquito bites are the following:

- Use an insect repellent containing DEET on exposed skin and clothing when you go outdoors, particularly if you are outside between dusk and dawn when WNV-infected mosquitoes are more likely to bite. (Insect repellent with permethrin should be used on clothing only.)
- Repair or install window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- Prevent items such as buckets, cans, pool covers, flower pots, and tires from holding standing water so mosquitoes don't have a place to breed.
- Empty your pet's outdoor water bowl and refill daily.
- Clean leaves and debris from rain gutters regularly to ensure they are not clogged.

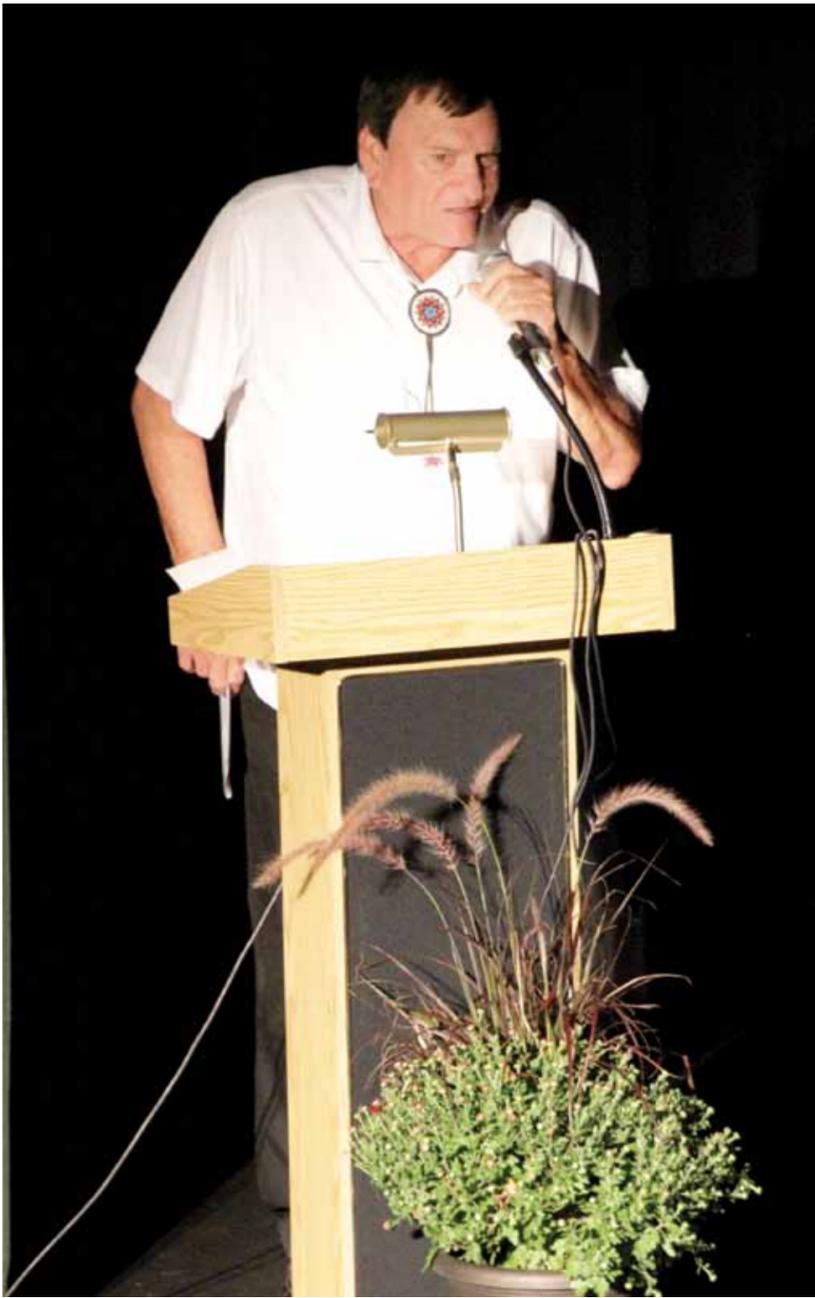
For more information, visit the Oklahoma State Department of Health's WNV website at <http://go.usa.gov/wpz>

West Nile Virus Disease and Deaths by Year  
Oklahoma, 2002-2012\*



# Miss Keetoowah and Junior Miss

## Trista Vaughn Crowned Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Elaine Hays Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee



United Keetoowah Band Chief Wickliffe welcomes guests to the Miss Keetoowah/Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee pageant. Photo by Thomas Jordan

Eighteen year old Trista Vaughn, from Hulbert, was crowned the 2012-13 Miss Keetoowah Cherokee at the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma goodwill ambassador pageant on Sept. 13. Thirteen-year-old Elaine Hays won the title of Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee that evening as well.

The ninth annual pageant was the kick-off event of the 62nd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration and was held at the Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center.

The new Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, Trista Vaughn, is of the Bird Clan, and is the daughter of Teresa Hair of Hulbert and Brian Vaughn of Coweta. Trista attends Tahlequah-Sequoyah where she is a senior. She has two younger brothers and one sister. Trista enjoys being with her family and friends. She hopes to attend the University of Arkansas to become a dermatologist.

In this year's Miss Keetoowah competition, even though there was only one contestant, Miss Vaughn was required to perform in four categories to exhibit her qualifications. Categories included the introduction and traditional dress; a platform presentation over an issue that will be the focus of the candidate's reign; a talent performance; and a question and answer session to demonstrate her knowledge of Keetoowah Cherokee Culture.

Trista's platform presentation was on "The Importance of Our Keetoowah Cherokee Elders". In her talent presentation, she demonstrated how to start a basket, which is the hardest part of making a basket.

Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2012 received a plaque with a picture insert; a bouquet of roses, a \$2,000 scholarship, a royalty sash with her name and a Cherokee basket made by our own Keetoowah Cherokee tribal member Betty Frogg. She will wear the beautiful handcrafted Miss Keetoowah Cherokee copper crown throughout her reign.

Miss Keetoowah Cherokee strives to instill a sense of pride, ambition, and accomplishment in younger Keetoowahs and will to the best of her ability, pursue and promote the Keetoowah Cherokee language, history and culture.

In the Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee competition, there were four confident young ladies competing to represent their tribe. The contestants were required to perform in categories including the introduction and traditional dress; an essay relating to this year's celebration theme "One Fire, One Family, Rising Together," a talent performance and a question and answer session demonstrating her knowledge of Keetoowah Cherokee Culture, the language and an impromptu question.

The Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee contestants included the following young ladies:

Alayna Girty, 17, from Vian, Okla., who is of the Long Hair Clan. She is the daughter of Gregory and Joan Girty of Vian. She enjoys poetry, reading and taking pictures of family, especially her nieces and nephews.

She attends Harvestine Tabernacle in Vian. Alayna is a senior at Vian High School, and, after she graduates in May, she will attend Oklahoma Baptist University and hopes to go on to become a missionary.

Alayna's essay was titled "My Cherokee Mothers." For her talent, she sang a Cherokee Christian hymn titled, "Jesus My All" done a capella.

Aliyah Flute, 13, from Tahlequah, Okla., is of the Long Hair Clan. She



Keetoowah Cherokee honor guard presents the colors at the 2012-2013 Miss Keetoowah/Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee pageant. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Newly crowned 2012-2013 Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, Trista Vaughn, poses with her family and proud grandmother Cindy Hair. Photo by Lindsey Bark



Judges for the Miss Keetoowah/Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee pageant, Tommy Neugin, Carolyn Swimmer, and Nellie Hunt, prepare their scoring sheets prior to the start of the pageant. Photo by Sammy Still



John Hair Multi-Cultural Museum director, Ernestine Berry, shares information of the Keetoowah Cherokee history to the pageant contestants during the Miss Keetoowah/Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Leadership Camp. Photo by Lindsey Bark

# Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant

## Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, Jr Miss Keetoowah

is the daughter of Forrest Flute and Jamie Flute, both from Sallisaw, Okla., and is the granddaughter of Dan and Lois Fuller, her guardians, of Tahlequah.

Aliyah attends Cornerstone Church, and is also a member of Red-bird Ceremonial Grounds. Aliyah is in the 8th grade at Grand View School. Aliyah has two younger siblings, Allison and Justice. Her favorite subject is math. She enjoys playing softball and doing competitive cheer. She plays the clarinet, loves music and dance. Aliyah hopes to be in performing arts at "The Juilliard School" located in New York.

Aliyah's essay was titled "It All Begins with Family," and her talent was singing "Meeting of Christians" in Cherokee that was sung a capella.

Raelie Grayson, 13, from Tahlequah, Okla., is of the Deer Clan. She is the daughter of Noel and Carrie Grayson of Tahlequah. She is in the 8th grade at Sequoyah High School. She has one sister, Lauren.

Raelie attends Elm Tree Baptist Church in Tahlequah. Raelie's hobbies include a likeness for all books; she really likes to read the history of WWI and WWII, and she likes to watch face-off. Upon graduation from high school, Raelie wants to go to Dartmouth to major in visual arts, journalism & photography...and hopefully someday, she will work for National Geographic!

The title of her essay was "Three tribes working together to become one" and for her talent presentation, she read the Cherokee Syllabary sounds.

Elaine Hays is from Tahlequah, Okla., is of the Blue Clan, and is the daughter of Tommy and Jessica Hays of Tahlequah. She is in the 7th grade at Sequoyah-Tahlequah Elementary School. Elaine is in the 7-8th grade band and plays the flute. She has one sister, Rachel. Elaine enjoys just being a kid and she says later, she would like to become a chef.

Elaine's essay was, "My Place within One Family, One Tribe" and for her talent, she sang "Beautiful Home" in the Cherokee language a capella.

Elaine Hays was crowned Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2012-13 and received a plaque with a picture insert, a bouquet of roses, a \$300 scholarship, a royalty sash with her name and a Cherokee basket made by UKB tribal member Betty Frogg. She will wear the Junior Miss Keetoowah copper crown throughout her reign.

1st runner up was Aliyah Flute, who received a rose and a \$200 scholarship for her accomplishment. She also won the Miss Congeniality award, which was voted on by the candidates themselves. The girls spent time together in the leadership camp and rehearsal interacting, experience they used to base their vote.

2nd Runner up was Raelie Grayson, who received a rose, and a \$100 scholarship for her accomplishment.

Miss and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2012-13 will make their first public appearances at the 62nd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration, where they will participate in the powwow, the parade, and they will also be introduced after UKB Chief George Wickliffe makes his state of the nation address.

