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Army National Guard Specialist Raymond Wickson.



FIVE FAMILY MEMBERS are to be deployed to Iraq within the first of the year. Pictured left to right are, Stephanie Keener, Sergeant; Sammy David Allen, Specialist E4; Eric Scott Olivares, Private First Class, United States Army; and Amanda Keener, Private First Class. (Not pictured is Chad Keener, Specialist.)

Keetoowah Cherokee Soldiers Continue Warrior Tradition

In times of Inter-national crises, America has had the wealth of the first Indigenous peoples to come to its aid. Iraqi freedom is no exception. As the conflict continues, our Keetoowah Cherokee Warriors (men and women) are doing their part proudly in whatever capacity they maintain in the US Armed Forces.

American Indians have participated with distinction in United States military actions for more than 200 years. Their courage, determination, and fighting spirit were recognized by American military leaders as early as the 18th century.

As the 20th century came to a close, there were nearly 190,000 Native American military veterans. It is well recognized that, historically, Native Americans have the highest record of service per capita when compared to other ethnic groups. The reasons behind this disproportionate contribution are complex and deeply rooted in traditional American Indian culture.

In many respects, Native Americans are no different from others who volunteer for military service. They do, however, have distinctive cultural values which drive them to serve their country. One such value is their proud warrior tradition.

In part, the warrior tradition is a willingness to engage the enemy in battle. This characteristic has been clearly demonstrated by the courageous deeds of Native Americans in combat. However, the warrior tradition is best exemplified by the following qualities said to be inherent to most if not all Native American societies: strength, honor, pride, devotion, and wisdom. These qualities make a perfect fit with military tradition.

Families and relatives held a dinner

at Swimmer Baptist Church recently for five family members, all Keetoowah members, who will be deployed to Iraq within the first of the year. The dinner honored Sammy David Allen, Specialist E4; Stephanie Keener, Sergeant; Amanda Keener, Private First Class and Chad Keener Specialist; all with the Alpha 20th National Guard Unit in Tahlequah, and Erik Scott Olivares, Private First Class, United States Army. "I'm sad to be leaving, but anxious to go, because that's what I've been training for a long time. I'm proud to serve in the United States Army, it's my duty, and it's what I signed on for, being in Infantry is all I focus on." said Private First Class Olivares. The five family members will train for three months at Fort Bliss, Texas and will be deployed to Iraq during the first part of the New Year for a one-year deployment.

UKB Lighthouse Security Officer Raymond Wickson received word of his deployment on October 5th, and was busy preparing to leave the country. He will depart on November 9 to Ft. Bliss, Texas with the 45th Infantry for 3 weeks training before leaving for Iraq. "I just want to go over there, serve my time, and get back to my family," Wickson said. "I will probably be deployed again before I get my 20 years in. I plan to retire from the army," said Wickson.

"We appreciate any person who joins the Armed Forces; they're always subject to be called into active duty. We asked for people to continue to pray for our UKB soldiers and remember all our U.S. soldiers when you pray," stated Keetoowah Chief George Wickliffe. "We are very proud of our Keetoowah people who are serving in Iraq."

Keetoowah Cherokees to be Honored at Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

Tahlequah, Okla. - The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will pay tribute to their veterans on Thursday, November 8, beginning at 11 a.m. at the UKB Wellness Center in Tahlequah. Keetoowah Cherokee veterans will be honored at a Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon and Program.

Members of the American Legion Post 15 from Muskogee, Oklahoma, will play Taps and fire a 3 Volly Salute for fallen comrades. For more information, call (918) 431-1818.

UKB Council Confirms New Appointment to Gaming Board

In a nine to two vote, with one abstention, the Keetoowah Cherokee tribal council confirmed the appointment of Randall Cummings to the Keetoowah Cherokee Gaming Board during the Oct. 13 regular council meeting in Kenwood, OK.

The no votes were cast by Shelbi Wofford, Tribal Treasurer and Woodrow Proctor, Flint District Representative. Cliff Wofford, Cooweescoowee District, abstained from voting. Councilman Proctor addressed the council and made the remark that he would vote no to appoint Mr. Cummings to the Gaming Board. Out of respect to Mr. Cummings, Councilman Proctor felt the appointment might jeopardize Cummings' role as a pastor in the Oaks community. He stated that Mr. Cummings is a good upstanding person in his community and for this reason Councilman Proctor could not support his appointment to the Gaming Board.

Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust who were in support of the appointment understood Councilman Proctor's concern... "I felt he has a lot of leadership skills that we could utilize and he wants to work, plus who's going to tell you more of the truth, a pastor or

someone walking off the street? I trust Randall, and if we were doing something wrong he would tell us," stated Assistant Chief Charles Locust in support for Mr. Cummings.

Mr. Cummings addressed the council, "I respect you Woodrow, Brother Proctor. I've been tested before and have been through the fire," said Cummings. "In serving on the Gaming Committee, I'll be honest and non judgmental. I would like to help Keetoowahs improve."

In other business, former United Keetoowah Band Chief John Hair addressed the council welcoming the Keetoowah Cherokee Council to the Kenwood community. He shared his appreciation to the council in regards to having their October council meeting in Kenwood.

The council discussed to approve or disapprove the Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure. Councilman Jerry Hansen stated that the council should continue using the Rules of Order that are being used today by the council. Hansen told the council and attending audience that the way they conducted the council meetings in the past they have been conducted by these

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Kenwood Horseshoe Tournament on Oct. 13, 2007

- Men's*
- 1st Key Welch and Ivan Foreman
- 2nd Aaron Smoke and James Wolfe

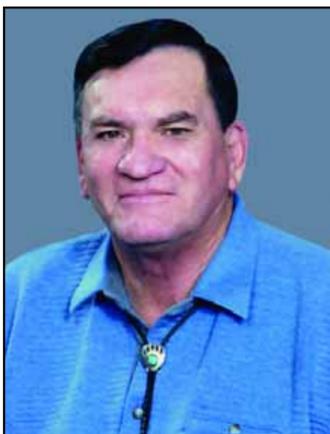
- Women's*
- 1st Cara Hawley
- 2nd Marissa Hawley
- 3rd Helen Ketcher

Single Elimination -
Cara Hawley

- Marbles Tournament winners:*
- 1st Pete Smoke
- 2nd Eric Adair



UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND CHIEF George Wickliffe speaks to the audience regarding the progress and plans for the future for the tribe during his State of the Nation address. (For Keetoowah Celebration photos, see pages 4 and 5.)



A Letter to the UKB People

From Chief George Wickliffe

Dear Tribal Members,

Federally-recognized tribal governments are in a better position with the United States than ever before. And because of that, I am concerned that the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is trying to break a treaty signed in 1866 with the original Cherokees. It is dangerous to try and break a treaty – it opens doors for the US Congress to abolish their government to government relationship with the tribes.

A treaty is a document as powerful as the US Constitution. In Article VI of the US Constitution, it says:

“This constitution, and Laws of the United States which shall be made Pursuant thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution for Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.”

Even the entry-level student of Indian Law understands that the only way a Treaty can be changed is through another Treaty, or an Act of Congress. Since the United States no longer makes Treaties with Native Americans, Congressional Action is the only method left.

