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## The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma celebrates a historic inauguration

The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma celebrated the formal inauguration of Principal Chief Bill John Baker Nov. 6.

Chief Baker was originally sworn in Oct. 19 after the CNO Supreme Court threw out former Chief Chad Smith's motion to throw out the second principal chief's election that resulted in Smith losing by approximately 1,500 votes. Hours after the CNO Supreme Court's decision Justice James Wilcoxon swore in Chief Baker on the back steps of the Cherokee Courthouse in Tahlequah.

The formal inauguration took place at The Place Where They Play at Sequoyah High School where several thousand attended to witness the historic event.

Chief George Wickliffe of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and Chief Michell Hicks of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians attended the ceremony in a historic first as all three Cherokee chief's were present in a symbolic gesture to begin working together instead of fighting each other as had happened in the previous administration.

"Many years ago, a true Cherokee treasure--Deputy Chief Hastings Shade--shared his wisdom and his dream with those of us attending a joint council of the Eastern Band and the Cherokee Nation," said Chief Baker. "His words have lived in my heart since that day. He said, 'today, our circle is broken because our brothers and sisters from the United Keetoowah Band are not with us. I dream of a day when our circle is complete and we stand united.'"

Chief Baker said he was honored to say that with the presence of Chief Wickliffe and Chief Hicks the circle is complete. Under his administration the three will always work together for all Cherokees.

"May you rest in peace Brother Hastings. Your dream has come true."

Chief Wickliffe said he was really impressed and delighted when everything took place to bring the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes to unification.

"We all recognize that we came from the one fire," said Chief Wickliffe. "I think it is the greatest thing that could ever happen to our three Cherokee tribes."

The three Cherokee tribes are in the midst of planning a tri-council consortium next year to work on programs to benefit all Cherokee people.

And while the three tribes are looking for-



*"Today, our circle is broken because our brothers and sisters from the United Keetoowah Band are not with us..." Cherokee Nation Deputy Chief Hastings Shade. "With the presence of UKB Chief Wickliffe and Eastern Band Cherokees Chief Mitchell Hicks, the circle is complete," said Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Chief Bill John Baker. "May you rest in peace Brother Hastings. Your dream has come true." Photo by Thomas Jordan*

ward to a time of unity and progress, Chief Baker is looking to improve the living standards for the most indigent of citizens in the fourteen counties.

Chief Baker said his vision for the nation is a place where no child goes to bed hungry, no elder has to choose between medicine and staying warm and no Cherokee is ignorant of the culture and history.

"For too long, the first Americans have been the last Americans to share in the American dream," said Chief Baker. "We were marched from our homelands, stripped of our languages and forgotten. We struggled to even have power to run our communities because for too long we had no power with the federal government. Yet our strength and spirituality was a force in the formation of a new country built around us called the United States. Our values and kindness were sometimes taken advantage of, but we represented this land given to us by our Creator for thousands of years with dignity and decency."

During his campaign, Chief Baker said he made five promises and he began keeping those promise as soon as he was sworn in Oct. 19.

He had the tribal airplane grounded, appraised and is currently taking bids on it. Second, with the return of \$38 million in HUD funds, he is reactivating the tribe's Housing Authority to begin building houses. Third, the nomination of Lacey Horn brings a more intense audit to streamline the government. Fourth, the tribal council approved

his legislation to increase the amount of casino profits earmarked for contract health by five percent. And fifth, his staff is in the process of providing the elders with a \$200 stipend twice a year (a program similar to what the UKB already provides to its elders).

The recognition of the efforts to bring the Cherokee people prosperity brought official greetings from the federal government.

Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk spoke to the assembly and said he looks forward to working with Chief Baker on a nation-to-nation basis. It is his hope that the United States and the CNO can forge ahead to build a strong and secure future for the Cherokee people.

"I pledge to hold Cherokee Nation sovereignty in high regard," said Echo Hawk.

At the end of the ceremony, a water and cedar blessing was performed and then the crowd was invited to take part in a peace dance. Tents were set up outside for everyone to enjoy a traditional hog fry in celebration of the end to months of turmoil caused the election.

Chief Baker asked for those who voted against him to give him the opportunity to gain their trust.

"I know what I want for all of our people and I believe you want the same."

by Thomas Jordan  
UKB writer and photographer

## Keetoowah Cherokee Veterans Honor Guard Still in Service to Community

This month, in the United States, we celebrate Veterans Day on November 11. While there are numerous parades, luncheons, and ceremonies to honor our veterans, nothing we do can ever be enough to honor these brave men and women.

In the United States, Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that it be celebrated on November 11, the day on which the Armistice that ended World War 1 was signed. The day is a federal holiday, and 2011 was the 92nd anniversary of the event.

Many leaders over time have paid tribute to our veterans. A few of the most memorable quotes include the following:

G.K. Chesterton, writer and philosopher, who created one of the most appropriate Veterans Day quotes about the meaning of courage: "Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die."

President John F. Kennedy took note of living one's words: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Former Georgia Senator and Governor Zell Miller had a stirring speech about the sacrifice of

soldiers: "For it has been said so truthfully that it is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the agitator, who has given us the freedom to protest. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, serves beneath the flag, whose coffin is draped by the flag, who gives that protester the freedom to abuse and burn that flag."

And many veterans continue to serve in the form of volunteerism, volunteering at hospitals, schools, food pantries, and in other community organizations. There are several Keetoowah Cherokee Veterans that continue to serve their people. One group of such individuals is the Keetoowah Cherokee Veterans Honor Guard.

These men and women present and post our colors, and they are all qualified to carry these flags with pride. All of our Honor Guard personnel have served in the military, many of them serving in the war in Vietnam. How they got started and what they have done since is an interesting story.