By Marilyn Craig  
UKB Media Specialist



UKB Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust pose with the 2012-2013 Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee contestants during their Cherokee Leadership camp. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Aliyah Flute applies makeup as she participates in the Miss Keetoowah/Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Leadership Camp held in the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center. Photo by Thomas Jordan



The newly crowned Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2012-2013, Trista Vaughn, and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 2012-2013, Elaine Hays, as they pose for photographs from the family members and media. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Assistant Chief Locust places the 2012-2013 Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Sash onto Trista Vaughn. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Pageant contestants help each other prepare for their presentations during rehearsal night for the Miss and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee pageant. Photo by Lindsey Bark

## UKB Child Development programs host Fall Safety Fair

UKB Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center and Child Care Development Fund program will be hosting a Fall Safety Fair on Friday, October 26th from 3:00pm-6:00pm at HLDCDC. For the past 4 years we have conducted a health and safety fair, but this year we will focus just on safety. Presentations will be given by the Keetoowah Lighthorse and the Tahlequah Police Department K-9 unit. Representatives from Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) will be there as well as the ambulance from Tahlequah City Hospital. Also, HLDCDC staff will have Halloween safety tips available for parents and children.

There will be several activities for the children to enjoy. Some of those activities are pump-

kin decorating and bouncers. Each child will receive a small trick-or-treat bag filled with goodies for attending the fair. The gifts bags will be given to the first 50 children in attendance.

Hot dogs and drinks will be served to all quest. This event is open to the community so come out and enjoy the activities.

## VA Medical Center has need for volunteer caregivers

The Voluntary Service Caregiver Support Program at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center is seeking volunteers in the local community who would like to give back to our local Veterans by becoming a volunteer caregiver.

The volunteer will visit the homebound Veteran once or twice a week for a few hours, providing companionship and compassionate support while allowing the Veteran's primary caregiver to take time off to complete necessary errands or just enjoy a period of rest and relaxation. The volunteer will interact with the Veteran by playing games, working on craft projects, listening to music, reading aloud, watching movies and many other activities depending on the Veteran's condition.

The program's ultimate goal is to provide Veterans a high quality of life by allowing them to stay at home with their family as long as possible. In doing this, everyone involved - Veteran, caregiver and volunteer - get so much more out of the program than they ever thought possible.

Interested volunteers must be 18 years of age and will need to complete caregiver support training. If you are interested in serving our nation's Veterans as a volunteer caregiver, please contact Kellen Palmer, Voluntary Service Caregiver Support Program Coordinator, at 918-577-3236 or via email at Kellen.Palmer@va.gov.

## UKB Veterans Luncheon

Thursday, November 8

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Armory Municipal Center

Tahlequah, OK 74464

UKB Veteran and a Guest

For more information, contact  
Hominy Littledave or Jacob Littledave  
918-456-8698



## United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu October 2012

Title VI Jim Proctor Elder Nutrition Center—Native American 55+ (UKB or CDIB Card) Spouses & or Volunteers

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Menu are subject to change without notice. For more info call: (918) 772-4390 (918) 772-4379 Or (918) 772-4379</p>	<p>1 UKB TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED</p>	<p>2 Baked Potato Soup Grilled Veggies Crackers Breadstick Salad &amp; Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>3 Meatballs/Spaghetti Sauce over Pasta Green Peas, Squash Garlic Bread Salad &amp; Dessert</p>	<p>4 BBQ Chicken Leg/ Thigh, Potato Salad Pork &amp; Beans Seven Grain Bread Salad &amp; Dessert</p>	<p>5 BRUNCH 10:30 - 12:00</p>	<p>6 62nd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration</p>
<p>7 Milk, Tea, Coffee &amp; Water Served Daily During Lunch 11:30 - 1:00</p>	<p>8 UKB TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED Keetoowah Day Native American Day</p>	<p>9 Cheeseburger w/Fixings on Bun Potato Wedge Baked Beans Salad &amp; Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>10 BBQ Smoiles Mac &amp; Cheese Green Beans Wheat Bread Salad &amp; Dessert</p>	<p>11 Catfish w/Tarter Sauce, Curly Fries Black-eyed Peas Hushpuppies Coleslaw &amp; Dessert</p>	<p>12 BRUNCH 10:30 - 12:00</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 Chicken Fajitas White Rice Fried Zucchini Tortilla, Salsa Salad &amp; Dessert</p>	<p>16 Ham, Baby Lima Beans Candied Yams Wheat Bread Salad &amp; Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>17 Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Wheat Roll Salad &amp; Dessert</p>	<p>18 Traditional Food Indian Taco w/ Fixings Broccoli Salad Dessert</p>	<p>19 BRUNCH 10:30 - 12:00</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 Baked Potato w/ Fixings, Grilled Veggies Wheat Toast Salad &amp; Dessert</p>	<p>23 White Beans w/ Ham, Spinach Yellow Hominy, Cornbread Salad &amp; Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>24 Chicken Noodle Soup w/Crackers Grilled Veggies Breadstick Salad &amp; Dessert</p>	<p>25 Birthday Dinner Roast Beef w/Carrots &amp; Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Salad, Roll Banana Cake</p>	<p>26 Kitchen Closed for Cleaning</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 Beef Tacos w/ Fixings Chile Beans Spanish Rice Salad &amp; Dessert</p>	<p>30 Over Fried Chicken, Gravy Mashed Potato's Broccoli, Biscuit Salad &amp; Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>31 Homemade Chile Hominy, Cornbread Crackers Cheese stick Salad &amp; Dessert</p>			

Nutrition Analysis Includes 2% Milk, Each Meal Meets 1/3 of The Recommended RDA Requirements

# 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  
8 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

Noon Entertainment  
Noon-3 pm Pow Wow Registration - Grounds  
Noon-5 pm Make & Take Crafts - Shed at Grounds  
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 Slickball  
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  
62nd Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration  
October 5-6, 2012

For more information:  
918-458-6708  
or 918-431-1818

# UKB Regular August Council Meeting Minutes

## UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the UKB Community Services Building August 04, 2012 10:03 a.m. – 12:48 p.m.

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

**II. Invocation:** Bridge Chuckluck (Before prayer Bridge asked to shake hands with people next to them)

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

(Duncan arrives at 10:10 AM)

### IV. Chief's Address

- We made a move we didn't want to make a little over 30 days ago. We were backed up against the wall with the State of Oklahoma. Our Council voted to go ahead and sign an agreement with the state. If we hadn't signed then it would be immediate action against us. We had a situation since 2000 on the issue that the casino was not on Indian land. The casino did close at one time, it was a battle but it is a great day we have land in trust! We have always been opposed every time we want to do something. We had a fatal day and I'm going to call it that when Oklahoma said, 'we need to sign an agreement we are going to move and have to shut you down.' The Council chose to do it with (3) opposing votes. Let me tell you something, we traveled to D.C. with the fact we were running short on time. I received a phone call on Friday and they said we are going to work 24 hours a day to complete this land in trust brief for the UKB, and they did on Monday, July 30, 2012. I received a phone call and the UKB has received land in trust. This means no closing of the casino! The B.I.A. decision is final, also the 76 acres that EchoHawk supported is already to be recognized after one appeal the briefing is over and we should be getting that accomplished very soon. Our elders told us that one day we, the UKB, will get it back. This is the day! It's been a long road and a lot of emotions to get to this day. As Charlie and I stated we were going to do our best to let Washington, D.C. know our history. I sent out a letter in 2005 to state the things I would like to achieve and the trust land was one. It's such a great joy for the future of our youth and future of the UKB. The Lighthouse will also protect the people within the 14 counties, and assist when called upon at any time.

- I, as well as Council, am always in favor of making decisions for the 14,000 plus members and sometimes they are hard decisions. We have arrived and are going to grow rapidly with progress. We have a corporation charter that is in progress of developing business for the tribe. Our time is now and it's been long but it's been a victory and many have worked and prayed for years to get to where we as a tribe are today. Many have passed on in this lifetime with the vision of what you see happening today. We are going to have opportunity to bring in more programs and business as we are close to starting our new year in 2013, which will be in October. Also to seek an increase in employment and to hire our UKB. The Educational Training Center will be going into construction soon. The focus is to train and educate so they may obtain employment. The technology in the world is advancing rapidly and the demand in the health field also is rapidly increasing. The training center would assist in this demand for our people. Everything is operated by computers and this is almost scary. What I have seen and I'm going to say it, there should be an opportunity for people to speak and there is also an opportunity where Council work together to get business done. Monthly meetings are meant for Council to get business discussed and voted on for the tribe to move forward, not for political gain. There are combined constitutions that have laws from the past, 1859, to present that are still standing laws today and they came from ancestors and elders. So there's going to be a time soon when new programs and businesses are formulated and will require committee advisory or recommendation. The reality is we are going to have many opportunities for programs and business but let's always keep a mindset to make decisions for all people of the UKB, not for a limited few. So we are going to continue with the agenda, which is designed a little bit different due to important business needed to be discussed and may open opportunity for employment.

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

MOTION by Charles Smoke to approve the Regular Council minutes of July 2012; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### VI. Presentations

1. Ella Mae Worley: Stated she is still continued to be blocked out of the accounting system and when will she be able to get back in the system.

- Dotson: the Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds in possession of the Council from any source. I think that pretty much speaks for itself, so I make a motion to have Ella Mae be given back rights to the treasurer's office

- Holcomb: I second that.

- Chief Wickliffe: Before we take a vote I am going to make a comment. The custodian of all accounts is the Chief.

- Holcomb: Why was she shut out of this system?

- Chief Wickliffe: There was confidential information given out by Ella Mae. Those are grounds in which someone can be sued.

- Worley: I did give Chief a letter, but only to the Chief. There is a motion on the floor.

- Chief Wickliffe: Take a vote.

- Girty: The vote will be to reinstate her into the accounting system?

- Worley: Also I want to state too I have never had the casino accounting to begin with. That is a source of funds also of the UKB. Neither have I seen the casino audit as Ken Bellmard stated. I saw the tribal audit, not the casino audit.

- Locust: May I say something? Ella Mae was present at an audit interview. There was that opportunity to ask questions concerning the audit with legal present at the interview.

- Joe Bunch: (Gaming Commissioner) I believe there is a correction to that. When were the attorneys present? I don't think the audit was complete at that time. There were some

comments made as well as corrections but there has yet to be a full, completed audit.

- Worley: What we are talking about is the tribal audit.