One of the government functions that was taken away from the Cherokee Nation by the Curtis Act was the right for the tribal citizens to vote for their own leadership. This right was restored, however, in 1970 with the Principal Chief's Act, made by Congress. The Department of the Interior stated in 1971 that there were conditions fundamental to the regulations for the democratic selection of a principal tribal official, *“and will be considered to be essential to the approval of any proposed selection regulations.”* One of the main conditions cited was *“Voter qualifications for the Choctaw, Seminole, Cherokee and Creek people must be broad enough to include the enrolled Freedmen citizens of the respective nations, together with the descendants of such enrollees.”*

The language used in the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, makes the treaties binding. As with other legal documents, decisions and agreements, this becomes binding to all Treaties. The Dancing Rabbit Creek treaty states: *“all laws except such as from time to time may be enacted in their own National Councils, not inconsistent with the Constitution Treaties, and Laws of the United States; and except such as may, and which have been enacted by Congress, to the extent that Congress, under the Constitution are required to exercise a legislation over Indian Affairs.”*

Tribes have worked hard to hold the United States to the promises made in Treaties. One thing that we Indians have always been able to stand proud and say is, *“The United States has broken some treaties with us, but we have broken none.”* Unfortunately, if the Smith administration succeeds

in their illegal attempt to disenfranchise a class of citizens, we will never be able to say this again. All tribes in the United States will be affected, and will be put into the same category of *“treaty breakers.”* I fear this for all our Native Americans.

The Smith administration evidently believes itself to have more power than United States Congress by deciding to change the terms of a Treaty on their own, and eliminating citizenship and the right to vote for Freedmen descendants. All Cherokees should stand together and protect their good name for the benefit of all Native Americans.

To break a treaty will affect every federally recognized tribe in the United States. Let's leave the language that binds treaties as written because a treaty (all treaties) are BINDING for as long as *“the SUN COMES up in the EAST, SETS in the WEST, the GRASS GROWS, and the WATERS FLOW”* and because of this language, the U.S. Government is much less likely to **BREAK ANOTHER TREATY...**

BUT LET THE CHEROKEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA BREAK the 1866 treaty and it could open the door for other treaties to be broken. Let's keep our tribal governments', governments to governments relationships with the U.S. GOVERNMENT as written, and **keep all our treaties intact.** This is the way we honor and protect our tribal sovereignty.

George Wickliffe
Chief

Sam L. Still Named Editor of the Keetoowah News

Sam L. Still has been named Editor of the Keetoowah News. Still comes to this position after serving as Director of the UKB Language, History and Culture Department for the past two years.



Sammy L. Still

Still attended Bacone College and graduated with an Associates' Degree in Art before furthering his education and graduating from NSU with a Bachelor's of Science in Print Management. Still has worked as a photographer and graphic specialist for a tribal newspaper and as a language and cultural specialist for 23 years. He is the former Chairman of the Youth and Culture Camp Association, Former Chairman for the CNO Living Treasures committee, Former Vice Chairman for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and Former Chairman of the Language and Culture Committee.

Still said, *“My love for the traditional Cherokee youth and elders is what brought me to work for the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe. Photographing and working in the Cherokee communities, I have come to know and love the traditional Keetoowah Cherokee elders. I love to listen to them as they tell their stories and share their history with me. This has brought me closer to my language, culture, and heritage. I look forward to working as editor of the tribal newspaper and highlighting the accomplishments of Keetoowah Cherokee youth, tribal members and the Keetoowah Cherokee Elders.”*

Still is married to Dama Still and has two daughters Tiffany Still and Tonya Russell. He also is the proud grandpa of three granddaughters.

UKB Administration Investigates Medical Service Denials

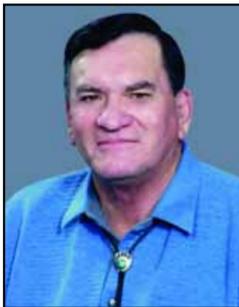
Have you ever been turned down for medical services at an IHS facility, by contract health services or a CNO clinic? Many UKB tribal members have reported being denied services *“because they are Keetoowah”*. Some have been told if they would *“join the Cherokee Nation, they could get the needed services.”* Although CNO administers the contract health program at WW Hastings Indian Hospital, they do not set the policy for that program.

The UKB Administration is addressing these problems, and have appointed a task force which includes an attorney to research and solve this problem. Although a UKB employee tried to get the information from a CNO employee, they were refused the information. The attorney contacted IHS and was sent this information on contract health.

Contingent upon the current level of funding, the following services may be covered under the Contract Health System program:

Physician services; Inpatient hospital services; Outpatient medical/surgical services including emergency room services at free standing ambulatory or hospital based locations; Outpatient evaluative and crisis intervention mental health services; Medical services for substance abuse; Diagnostic laboratory and diagnostic and therapeutic radiological services; Home health services, if within medical priorities (e.g. a cancer patient can be treated at home more cost effectively than being, admitted to a hospital for treatment); Preventive health services; Skilled nursing home services as defined by Medicare regulations; Optometry services; Dental services; Physical medicine and rehabilitative services within medical priorities; Prescription drugs; Chiropractic services, for subluxation of the spine as demonstrated by X-Ray, when specifically ordered by a physician; Acupuncture services when provided by a physician; Autopsies when ——— *Continued on page 6*

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Civil Defense Station Underway



The architects' plans for the UKB Civil Defense Station are now complete including this artist's rendering of the facility. The Invitation for Bids was advertised on September 23, 2007. The pre-bid conference is scheduled for October 18, 2007 and the bid opening will be on November 1, 2007.

Work crews continue to make progress on the Elder Community Center. The contractor has been framing on the inside of the building. The water and sewer lines are hooked up. The roof is almost complete. They have laid the black paper down and have started to shingle. The center should be completed by next spring.



Keetoowah Cherokee Elder Assistance for Winter 2007

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will begin taking applications for the winter Elder Assistance program. The UKB Elder Assistance Program provides all tribal elders over 55 years of age semi-annual financial assistance in the amount of \$200 for each period. This is to assist Keetoowah Cherokee elders with funding they can utilize at their discretion. The tribe will be taking applications on November 5 through December 14, 2007.

Eligible elders must be an exclusive member. All required documents for exclusive membership must be on file in the enrollment office. Elders under age 65 must be exclusive members for one year at the time of the assistance application. Exclusive members 65 and over

immediately qualify for assistance after council approval of the enrollee.

Applications may be picked up at any tribal or satellite office. Completed applications must be turned in by fax, mail, or direct delivery to the Tribal Enrollment Office located at 2450 S. Muskogee Avenue in Tahlequah. The fax number is (918) 453-9345.

Assistance checks for November applicants will be issued on Wednesday, December 5th between 3 and 5 p.m. at the UKB Wellness Center located on West Willis Road South of Tahlequah. Assistance checks for December applicants will be issued on December 12 and 19 between 3 and 5 p.m. at the UKB Accounting Office at 2450 S. Muskogee Avenue in Tahlequah. December 19, 2007 will be the

last day of check disbursement this winter.

In a letter introducing the program to tribal elders last year, Chief George Wickliffe said, "We have worked hard since coming into office to restore accountability, pursue new opportunities for jobs, and preserve our language history and culture. As the traditional people, we know that it is the right thing to do to take care of our elders.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust agreed saying, "The Keetoowah Cherokee have always been traditional people who recognize the value of their elders. This is just a small benefit the Elders will receive from Keetoowah Cherokee Gaming Revenues," said Assistant Chief Charles Locust. For more information, call (918) 453-9375.

UKB Natural Resources Receives Water Monitoring Grant

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's Natural Resources Department recently received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region VI in Dallas, TX. This grant will allow the department to conduct water quality monitoring on Tahlequah Town

Branch in Tahlequah, OK and environmental educational outreach in the Saline Creek watershed near Kenwood, OK. The Natural Resources Department will be monitoring the Tahlequah Town Branch twice a month for baseline criteria, bacteria and heavy metals. Activities in the

Kenwood area will complete four years of water quality work on Saline Creek. These outreach sessions will focus on demonstrating to residents the importance of water quality and how everyday life can affect the environment. For more information, call (918) 453-2823.