In May, 2010, Keetoowah Cherokee Honor Guard Commander Norman "Hominy" Littledave and his late wife and former Tribal Secretary Liz continued on page 5

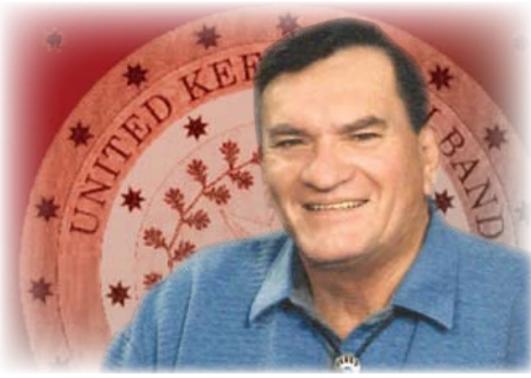


*The Honor Guard of the United Keetoowah Band are, front row, left to right, Jacob Littledave, Marine Corp veteran and three time Purple Heart recipient; and Adjutant Norman "Hominy" Littledave, Air Force veteran. Back row, left to right, Monica Potter, Navy veteran; Thomas Pumpkin Sr., Air Force veteran; Daniel Houston, Marine Corps veteran; John Stayathome, Army veteran; and J. C. Wilson, Marine Corps veteran. Photo by Thomas Jordan*

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



Dear Tribal Members,

In a booklet entitled "American Indians and their Federal Relationship," created by Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the early 1970's, it was stated: "While this booklet does not include the names of all Indian tribes, band, or groups, it does list all of those for which the Bureau of Indian Affairs has definite responsibilities."

During the past few months, I have shared segments of this booklet that reinforce the fact that the UKB (organized by the OIWA) was recognized as a tribe and considered in many instances, to have more rights than the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

### CASE LAW IMPACTING THE STATUS OF THE UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND OF CHEROKEES IN OKLAHOMA

As one form of the supreme law of the land, court cases have done much to explain the boundaries of Indian law and either limit or boardered specific powers. The Cherokee Nation was, if not the first, one of the first Indian political entities to bring actions to the courts for the protection of tribal rights. In fact, the cornerstone of Indian law is based on John Marshall's rulings in what have become known as "the Cherokee Cases."

Many Indian law cases have become mainly of historical interest due to Congressional right to legislate changes. A good example of this is the result of Worcester v. Georgia, 31 U.S. 515 (1832), in which the court concluded that the tribe was a "distinct community, occupying its own territory,

in which [state laws] can have no force." As most people know, with the advent of P.L. 280 and the case of Olipahant v. Suquamish Indian Tribe, 435 U.S. 191 (1978), the effect of tribal law within the tribal territory has been seriously eroded.

The cases reviewed in this section, a copy of which may be found in the document section, are those which express concepts that in some way impact the existence of the United Keetoowah Band. This report, in general, does not deal with those cases that do not specifically relate to the Cherokee Nation or Keetoowah status. The reviews herein are very basic and only touch on those parts which may be viewed as impacting the status of the Keetoowahs or being of specific historical value.

#### Cherokee Nation v. Georgia 30 U.S. 1 (1831)

The case was brought by the Cherokee Nation to prevent the execution and enforcement of the laws of Georgia within the Cherokee territory. Marshall determined that the Cherokee no standing under the Constitution to bring the action. He determined that they were not a foreign state, but domestic dependent nations under a state of pupilage. He related their existence to the relationship of ward to guardian.

#### Worcester v. Georgia 31 U.S. 515 (1832)

This case was brought in the U.S. Supreme Court on an appeal from convictions in the Georgia court. The convictions and sentences were based on violation of a Georgia law which required non-Indians residing in Cherokee Territory to obtain a license for the state governor. The court reversed the convictions stating:

The Cherokee Nation, then, is a distinct community, occupying its own territory, with boundaries accurately described, in which the laws of Georgia can have no force...

In the case, Marshall thoroughly reviewed Cherokee Treaties in order to reach his decision. The case is the foundation upon which the tribes of today continue to exist with minimal state interference.

#### U.S. v. Rogers 45 U.S. 567 (1846)

U.S. v. Rogers was brought by a non-Indian who was charged with killing another non-Indian within the territory of the Cherokee. Both persons were legally considered to be citizens of the Cherokee Nation. Rogers alleged that the U.S. had no jurisdiction over a crime committed by a tribal citizen against another tribal citizen. The case was

predicated on the "enclaves Act" which states:

That so much of the laws of the United States as provide for the punishment of crimes committed within any place within the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, shall be enforced in the Indian country; provided, the same shall not extend to crimes committed by one Indian against the person or property of another Indian.

The Court specifically held that jurisdiction within the U.S. courts was proper saying: "This exception does not embrace the case of a white man who, at mature age, is adopted into an Indian tribe. He is not an 'Indian' within the meaning of the law." The Court applied provisions of the Treaty of New Echota which required that Cherokee laws be not inconsistent with the laws of the United States.

This case is relevant to today's situation as the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma includes members who are descended from non-Indians. While it is clear that tribes have the right to determine their own membership; where U.S. law relates specifically to Indians, non-Indian citizens are not to be considered to be Indians.

#### United States v. Old Settlers 148 U.S. 427 (1893)

This case was that which laid to rest the Old Settler claims in which they argued that they possessed sole, exclusive right to ownership of the western territory. In their claim they stated that the treaty of 1946, where they quit-claimed any sole interest, was signed with reservations. The Court determined that they had no right, without express consent of Congress, to go behind the terms of the treaty. When there is a conflict between the treaties and subsequent acts of congress, the acts of congress prevails.

The Court stated: "The 'Old Settlers' or Western Cherokees, are not a governmental body

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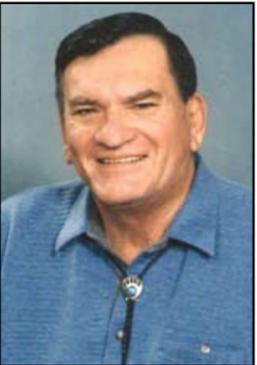
### UKB Tribal Offices Closed November 23, 24 and 25

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 23, 24 and 25, in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday. Offices will re-open on Monday, November 28.

## UKB November 2011 Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

- Nov. 5 UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.  
UKB Community Services Building
- Nov. 10 Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Sallisaw Satellite Office
- Nov. 10 Illinois District Meeting  
Vian Satellite Office, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Delaware District Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Oak Hill Community Building
- Nov. 18 Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Jim Proctor Elder Center, Tahlequah

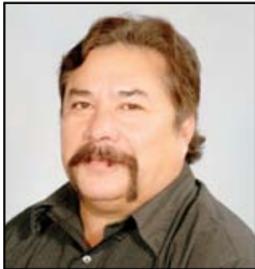
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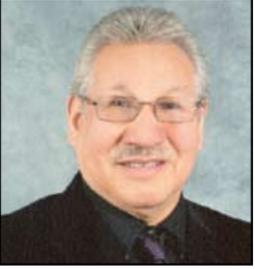
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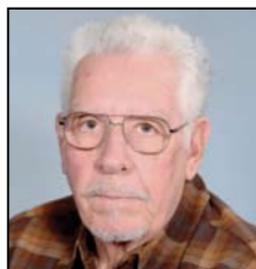
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# Celebration Success, Drug Treatment Center Success topics at October Council Meeting

United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe announced to the council, during the October 8, tribal council meeting, how pleased he was with the success of the 61st Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. He praised tribal employees for all their hard work and dedication to the celebration. "This celebration was expanded out more this year and the stomp dance was good. The sounds that I heard was what I used to hear in Kenwood at the Pete Wolf Hollow stomp ground. This was our religion, way before Christianity was introduced. I am glad that we have carried on our religion," stated Chief Wickliffe.