- Chief Wickliffe: No, we are talking about the gaming audit (casino). The exit audit was with Egghart and associates and legal. As to the discrepancies mentioned, these were for the S.O.P.s in the casino. These are the job descriptions of the staff. These S.O.P.s are the means of how to proceed with the staffing within the casino. These S.O.P.s come from commission and if they need to be corrected then they give back a response, so no response means ongoing and haven't been fixed, concerns from gaming commission also on why they (S.O.P.s) have not been fixed, other concerns also have been on illegal licensing. This could lead into investigation so there are several factors on why the concern for the S.O.P.s to be fixed with importance.

- DISCUSSION CONTINUED with several speaking at the same time; therefore, the language is unclear. The topic is still regarding the audit concerns, due to the length of discussion it has been a repeated summary of the earlier statements mentioned above.

- Bridge Chuckluck: asked to speak at this time. My name is Bridge Chuckluck. I have been talking with people for many years. The prayer we had before the meeting began we asked the almighty who is in charge. Here we have the Chief, Assistant Chief and Council. They all have jobs to do, let's do our jobs. Some may not agree but the intention is to take care of the tribe. Fussing and fighting is the evil way, a handshake is the Keetoowah way. I came to be supportive of the Chief, Assistant Chief, Council and of those who represent the voice of the people. I believe the almighty would approve of what I have said to everyone here today. Let's don't argue. Let's do our jobs as officials and continue to do what is right. Stand up and represent your people Council. They rely on you as their representative to get their concerns or comments addressed. Thank you for letting me speak.

- Chief Wickliffe: There is a legal issue of the Oath of Office and confidentiality. This is opinion of A.G. Bellmard. Now we will vote.

- Girty: Just to clarify the vote is to approve to have the Treasurer let back into the system? It does not have any means to the legal aspect mentioned right? That is another issue.

- Duncan: Is this investigation clear or still ongoing? If so then that needs to be noted as to not be used in judgment of vote.

- DISCUSSION CONTINUES on the issue. Several comments in reference to the motion in question; therefore, language of all speaking is scrambled together. Let it be noted the comments are of: Treasurer, Assistant Chief, Chief and Councilperson Betty Holcomb of Tahlequah District.

- Wofford: I'd like to have an A.G. opinion.

- Christina Vaughn: (A.G. assistant) Statements on confidentiality of records of such sorts, as they pertain to employment, personnel, elected officials, etc. when elected the impeachment process can be used if it becomes an issue as always a legal opinion has to be obtained for a process of this nature.

- Dotson: Innocent until proven guilty?

- Christina Vaughn: (A.G. assistant) That is valid and according to the laws it would be a determination of the tribe to seek the opinion of how do you clarify if the nature of the incident questions liability or at what risk?

- Worley: I found some wrong-doing. I tried to fix it within our Council. I have been blocked, blocked, blocked and the Council does not know everything. They only know what I have written to try to tell them. I'm the one who found the wrong doing, I'm the one who sent the letter to the Chief, but as to the things they say are floating around out there I know nothing about that. I too have received 2 letters in the mail. If I'm doing that why would I receive them? Besides, other people have made me aware and since, I have tried to have Council aware also.

- Christina Vaughn: (A.G. assistant) Since I have not seen all documents pertaining to the issue being discussed. My opinion is of the standpoint as the laws of confidentiality information which if leaks of information bare a risk and information being given out clarify investigation with legal until complete.

- Hawk: as the motion still on the floor to be voted on; the "Yes" vote would mean to unblock and "No" vote would mean to remain blocked

MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve to allow Ella Mae Worley, UKB Treasurer, re-entry in the Accounting System; SECONDED by Betty Holcomb; VOTE: 4 Yes, 6 No (Hansen, Locust, Christie, Duncan, Sacks, Smoke), 2 Abstentions (Hawk, Wofford).

### 2. Barry Dotson: Members

- RE: member Mike Girty; His septic system is all backed up. He is unable to get assistance. For 2 months I have made phone calls to directors and Human Services but have not been able to resolve this problem.

- RE: member Nathaniel Teehee; He is living in terrible living conditions. Can we please upgrade this man's living conditions? Chief Wickliffe: We will follow up on the 2 requests for tribal members. I don't want to hear it and I don't care about it.

3. Tim Good Voice: asked for a resolution to reword the language on existing resolution and modify the "up to"

MOTION by Charles Locust to amend resolution 11-UKB-10 authorizing the Elder Living Center project to borrow \$500,000.00 in addition to the money from USDA (\$970,000.00) and Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (\$500,000.00) to complete the project; this loan will be paid back from revenue of the project; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### 4. Rick Glory/Toni Workman:

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve Toni Workman to administer the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### VII. Reports to Council

#### 1. Enrollment Report: Joyce Hawk

- 3 members listed as "pending" are under the Ad-Hoc Committee review. Due to being unable to have a quorum the committee still needs to review these individuals. After review their enrollment will be retroactive to the meetings date of August 4, 2012.

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to accept and approve 15 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen left early).

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to acknowledge and honor 12 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen left early).

#### 2. Juanita McCarter: Elder Committee

- National Indian Council on Aging (NICA) conference approaching. Can the trip to this conference be approved? The trip was on standby due to the nature of the casino issue. She stated she was attending. She has already made her arrangements, but there is still 13 members who wish to attend.

- Chief Wickliffe: The casino issue was putting issues on hold but as of today and the receiving of trust land and the casino remaining open there will be opportunity for elders to attend the conference.

3. Dotson: I would like to ask Joyce why the topic of "Public Forum" was removed from the agenda.

- Chief Wickliffe: It became a concern when the problem we ran into became political. It can be addressed but at a 10 day notice to be on the agenda with a 4 minute time limit.

4. Ed Foreman: Let's don't argue! Let's focus on the great things the UKB has received and not fall in the hands of the "Southern Cherokees." They want the tribe to not succeed. I love all you guys and acknowledge the great things you have done for the progress of the tribe.

5. Robert Whitekiller: I would like to thank the Council for allowing me to attend the Tri-Council meeting. I also want to say job-well-done on the fantastic prayer at the meeting and to ask on the procedure of getting the same slot as last year's celebration event for the Elder Committee. Also it was sad to know we all joined together as on in N.C. at the same time CNO was doing their discussion on how to keep us from obtaining our land in trust.

- Chief Wickliffe: We did receive signature and it has been placed in the Federal Registry; therefore, they have no solid appeal. Besides, we should be celebrating the greatest accomplishment for the UKB; therefore, executive session is next with business item as the topic of discussion. Before we voted to enter into executive session, Reverend Bridge Chuckluck made a few more comments and in these comments he thanked the tribe for his assistance he received to obtain eyeglasses and for the land in trust accomplishment and to bless the tribe to keep moving forward.

- Dotson: Thank you Chief for putting the Executive Session at the end of the agenda.

### VIII. Executive Session

MOTION by Willie Christie to enter into Executive Session with legal representation present; TIME – 11:43 AM; SECONDED by Tom Duncan; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen left early).

MOTION by Charles Locust to exit from Executive Session and return to regular session of Council; TIME – 12:20 AM; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen left early).

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept the Business & Finance Regulatory Act of 2012; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen left early).

### IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

### X. New Business

#### 1. Housing Procurement Policy – Ron Qualls

- There are 3 changes recommended by the Housing Director and Housing Committee.

- o Bids on contracting
- o H.U.D. small purchase procedures
- o Section 3 preference

MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to approve the Housing Procurement Policy; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen left early).

#### 2. Housing Emergency Rental/Mortgage Policy – Ron Qualls

MOTION by Willie Christie to approve table Item X,2 per Housing Director; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen left early).

3. Resignation of member on the Housing Committee. Request to fill vacancy. Bryan Shade did notify the committee of his resignation.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept Charles "Chub" Ketcher on the Housing Committee to fill the vacancy left by Bryan Shade's resignation; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen left early).

#### 4. Change September Council meeting date

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve to change the regular monthly meeting from September 1, 2012 to September 8, 2012; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Hansen left early).

### XI. Announcements –

Illinois District meeting will be September 13/October 2012 at the Vian Sub-office at 6:00 PM

Goingsnake/Flint combined District meeting will be August 16, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Stilwell Sub-office.

Tahlequah District meeting will be September 14, 2012 at the Jim Proctor Center at 6:00 PM and October 12, 2012 at 6:00 PM location TBA.

Canadian District meeting will be September 22, 2012 at 1:30 PM at Bacone College.

Saline District meeting will be August 7, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Kenwood Community Building.

Cooweescoowee District meeting TBA.

Goingsnake District meeting for Kansas area TBA.

### XII. Benediction: Cliff Wofford

### XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Willie Christie; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; Approve by affirmation: 12:48 PM

Check out our website at:  
[www.unitedkeetoowahband.org](http://www.unitedkeetoowahband.org)

## 11 Voting locations for the Nov. 5th election

Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Canadian District

Muskogee, Oklahoma  
 Location: Indian Capital Technology Center  
 Address: 2403 N. 41st St.  
 Phone: 918-682-1965  
 Directions: Located on the corner of Country Club Road on Shawnee St.

### Cooweescoowee District

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

Pryor, Oklahoma

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

### Delaware District

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

### Flint District

Stilwell, Oklahoma  
 Location: UKB 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  
 Directions: Boys & Girls Club Entrance

### Kansas, Oklahoma

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

### Illinois District

Vian, Oklahoma  
 Location: Vian Satellite Office  
 Address: 207 W. Schley  
 Phone: 918-822-0956  
 Directions: Across the street from the Lifetime Tire Shop

### Saline District

Salina, Oklahoma  
 Location: Band of Believers Church  
 Phone 918-434-2288  
 Address: Owen Walters on Hwy 82

### Sequoyah District

Sallisaw, Oklahoma  
 Location: UKB Sallisaw Satellite Office  
 Address: 3750 W. Cherokee Ave.  
 Phone: 918-775-0920  
 Directions: Across from Blue Ribbon Downs

### Tahlequah District

Tahlequah, Oklahoma  
 Location: UKB Wellness Center  
 Phone: 918-822-0956

## UKB Tribal Transit breaks ground

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ferent areas around the state because of its lower price.

“By the time we get ours up and running, I would like to eventually put everything that we have on compressed natural gas to save us that money,” said Glory. “The difference in the fuel prices would let us haul more people at a cheaper rate.”

After the facility is completed, the department is planning to create fixed routes in the surrounding area to take tribal members and others to work every day. Right now, they are on a demand and response basis where anyone can call at anytime during work hours to request a ride. Another plan in the works is to sign an agreement with SoonerRide to do medical call hauls.

Glory said the department recently signed an agreement with Pelivan Transit for the northern-most UKB districts to give people a lift when needed. They are to cover the Saline, Delaware and Cooweescoowee districts. There is not too much of a demand for a tribal transit in those areas, but Pelivan Transit will be there when a ride is requested.