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rules and there has never been a problem during their meetings. Councilman Proctor agreed with Councilman Hansen and stated, "Leave it like it is, we are Keetoowahs, we have certain ways of doing things, we have certain feelings, we have certain times we do things." The motion passed unanimously by the council to retain the original Rules of Order.

The Election Board members reported that one Board member had resigned and that there was a vacancy. They requested the council fill the vacancy with an appointment of a new member. The Election Board also requested from the council clarification and translation of the proposed Election Ordinance Draft. It was recommended by the council for the Election Board members to meet with the Chairman of the Enrollment Committee to go over the Election Ordinance draft and then to return to the next council meeting with the results of their decisions. The council also commended the Election Board members for their dedication and hard

work.

Council unanimously approved the membership of Council in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) with membership to include UKB Administrative Officers.

In the open forum two Kenwood community members, Marcella Foreman and Earl Davis presented their concerns in regards to hunting on tribal lands belonging to CNO. Mrs. Foreman reported that she had contacted a Mr. Butch Garner, CNO employee, regarding Keetoowah members hunting on CNO tribal lands and Mrs. Foreman was told by Mr. Garner anyone could hunt on CNO tribal land as long as they possessed a blue membership card. Mr. Davis told the council that they have always hunted on tribal land and had never had any problems until now. Chief Wickliffe informed them they would have the Keetoowah tribal attorney look into this matter.

Another request was for assistance with a donation for the Kenwood ball field. "We have goals and we need funding, we are having problems with grant proposals," stated Mr. Anthony

Proctor of Kenwood. CNO has provided assistance to the Kenwood ball field, and it was also stated that all proceeds from softball tournaments were returned directly back into the maintenance of the ball park. Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust requested that the Mr. Anthony Proctor speak to his Chief and receive a written approval from CNO that any assistance from the United Keetoowah Band would be allowed. Chief Wickliffe stated that the Keetoowahs didn't have a problem with assisting the Kenwood ball field but that since CNO already provides assistance to the Kenwood ball park there could be complications on this matter. Mr. Proctor stated that he was not biased and would be willing to work with both tribes. Again Chief Wickliffe requested written consent from CNO. Mr. Proctor agreed that they would contact CNO for a written approval.

Next regular United Keetoowah Band council meeting will be Saturday, November 3 at the UKB Community Services Building in Tahlequah beginning at 10 a.m.

UKB Tribal Offices Closed for Veterans' and Thanksgiving Holidays

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

UKB tribal offices will also be closing at noon on Wednesday, November 21, and will remain closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday November 23 for Thanksgiving Holidays. Offices will re-open on Monday, November 26 at 8:30 a.m.

Keetoowah Cherokees Awarded Grant for a Multi-Purpose Center/Museum

The United Keetoowah Band has been awarded a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$800,000.

The grant will be utilized to build a 6,000 sq. ft. building to be used as the Multi-Purpose Cultural Center/Museum. The center will be formally named at a later date when the project is complete and an open-house can be scheduled.

This project will provide the tribe with its own Cultural center for educational purposes as well as a museum for preserving historical items of cultural significance. The educational use will include the utilization of a small computer lab where tribal members may take on-line courses.

"This area is known as Cherokee Indian Country with two federally recognized tribes located here; a Multi-Purpose Cultural Center/Museum is needed. The Keetoowah tribe was successful in applying for a grant and the tribe was awarded a substantial amount of funds to build this museum. It will benefit many people and hopefully after all the plans are completed it could become a tourist attraction," stated Chief George Wickliffe.

The site for the project is located on 2.48 acres of the 80 acre tract purchased by the tribe in 2000 and is part of the Master Plan designed for this area. The tribe has established a complex with services being provided from this complex that currently includes three buildings. When complete, an additional five buildings will be built for a total of eight to serve the elderly, children, social needs that include the health, education and welfare of our 12,000 plus members.

Congressional Internship offered

The Native American Congressional Internship Program is a ten-week summer internship in Washington, DC, for Native American and Alaska Native undergraduate, graduate and law students. Students are placed in Congressional offices, committees, or select agencies to experience an insider's view of the federal government and learn more about the federal government's trust relationship with tribes. The Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem, and a \$1,200 educational stipend. Applications must be received at the Foundation by January 31, 2008. For more information, go to www.udall.gov.

"Warmth of Love" Coat Drive slated for Keetoowah Members

The United Keetoowah Band Indian Child Welfare and Tribal Victims Assistance programs will host a "Warmth of Love" coat drive beginning November 5 to December 7. The ICW and TVA staff are asking the public to donate new or used coats, caps, gloves, scarves or blankets. All clothing items and blankets will go to the clients of ICW and TVA. The staff requests that any used items donated must be clean. The items can be dropped off at these designated locations: UKB Administration office, Keetoowah Community Services Center, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino, Family Services Building, Henry Lee Doublehead Child Care Center, Stilwell UKB Sub-Office and Kansas UKB Sub-Office. All items can be placed in boxes provided by the departments at these locations and staff of the ICW and TVA will pick up the clothing items every Friday. All sizes will be accepted, victims include all ages.

The Indian Child Welfare protects Indian Children from separation of Tribal family members, responds to reports of child abuse and neglect as authorized under Public Law 95-608 (the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978) and Public Law 101-630 (the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act). Assist in developing a tribal system to license and regulate Indian foster homes and adoptive homes. Develop and maintain training programs for parents on how to care for children in danger of neglect or abuse. The program also provides legal representation and subsidies, providing financial assistance to foster families.

The Tribal Victims Assistance Program provides support to victims and crisis interventions services for crime victims in the nine-district area. Emphasis is placed on providing safety for victims and witnesses through safety planning activities with individuals seeking assistance from the program. The Advocates also provides accompaniment to criminal justice offices and court proceedings, transportation to and from court, arrange child care for victims attending court hearings and provides counseling to victims in times of grief, physical, emotional, sexual abuse, and depression. Both the ICW and TVA programs provide assistance for the 12,000 members of the United Keetoowah Band Tribe.

57TH Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration



AN ARRAY OF COLORFUL Native American regalia donned the Northeast Oklahoma scenery during the Keetoowah Celebration powwow event Oct. 6 on the Celebration grounds of the United Keetoowah Band.



HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE lined Tahlequah's main street to watch the 57th Annual Keetoowah Celebration parade as floats passed and bands marched in downtown Tahlequah Oct. 6.



DANNY McCARTER OF TAHLEQUAH demonstrated the technique of shooting a blow gun. Youth and adults competed in their categories in the Blow Gun competition.



KEETOOWAH YOUTH LINED the edges of the big pond in hopes to catch the biggest fish to win first prize. Parents and relatives look on giving their support as they watch to see if their child lands the big one.



ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE Keetoowah celebration included fiddle music along with Keetoowah Cherokee singing for members attending the festivities Oct.5- 6.



JERRY HANSEN, COUNCIL Representative for the Delaware District, and his wife, Janet, listen to UKB Chief Wickliffe as he addresses the audience attending the UKB Dignitaries' Breakfast at Northeastern State University.



ASSISTANT CHIEF CHARLES LOCUST helps serve Keetoowah members during the Free Feed. Over a 1,000 lbs. of hog fry was served to tribal members during the 57th Annual Keetoowah Celebration.



COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND ADMINISTRATORS were introduced during Chief Wickliffe's State of the Nation address ceremony. Pictured left to right, Barry Dotson, Sequoyah District; Cliff Wofford, Cooweescoowee District; Shelbi Woford, Treasurer; Chief Wickliffe; Assistant Chief Charles Locust; Liz Littledave, Secretary; Eddie Sacks, Canadian District; Jerry Hansen, Delaware District; Joyce Fourkiller, Goingsnake District; Barbara Girty, Illinois District; and Woodrow Proctor, Flint District.