"We want to thank Chief Wickliffe and the council for their hospitality and friendliness toward us during our visit this weekend, and we also want to thank Mr. Joe Byrd and his staff for their hard work and to let them know they are doing a great job," said Sonny Owl from North Carolina. Another comment was from Mr. Pete Kingfisher from Seattle, Washington, who stated, "Your celebration has really grown and I really enjoy coming here to see old friends and family."

Approximately 12,000 people attended this year's Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. This year, the powwow extended its dance to two nights with the stomp dance moving to Saturday night. The Choctaw Nation stickball team participated in this year's event by playing a Man on Man stickball game. For the first time in several years, buffalo meat was served with hog fry during UKB's free celebration meal.

Chief Wickliffe also informed the council on the recommendation of Secretary of Interior Larry Echo Hawk that a Corporate Charter Board be established to supersede the business portion of the UKB Economic Development Authority.

In other business, Chief Wickliffe announced that the Tulsa UKB Drug Treatment Center received an excellent rating by the Oklahoma State Narcotics Bureau, citing the treatment as a role model for all other Drug Treatment Centers in the state of Oklahoma. The Bureau was quoted saying, "This is how a treatment center should be run."

Assistant Chief Locust added that the UKB Treatment Center has been in operation for several years and each month it grows. He also told the council in the state of Oklahoma there are three drug treatment centers and the company the UKB associates with owns all three, one in Oklahoma City, one in Quapaw and of course the one in Tulsa ran by the UKB.

"The facility in Oklahoma City was owned by the Quapaw, but what happened was the Quapaw had no jurisdiction on that facility so they had to sell it. The Absentee Shawnee received approval by their council to purchase the facility and they modeled their facility after our Drug Treatment Center in Tulsa," stated Assistant Chief Locust.

The Tulsa UKB Drug Treatment Center was acknowledged for being one of the top notched facilities in the country and the State



UKB Tribal Treasurer Ella Mae Worley holds up a Housing Department Mortgage Assistance Program guide for the tribe, requesting the council to approve by vote for the Housing Committee to proceed on updating the Mortgage Assistance policies. Photo by Sammy Still

Narcotics Bureau is using it as a spotlight feature where they can go and inform people this is the way a treatment center should be ran. "The Absentee Shawnee is now duplicating what we are doing now in our treatment facility. This is a good compliment the Keetoowah Cherokee is receiving from other tribes," added Locust.

Continuing in tribal business, Ella Mae Worley introduced to the council for approval to update the tribe's Housing Authority assistance program. "The tribe has met two times with the Housing Urban and Development (HUD) reviewing all types of housing applications.

We were told our assistance program was in bad need of an overhaul, there is work to be done to update or program," stated Worley. HUD notified the tribe has 30 days to update the tribe's policy procedures before their next review. "We are on a time dated review and need the approval today from the council to begin work on this update," added Worley.

"The policy directed toward our housing assistance program deals with what has happened in the past where there might have been some discrepancies in our housing program. We have to modify these problems and make sure these discrepancies won't happen again in the future," added Assistant Chief Locust.

A motion was made and seconded, voted by the council. Motion passed giving the Housing Committee the approval to immediately begin the updates.

In a presentation to the Council, James Thomas Campbell, great nephew of former Chief Rev. Jim Pickup, addressed the council by giving a brief history of former UKB Chief Pickup. Mr. Campbell also brought along some documents and photos from Rev. Pickup's term as Chief.

Rev. Pickup served as UKB Chief from 1946 to 1954 until his death. Mr. Campbell pre-

sented to the tribe an original law book on which the Cherokees based their laws against the United States Government for additional money owed to them for the Western Outlet.

Along with the law book, Campbell also presented several old photos of Rev. Jim Pickup and the original photo of the Keetoowah Night-hawks. Mr. Campbell donated all these documents and photos to the United Keetoowah Band to placed into the John Hair Museum and Cultural Center.

In public forum, Albert Shade addressed the council thanking them of the recent award presented to him for "Tradition Keeper" and for the successful cornstalk shoot event during the 61st Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration.

A resolution was introduced in new business to the council for discussion to approve or disapprove the re-appointment of two tribal judges to the Tribal Court due to expired terms.

Tribal Attorney General Ken Bellmard informed the council the re-appointment of two appellate judges that they have expressed an interest in continuing in their judicial positions; those two judges are John Garrett and Lynn Burris.

The other three remaining seats will be appointed after tribal council has had an opportunity to review applications and resumes of interested parties for the remaining three seats.

A motion was made and seconded for a vote to re-appoint judges Garrett and Burris. Motion carried and the council voted to approve the re-appointments.

The next UKB tribal council meeting will be November 5, at 10 a.m. in the UKB Community Services building conference room.

by Sammy Still  
Gaduwa News Editor and Media Director

## United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians Elder Assistance Program Winter 2011 November 7– December 16, 2011

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians is pleased to announce the Elder Assistance Program. Applications may be picked up at any tribal or satellite office or your Dist Rep. Beginning on November 7, 2011. Completed applications are to be turned in by fax, mail, or direct delivery to the Tribal Enrollment Office located at 18263 W. Keetoowah Circle in Tahlequah, Ok. Fax (918) – 453 – 9345

### Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an **exclusive** member of the United Keetoowah Band between the ages of 55-64 and been a member for 1 year.
- You must have an updated enrollment form and a completed Elderly Assistance Program form on file with the Enrollment Office.
- Exclusive members 65 and older immediately qualify for the assistance after Council approval of new enrollees.
- All eligible members in a household will receive the Elderly Assistance.

### Additional information

- Applications for November 2011 will be accepted from November 7<sup>th</sup> until **NOON** on November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Applications for December will be accepted until **NOON** on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The last day for accepting applications is **NOON** on December 16<sup>th</sup>. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- No applications will be accepted on the weekend or when Tribal offices are closed.