The expansion of the tribal transit department allows greater benefits to fit the needs of the tribal members and the public.

“It’s been very beneficial to our tribal members,” said Glory. “We serve the public as best as possible, but tribal members come first no matter what. The elders and medical hauls, we have a great need for that. It was a rough start but it is really picking up. I think after we get our building completed, everything will be a lot better, a lot smoother. I see it growing.”

Need a ride? Call the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Transit at 918-772-4350 or 1-800-259-0093.

By Lindsey Bark  
 GCN Reporter



## Voting is important

In a true democratic society, a government is of the people, by the people, for the people. Tribal government is exactly this.

In the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, the tribal council is the supreme governing body of the tribe. The council is made up of the chief, assistant chief, tribal secretary, tribal treasurer and nine district representatives.

Voters, who are eligible, are given a chance to select who will lead the tribe and who will make responsible decisions regarding the tribal members. This is known as self-governance.

Voting is an important exercise and right of a tribal member. It allows them to express political opinions by voting for a candidate who has their best interest in mind. Those elected should also know that they are liable to those who voted for them in many ways. Those voters believe the elected are the ones who could do what is right for the sake of the people.

Some may think their one, single vote does not matter, but it really does. The difference between 10 votes and 100 votes makes all the difference in a tribal election. Compared to a national election, in which you are voting for the Electoral College in your state, your vote in a tribal election is straightforward, aimed directly at the candidate of your choice.

Your vote is your voice. It is statement among many that counts toward the future of the tribe and how it will govern the people. It shows that you care about the people within your tribe and you hope that the people you vote for to be chief, assistant chief, secretary, treasurer and the district representatives will care just as much.

**We are one fire, one family and we will rise together. Vote November 5!**



### The JOHN HAIR MUSEUM CELEBRATES

Saturday, October 6, 2012

## One Fire, One Family...

“...our Keetoowah forefathers loved one another for they were just like one family....They all came as a unit to their fire....”  
Keetoowah Laws--April 29, 1859

**MUSEUM OPEN 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM**  
11:30 AM - 1 PM Closed for the Chief's State of the Nation Address

*Keetoowah History Gallery will be open for self-guided tours throughout the day.*

**“Come and Go” Basic Art Lessons for children and youth:**

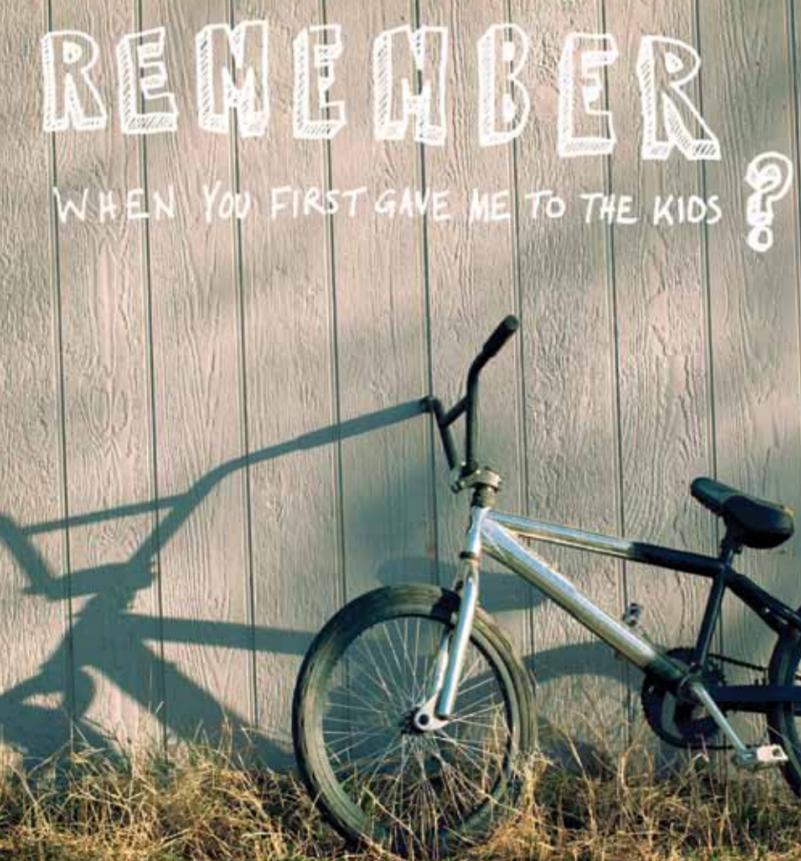
*First session--1 pm - 2:30 pm  
 Break--2:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
 Second session--3:00 pm - 4:30 pm*

**Vintage Photo Identification for adults throughout the day. The museum has several photos of Keetoowahs from the late 1800s and early 1900s that we need I.D.s on. Come share the fun of seeing and identifying the old photos!**

**Located at the UKB Tribal Complex  
just off West Willis Rd., Tahlequah**

# REMEMBER

WHEN YOU FIRST GAVE ME TO THE KIDS ?



We would cruise through the streets... I remember one time they built a ramp and we spent an entire afternoon flying through the air! We had so much fun! Heck, Mom, 60 minutes of play time each day is all I need. Please?

P.S. I'm on the side of the house. Get ideas. Get involved. Get going at [letsmove.gov/indiancountry](http://letsmove.gov/indiancountry)





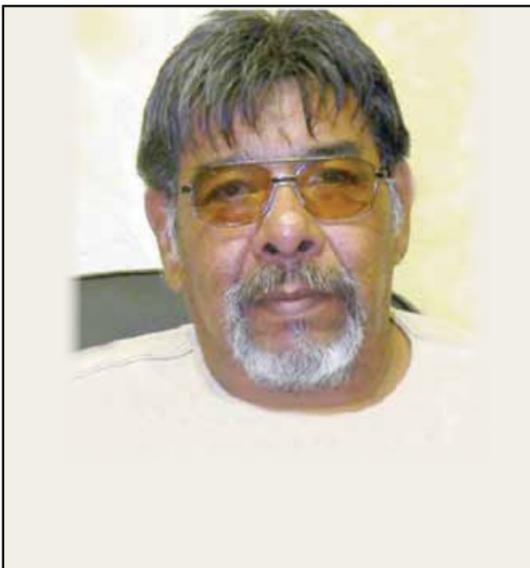
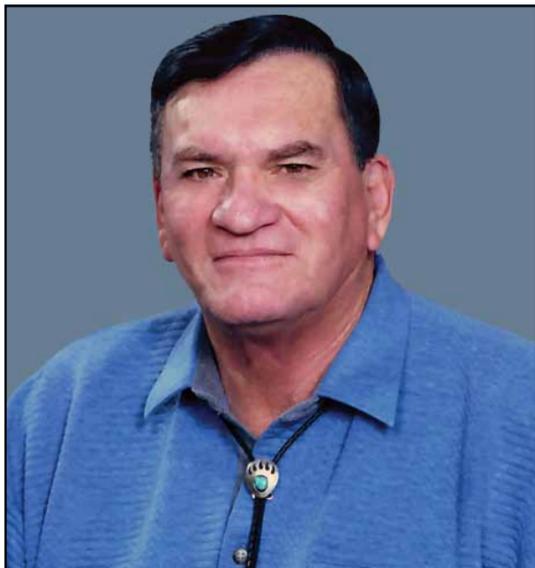
# Chief

# Candidates

**George Wickliffe**

**Dallas Proctor**

**Donna Faye McIntosh-Shockley**



Chief Announces for Re-Election

Thank you for the re-election in 2008. Together with Assistant Chief, Charles Locust, we can continue strong leadership into the future for our Tribe.

We have accomplished goals that we set forth as we entered these offices in 2005. We have restored housing program, established a transit program, received 7 years of outstanding audits, approved for Self-Governance, and received a historical outcome when the UKB received Land in Trust on July 30, 2012.

Plans are to increase elderly assistance, continue education funding, and continue to provide elderly assistance, even to those who do not meet federal income guidelines.

In 2011, the John Hair Cultural Center and Museum opened. Recently, the UKB completed a \$2 million West Willis Road project, collaborating with the City of Tahlequah and other entities. Construction has begun for a new UKB educational training center. Ground-breaking occurred for the new transit facility.

Membership is at 15,145, and continues to increase without change to the membership requirement of a ¼ degree minimum.

The UKB has become a multi-million dollar Tribe, growing from an economic impact of \$53 million to \$133 million in eight years.

Re-elect this Administration. The UKB is elderly-children-people-led.

Chief, George Wickliffe

Osiyo Keetoowah Voters,

I'm Dallas Proctor, full-blood Keetoowah and fluent speaker.

In 2000 it was a great honor to have been elected your Chief.

During my term we issued our first Keetoowah Vehicle tags for members. We applied to the Federal Government for federal funding to set up our tribal programs which assisted tribal members with Human Services, Housing, Education, Child Welfare, Child Care, Domestic Violence, and our own Reality Department.

Through grants we were able to send tribal Lighthorse to further education in law enforcement. We diligently in putting our land in trust status which would give the Keetoowah people a land base.

If elected I will continue to work on the needs of our Keetoowah people and to assist our elderly and children K-12 with adequate shoes for sports and continue assisting with higher education students.

I appreciate your support in leading this Keetoowah tribal government in a more positive direction.

I have the experience and qualification for the position of Chief.

On November 5 vote Dallas Proctor for Chief.  
Wado!

Donna Faye McIntosh-Shockley is a candidate for Chief of the United Keetoowah Band. She is the daughter of Preston and Francis McIntosh and granddaughter of John and Kay Haw Kay (Daniels) McIntosh. She was born and raised in the Cooweescoowee District.

Donna is a 2007 graduate of NSU with a Bachelors Degree in Social Work, and near completion of a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice.

Donna's early work includes service related positions, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Court Advocate, Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Response Professional, and volunteer work as a UKB Tribal Victims Advocate, Help for Katrina victims, and CASA, an advocate for Children's rights.

Donna has stated she will serve the people with honesty and integrity, advocate for an open and fair government, and always strive to meet the people's needs with more jobs, better housing, and services for tribal members."

Donna says, "Just as I have always put my heart in advocating for victims, survivors, and innocent children, I will take my oath seriously to uphold the UKB Constitution and respect the rights of all tribal members, as your UKB Chief."

Vote for DONNA SHOCKLEY for UKB CHIEF on November 5th.

# Assistant Chief

# Candidates

**Charles Locust**

**Joe Bunch**



My name is Charles Locust, Assistant Chief. "Thank You" for allowing me to serve in this honored position for the last eight years.