KEETOOWAH YOUTH MEMBERS had the opportunity to participate in the marble games this year. Everyone was encouraged to learn and participate in all of the traditional games provided by the Language, History and Culture department.



A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES was available for Keetoowah youth during the celebration. The popular giant inflatable towers were the favorite children's events.



ALBERT SHADE, UKB COUNCIL Representative and coordinator for the cornstalk shoot was pleased with the entry of so many competitors for this year's event. Shown placing an arrow into his bow is Pete Vann, son of the late Lyman Vann, who was known for his Indian bows and marksmanship.



IT TAKES CONCENTRATION and a good aim to hit a ringer. In the men's Horseshoe division a competitor takes aim before tossing his horseshoe during the celebration.



2007-2008 JUNIOR MISS KEETOOWAH, Rozlyn Locust, freshman at Sequoyah High School, waves to the crowd at the Keetoowah Celebration parade downtown Tahlequah.



A STRONG FIELD OF COMPETITORS competed in the Female Horseshoe pitch competition. The sound of horseshoes hitting the metal stakes could be heard from a hundred yards during the competition.



HERE COMES SPEEDY DOWN the stretch heading for the finish line. The young children yell for their turtles to cross the line first. The only one missing is the Rabbit, but these young Keetoowah's only concern is to see their turtle finishing first.

57TH Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration



FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR in the making, many young Keetoowah children with their parents endured the cool morning weather to fish for the big one and a chance to win first place in the fishing derby contest.



THERE WERE MANY SPIKES and saves during the volleyball competition. There were many good teams competing against one another for the championship title.



UKB LIGHTHORSE PROUDLY carried flags representing United States, United Keetoowah Band and Missing in Action Veterans' flag at the Keetoowah powwow grand entry.



FANCY DANCERS PERFORMED their skills and talents as they competed against each other at the Keetoowah Celebration Powwow.



UKB CHIEF WICKLIFFE enjoys a visit with one of the many youth attending the 57th Annual Keetoowah Celebration Oct. 6.



TRADITIONAL INDIAN BOWS, blow guns, baskets and carvings were displayed for sell by Arts and Crafts vendors during the Keetoowah Celebration. Many vendors travel far and near to sell their crafts.



UKB TRIBAL COUNCIL Representatives wave to the crowd and hand out candy to the youth attending the parade downtown Tahlequah Oct. 6.



UKB ASSISTANT CHIEF Charles Locust, left; Don Ade, center, Manager of Economic Development Authority; and UKB Chief George Wickliffe, visit during the Keetoowah Dignitaries' Breakfast at Northeastern State University.



THE NEWLY CROWNED 2007 - 2008 Miss Keetoowah, Pawnee Crabtree, freshman at Northeastern State University, proudly waves to the parade crowd during the Keetoowah Celebration parade downtown Tahlequah Oct. 6.



THERE WAS STIFF COMPETITION at the Three-On-Three Basketball tournament held in front of the UKB Community Services Center just south of Tahlequah.



THIS YEAR'S FIRST PLACE Float went to the Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center. Second place float went to the Tribal Council with Third place going to the Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir float.



TAHLEQUAH HIGH SCHOOL marching band participated in the Keetoowah Celebration parade downtown Tahlequah.



THE 2007 MALE AND FEMALE 'Tradition Keepers' were honored during the Chief's State of the Nation ceremony. Nellie Starr-Hunt, left, was honored for her services in the communities; Mack Vann, right, was honored as a traditional Indian bow maker.



THE KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE YOUTH Choir performed for the attending audience at the UKB Chief's State of the Nation address. The Youth Choir performed beautiful Keetoowah Cherokee hymns in their native language.



ROB DAUGHTERY SETS HIS sights for a birdie as he puts his golf ball towards the cup as his teammates watch during the 7th annual Keetoowah Celebration golf tournament.



ONE OF THE MAIN ATTRACTION during the Keetoowah Celebration is the annual golf tournament sponsored by the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino. Pictured are this year's golfers as they prepare to tee off for the tournament.



OKTAHA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING Band performed in front of the huge crowd attending the Keetoowah Celebration parade downtown Tahlequah. Oktaha High School was one of several bands entered into this year's UKB Celebration Parade.



LISA STOPP, LANGUAGE, HISTORY and Culture Interim Director, displayed the Family History exhibit for Keetoowah members and visitors to view at the UKB Celebration Oct. 6.



MEMBERS OF THE KEETOOWAH Cherokee Youth Choir ride on the Third Place float during the Celebration parade. The Youth Choir performed Keetoowah Cherokee hymns at the Chief's State of the Nation ceremonies.



MEMBERS OF THE TAHLEQUAH High School Reflections Indian Club demonstrated the game of Stickball for visitors at the UKB Celebration, Oct. 6. The members have formed a stickball team and setup matches with other area high schools.

Meet UKB Tribal Employee Bryan Shade



Bryan Shade

The United Keetoowah Band tribal staff members work unselfishly giving of their time to provide proper services to the Keetoowah Cherokee tribal members. Their dedication and devotion to their job illustrates their commitment to success within the tribe. Because of their hard work and dedication, the Keetoowah News will begin featuring a dedicated employee each month.

Our first featured

employee for November 2007 is Mr. Bryan Shade, Federal Programs Director for the United Keetoowah Band. Bryan has been employed with the tribe for three years and is responsible for all federally funded programs within the tribe. He enjoys working with all people and values his hard working staff, and interacting with people.

"Mr. Shade shows the initiative to take on projects and sees the project to completion. He's always available for questions and answers and travels to the communities to offer assistance, and communicates well with our tribal members. This is a good example of what our young Keetoowah people can achieve if they put their mind to it. I think he will make a good leader for the tribe in the future," stated UKB Assistant

Chief Charles Locust.

Mr. Shade is a graduate of Northeastern State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration and an Associate's Degree in Business from Connors State College. Mr. Shade is continuing his education working toward his goal for a Masters' Degree in Business Administration. "I'm thankful to have this opportunity to work for my tribe," said Shade.

Mr. Shade and his wife, Jennifer, have a daughter, Makayla, who will be turning three in January and they reside in Tahlequah.

Editor's Note:
Beginning with this issue of Keetoowah News we will be highlighting an employee for outstanding service performed by the United Keetoowah Band tribal staff members.

Stopp Named New Interim Director for Language, History and Culture

There have been new changes within the United Keetoowah Band. One of those changes has been in the Language, History and Culture department. The changes have been made to provide better services and more involvement in the communities.

Lisa Stopp has been named the new interim director for Language, History and Culture. She will still retain her appointed title of Acting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. Lisa has been with the tribe for three years. She is a legal and historical researcher for Special Projects to the Chief and Administration and has extensive experience in negotiating agreements with Federal agencies through government-to-government consultations. She is also a paralegal with a focus on Indian law, a traditionalist and participant in

Kituwah ceremonies.

Ms. Stopp's goals for the department are to plan more activities for community members and youth. "I feel the certified instructors of the Keetoowah Cherokee language are the most important 'staff members' we have, and plan to continue to improve our community language efforts." stated Stopp. She plans on providing language tools and materials which will be available on the UKB website. People will be able to use the information in their home, schools, or where ever they may need assistance. The department will have speakers and writers of Keetoowah Cherokee on staff to assist people. When asked what she enjoys about her new position, Mrs. Stopp said, "Knowing that I am an important part of seeing that our children and grandchildren will still



Lisa Stopp

have our culture and language."

Mrs. Stopp has one son, Spencer Snedden, who attends the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She resides in Tahlequah with her cat, Molly.

The Language, History and Culture department is temporarily located in the UKB Wellness Center and the staff invites everyone to stop by and say Siyo!

Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Winners

2007 Celebration \$10,000 Drawing Winners

\$3,000
Amberly Willhite
\$2,000
Elizabeth Wolfe
\$1,000 Ella Leitka
\$1,000 Billie Vance
\$1,000
Richard Blackbear
\$1,000
Barbara Wickliffe
\$1,000 Norma Roach

Float competition winners

1st - Henry Lee
Doublehead Child
Development Center
2nd - UKB Tribal
Council
3rd - Keetoowah
Cherokee Youth Choir

Fishing Derby Winners

Age Group 1 - 4

1st - Taylor Simmons
2nd - Ashayah Thirsty
3rd - Jasman Whaler

Age Group 5 - 8

1st - Devon Fourkiller
2nd - Alex Stopp
3rd - Menee Carter

Age Group 9 - 12

Daniel Lyman

Turtle Race Winners

2-4 age group:

1st - Tilon Rattling
Gourd

2nd - Colby Hallmark

3rd - Kendra Martinez

5-6 age group:

1st - Taneika Duncan

2nd - Edwin Moran

3rd - Solomon Winn

7-8 age group:

1st - Dayton Olvera

2nd - William Christie

3rd - Elijah Tehee

Blowgun Competition

Men's

1st - Danny McCarter

2nd - Larry Oosahwee

3rd - James Oosahwee

Women's

1st - Lucille Oosahwee

2nd - Martha McCarter

3rd - Jessica McCarter

3 on 3 Basketball Winners

Mens Division:

1st Place Terrapin: Justin

Terrapin, Patrick

Mchenry, Kyle

Littlehead, and Jason

Kingfisher.

2nd Place: The Chosen

Few: Shane Morrison,

T.J. Hooper, Sid Melvin,

Keith Franklin and Steve

McDaniel.

3rd Place: Rez Quah

Boyz: Tim Washington,
Jason Littlecook and
David Walkingstick.

Women's Division:

1st Place: Gateway

Gaming: Jade Mink,

Margeaux Talley, Lora

Loy, and Jamie Loy.

2nd Place: 3 C's: Omie

Jones, Sherry Sands,

Thresa Folsum, Lahoma

Tehee, and Gena

Sanders.

3rd Place: Mvskoke:

Kristen Jones, Brenda

Gann, Rebecca LeClark.

15-16 Boys:

1st Place: Indians:

Travis Fuentes, Trent

Johnston, Rusty Peace,

Jimmy Thirsty, and

Gregg James.

2nd Place: Native

Hoops: Shane Brittain,

Kiwah Gilbert, Ramsey

Nofire, and Terran Pettit.

3rd Place: La-Z-Boy:

Nick Locust, mack

Shell, Heath Eubanks,

James Auffet, and

Stephen Paden.

13-14 Boys:

1st Place: Redman:

Chase Ballou, Jason

Sanders, Tanner Philpot,

Bon Blossom, and Coty

Johnson.

2nd Place: Dem Boyz:

Tyler Jones, Adrian

Sanders, Tyler Marley,

Jamie Jones, and Caleb

Proctor.

11-12 Girls:

1st Place: Bluebird:

Jessica Bluebird,

Devona Burris, Maegan

Blevins, and Lynsey

Conner.

2nd Place: Tahlequah

Fever: Katlyn Chucalate,

Erica Cheater, Katie

Philpot, Lannie Wallace,

and Morgan Terrance.

Horseshoes Winners

Men's Horseshoes

Draw a Partner

1st - Dale Kingfisher

and Kato Rodrigous

2nd - Blake McLemore

and John Kingfisher

3rd - Wesley Bird and

Gary Littledave

Men's Horseshoes

Bring a Partner

1st - Justin Killer and

Kato Rodrigous

2nd - Joe Grayson and

Wilson Oosahwee

3rd - Dale Kingfisher

and William Kingfisher

Women's Horseshoes

Draw a Partner

1st - Brandy Proctor and

Patricia Castillo

2nd - Melissa Buck and

Brenda Daniels

3rd Shannon Reece

and Joann Sixkiller

Women's Horseshoes

Bring a Partner

1st - Melissa Buck and

Karen Cochran

2nd - Sandra Bark and

Lindsey Bark

3rd - Brenda Daniels

and Brandy Proctor

Golf Winners

Closest to the Pin

1st - Bill Myers

2nd - Bill White

3rd - Lou Baker

Longest Drive

1st - Billy Torix

2nd - Frank Koseca

3rd - Chris Sneed

4th - Kelly Meyers

1st Place

Craig Carey

Nick Fixin

Huston Ericksten

Joe Bunch

2nd Place

Chub Guess

Don Loudon

Rob Daugherty

Billy Heath

3rd Place

Jerry Ogden, Jr.

Von Keesee

Tony Butler

Mary Eddings

Cornstalk Winners

80 yards event

1st - Bill Fields

2nd - Pete Vann

3rd - Albert Shade

100 yards event

1st - Albert Shade

2nd - Curt Sewell

3rd - Woody Lamb

Volleyball Winners will

be listed in the

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UKB Administration Investigates Medical Service Denials

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ordered by an IHS physician for clinical purposes only; Services provided in accordance with a Federal court order; Prosthetic devices; Medical Laboratory and X-Ray; Podiatry services; Transportation and per diem for patient; Transportation and per diem for escort for patients who are unable to travel without assistance; e.g., children and handicapped adults

According to retired IHS Health Administrator Don Ade, "CNO is telling Keetoowahs they are not eligible for CNO donated contract health service funds. It has been my experience, that once those dollars hit the federal door, they take on a federal identity and must be administered according to Federal guidelines. To select beneficiaries according to political affiliation smacks of prohibited practices, (ie. discrimination)."

If a person is denied CHS, or when a medical provider may reasonably think that IHS is a party to payment, both the patient and the provider must be notified in writing of the denial with a statement containing all the reasons for the denial. The notice must inform the applicant that within 30 days from the receipt of the notice the applicant:

1) May request a reconsideration by the appropriate SUD/Tribal Health Director and that a request for reconsideration must contain additional information not previously submitted. 2) In accordance with Section D may appeal the original denial by the SUD/Tribal Health Director to the appropriate Area Director, if there is no additional information on which to base reconsideration. 3) may appeal the original denial by the SUD/Tribal Health Director to the appropriate Area Director, if there is no additional information on which to base reconsideration. Appeals may be submitted by providers. The provider will be considered as acting on behalf of the patient. A response must be made to the provider and a courtesy copy of such response is provided to the patient.

When on appeal, the Area Director upholds the denial, the applicant must be notified in writing of the denial and that an appeal may be submitted in writing to the Director, IHS within 30 days. If the claimant fails to follow procedures, the request for reconsideration of an appeal may be denied. A written Notice of Denial will be sent to the claimant.

If your appeal for health care has been turned down, please document the case listing the date, the medical services needed, reason given for denial, and the person and the facility who denied you the service. Sign the statement and have a witness sign it as well. Contact UKB Tribal Community Coordinator Hominy Littledave at (918) 431-1818.

UKB Title VI Nutrition Menu November 2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Smothered chops Roasted potatoes Green beans Breadsticks Salad dessert	2 Breakfast Served at 10:30
5 Beef stew Cornbread Salad dessert	6 Pub battered fish Galley chips English peas Hushpuppies Cole slaw	7 Brown beans Jalapeño cornbread Mixed greens Salad dessert	8 Spaghetti and meatballs Green beans Garlic bread Salad dessert	9 Breakfast Served at 10:30
12 closed for Veterans' Day Holiday	13 Beef stroganoff Broccoli Hot roll Salad dessert	14 Marinated chicken Grilled veggies Wild rice Breadsticks Salad dessert	15 Lasagna Tomato/zucchini Garlic bread Salad dessert	16 Dinner and a Movie Lunch at 11:30 Show starts at 1:00
19 Minestrone soup Salad Breadsticks dessert	20 Traditional Keetoowah Cherokee Thanksgiving Meal	21 Closed	22 Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	23 Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
26 Hungarian goulash Hominy Buttermilk biscuits Salad dessert	27 BBQ chicken Potato salad Ranch style beans Texas toast Salad dessert	28 Calzone Pasta marinara Caesar salad dessert	29 White beans n ham Spinach Hushpuppies Salad dessert	30 Breakfast Served at 10:30

UKB Regular September Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At the UKB Community Services Building
September 08, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Shelbi Wofford

III. Roll Call: 10 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared. (Smoke & Hansen did not answer call.)

Hansen arrived at 10:11 a.m.
 Smoke arrived at 10:17 a.m.