### Procedure for applications and check disbursement

- Assistance checks for November applicants will be mailed on November 29<sup>th</sup>. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- Assistance checks for December applicants will be mailed on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- December 20, 2011 will be the last day for Winter 2011 check disbursement. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

If you have any questions about receiving your check, call:  
Tribal Accounting Department  
918-453-9162

## The 7th Annual Indian/White Man Thanksgiving Dinner

The 7th Annual Indian/White Man Thanksgiving Dinner is taking place Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Gravelle Arkansas Civic Center.

The traditional meal starts at noon and attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to supplement the turkey, dressing and dessert provided.

Along with the meal, traditional crafts makers demonstrate how to make items such as baskets, bows and cornhusk dolls.



For more information call 479-787-1044

November 2011 Elder Assistance Calendar						
November 2011						
Applications for November will be accepted from November 7th until noon on November 29th. No applications will be accepted on weekends or when Tribal Offices are closed.						
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27	28	29	30			
	★	★ UNTIL NOON November Checks Mailed	★		Assistance checks for November applicants will be mailed to applicants on November 29, 2011!	

## UKB begins process to house its tribal transit service

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the names of the recipients of the Indian Community Development Block Grant during September.

According to a HUD press release, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan said, "these funds will help American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments create sustainable and community-driven solutions. Housing and infrastructure needs in Indian Country are severe and widespread. I'm inspired by the work the tribal communities are taking on to leverage these funds and get their communities on the right track."

The UKB is receiving \$800,000 out of the \$52 million awarded to tribes and is one of 13 tribes in Oklahoma to receive the grant. The tribe is planning on using the grant to build a 3,500-square foot Tribal Transit Facility to house the two buses and the van the tribe already owns and operates, plus the dispatcher, drivers and administrators. The building site is the two acres on the southeast corner of the UKB complex area.

Rick Glory, roads and transportation director, said the building allows the vehicles be stationed in a secure environment in addition to giving transit employees a facility to maintain the buses out of the weather. The building, also, allows for the expansion of services as more vehicles are purchased.

Felicia Hadley, assistant transportation director, said the tribe is working on a federal transit grant right now to purchase additional vehicles and hire more people.

Even before expansions to the program are brought about, the project maintains three jobs in the forms of the dispatcher and the two drivers. It also brings about much needed opportunities for the community.

According to the HUD application, the proposed project will benefit the neediest segment of the population by providing transportation, offering members an increased chance of gaining employment and education through reliable transportation.

Alongside employment are the potential health benefits gained from accessible transportation.

According to the HUD application, health, elder and childcare departments anticipate a dramatic increase in their numbers served because clients who have been unable to access services due to lack of transportation now have a way to access services they need.

"The program is meeting some important needs, such as transporting members to doctor appointments, dialysis appointments, grocery shopping, etc.," said Charles Locust, assistant chief. "These are very important when you are without a vehicle. This has become a very useful program and benefit for a lot of our tribal members. We look forward to seeing it expand into all fourteen counties. We want this benefit to be utilized by all of our members throughout our jurisdiction."

By providing this service the tribe advances itself through its members by easing the burden placed on them by high transportation costs.

According to the HUD application, the transit facility advances the sustainability of UKB communities by reducing the proportion of residents who have a combined housing and transportation cost burden of 45 percent or more of their average household income. Plus, mass transportation reduces greenhouse gas emissions and enables the tribe to fulfill its cultural duty of being protector of mother earth.

"While the money for the project is here, the actual building is around two years from being a reality," said Hadley.

Hadley said this time frame includes everything from environmental studies, selecting an architect, the bidding and selection of contractor, and finally, the construction of the facility itself, which usually takes approximately nine months.

by Thomas Jordan

UKB writer and photographer

## Basket Making Classes on Tap in Oakhill, Stilwell and Sallisaw

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will host three free cultural workshops during the month of November. Basket making will be the craft presented. All materials will be provided and the workshop is open to all ages.

The basket making classes will be held on Tuesday, November 8 at the Oakhill Community Building, on Tuesday, November 15 at the Stilwell UKB Satellite Office, and on Tuesday, November 22 at the Sallisaw UKB Satellite Office. All classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m.

For more information on the cultural presentations, contact Choogie Kingfisher or Cindy Hair at (918) 456-8698.

## Stomp Dance Set for November 11

Tahlequah, Okla. -- On Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, the UKB Cultural Department will be hosting a dinner and stomp dance at the UKB Stomp Grounds located on the UKB Celebration Grounds. In case of inclement weather, the dance will be held in the UKB Wellness Center.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will start at 9 p.m.

For more information you can call Choogie Kingfisher or Cindy Hair at 918-772-4372.

## Keetoowah Cherokee clinic helps addicts break the habit

For addicts of opiate based drugs, breaking the habit is difficult and almost impossible to accomplish without dedicated help. Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services operates a Methadone clinic in Tulsa offering this help.

The clinic provides outpatient services in two parts to anyone who wants treatment (tribal or not).

The first part is getting the patient admitted to detox and getting their Methadone dosage stabilized. Along with Methadone treatment, the patient goes through counseling to help them develop an environment conducive to sobriety and healthy living.

The second part of the program comes after the initial 90 to 180 days of Methadone treatment and the patient makes the decision to continue treatment and counseling. During this part of the treatment, the patient can receive assistance with additional addictions such as alcohol and expand counseling.

"If an individual really needs help for an addiction, then this is the program for them," said Tom Ashley, clinical director. "It's not easy. It requires counseling and treatment. If you want help, this is the program for you."

Ashley said the clinic is highly regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and others.

Through consumer feedback and audits, Ashley said the Tulsa clinic receives above average ratings and is one of the top three Methadone clinics in the state.

The clinic is treating approximately 200 patients at any given time.

The clinic was established Dec. 7, 2007 through an agreement with the UKB Economic Development Authority and Indian Country Ventures LLC.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust asked the EDA to look into a drug treatment center as it had been successful for another tribe in northeastern Oklahoma.

"From a business perspective and after all the due diligence, this business made sense," said Rod Fourkiller, EDA chairperson and Keetoowah Cherokee Casino general manager. "From the onset, we developed a great team to manage the clinic and it has been a success for all those involved. We are truly here for all."

In fact, the clinic is so successful it funds the EDA throughout the year.

The clinic is located at 2727 S. Admiral Pl., Tulsa, OK 74110 on the north side of 244 at the Delaware exit. For more information, call 1-877-341-3017.