I have 28 years of experience in three tribal governments serving as, Tribal Executive Director, Tribal Administrator, Executive Director of Housing Authority, Director of Social Services, Financial Analyst, Budget Analyst, President of Gaming Division, General Manager of Gaming Division and Executive Director of Gaming Commission.

I served as a board member on the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, and am serving as Vice President Alternate for the Eastern Region of Oklahoma with the NCAI and as Chairman of the Corporate Authority Board.

I live in Stilwell, with my wife, Brenda. Our daughter, Rozlyn, attends the University of Oklahoma.

I graduated Sequoyah High School before earning a bachelor's degree and completing 12 hours toward the MBA Program at Northeastern State University.

When you vote, make sure they have the experience and knowledge to do the job. The future of the tribe, the elders and our children depend on the leadership we select. Assist me with your vote and together we will ensure our children, grandchildren and the tribe continues toward a positive future with proven leadership.

Wado,  
Charles Locust

Si yo Ni ga da

I am Joe Bunch and I announce my candidacy for assistant chief.

We have grown in membership and revenue. Such growth demands integrity, capability and accountability to move forward without losing our history, language and culture.

My experience spans three decades in tribal services and Indian gaming. I served three terms as vice chairman of the OIGA, currently as delegate at large, and one term as

chairman of the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulator Association.

I promise to re-establish accountability in our government and expand economic opportunities. The land-in trust decision brings new opportunities. I envision a per cap program to all tribal members. I will ensure programs to develop future leaders, opportunities for the youth and expand satellite offices.

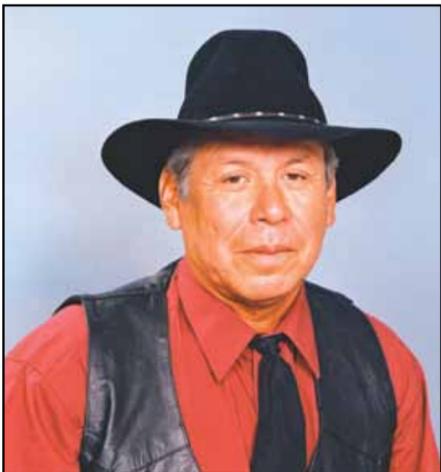
I graduated Haskell Jr. College, Baker University and NSU. I played college football and softball, locally and nationally. I coached little league and envision Keetoowah youth as the key for the tribe's future.

I reside in the Wauhillau community with my wife, Karen. We have two grown children, Joseph and Cristina. I am the son of Rabbit and Opal Proctor Bunch.

Today is a good day for Keetoowah. Tomorrow is going to be better!  
Wa do

# Assist. Chief Candidates

**Woodrow Proctor**



No biography submitted

# Secretary Candidates

**Joyce Fourkiller Hawk**



Joyce Fourkiller Hawk has served as UKB Secretary for two years. She came into this position at the passing of Secretary Liz Littledave. Joyce now seeks a second term. She has tried to serve with the same commitment that Liz had brought to the position.

"It is a big responsibility, but I am committed to serving my people. The staff in enrollment and secretary's office staff is a dedicated professional group that care about members," said Hawk.

Hawk had served as Goingsnake Representative for one term and was two years into her second when she was asked to assume the office of secretary.

"I was hesitant to move out of Goingsnake District because of my commitment to those members, but I knew I would be in a position to serve more members as secretary," said Hawk.

Joyce's parents were the late Grover and Polly Fourkiller. Her grandparents were Felix and Flora Fourkiller, Eli and Marie Wilson, and Judge Fourkiller.

"I am committed to our youth and elders. I have served on the education committee, tax commission, and as gaming board secretary. I believe you have to pray every day to guide you. I would appreciate your vote November 5, 2012."

# Secretary Candidates

**Carl Hornet**



My name is Carl Hornet. I am running for UKB tribal secretary.

I am 42 years old and a full-blood Cherokee, my parents are the late Julian Hornet (Junior) and Wanda Sanders. I have a younger brother, Randy. I have been married for 22 years to Janis Wikel Hornet. I love fishing and hunting and am a lifelong resident of Tahlequah.

I have a strong work ethic and have been employed with the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma for 23 years, 20 years in the Registration Department. I have in-depth knowledge of issuances of CDIB and tribal citizenship cards. The remaining three years have been involved with the Cherokee Nation Health Privacy and Compliance Department. I image documents and run audits of the clinics in certain areas.

I am obtaining certification as a medical coder and want to complete EMT training.

I can bring a wealth of knowledge to the UKB and expand the services already in place. I will work for the Keetoowah people and not myself. I ensure an open, honest and transparent government. I have ideas to help the processes already in place.

I ask for your support Nov. 5 so we can move forward in our endeavors.

**Kristene Scrapper**



O-Si-O everyone!

I am Kristene Scrapper, a candidate for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee's Tribal Secretary.

I reside in the Tahlequah District. Daughter of Eda and Junior Scrapper of Welling, OK, as one of five siblings. This has given me first-hand experience building compromises with others. I am privileged to have three beautiful daughters, Heather Smith, the late "Darci" Lynn Scrapper and Sherniec Scrapper.

My credentials are based upon my Associate's degree in Business Management and my Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. I will be pursuing my Master's degree in Business in the spring.

First and foremost, as your UKB Secretary, I want to ensure that our tribal members can rely on honesty and transparency:

- Accurate UKB tribal registration records
- Maintaining current contact information for all of our tribal members
- Preservation of the accurate account of each the council meetings in the "Minutes"
- Advocate for records to be disclosed for our tribal members

Be sure to go vote November 5th, 2012

Kristene Scrapper, your next UKB Secretary  
Wado

# Treasurer Candidates

**Ella Mae Cooksey Worley**



Honest and trust-worthy are the words used when describing Ella Mae Cooksey Worley. Ella Mae has faithfully served the Keetoowah Cherokee people as Treasurer for the past four years. She asks for your vote on November 5th to continue as "the custodian of all funds", as stated in the UKB Constitution.

Ms Worley future goals are to propose legislation ensuring financial accountability and transparency, propose legislation for elected officials' compensation (to include no bonuses and no annual increases during the term of any elected official), and to formalize the tribal contract/ bid process with legislation. "Our people expect our financial

records to be open and under legislation for transparency we can have monthly financials posted, semi-annual elected officials finances/expenses posted, and open budget meetings for tribal members to participate in," said Ms Worley.

Ella Mae Worley is a life-long educator with a Bachelors, Masters and Secondary Degree in the Education field. She is a fluent Cherokee speaker, residing in the Rocky Mountain Community. She attends Echota Baptist Church. Her mother was known as the "Grandmother of Rocky Mountain" and Ella Mae continues that tradition of a guardian for those in need and for the Keetoowah Cherokee people.

**Vanessa Hansen**



I am Vanessa Hansen, candidate for UKB treasurer.

I began studying accounting in high school and earned my accounting degree at NSU in '99. I have been employed in the accounting field for 14 years.

Most people think of accountants as bean-counters, but we also prepare and manage budgets, interpret financial statements and provide financial forecasting.

While new to politics, I am not new to the tribe. I have worked in tribal accounting nearly seven years. My main focus is managing the financial aspect of federal programs, such as LIHEAP, burial assistance and housing. My proudest moment working

for the tribe was receiving self governance, the equivalent of receiving an A+.

I want to become directly involved with the progress of the tribe, not only on the business side, but in the decisions that are affecting our lives.

My top priorities are jobs, education and health.

The Tribe is currently developing companies that are creating jobs for our people and bringing in money for continued growth.

Folks, I have just as much as you invested in the success of the tribe. My experience, your voice and vote on Nov. 5th. Together we can continue improving today for a better tomorrow.

Cooweescoowee Dist.  
Representative

# Candidates

**Cliff W. Wofford**



O-si-yo, Cooweescoowee Brothers and Sisters,  
As a 4/4 Keetoowah candidate, I am honored to have this opportunity to serve our people. I will vote for, education, constitutional and financial accountability, and to preserve our language, heritage and culture. I will always vote to take care of the youth and elders.

I have a Bachelor's Degree from Northeastern State University, and attended Haskell Indian Junior College.

I have 25 years of Tribal Gaming/Government Administration experience, and 10 years of County Government, and Federal Emergency Management Agency experience.

The UKB committees I have served on are Budget, Finance, Human Service, Personnel, Enrollment, Housing, Enterprise Board, Economic Development Board, SBA Committee, Gaming Board and Gaming Commission, and USDA County Committee.

I volunteer and coach youth football, basketball, baseball. Please, call me anytime to discuss concerns or issues you may have.

My heart is sincere toward you, and this request for your vote November 5, 2012.

God bless you.

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.  
Philipians 4:13

Wado,  
Cliff W. Wofford

**Josiah Thorne**



Josiah Thorne's goal is to represent the Cooweescoowee district at large by making improvements and establishing closer community relations. Thorne has a strong commitment to service and will seek to treat citizens with fairness, dignity, and respect.

Young and elder alike, Thorne would like to see increased participation among the citizens of Cooweescoowee. This is why he plans to have meetings in various locations across the district for greater accessibility and convenience to citizens,

allowing for better service and greater outreach. As your representative, Thorne will listen to your needs and bring before the UKB council your concerns, criticisms, and suggestions.

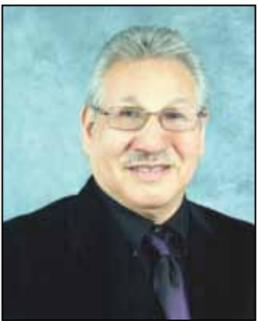
Thorne will strive to provide excellent service at all times with an aim to be responsive to your needs. "I want to find out what the people are doing and how I can help them. I hope to enable Cooweescoowee citizens to fully participate in the decision making processes of our UKB government. It is not what the UKB holds for you; it is what you bring to it as an active citizen. My mission: Service for Needs."

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Flint Dist.  
Representative

# Candidates

**Tom Duncan**



Si- yo,  
I am Tom Duncan, Representative for the Flint District. I would like to share a few accomplishments the administration and council have achieved over the past two years.

Construction is underway for a learning center and a building for housing our transit buses. We got our land into trust last year and our casino location was also placed into trust in July. The Headstone program I presented to the council was passed and went into effect this year.

I have been available to address your issues and needs and will continue to do so. We have come a long way and will continue going forward.

Without the vision of our elders, such as Jim Proctor and many others, it would not have been possible. They had truth and determination and stayed loyal to the Keetoowah way of life.