IV. Chief's Address

Chief stated his presentation could be presented in its entirety in the Cherokee language but for those people who could understand the language his address to Council, for the greater part, would be in the English language but if at any time he did speak in Cherokee he would give an English interpretation. The annual UKB celebration preparations are complete.

Jerry Hansen arrived (10:11 a.m.)

There will be no scheduled activities until after lunch, which will allow opportunity for everyone to attend the parade. The State of the Nation Address will be delivered at about 11:30 a.m.

The UKB Choir is now composed of 20 members and will perform at the Keetoowah Celebration.

The UKB Choir is scheduled to travel to Nashville, TN on September 21, 2007 where they will participate in the Mt. Juliet Pow Wow Benefit Concert.

There was a ruling, last Thursday, in reference to the UKB casino case. This is the case where there was an appeal by the State of Oklahoma to the 10th Circuit Court in Denver, CO. CNO had gotten involved in this case. We were told the 10th Circuit Court refused to hear this case. This means we are back to the Federal Court decision of Judge White. Judge White ruled: Case was to go back to the National Indian Commission, where the commission was to present their procedures for defining "Indian Country." The commission has not presented such definition. Because of the 10th Circuit Court ruling,

it seems the UKB is in a very positive position. The UKB casino is safe under the declaratory judgment of Judge White.

Negotiations on the Arkansas Riverbed Issue continue in Washington. UKB attorneys keep UKB Administration informed on this issue. Thus far, the courts had denied all appeals from CNO on this Riverbed Issue. CNO is completely out of this issue in Washington.

The Annual Budget for FY 2008 is ready for Council to act on. This will be the third consecutive year a budget has been ready for Council's vote before October. There will be an Emergency Meeting of Council this month for a vote on this budget.

Charles Smoke arrived (10:17 am)

The UKB has been asked to join the Eastern Band of Cherokees, Carolina University, Western Carolina University in a Language Emersion Program. CNO is also getting involved. We were asked to present Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU has been presented. It seemed CNO wished to "take over." Since the UKB does not have a "joint" resolution with CNO as we do with the Eastern Band in reference to our language, history and culture, we replied we would continue to work with just the Eastern Band. This willingness to work with the Eastern Band was decided two years ago when the UKB and the Eastern Band was in Joint Council Session. Until there is a joint resolution with CNO and the UKB and the UKB is recognized as equal by CNO, the UKB will have nothing to do with CNO.

All Council was encouraged to continue working for the people. Everything done in one district reflects on all other districts. Council must continue to work together.

The more experience in working as a Council means a better job being done. Much has been accomplished in the past 3 years. This 4th year will lead us into an election year. We have gained much knowledge and experience in the past 3 years. We have learned from our experiences and we have improved our performance because of those experiences and the 4th year of this Council will prove to show an even better job. Our resources are positive and as they continue and increase we must make certain that every

UKB member has the same opportunities to participate in the programs offered. The needs of the people is the main concern.

Chief Wickliffe: introduced Don Ade who has been hired as Business Manager of the UKB Economic Development Authority. He informed that Mr. Aid was fluent in the Keetoowah-Cherokee language and was listed on today's new member list for UKB tribal enrollment.

V Approval of the minutes for August 2007

1. MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve the August Council minutes; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Woodrow Proctor: Past UKB newspaper minutes reported Mr. Proctor was absent but then later the contents of the minutes reflected he was present. This has caused him explanations to his constituents. He requested the upcoming newspaper include a retraction relating to reports of the absence of himself, Jerry Henson and Cliff Wofford.

Liz Littleddave: Mr. Proctor's concern would be clarified in the next issue of the UKB newspaper.

Woodrow Proctor: why is the information in the UKB newspaper 3 months late? People like the stories but also like to read the minutes. He said he would like the paper to come out on time where people can know what will be happening not read about things 3 months later. He also stated he would like the paper to report on stories of people out there. District Representatives tell stories about happenings in the public but there is a lot of people stories that could be put in the newspaper. He would like to see the newspaper have people stories. He then recommended a change be done in the newspaper format but he wasn't sure how a change could be done. Chief Wickliffe: there are some ideas being discussed in re-organization and restructure of the media department. We are focused on media improvement and there will be a retraction in reference to Woodrow's concern of reported absences at a previous Council Meeting.

Liz Littleddave: explained the delay of minutes printed in the newspaper is that the minutes are not official until Council approves the minutes at their next monthly meeting.

VI. Presentations

Chief Wickliffe: acknowledged the presence of Craig Ledenger from office of Stanfield and O'Dell, P.C. who was attending for presentation of 2006 Audit.

Assistant Chief Locust stated such topic should be discussed in Executive Session. Assistant Chief Locust made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the 2006 Completed Audit. Motion seconded by Shelbi Wofford.

Chief Wickliffe stated since the Council conducts confidential information for the protection of the entire UKB membership, our Constitution, our Charter and our relationship with the USA, this type of subject should be available to Council 2/3 weeks in advance before such is presented to the Council. This audit report was unexpected although he (Chief) was aware the 2006 Audit had been completed.

Assistant Chief Locust stated there would be a need for calling an Emergency Meeting of Council and he asked if a notebook/binder audit could be presented to Council and asked Mr. Ledenger to return to that scheduled emergency meeting to discuss the audit.

Tim Good Voice: information, RE: Housing Authority, wherein; it is required we submit a Useful Life Policy for all our assistance on housing that are or may be owed by the Housing Authority. He stated this was a requirement of HUD and it is to be a part of the IHB (see handout of sample policy attached). This policy would be a part of our Indian Housing Plan. This is always been a part of our Indian Housing Process. CFR 24.1000.142 requires this policy be by resolution. (a Housing Audit should be completed in the very near future)

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve Indian Housing Block Grant Useful Life Policy as 24.1000.142; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 10 Yes, 1 No (Shade), 0 Abstentions (S. Wofford unavailable for vote).

Assistant Chief Locust announced that the UKB had been informed, last Thursday, that the NAHAS-DA Bill passed the House of Representatives and there is an attachment that will give UKB

funding for 2008 beginning October 1, 2007. The bill is now on its way to the Senate. We are trying to get these funds to be retroactive so we could get the Housing funds for 2007 but this is said to be something that would take more time so we don't want to cause a delay in receiving any housing funding, thus; we will accept 2008 funding and later work toward receiving retroactive funds for 2007. We will probably have employment positions opening when that HUD money comes in. We will be asking people from all districts to apply for housing services again. We will use our waiting list for rehabs. Priority will be given to handicapped, elders and special needs which currently number 16-20. Contact Tim Good Voice and present names of contractors for rehabs.

Chief Wickliffe: No announcements of start-up on Housing Funding will be made until the bill actually passes the Senate.