## Keetoowah Cherokee Elder Dora Grayson Retires

The Gaduwa Cherokee News staff salutes tribal elder Dora Grayson, who recently retired from her job at the United Keetoowah Band Title VI Nutrition Program.

The day she retired, the Title VI nutrition staff bought a cake and flowers in appreciation for her contributions. Elders too numerous to count thanked her and wished her the best in the future, but added that she would be greatly missed.

"Dora was great. She would help anytime we were shorthanded. She was very helpful. Everyone really likes her. Anything we had going on, she was willing to help," said Rebecca Dreadfulwater, UKB Title VI Nutrition Caregiver Coordinator.

When this writer thinks of Dora, I think of a person who is beautiful, inside and out, a true lady and a living example of grace and excellence. She is a person that always left just about any situation better; just because she was there.

Back when Dora Grayson was a young girl, she became a girl scout, and apparently she took her pledge seriously. The pledge is "On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law."

It's likely that Mrs. Grayson would have still been the helpful and wonderful person she is today with out living by the Girl Scout Law, but it certainly holds true for all who know her.

### Girl Scout Law

*I will do my best to be*

*Honest and fair;*

*Friendly and helpful,*

*Considerate and caring,  
Courageous and strong, and  
Responsible for what I say and do,  
And to*

*respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.*

Undoubtedly, Dora Grayson has made the world a better place. She has a history of volunteering that is quite remarkable. A few of the places she has volunteered include the Muskogee Regional Medical Center, where she has volunteered her service since 1960. She has also volunteered with the Red Cross, helping disperse clothing vouchers and hot meals to Katrina victims at Camp Gruber.

Other organizations where she has volunteered her services to Women In Safe Homes (WISH) Foundation, the Cherokee Heritage Center, and the Five Civilized Tribes Museum when called upon.

Dora is the only remaining living member of the Da-Co-Tah Indian Club. The Da-Co-Tah Indian Club was instrumental in making the Five Civilized Tribes Museum a reality with the aide of community leaders and town's people. After thirteen years of planning and preparing, the Five Civilized Tribes Museum opened on April 16, 1966, and is still open today.

Dora is also a member of the Cherokee Baptist Choir under the direction of D. J. McCarter. So while Dora may have retired from her



A retirement reception was held for Dora Grayson recently at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center Title VI program. Grayson was the Elder Greeter at the center, she was honored with a card signed by employees wishing her best of luck and received a lovely plant from Title VI Coordinator, Rebecca Dreadfulwater. Photo by Thomas Jordan

part time job at the UKB Title VI program, we are sure she will be busy—doing what she does so well—helping others.

By Marilyn Craig

UKB Media Specialist

## Keetoowah Cherokee Veterans Honor Guard cont. from page 1

Littledave had a dream to put the honor guard together.

The tribe had utilized the UKB tribal police or Lighthorse staff members in the past for special events and parades, but Lighthorse was over-extended and sometimes had a hard time providing vehicle escorts, security and a color guard at the same time.

The Littledaves wanted to put together a group that was made up 100% of veterans. Hominy and his cousin, Jacob Littledave – a three time Purple Heart recipient, began to fine tune the idea and then took it to Chief George Wickliffe to get his input. The Chief liked the idea and told the pair to bring the proposal before the council for approval. When the idea was presented, the council liked the idea. The next step was to get funding for uniforms, travel and occasional overnight stays.

As soon as the Honor Guard got approval, the group began practicing and meeting two days a week for two to three hours per day. This was in the summer, and despite high temperatures, they marched to get in shape and to get in step and perfect their timing. They also adopted an official logo for their uniforms.

In August, 2010, the group officially became the Original United Keetoowah Veterans Honor Guard. Led by Commander Norman "Hominy" Littledave, other members of the original group included Jacob Littledave, carrying the guidon with the names of the thirteen Keetoowah Cherokee Chiefs; John Stayathome carrying the Keetoowah Cherokee flag; Dan Houston, Jr. carrying the POW flag; Tom Pumpkin carrying the U.S. flag, Monica Potter and J.C. Wilson carrying the rifles. A few months down the road, Potter had to leave the group and Debra Wilson was recruited in her place.

On September 11, 2010, the group did their first flag presentation at a Muskogee High School Board meeting. Less than a week later, they posted colors for the Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Pageant at the Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center.

Hominy said, "Liz got to see us post the colors at the Miss Keetoowah Pageant and she was so proud." This was especially poignant because Mrs. Littledave fell ill and passed away the following month.

On October 2, the Saturday of the 60th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration, the honor guard presented the flags at the parade, posted colors at the Chief's State of the Nation Address, and presented colors at Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Powwow.

In a recent article Assistant Chief Charles Locust said, "Mr. Littledave has placed pride back with our UKB Veterans and members" by creating the Honor Guard.

Watching the group march is impressive. They are so professional, in step and polished that all Keetoowahs can take pride in them. It is obvious that all the practice the group did during those hot summer months have paid off.

During the first year, the group averaged two or three engagements per month, sometimes performing several events per day. Their busiest months so far have been September, October and

November.

Some of the events where the group has appeared include Veteran's Day celebrations and parades, flag ceremonies, numerous Powwows, Red Earth, Christmas parades, Inaugurations and for Native American organizations such as the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association and the Society for American Indian Government employees.

In September, the group participated in Cherokee National Holiday and was a part of the Flag Raising Ceremony with the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Color Guards and was a part of the Powwow Grand Entry on Friday and Saturday nights. The following week, they posted colors at the Keetoowah Cherokee Miss and Junior Miss Keetoowah Pageant.

On the 30th, the Keetoowah Cherokee Veteran's Honor Guard presented colors at the Powwow and the following day, marched downtown at 61st Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration parade and posted colors under the pavilion for the Chief's State of Nation Address.

As the Gaduwa Cherokee News goes to press this month, the Keetoowah Cherokee Honor Guard is practicing with the Cherokee Nation Honor Guard to present colors together at the inauguration of Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Chief Bill John Baker.

"It is great to have the support of both chiefs, and to put our differences aside and become one as we did when we were in the service," said Littledave.

Littledave, for his part in conceiving the idea and making it happen, was presented a plaque from the group that stated "his dreams are coming true." But Littledave is not content to rest on his laurels; he and the group just want to continue their work.

Whatever they do, and wherever they go, the honor guard will do the UKB tribe and all veterans proud.