As your councilman, I work in the spirit of these ancestors' convictions and seek counsel from God to do the right thing and make wise decisions. From experience, I know it takes full time attention and I am willing to continue to do that.

Make your vote count on November 5.

Wado and God Bless UKB,  
Tom Duncan 918-507-1314

**Beverly Leach**



O—Si—Yo

My name is Beverly Leach, my maiden name is Ketcher. My parents were the late Sallie (Adair) and Jimmie Ketcher. I'm a native from Stilwell, Okla. born and raised in the Rocky Mountain Community. I speak fluent Keetoowah Cherokee.

In the year of 1989, I received my bachelor's degree in business management. In 2003, I became certified grant writer of the Grant Writers Association of North Carolina. I have two years experience working with the United Keetoowah Band in the Administration Department and two years, with the United Keetoowah Band gaming commission.

I have six daughters and 20 grandchildren. I know what needs is all about. This November 5th election I need your support to be your council in Flint District. We waited too long to receive the services we deserve. I will work for you and with the other district councils to achieve in creating jobs, seeking funds for better housing services, establish contract health and provide more funds in education.

We need to re-establish governing power back to the councils to move our tribe forward to a better future. November 5th, I need your support and I encourage you to vote.

Wa—Do  
Beverly Leach

**Arthur Ross**



O'Si'Yo

My name is Arthur Ross, "Red" I'm the son of Frank Swimmer and the late Emma Jane (Ross) Swimmer. I'm married to Adriane (Teehee) Ross. We have 2 children, Shalissa and Justin Ross, one granddaughter Cadence Ross. I'm running for the position of Flint District Council. I have been a UKB member since childhood and lived in the Flint District area all my life.

The United Keetoowah Band has come a long way, because I remember as a child listening to Jim Proctor, Henry Doublehead, John Ross, Tom Hicks, Levi Ross and many others sitting around and discussing the tribe and how they could expand it. If they could only see how the tribe has grown and improved they would be so proud knowing that we have a Education Dept., Elder Center, and Early Childhood Development Center...etc. I will do the best I can, I can not make promises I know there are rules and regulations we all have to go by, but I will try my hardest to get stuff done and get questions answered. Because I will be your voice for Flint District.

I know the children are the future and we will do the best for children. Because THEY ARE OUR FUTURE. But I will not forget the families. I will always remember the elders the people that got us here. We are all going to be an elder one day and I believe that we would want someone to help us. I will do my best to check on the elders.

So I need your support on November 5, 2012. GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Wa-do

**Wiki Squirrel**



My name is Wiki Squirrel and I am announcing my candidacy for the Flint District council seat. I am a lifelong resident of the Rocky Mountain community in Adair County.

My platform is to do the best for our Keetoowah Cherokee people. If elected as your Flint District representative I want to implement increases to our elderly assistance, create more and better jobs and see that our tribe provides better services for our tribal members.

I ask for your vote on Nov. 5, help me make these changes for our tribal people.

Wado, Wiki Squirrel

**Frankie Still**



My name is Frankie Still and I would like to announce my candidacy for Flint District representative of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees. I was raised in the Greasy community and now reside in Stilwell, Oklahoma. My parents are Frank and Lucille Still.

I take pride in being taught as a child to always put God first. I have been a proud member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians since 1980.

My first language is the Cherokee language which I still speak and utilized daily. I enjoy spending time with my grandkids and visiting and learning from our elders in our communities.

I am currently employed at Cherokee Nation Industries. I also own and operate my own business where I have been working in Child Support Enforcement since 2008.

I am seeking the office of Flint District Representative because I want to give the people the representation that I know they deserve by listening, visiting, and being accessible to our tribal elders and members at all times. I would be honored to be elected to address their needs.

If elected, I will only promise that I will work hard for the betterment of our people.  
Wado

Check out our website at:  
[www.ukb-nsn.gov](http://www.ukb-nsn.gov) or  
[www.unitedkeetoowahband.org](http://www.unitedkeetoowahband.org)

Saline Dist.  
Representative

# Candidates

**Charles Smoke**



My name is Charles Smoke, I am from Kenwood, OK. My wife, Betty, and I have been married for 38 years. We have five children, Michael, wife Danielle; Lisa, husband Gerald; Aaron; Jessie, husband Jeremiah; and Pete, wife Katie; all of Kenwood. We also have 16 grandchildren.

I am presently working for Norit Americans in Pryor, OK and have been for the past 32 years.

With the help of all my supporters, I have been on the UKB council for 6 years. My priorities have been to provide for senior citizens and children.

Since I have been working with present administration, I have been able to help provide families with mobile homes. All of our audits have been good. We got our land in trust, which allowed our casino to remain open.

Your vote and support on Nov. 5 will be greatly appreciated.

Wado  
Charles Smoke

**Adalene Smith**



My name is Adalene Smith of the Steeley/Bullhollow Community. My parents are the late Rev. Daniel and Lucille (Bark) Proctor. I have been a member of the UKB since I was two years old.

I am a candidate for Saline District. My qualifications come from my knowledge of the UKB governmental functions by serving on committees, fundraising when the council did not have a dime. I served honorably and to the best of my ability even when I received no compensation.

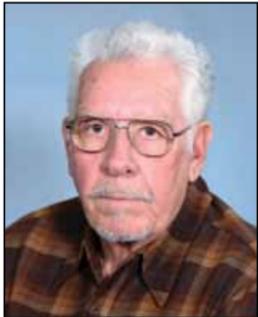
My education consists of computer and business courses, graduated in 1991 from Indian Capital Technology Center in Tahlequah. I attended NSU, but did not complete. I worked over 45 years in the Health and Education fields. I served on the UKB Council four terms; held Administrative Assistant, Office Manager, Bilingual Education Material Development Specialist positions. I met many of you when I worked for the UKB Department of Human Services.

Great strides were accomplished in early 2000 for our people. I would like to be involved in continuing the hard work. I served you for four terms in the past. I am asking you to allow me to do so again. Your vote is very important. Remember...November 5, 2012.

Sequoyah Dist.  
Representative

# Candidates

**Barry Dotson**



No biography submitted

**Junior Levi Catron**



O-Si-Yo, E-G-Gaduwa

I, Junior Levi Catron am announcing my candidacy for Sequoyah District. I'm 48 years old raised in Rocky Mountain community. My parents late Levi and Barbara Jones Catron Sr. come from a family of four brothers and one sister all raised in Rocky Mountain, and UKB member since 1980. I am a fluent Cherokee speaker.

I live in Brushy community and an active member of New Beginning Church and Jail ministry. I am married to Rinda Proctor Catron for nine years and have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and also a foster parent. I work at Forsgreen for 17 years in Fort Smith, AR.

I am asking for your vote on Nov. 5 to make a change, it's time we get Sequoyah District to speak up get involved and make a change. I would like to see a better system of communication on Education to help our youth with an increased of clothing vouchers and Christmas cards. Better communication on more rehab assistance on our houses also drug abuse counseling in our areas as needed.

Your vote would be greatly appreciated on Nov. 5.

Wado, Levi Jr. Catron  
Cell: 405-423-8666

Tahlequah Dist.  
Representative

# Candidates

**Betty Holcomb**



Betty Holcomb is the incumbent for Council Member of the Tahlequah District. She is a full blood Keetoowah Cherokee of the Long Hair Clan. She was born and raised in the Tailholt Community. Her parents are Johnson and Eliza Pigeon Holcomb. She was raised in a traditional home where the Keetoowah Cherokee was the first language. Betty is fluent and translates and speaks for the tribal members. She is a member of the Stokes Ceremonial Stomp Ground.

Betty Holcomb served the Tahlequah District for two terms during the period 1997 and 2004, and has served this District faithfully for the past four years. During this period, Betty has always assisted the tribal members within her District in emergency crisis, and will continue to do so.

Betty's motto is, "For the People, By the People." I know it is the people who elected me and I will represent them to the best of my ability. If elected as the Tahlequah District Council Representative, I will uphold the UKB Constitution, put my Council leadership experience to work for the people and serve them with an unselfish heart and mind."

I appreciate your vote on November 5th. WADO, Betty Holcomb.

**Jerry Henson**



I'm Jerry W. Henson and seeking the office of Tahlequah District council. I believe I have the ability to be a dedicated servant to the Keetoowah people in our district.

I have 30 years of experience in helping Keetoowah Cherokees through churches in eastern Oklahoma; I also have been a councilor for the people that have substance abuse problems. I am currently the chairman of the Gaming Commission and have 6 years of experience in this field, making our casino in line with National Indian Gaming Commission. I strongly believe in being a servant for our tribe.

I strongly believe in our education of our people. We have many opportunities coming our way due to the land in trust status.

I have two daughters who are under graduates. My youngest daughter is attending NSU for her master's degree and my oldest is attending Georgetown University getting her degree as a physician's attendant.

I enjoy helping our elders in getting all the benefits that are due to them, so I am asking for your vote on Nov. 5, 2012. What I can promise is that I will work hard for you.

Wado, Jerry Henson

**Perry Proctor**



The past 40 years of my life have been spent as a public servant on local, state and federal levels. The latest being an agent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs where I worked with my tribes across the U.S. These tribes had both successes and disappointments and taught me a lot about self-governance, education and law enforcement programs.

I hold two degrees from Northeastern State University; a Bachelor's and a Master's of Science in Criminal Justice. Currently, I am an assistant professor at Bacone Indian College where I teach

Criminal Justice.

Education is something I have always valued and I believe it is one of the best things we can do for our people. I would like to see more opportunities for our people to expand their education especially for our youth since they are the future of our tribe.

I believe in doing what is right and leading by example. We need leadership that is accountable, educated, dedicated and has a vision for the future. I hope my knowledge and skills will be able to benefit the UKB in helping us move forward.

Wado, Perry Proctor

**James "Joe" Reese**



I'm a candidate for Tahlequah District Representative. I've lived the majority of my life in Cherokee County, raised in the Briggs Community on my grandparents' allotment land. My wife Pat and I reside in the Tahlequah district. We have four children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

I'm a graduate of Sequoyah High School. I attended Bacone College and Northeastern State College. I'm a U.S. Army Veteran.

I have been employed with the Keetoowah Casino for the past seven years as the Housekeeping Manager. My previous employers are the Housing Authority and Cherokee Nation. I've held various positions during my employment and have gained experience I will bring to the position of Tahlequah District Representative.

I've seen and heard of concerns our members have and feel that I understand your needs. Education, health care and services for our elders and youth are among my greatest concerns and I would like to address these.

I see opportunities for growth and prosperity for our tribe. I pledge to do my best to represent all members.