Assistant Chief Locust: this Housing Bill came through the House of Representatives at the same time as discussions of cutting off funds to CNO. Senators Boren and Cole was against cutting CNO funds so they added a friendly amendment that said no decision to cut off funding until all litigation had been completed. CNO funding cuts situation will be allowed to go through the CNO tribal court with legislative action following behind it if CNO doesn't do what they are supposed to do which is to let the Freedmen have rights restored in CNO. Depending on what CNO does, their funding could still be cut off. Chief Wickliffe: If CNO court decides to affirm what CNO has done about the Freedmen, Washington has already legislated the Treaty of 1866 must be honored.

Assistant Chief Locust: the Freedmen situation is bringing attention to every negative action CNO has done involving other tribes, other businesses and some of their programs. This is causing the government to look at CNO a little closer and it brings attention to the UKB on what we have been saying over past years; there is truth in what UKB has said.

1. Election Ordinance Drafts containing council members' input is to be turned in to the Tribal Secretary at the September meeting.

Explanation by Liz Littleddave: attendance of the Election Board members not required because drafts were only to be turned in today. Telephone call reminders were made to all the nine representatives about this item in preparation for today's meeting.

DISCUSSION: Allow additional time for study of draft

MOTION by Charles Locust to table until the next regular October meeting of Council and have some Election Board members present; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (S. Wofford unavailable for vote).

Jerry Hansen: spoke about "Partnership for Prosperity", a program through Community Action Agencies. It seems they wish to "partner up" on how this can work better for people receiving assistance through them. He suggested possibly someone from administration or Department of Federal Programs (Bryan Shade) attend this conference for gaining detailed information about this partnership.

Woodrow Proctor: spoke on past hardships and how currently the Keetoowahs have gained supporters at the Washington level. He cautioned giving personal opinions to the media. He encouraged media information about the tribe should come from the Chief.

Jerry Hansen: commented on his enjoyment of reading the Chief's comments in the newspaper. He then asked about the government's approach to CNO funding. Ken Bellmard: basically the Congress said they had reached a compromise. Congress hasn't taken CNO's money away yet because this situation has been sent back to the court but Congress did dictate to the court that if the court (CNO Tribal Court) did not uphold the 1866 treaty language CNO will get funds cut. The court was put in a unique situation because if they disenfranchise the Freedmen through their own court then CNO will not get funded. Congress has already told the CNO court the decision they must make if CNO wishes to continue being funded. CNO can make things right if the court rules in favor of the 1866 treaty. The Freedman issue calls attention to everything CNO has done in the past and has gotten

away with it.

Charles Locust: said the Freedmen have brought attention to the BIA. There is talk about having an investigation and to see why the BIA has not fulfilled their responsibilities to all tribes.

Chief Wickliffe: if Chad Smith breaks this one treaty, this would mean 5 treaties would be broken because all the 5 nations are under the same treaty using the same language. If one treaty is broken it will affect every Native American federally recognized tribe in the United States.

Ken Bellmard: if a tribe can abrogate a treaty then the federal government can abrogate a treaty then there is no treaty relationships with the Federal Government. Without this relationship the tribes would be gone.

Barbara Girty: Elder Committee report

She informed the committee had voted to declare the seat of Mack Vann vacant and it was recommended this vacancy not be filled because currently the committee is composed of 6 members and 1 alternate.

DISCUSSION: As per committee by-laws, a committee is to be composed of 5 members with alternates of no set number.

An alternate cannot be chairperson but can remain as an alternate. Current situation can be status quo until a chair is chosen from regular committee members.

Alternate received no committee pay unless he/she is filling a position for a regular member who is absent. Mack Vann's seat was being declared vacant due to his failure to attend any meetings.

VII. Reports to Council

Liz Littleddave: Enrollment Committee Report

47 New memberships submitted for Council's approval and/or acknowledgement. This total number includes 41 new applications, 3 babies 0-3 years of age and 3 members associated with the '49 Roll.

2 Requests for relinquishment of membership from the UKB.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept and/or acknowledge 47 new membership applicants into tribal membership; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 2 relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

VIII. Public Forum

Don Ade: stated he was one of the 47 new member applicants and now is an official member of the United Keetoowah Band and is very proud to be a member. He stated how, in the past, he found it difficult to see himself as a Cherokee but now he felt he had been "made whole again," and he was grateful.

Lois Fuller: reported on a trip taken by some elder committee members to Oklahoma City to attend a conference. She reported those having gone to the conference were John Goodrich and

wife, John Hair and wife along with Dora Grayson with Lois (an alternate committee member) and her husband who were the volunteer drivers.

IX. Unfinished Business

Council to make a decision on the status of the house in Salina, OK, to sell or not to sell (item was tabled on 07/07/2007)

There are two options which are associated with a HUD home. Tim GoodVoice verbally presented HUD regulations governing such situation. Based on CFR, it was recommended to make no decision until there is a decision on Housing Authority funding for 2008.

MOTION by Charles Locust to table this item until we hear from HUD in determining our Housing Authority status; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen;

DISCUSSION: Housing must follow the current housing waiting list. This house is included in UKB Indian Housing Plan. HUD must approve the plan according to CFR

VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Council discussion to approve/disapprove a plan for re-allocation of unused Christmas Gift Cards.

MOTION by Albert Shade to approve to reallocate unused Christmas gift cards to specific District Representatives who returned unused cards to be used as emergency needs. (NOTE: allocation will be to those representatives based on number of cards actually returned); SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve monetary stipend of Council be abolished with officer salaries and the salaries of all salaried personnel be cut by 15%; SECONDED by Albert Shade; VOTE: 2 Yes, 8 No (Girty, Fourkiller, Hansen, Locust, Littleddave, Proctor, Sacks, Smoke), 2 Abstentions (C. Wofford, S. Wofford). Motion failed.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept and/or acknowledge 47 new membership applicants into tribal membership; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

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X. New Business

Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove the Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure.

Chief Wickliffe: explained there were two sets of these procedures, one presented by Barry Dotson and Shelbi Wofford and one prepared, at the directive of the Council, by AG Bellmard.

Ken Bellmard presented each Council member a booklet of his prepared procedure.

MOTION by Charles Smoke to table item # 1, until October's Council meeting to allow time for study; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

DISCUSSION: Explanation by Ken Bellmard: Woodrow Proctor spoke in the Keetoowah-Cherokee language. Chief Wickliffe presented the English translation of Woodrow Proctor's Keetoowah-Cherokee language presentation. There are three sets of rules for

consideration

The traditional way Dotson and Wofford version Version prepared by AG Bellmard The traditional point is; why should we expose ourselves? We think we're doing alright by what we're doing. Why should we subject ourselves to law suits? When the Council meets we go back to our Elders and we take care of business but there is no one coming in here to challenge us, that we know of. Woodrow said, why don't we just keep going like we are?

There are three points:

The traditional point Dotson and Wofford version which probably is geared to Robert's Rules Parliamentary Procedure that follows the Constitution

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve authorization for participation in the Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders III; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve to place "Redbird Smith Cemetery" on the Tribal Register of Historical Places as site K0718; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve to place "Cat Smith" on the Tribal Register of Historical Places as site K0717; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to place "Frozen Rock/Rabbit's Ford" on the Tribal Register of Historical Places as site K0720; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to place "Indian Graves" on the Tribal Register of Historical Places as site K0719; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to place "Beck's Mill" on the Tribal Register of Historical Places as site K0705; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve to apply for a Federal NACIPRA grant in the amount of \$2,500.; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Charles Smoke to approve the Regular Meeting of Council on October 13, 2007 be held at the Kenwood Community Building; SECONDED by Albert Shade; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

XI. Announcements

There will be an emergency meeting of Council for a decision on the Annual Budget. Budgets will be mailed to Council members prior to meeting date in preparation of said emergency meeting. This emergency meeting will also include an official report on the 2006 Audit.