By Marilyn Craig  
UKB Media Specialist



United Keetoowah Band Tribal Secretary, Joyce Hawk, center, posed with UKB Maintenance department recently. The Maintenance department did an outstanding job taking care of the Keetoowah Cherokee grounds and maintenance of tribal buildings in preparation for the 61st Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. Pictured left to right are, Luther Stopp, Volunteer; Jim Stopp, Maintenance Director; Jerrid Foreman, Chris Stopp, Ryan Jumper, Tribal Secretary Joyce Hawk, Jacob Foreman, Adam Chuculate, and Weylin Thompson. Photo by Marilyn Craig

## Miss Keetoowah Cherokee

Kristy Feather Daugherty



### O-SI-YO NI-GA-DA!

My name is Kristy Feather Daugherty, your recently crowned Miss Keetoowah-Cherokee 2011-2012. I would just like to take this time to say that I am very excited for the upcoming year. I look forward to representing the Keetoowah people at various functions, as well as sharing my knowledge of the Keetoowah with others, and learning even more about our people.

I take great pride in being a Keetoowah-Cherokee Indian, as I hope you do too. For that reason, I urge each and every one of you to be more aware of the choices you make. I know sometimes the temptations present can be overwhelming but think about your family. Would your decision be something they would be proud of? The choices you make are a reflection of who you are as a person, your family and your tribe.

Think before you act. Sounds simple, but is it really when temptations are near? The best thing to do is walk away, even if your peers do not think you are cool. At least you can say you had the courage to say "NO" and have more confidence in knowing you are doing the right thing.

In closing, thank you to everyone who has been supportive and had encouraging words to say. I would also like to thank my family, friends and adoptive families for their contributions as well. Without you, I would not have had the guts to experience things that have influenced me to be a great friend and role model. To the United Keetoowah Band, I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving and safe travels!

WA-DO!

## From The Chief

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politic, nor do they have a corporate existence, not any capacity to act collectively." While the case legally ended the issue, the facts behind the signing of the 1846 treaty tend to invalidate the decision of the Court. It must be remembered that:

- 1) The Old Settlers were outnumbered 2 to 1; and
- 2) There is a question of whether or not the "Old Settler delegation" had authority to sign the treaty.

### Cherokee Nation v. Journeycake

155 U.S. 196 (1894)

This case concerned the status of the Delaware Indians who had been "incorporated into the Cherokee Tribe." While the decision of the Court basically was that the Delaware were members and citizens of the Cherokee Nation and were entitled to equal rights in the lands of the Nation; as far as the Keetoowah are concerned, the case specifically indicates that there was no purchase of a distinct body of land within the Cherokee Territory by the Delaware Tribe. The land was taken by individual Delaware's and the land remained within the Cherokee jurisdiction.

This case is important to the dispute existing between the UKB and the Delaware. In order to possess taxing jurisdiction, a tribe must have jurisdiction over some "Indian Country". This case states that the Delaware Tribe did not receive any land as a tribe, but that land was taken by individuals as part of the Cherokee Nation.

### Indian Claims Cases

Old Settler and Emigrant v U.S. 1 Ind. Cl. Comm. 1  
Old Settler v. U.S. 1 Ind. Cl. Comm. 165

Old Settler v. U.S. 1 Ind. Cl. Comm. 394

These cases are included in the document section due to their overview of the history and treaty relations of the Western or Old Settlers.

### Groundhog v. Keeler

442 F.2nd 674 (1971)

The decision in this case has no applicability today as it related to presidential appointment of the Cherokee. However, the case does explain how the federal government may deal with blood quantum. It clearly does indicate that the Constitution applies to Indian nations only to the extent it expressly binds them or is made applicable to them through operation of treaty or statute.

Interestingly enough, this case missed several treaty provisions which specifically applied the Constitution of the U.S. to the actions of the Cherokee Nation.

### Harjo v. Kleppe

420 Fed Supp 1110 (1972)

This case relates to a conflict between members of the Creek Nation and the BIA in relation to failure of the BIA to recognize the Creek National Council. The following concepts from the case relate specifically to the United Keetoowah Band:

1. The Federal court will have jurisdiction over an issue which alleges that the Secretary of the Interior had acted unlawfully in refusing to permit a tribal legislative body to participate in the determination of uses of tribal funds. With the Keetoowah, while the facts are different, the argument relating to the 638 funding is basically the same.
2. The Creek Tribal towns were found not to be affected by the operation of the Suit since their federal relationship under the OIWA is independent

to their role within the Creek Nation.

3. The court held that the Creek National government survived the statutory Provisions for dissolution of the government and that the 1867 constitution remained intact. [by implication, the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma's vote to replace the 1939 constitution by the 1975 did alter or terminate the old Government that would otherwise have continued.]

### Harjo v. Andrus

581 F.2nd 949 (1978)

This case affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Harjo v. Kleppe, 420 F.Supp 1110.

### Logan v. Andrus

457 F.Supp 1318 (1978)

This was a case by the Osage claiming that the Secretary of the Interior impermissibly acted when it usurped Congressional powers by purporting to abolish the government of the Osage Nation.

The court clearly stated that while Congress possesses plenary power to limit, modify or eliminate powers of self government; such rights and sovereign powers continue to exist absent Congressional action. Further, the court said that an administrative official cannot exercise legislative power under the guise of regulation.

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## Jonathan Cooper Obituary

### Jonathan Edward Cooper

November 8th, 1984

~

October 7th, 2011

A Memorial Service was held at First United Methodist Church of Claremore on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Interment was held at a later date in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Jonathan (Sanders) Cooper was born on November 8, 1984 in Landstuhl, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany. He was raised in his younger years by his father, Jonathan Sanders and his grandmother, Darlene Sanders.

In 1996 Jonathan was featured on A Waiting Child. A few months later he came to live with Sheila (Cooper) Urbonas. Jonathan was adopted on April 29, 1997 and officially became big brother to Ethan and Bailey Cooper.

Jonathan attended Claremore Schools at Central Upper Elementary, Will Rogers Junior High, and Claremore High School. He graduated in 2003. Jonathan was employed by the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino as a security guard.

On September 27, 2004 Jonathan was blessed with a daughter. Jace Rian Cooper brought him tremendous joy! Jonathan enjoyed watching Jace play t-ball, along with going to movies and swimming together.

## Liz Littledave Memorial

A memorial was held for former United Keetoowah Band tribal secretary, Liz Littledave, on Friday, Oct. 14, in the UKB Community Services conference room. Tribal secretary Joyce Hawk and enrollment staff held the memorial tribute for Littledave for her dedication and love for the tribe. "This is just a little remembrance from me to Liz. I feel that she is still with us even though she is not here," stated Hawk.