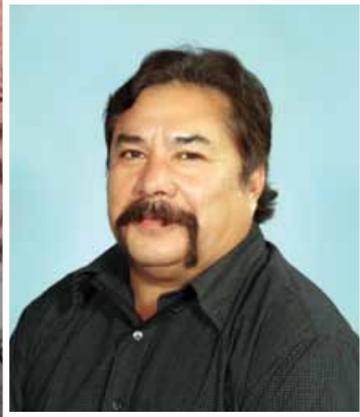
I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as your district representative and I am asking for your vote on November 5th. Do-da-du-go-hu-i Wa-do, James Joe Reese

# Four Incumbent District Representatives draw no opponents in election

Canadian District Rep.  
Eddie Sacks



Delaware District Rep.  
Jerry Hansen



Goingsnake District Rep.  
William Christie



Illinois District Rep.  
Peggy Girty



## Vote Monday, November 5th United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Election

### Former tribal members may request reinstatement until Oct. 31

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is giving former tribal members one more opportunity to be reinstated into the tribe.

Chief Wickliffe said some members were coerced into relinquishing from the tribe to receive medical care or job opportunities that were not available to them while they remained members of the UKB and now they have one chance to return to the tribe.

Requests can be up to one page handwritten or half a page typed.

The requests should state why the former member relinquished and why they want to be reinstated with the UKB. The former member must provide a good reason for being reinstated and must have a good attitude.

The actual requests must be turned in at the enrollment office in the UKB Community Services Building at the tribal complex. The deadline is October 31.

For more information, call the enrollment department at 918-453-9375.



### LIVERS FAMILY REUNION

**Oct 27, 2012**

### CC Camp Community Center

Go 4.7 mile South on HWY 59 from Stilwell;  
turn left on S 4703 Rd 1.3 miles  
(Toward Salem Church);  
stay left on E 893 Rd 1 mile Building on right

**Stilwell, OK**

**11:00am-6:00pm**

Potluck dinner @ 12:00 pm, Gospel singing,  
door prizes, games & more  
(Please bring copied family pictures to share)

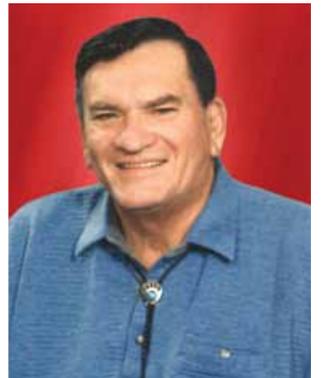
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#### Chief Announces Bid for Re-Election

Thank you for the re-election in 2008. Together with Assistant Chief, Charles Locust, who is my running mate, we can continue strong leadership into the future for our Tribe, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB). There is much more work to do to continue our positive progress.



Within our administration, we have accomplished goals that we set forth as we entered these offices in 2005. During this time, we have restored the housing program, established a transit program, received seven years of outstanding audits, been approved for Self-Governance, and received a historical outcome when the UKB received Land in Trust on July 30, 2012, our casino site.

We have plans to increase elderly assistance, to continue education funding, and to continue to provide elderly assistance, even to those who do not meet federal income guidelines.

During our Administration, the UKB has moved forward on projects. In 2011, the John Hair Cultural Center and Museum opened. Recently, the UKB completed a \$2 million West Willis Road project, which included collaboration with the City of Tahlequah and other entities. Construction has begun for a new UKB educational training center. A ground-breaking occurred for the new transit facility. An elderly assisted living facility expects construction soon.

Tribal membership is at 15,145, and continues to increase without a change to the membership requirement of a ¼ degree minimum.

The UKB has become a multi-million dollar Tribe. It has grown from an economic impact of \$53 million to \$133 million in eight years.

In 2005 when the Wickliffe/Locust administration began, the UKB was in a mess with four audits undone, a messed up accounting system, and an FBI investigation in progress. Under our administration all of the mess left by the Proctor administration has been corrected. He did not start all of the Wickliffe/Locust administration accomplishments.

I, Chief Wickliffe will give former Chief Proctor no credit for our accomplishments under the Wickliffe/Locust administration.

We also have a Health Care program which we will be expanding for our tribal members.

Let us continue this progress and re-elect this Administration. The UKB is elderly-children-people-led.

Chief George Wickliffe

### ★ VOTE NOV. 5, 2012 ★

## Storytellers: keeping oral tradition alive through stories and life lessons

Two brothers were playing and laughing, and then they were fighting and getting into trouble. Instead of a spanking, their mother and father would tell them to sit down and listen. They do not tell them what they did wrong, instead, they tell them a story.

A story about how the rabbit got its long ears and long legs. They say the creator wanted to grant a wish to every animal in the world. But, because Owl disobeyed the creator, Rabbit was left unfinished, only with long ears and long hind legs. The moral of the story was that everyone needs to get along and obey when they are told to do something. This story was told as a method of disciplinary action and to get the brothers thinking about the right things they need to do.

A long time ago, when television was not an option as a form of entertainment, storytelling was. Mothers, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers sat their children and grandchildren down and told them stories about animals, or stories about themselves. They made them funny, tragic, historical and scary. Almost every story had a moral or a lesson to be learned. Those same children who were told these stories still carry them on today and share them with children and adults alike. Two such men who carry these stories are Sammy Still and Sequoyah Guess.

"Storytelling is about the stories that were told to us from our elders, like our grandparents, and it was passed on," said Still.

Stories were also told in the native tongue of the storyteller, like Cherokee. It made the stories funnier and more enjoyable because the language allowed them to make it elaborate and use more action and emotion. Even today, when Cherokees are speaking the language and laughing away, they are not making fun of anyone. They are just enjoying a moment between themselves and telling tales of certain situations they found to be funny. This is also where many stories come from.

"A lot of times it was stories that happened to them, or they cut each other down," said Still. "Not for meanness, or intentionally, but for things that happened that was funny to them. So, you always see Cherokees that are always laughing or having a good time because they are always telling stories like that. The story wasn't about anybody in particular; it was just about the situation they put themselves in or what had happened in the past. It's like some of the stories that we tell, I tell stories that actually happened to me. We make it funny."

Getting started as a storyteller is a transition not everyone can go through. Guess got his start after his grandmother had passed. He said she was always telling him stories and he did not realize until later that she was telling him these stories for a reason, so he could keep that oral tradition going.

"After she passed on, I waited and I talked to Mom about it and told her about how Grandma had been telling me all these stories and that I was going to miss them," said Guess. "She said, 'well she was telling you those stories so you would keep them going.' She told me that one day when I was still in Mom's belly waiting to be born, Grandma came up to her and pointed at her belly, pointing at me and told Mom, 'this is the one that's going to carry the stories on.' She had already picked me before I was even born. I had brothers and sisters, it seemed like one of them would have been more logical to choose. But they're all laid back and quiet. Here I come out all wild and loud and everything. So she knew what she was doing."

Still got his start about 15 years ago while sitting at a storytelling listening to Guess tell his stories. Soon, Still was the one in front of everyone, telling his own stories.

"When I started, I didn't really realize that I had been telling stories all of my life," said Still. "It was just stories that I had heard, stories that my grandparents told me when I was younger. And all these stories were told to me in the Cherokee language. I'm not fluent in the language, but I understand it fluently. I just translate the stories from Cherokee into English. I try to make it into a funny version."

Being a storyteller is not something that everyone can go out and do. A storyteller is someone who grew up learning what their parents or grandparents taught them through stories of their own lives. It is a part of the culture they grew up in and being able to understand every aspect of the stories they tell. These stories are not something that can be written down or printed.

"A story is a living thing," said Guess. "It changes, it grows. With each story, the storyteller breathes life into that story and it becomes a living thing. Telling a story is a totally different thing than just reading. When you read a story, it's just stagnant. It don't have no room to grow or nothing because it's just print, it's a set thing. But when you actually do storytelling, it can go anywhere it wants to or anywhere that the storyteller wants it to go. It can be short, it can be long, it can be full of life, or it can be drawn out. The storyteller is the one that brings life into it."

Storytellers do encourage those who listen to take their stories and share them, or encourage them to tell their own stories. But it takes a certain kind of person to be a true storyteller.

"You have to be grown into it," said Still. "We have heard these stories our whole lives. I have heard some people who have tried to be storytellers but it's not the same. You've got to be able to feel it. You've got to be able to be a part of that story."

Guess said a true storyteller is one that is not afraid to tell stories about themselves. They might be funny or tragic, there are still lessons to be learned and they are all life lessons. He said a lot of these stories are as valid today as they were back then.

"I always tell folks you got to have the heart to tell stories," said Guess. "We do it because we like it. We want to keep the stories going."

By Lindsey Bark  
GCN Reporter



Members of the Turtle Island Liar's Club story tellers are, left to right, Woody Hansen, Sammy Still and Sequoyah Guess. Special Photo

## Keetoowah Elder: Ike "Dude" Littledave, Jr.

Eighty eight keys lay across his lap in the colors of ebony and ivory. "What key?" he asks. He positions his worn fingers on the familiar placement of chords he could probably play with his eyes closed; the music box known as a piano awakens. After 52 years of piano playing experience, his rhythm has never wavered. His fingers glide across the keys, producing a sound so harmonious; it brings life to the words on a song book page.

At age 71, Ike Littledave, Jr. or Dude, as he is better known as, still enjoys producing those chord families on the piano.

March 16, 1941, at 2:55 p.m., to be exact, saw Dude arrive in this world to Ike Littledave Sr. and Florence Smith at Claremore Indian Hospital.

Growing up in the Wickliffe community north of Salina, Dude did not have the typical upbringing. He was raised by his uncle and aunt, Jeff Tiger and Carrie Littledave, from the time he was 11 months old. He said he is not sure why, even to this day, that his biological parents left him in the care of his relatives. But, he knew Uncle Jeff and Aunt Carrie as is mom and dad.

One day, at the age of 4, someone pointed out that Ike and Florence were his real parents. Dude was not awestruck to find this out, though it was a major turning point in his life. He chose to stay with his uncle until he was 18.

He is "top gun" of his brothers and sister, the eldest of eight. He attended Wickliffe School and graduated the 8th grade. From there, he went on to Chilocco Indian School until his junior year of high school. He finished his senior year at Salina High School in 1959.

Also, in 1959, at age 18, Dude decided to join the Air Force. It was something he had on his mind and he proceeded to follow through. Being in the Air Force took him overseas for temporary duty at Yokota Air Base in Japan, Takhli Air Base in Thailand, and Suwon Air Base and Osan Air Base in Korea. He was in what is called liquid oxygen, a somewhat dangerous job. But there was one special reason he joined.