District meeting schedule for September 2007

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn: MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 12:40 PM

UKB November '07 Calendar of Council and Special Meetings

November 3	UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m. UKB Community Services Building, Tahlequah
November 8	Saline District Meeting, 6 p.m. Kenwood Community Center
November 9	Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m. Keener Church, Lost City
November 11	Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
November 11	Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Vian UKB Satellite Office
November 17	Canadian District Meeting, noon Bacone College Campus, Lower Level
November 17	Delaware District Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Get together @ Gravette, Arkansas
November 20	Coowescoowee District Meeting, 6:00 p.m. First Christian Church in Pryor, Ok.

* No other meeting information available at press time.

Keetoowah Cherokee Continue Traditional Ways

Centuries ago our Keetoowah Cherokee ancestors would hand down their culture and traditions to their children through stories as well as teaching them valuable craft making and games to hone their skills. These young Keetoowah children would then grow up and share their teachings and skills to their children. Elder Keetoowahs handing down their knowledge and wisdom generation to generation is nothing new and has kept our traditions, language and culture alive well into the 21st century. Just as our Keetoowah ancestors once did, we continue with the tradition of teaching our

Keetoowah ways.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and Seven Clans of the Fire hosted a traditional culture camp and hog fry October 20th east of West Siloam Springs, OK. Approximately 150 visitors' experienced beautiful traditional craft making such as basket weaving, blow gun making and hand made Indian bows.

Visitors participated in stickball and marble games, heard the native language spoken, and shared native cultures and traditions. "It was very encouraging to meet so many and share our culture and traditions. Just as our Keetoowah ancestors, we are passing

down our history, culture and traditions not only to our children, but to others interested in learning the ways of the Keetoowah Cherokees," said Sammy Still, coordinator of the event. "The culture camp was a success and visitors to the camp were impressed with all of the cultural activities. They were requesting another culture camp in the spring. They especially enjoyed the story telling night." A potluck dinner and storytelling started the event on Friday evening with 30 people braving the cool evening sitting by an open fire listening to traditional Keetoowah

Cherokee stories. A few of the participants even shared stories told by their grandparents. One elder participant remarked that the storytelling was very interesting and entertaining, it reminded her of when she was young and her grandparents, parents and friends would sit around a fire at night and tell stories.

Everyone enjoyed the culture camp and thanked the United Keetoowah Band for providing this event and giving them the opportunity to learn more about the Keetoowah Cherokees and understanding their culture.

"How Turtle Lost His Whistle"

Years ago, Quail was walking in an open field and he heard the beautiful sound of a whistle. Quail thought to himself, where does this beautiful sound come from, I have heard all of the sounds that all of the animals and birds make, but I have never heard of this beautiful sound. I must find this sound! So Quail listened very closely to the beautiful whistle and began to follow the sound. He traveled through the field, over logs and flew over the streams until he came to a small pond, where he brushed the bushes to the side only to see Turtle sitting on a log. Quail had followed the beautiful whistle to this spot and couldn't believe that the sound could be coming from Turtle. Quail sat there for a while waiting to hear the whistle once again, but to his amazement he saw turtle pop his head out of his shell and whistle the most beautiful sound Quail had ever heard.

Quail confronted Turtle and asked Turtle, "Where did you get this beautiful sound?" Turtle responded by telling Quail, "I received this beautiful gift from our Creator." Quail asked Turtle if he could borrow Turtle's whistle, Turtle told Quail, "I cannot let you borrow my whistle; it is a gift from our Creator. I'm never to let anyone borrow my gift." But, Quail begs Turtle to let him borrow Turtle's whistle, "I want you to hear this beautiful sound so you can appreciate it more," said Quail. Turtle said, "Well, I don't know?" Quail tells Turtle that he will stand right next to Turtle and never leave his side. Turtle finally gives in and lets Quail borrow his whistle. "You have to stand right next to me and return the whistle right back to me after you use it," Turtle told Quail. Quail agreed. When Turtle heard Quail whistle, Turtle told Quail that was the most beautiful sound that he had ever heard. "Now give me back my whistle," Turtle told Quail. But, Quail said, "Wait, when I first heard you I was standing much further than this. Let me take a few steps further and whistle, the sound will be much more beautiful," Quail told Turtle. Turtle said, "I don't know, you better give my whistle back to me now!" Again

Quail talked Turtle into letting Quail take a few steps further and whistle, but Turtle told Quail that he would have to return the whistle to him as soon as he had finished his whistle. Again Quail agreed. When Turtle heard the sound again he agreed that the sound was more beautiful. "Okay, now give me my whistle back to me!" Turtle told Quail. Once again Quail told Turtle, "Wait, when I first heard this beautiful sound, I didn't even know where the sound came from or from whom. Let me go behind the brush and let you hear the sound from there. You will surely appreciate the sound even more." Turtle said to Quail, "Give me my whistle back, I want you to give me back my whistle." Quail told Turtle, "I will give you back your whistle as soon as you hear it from behind the brush, I promised you." Turtle told Quail, "I don't know, I really wish you would return the whistle back to me," but Quail begged Turtle and told him that as soon as he finished the whistle he would return it back to Turtle; this would be the last time that he would use it. Turtle finally agreed. So as Quail went behind the brush and began to whistle, Turtle said, "The sound is more beautiful the further away you are. Okay Quail, give me back my whistle!" This time Quail did not answer Turtle! "Quail! Quail! Where is my whistle, please give me back my whistle!" Again Quail didn't answer. Turtle went to the other side of the brush and Quail was gone. Turtle thought to himself, "Oh, what have I done. I given away my cherished gift from our Creator and now I will never have that sound again." So Turtle listened very closely to see if he could hear Quail whistle that beautiful sound. And when ever you hear Quail's whistling sound, look around and you will see Turtle heading toward the sound trying to get his whistle back from Quail. This is how the Turtle lost his whistle.

The moral of this story is that if you have something that you value and cherish very much, never let anyone borrow it, because you will lose it forever. At least this is what my grandmother told me.



THE COOL EVENING KEPT PARTICIPANTS wrapped in blankets and close to the fire while listening to traditional stories told by members of the Seven Clans of the Fire. The story telling event was a favorite with many requesting to hear scary stories.



WHO'S VIEWING WHO? Diamondback Rattlesnakes, Copperheads and non poisonous snakes were on display during the culture camp for visitors to view. Snake handler, Woody Hansen, instructs people the importance of safety when walking in the wilderness.



DIANA MOUSE FROM JAY demonstrates basket weaving to the ladies attending the Culture Camp near West Siloam Springs.



BLOWGUN MAKING WAS ONE of the craft making events featured at the Culture Camp near West Siloam Springs. Shown is one of the participants straightening river cane to complete his blowgun.



WOODY HANSEN FROM THE Kenwood community along with his wife, Joyce, explain to camp visitors the importance of safety when confronting and handling snakes in the wilderness.



MICHAEL SCOTT OF WATTS works on his Indian bow. Hastings Shade, known for his bow making, instructed visitors, to the camp, on how to craft an Indian bow out of bois'd arc wood. Black Locust trees are good for making Indian bows as well.



CULTURE CAMP PARTICIPANTS were treated to a traditional meal prepared by George Stopp, left, of Chewy community and Jimmy Snail, right, of Twin Oaks. Mr. Stopp is the Chief of the Long Valley Stomp Grounds in Chewy.

Cherokee Basket Weavers Association Meeting first Tuesday of the Month

The Cherokee Basket Weavers Association meets at the Keetoowah Cherokee Wellness Center on the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be on November 6. There will also be a Cherokee Twill Basket Class on November 3 and 10th from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. at the UKB Wellness Center. "Bring your favorite dish as all our meetings and classes include potluck meals and drinks," said Sandra Pallie, the organization's president. For more information, call Pallie at 456-7787 or go to the website at www.cherokeebasketweaversassociation.org.

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