The memorial was attended by Littledave's husband, Norman "Hominy" Littledave, staff members, family, and friends and by Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust. The conference room was decorated with photo albums, flowers and photographs depicting the many years of travel and singing engagements as a member of the Melody-aires and her service to the UKB tribe. A slide show with a melody was also shown in her honor.

"I knew Liz back in the days my mommy and them [Melody-aires] sang, that's where I got to know her, she was a great lady," said Hawk.

"Liz worked until the last day of her life, she was really devoted. She believed in what the tribe was doing. Liz was convinced when we first got the decision on the land in trust from Carl Artman, she believed that it was going to happen; she believed it until her last day. When she got sick the last time she came in and told me that it was a different kind of sickness, I told her she would get over it like she always had. It was on a Friday evening, she attended the Gospel singing at our Celebration and right after the event she was admitted into the hospital. She was a devoted lady," Chief Wickliffe told the guests.

Littledave served as an elected official for the United Keetoowah Band for five years. She was elected as tribal secretary in 2004, took office on January 2005, was re-elected in 2008 and served as tribal secretary until her death.

"I liked working with Liz, she had integrity, and she stood for what she believed in. She was a strong advocate for the UKB tribe; Liz would fight for her people no matter what. She was very strong in her belief, which made us strong, I know she made me stronger, she was my confidant. We

worked close together, Liz knew we were going to reach our goal and she believed it. I know she's smiling right now. Liz taught us a lot, she was a good woman," added Assistant Chief Locust.

"I just want to say it was a blessing to work with her...she always called us "her girls". She always stood up for us no matter what; she was always there for us, whether if it was for work or personal, her door was always open. If we have a problem today, we look at her picture, she gives us guidance when we see that smile," said Amanda Stopp.

Many tears were shed in remembrance of Liz Littledave. Her dedication and her friendship to so many was shown by the love of her friends, family and fellow workers. She is greatly missed, but her smile still shines on the UKB and her people.



Liz Littledave

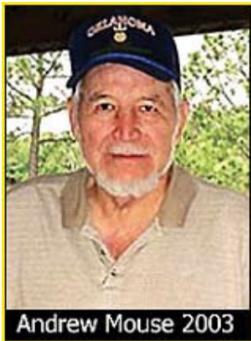
### THANK YOU....

*Our family, was, once, again, reminded of what a kind & thoughtful people the UKB are. On Friday, Oct. 14th, a remembrance celebration was held for our beloved wife & Momma, Liz Littledave. It's hard to believe it's been a year, since she went on to be with the Lord. We, the family, are making it through with the prayers & support of all the special people in our lives. The legacy, Liz, left us with must, still, go on and we're doing our best to make her proud. Thank you, Chief George Wickliffe & Assistant Chief Charlie Locust. A special, thank you, to Joyce Hawk, Amanda Stopp, Georgia Mauldin, & Jessica MacDonald. To all the employees of the UKB, we, thank you, so, much. We love you. God bless.*

*The Family of Liz Littledave*

## Andrew Mouse Memorial

Andrew Mouse, 78, of Walterboro South Carolina died Friday, January 7, 2011 at Veteran's Victory House, Walterboro. Andrew was born March 10, 1932 in Jay, Oklahoma. He was the son of the late Hominy Mouse and Sallie O'Field Mouse.



Andrew Mouse 2003

Andrew Mouse is survived by his devoted wife Bobbie Smith-Mouse, son Gerald, daughter-in law Kim and grandson Joshua Mouse. Andrew was an alumnus of Sequoyah Vocational School. He proudly served in the United States Army for 19 years. His military career included two tours in Korea. He was the captain of the Army football team where he led the Berlin Bears to victory in front of a crowd of 80,000 people. He retired from the military service as a Masters Sergeant. Andrew Mouse worked as a supervisor for many years at Union Steele Company in Dallas TX.

A memorial service was held in honor of Andrew Mouse at Steely Baptist Church, in Eucha, Oklahoma, on October 15, 2011 at 2pm. Reverend Richard Soldier officiated. The Keetoowah Cherokee Children's Choir performed at the memorial. Interment followed the service at Round Springs Cemetery.

## Thank you note

The Reverend John and Linda Goodrich thank Mickey Spears, UKB director of casino surveillance and Lighthouse, for going the extra mile.

While Linda was loading the groceries she bought at Reasor's one day, she placed her wallet on top of her car. In the process of loading and leaving, she forgot about her wallet lying on top of her car.

Later in the day, she noticed a white vehicle driving slow in her neighborhood and then pull into the driveway. Mickey knocked on the door and asked if Linda was missing something. He produced the wallet that she then identified as hers. All of her cash and credit cards, except for one card and her husband's driver's license, were accounted for.

Mickey said he found the wallet lying in the road near Tahlequah Lumber Co. He returned to the area and found the missing credit card and driver's license.

Linda said she is grateful Mickey went out of his way to return her wallet.

## Dr. Austin Ketcher Obituary

Dr. Austin Ketcher, the son of Robert E. Lee and Marvie Ellen (Brock) Ketcher, was born October 7, 1929 in Pensacola, Oklahoma and grew up in the Peavine Community north of Stilwell, Oklahoma. He married Nadine Carter on January 31, 1953. He departed this life on September 21, 2011 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma at the age of 81 years, 11 months and 14 days.

Austin graduated high school at Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas in 1946. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Northeastern State College in 1952, A Master of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1958, and a Doctorate of Education degree from OSU in 1982.

In 1948 at the age of eighteen, Austin began his thirty-nine year teaching career at Pilgrim's Rest in Adair County. He taught at East and West Peavine in Adair County, and served as principal at East Peavine. Later he taught at Stilwell High School and Broken Arrow High School. In 1965, Austin moved his family to Tahlequah and taught at Northeastern State University. He spent twenty-three and one half years as a chemistry professor at NSU, retiring in January 1988.

During his tenure at NSU, Austin was selected twice as one of thirty professors chosen nationwide to participate in the Summer Institute at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, a Department of Energy Research Center. The program was designed to better the quality of minority science education. He did nuclear research in the field of analytical chemistry.

Proud of his Cherokee heritage, Austin was actively involved in tribal affairs. He was a longtime member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma; serving as UKB Secretary, UKB Treasurer, and Chairman of the UKB Enterprise Board. He also served on the UKB Housing Authority, Gaming Board, Election Committee, and the Budget and Finance board.