"They had a good education department in the Air Force," said Dude. "There was training, and once we got through tech school, then we went into the field that we learned in. It was something like a civilian job. We made a living in civilian life. But that was our job in the Air Force."

Learning seemed important to Dude. At age 10, he became interested in learning to play piano. He would watch his Uncle Kenneth Littledave play, and try to emulate. He had no formal training or lessons, except for a class or two while at Chilocco.

"When I took music at Chilocco, what they were teaching, I would grasp it and I remembered it," said Dude. "Then I thought, 'hey, I've used this before.'"

His teacher and a preacher there asked if he was musically inclined and if any of his family ever played music. He said someone told him his mother used to "tinker around" on the piano when she attended Sequoyah Indian School and maybe that is where he received his talent.

"I was 10 or 11, but I was already trying to play like my uncle played," said Dude.

Remembering the first time he played in front of a live audience was at a dance, and he was nervous, as most performers would be.

"My first song I ever played in front of, what I call, a dancing crowd or party crowd, was 'Down Yonder,'" said Dude. "I think, just like Bill Haley's song [Shake Rattle and Roll], there was a whole lot of shaking going on behind that piano. But I got through it."

Another time when nerves struck was when he started attending church and began playing gospel music. He remembers playing "I Will Meet You in the Morning." He said his first thought was, 'I hope I play it right.' He did not fully know the song, but knew the tune somewhat and told the group he played to start and he would follow.

"Alright, it's between me and you now," said Dude. "You do your part and I will follow along. That was my first song, gospel, playing for a group."

Dude said when playing piano, he plays by ear. He wants the group or singer to start out singing so he can follow. Most of the time he will ask what key the song is in, but sometimes the group or singer will just take off singing and he has to find what key they are in.

"Some people lead in the black keys, some people lead in the white keys," said Dude. "Then you got some people that lead in the cracks so you don't know what key they are in."

His favorite song to play on the piano is "How Long Has It Been." It is his favorite because it has lyrics that can be applied to his daily life. The lyric in the song he favors is 'how long has it been since you talked to the Lord, and told him of your hidden secrets.'

"There's a lot of answers you could give in that song," said Dude.

Dude has been given and received advice about piano playing. A lot of times he asks about the rhythm and timing of a song. Then some people would ask if he can play like Floyd Cramer.

"I told them, no, I can't play like Floyd Cramer," said Dude. "I said I got to try my best to play like Ike Littledave."

Besides having skills on the piano, Dude is also an accomplished singer. He sings top tenor and years ago, was a member of the Friendly Five Quartet out of Muskogee. He said sometimes the group would introduce him as "Sister Littledave" because of his high pitched singing ability. But more-over, piano playing is his strong suit and he can still be found today playing at his home church in Kenwood.

"I like it," said Dude. "A lot of people, you can tell by the way they sing. They may not sing in the right pitch or the right key, but you know they're singing from the heart, not just from the mouth. And then sometimes when the spirit hits, it seems like the piano is playing by itself. But that's the way I feel about it. I like playing the piano."

Dude said he is going to play the piano as long as he can. He has no arthritis or tired hands from his carpentry work. He said through the Lord, he was meant to play gospel music.

"So far, I'm doing alright," said Dude.

By Lindsey Bark  
GCN Reporter



Ike "Dude" Littledave, Jr.

## JOE BUNCH OF STILWELL ANNOUNCES ELECTION BID FOR UKB ASSISTANT CHIEF



### Si yo Ni ga da

Leading the United Keetoowah Band's Gaming Commission for the past eight years as Commissioner, Stilwell native, I am honored to announce my election bid for Assistant Chief. I am well equipped to help lead the 14,000 plus members as your Assistant Chief for the next four years.

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

My work experience spans three decades in tribal services and Indian gaming. I was selected by my peers (23 Tribes) 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 Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulator Association (33 Tribes). I continue to serve as a Delegate at Large for the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association.

"I promise to re-establish accountability in our tribal government and expand economic opportunities for our people. With the monumental land in trust decision, brings new and expanded opportunities never seen before, I envision programs such as **sharing casino revenue as a per cap program to all tribal members. I will ensure there are programs, such as youth councils to develop our future leaders and opportunities for the Tribe's youth across the districts and to expand satellite offices to reach our people in outlining areas.**

"We need someone who will work to ensure these goals. I am that person, I have Integrity, I am Capable and I am Accountable."

I am a graduate of Haskell Jr. College, Baker University and NSU with multiple degrees, including a Master's of Science in Industrial Management from NSU. As an outstanding athlete, I played college football and played softball locally and nationally with MVP honors. My love of sport continued into coaching little league sports and envisioning Keetoowah youth as the key for the Tribe's future."

"I reside on my grandmother's original allotment in the Wauhillau community in Stilwell with my wife Karen. We have two grown children, Joseph and Cristina. I am the son of Rabbit and Opal Proctor Bunch."

"In closing I have visited and listened to many Tribal Members at football games, family reunions and campaign rallies the message was clear we need change and when elected your concerns will be addressed."

Watch for Joe Bunch Campaign activities on the Facebook or email [bunch.for.ukb@gmail.com](mailto:bunch.for.ukb@gmail.com)

Today is a good day for Keetoowah, tomorrow is going to be better!  
Wado!

**I ask for your vote on Nov. 5, 2012!**

For more information contact: Joe Bunch, [bunch.for.ukb@gmail.com](mailto:bunch.for.ukb@gmail.com)

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## Elect Woodrow (Woody) Proctor UKB Assistant Chief

O-Si-Yo

I, Woodrow (Woody) Proctor am announcing my candidacy for Assistant Chief for UKB.

I am 61 years old, I speak fluent Cherokee and I have been a Keetoowah all of my life and a lifelong resident of Stilwell, OK. I have four boys, two girls, 11 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. I have six brothers, seven sisters. Rachel Proctor Lawrence (deceased in 1990) was the first elected female on the Cherokee Nation council. We farm and ranch in the Greasy community on our restricted property. I have worked in construction for 35 years, doing what I love best, drilling and blasting. I also had the honor to serve six years as Flint District councilman, 2004-2010. During my term I implemented the \$200.00 elderly assistant program.

My dad, the late Jim Proctor, served 50 years as a deacon at Chuculate Baptist Church where I am a member. He also served 20 years as a Keetoowah Flint District councilman. He worked tirelessly and unpaid, with the late Henry Lee Doublehead, Frank Girty, Bert Spade, Ella Mae Munson just to name a few who sacrificed for the UKB tribal members and under former UKB Chief John Hair.

As a young Keetoowah I drove my dad to council meetings in the communities, they showed me and taught me to have faith in what you believe in, faith in our constitution and compassion for our Keetoowah Cherokees. This to me was the best education I could ever receive. I will honor and respectfully carry that tradition and compassion.

We have come a long way and it hasn't been easy. The elder's goals were to create jobs for Keetoowah and to better serve Keetoowah Cherokees.

Their saying was, the council and chief our last to be served.

Two reason why I am announcing my candidacy for Assistant Chief:

1. Current Assistant Chief has gave bonus out to non-Keetoowah a very large amount and knowing we have in our constitution a nepotism law you cannot hire your wife and family. He gave small bonus to employees which they rightfully deserve accordingly in our constitution **ONLY THE COUNCIL HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DO THAT.**
2. Attorney General from C.N. has filed appeal against our casino. We just had a historic meeting for the first time with three tribes talking about **UNITY. THEY JUST DON'T GET IT.**

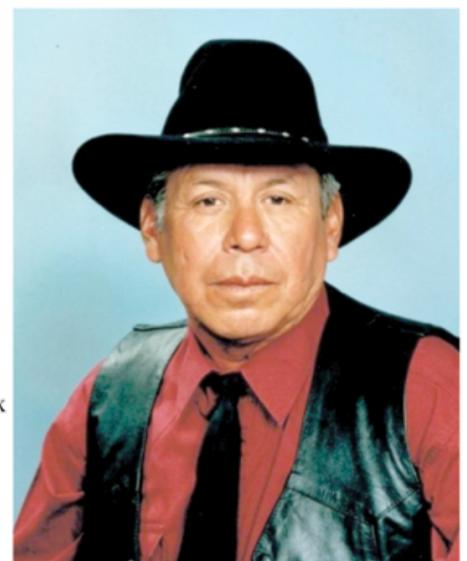
My opponents may offer you the MOON. I will be a strong voice for you. I will work hard with our council and chief to restore a solid foundation for our tribe so our young generation doesn't have to worry if our tribe will be open tomorrow.

**I NEED YOUR HELP AND YOUR VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

**LET'S FIX IT (OST-NE-DA-GA )**

Wado E-G-Gaduwa  
Woodrow (Woody) Proctor  
918-507-1640

Paid for by Woodrow (Woody) Proctor for Assistant Chief



# West Willis Road from start to finish



The photo of West Willis road before road construction began for the expansion and drainage project. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Construction machinery removes dirt alongside West Willis road making way for the road expansion and drainage system. Photo by Thomas Jordan



A new bridge was constructed for the intersection of West Willis road as thirty-five 5x10 concrete boxes were laid forming the foundation for the bridge. Photo by Lindsey Bark



Road crew lay down gravel along the roadway of West Willis road in preparation for the new asphalt surface. Photo by Lindsey Bark



Workers lay asphalt onto the newly widened West Willis road as they prepare for the final construction of the road project. Photo by Thomas Jordan



The final touches are made by the road crew as they paint lines marking the roadway before the opening of the new road. Photo by Lindsey Bark

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**LOCUST**

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**HAWK**

**SECRETARY**



**HANSEN**

**TREASURER**



### Under this Administration:

- Restored Housing
- Established Transit System
- Established **Elderly Assistance**
- Increased General Assistance
- Honor Guard and Veterans Program
- UKB Treatment Center
- Completed **\$2 million West Willis Road Project**
- Opened John Hair Multi-Cultural Museum
- Expanded Scholarship Funding
- Received **7 years of Outstanding Audits**
- Received **Self-Governance Status**
- Received **Land-In-Trust**

### Continuing Goals:

- Increase Elderly Assistance
- Increase Education Funding
- Planned Elder Living Center
- Expand our Grant Programs
- Continue to work toward more Land-In-Trust
- Continue to Grow our Sources of Revenue
- Expand Services to Tribal Members
- Continue to Improve Job Opportunities
- Construction on new Education Center
- Construction on new Transit Facility

**CONTINUE THE PROGRESS WITH PROVEN LEADERSHIP!**



# VOTE NOV. 5, 2012