Austin is preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Lennie Conley and Patsy Ketcher and his brother Bill Ketcher.

He is survived by a loving family which includes his wife of over 58 years, Nadine Ketcher; his daughters Valerie Zellner and husband Richard of Tahlequah, Natalie Batt of Tahlequah, Suzanne Miller and husband Russ of St. Louis, Missouri, and Melissa Parnell and husband James of Ft. Gibson; his sisters Lee Alma "Siso" Gillum of Bixby and Pixie Cain and husband Andrew of Stilwell; his grandchildren Sarah Batt Martin and husband Josh, Justin Batt, Lesley Presley and husband Chris, Amanda Zellner, Brandon Zellner, Rachel Miller, Austin Miller, Cale Parnell and Kirby Parnell; and his great grandchildren Gracie Presley and Carter Presley; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Renie Guinn, Madeline Price, Lloyd and Martha Carter, Forest and Euna Fern Carter and Hildegard Carter. Many nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive him.

## United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu November 2011



2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Menus are subject to change without notice. For more info call: 918-772-4380		1 Smothered Pork Chops w / Rice Green Beans, Hot Rolls Salad & Dessert	2 Brown Beans Grilled Potatoes Greens Fry Bread Salad & Dessert	3 Chicken Strips Scalloped Potatoes Baby Carrots Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	4 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00	5
6	7 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Broccoli, Biscuits Salad & Dessert	8 Frito Chile Casserole, Hominy Spanish Rice Jalapeno Muffins Salad & Dessert	9 BBQ Brisket on Bun, Baked Beans Baked Fries Corn on Cob Salad & Dessert	10 CLOSED	11 CLOSED Veterans Day Honoring All Who Served	12
13	14 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Baked Yellow Squash Garlic Toast Salad & Dessert	15 White Beans Grilled Potatoes Greens Combread Salad & Dessert	16 Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Hot Rolls Grilled Veggies Salad & Dessert	17 Chicken & Dumplings Green Beans Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	18 CLOSED	19
20	21 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Carrots Hot Rolls Salad & Dessert	22 Cultural Foods and November Birthdays	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26
27	28 Chicken Noodle Soup Broccoli Salad Texas Toast Banana Pudding	29 Roast Beef w/ Brown Gravy Potatoes & Carrots Hot Rolls w/butter Salad & Dessert	30 Goulash Green Beans Buttered Corn, Breadstick Salad & Dessert			Milk, Tea, Coffee & Water Served Daily During Lunch

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# UKB Regular September Council Meeting Minutes

## UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the UKB Community Services Building September 10, 2011 10:02 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

### II. Invocation: Cliff Wofford

### III. Roll Call: 11 + Chief answered Roll Call; Sacks absent at call

### IV. Chief's Address

- We, the UKB, have many things to look forward to; positive opportunity with the Trust Land, Self-Governance and the casino acreage.

- EchoHawk states the corporate charter we have puts us in a place to obtain business ventures as well as other funding for the tribe and to be able to serve the people. Statements are we are operating a casino that's not on Indian Land. All the 14 county area is "Indian Country," people are forgetting that is how it is identified, any part would be Indian land and it was when we opened the casino. Then there came to a point of regulation. We could only operate on Indian land and in 2000 we received a letter stating the reason for the letter. So at this time we are able to use our corporate charter.

- An amendment to the 2006 Trust application was hand delivered to EchoHawk and is now awaiting the answer at any time. So for one time we have an Assistant Secretary in the Dept. of Interior who is taking care of the Indian tribes. We really feel good about the answer we will receive at any time. Now on this corporate charter issue, there is a footnote #3 is where he talks about our corporate charter and by-laws. What we have done to be sure we follow the footnote and the meaning of it is we have our attorneys involved in the #3 footnote. We are preparing for final action to bring to Council in October what the attorneys have concluded about the meaning of the footnote. All the decisions by EchoHawk have taken a long time, but we have had victories with the outcome of the decision. We were able to obtain our HUD again.

- Because of the way we received our decision we have other tribes following our footsteps to obtain land in the same manner. We received new grant money a few days ago, great opportunity to receive more grants in the future.

HUD made a visit and we can sit down at the table and expect to be eligible for more funding through programs due to the decision. We have been neglected a long time and for the first time we have legal descriptions of the acreage which belongs to the "real Cherokees."

There is no doubt in my mind and no doubt in the people who made the decision for us that we are the "real Cherokees." So this is what our elders told us a long time ago. Elders worked hard and prayed for the administration and Council to work together and avoid controversy and be able to move the progress forward. Many elders have envisioned the standings of the tribe at this time.

The decision and visions of the tribe to be able to serve the people has only been possible through the prayers to God. Our people are still believers in God and very traditional which keeps our feet on the ground and always remember to put God first in anything we do.

It is a great time to be a Keetoowah Cherokee! So much is going to happen in growth of the UKB. Not only in funding, but construction of new buildings to better serve our people. The things we have learned and understand is because of the years it has taken to reach a point when we should have been 200 years ago. It is a process. The biggest thing for us is the settlement of the Arkansas Riverbed case. We were able to file a land claim in a timely manner. Made a visit with the settlement conference. Five years later, Judge White upheld the declaratory judgment and is still effective but I do believe the will, the fight and the spirit to obtain our trust land is being answered today.

1950 federal recognition and O.I.W.A. recognition. We will rejoice with great happiness on the progress and effort of the victory of trust land status.

Our corporate charter will be very active for our business. We are absolute sovereign. We have lawyers who worked hard and long hours to get these decisions, which produce positive progress for our tribe. We are friendly people and are watching to see the reality of us working together.

NOTE: After the meeting I will call on "Executive Session;" Bryan Shade has an issue to discuss with Council; therefore, let's continue the regular scheduled meeting.

Assistant Chief Locust: I would like to mention a few things that touch on comments made by the Chief. CNO difficulties and the outcome of things grant us the opportunity to contract services out. We are eligible to obtain other programs. Because of things we faced from the time we were elected, we are able to sit back and look at all the progress we have made. If everyone would look at where we are now, you will see how far we have come. We currently have things like self-governance, trust land and business opportunities in progress. Remember we need to protect the tribe for our youth and still need to accomplish things so the tribe can still be in a position to serve our people for many years to come.

Chief Wickliffe: Things were different upon being seated as Chief; our aim was to fix the problems that were left when we took office.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION;

### V. Approval of the minutes for the month of July 2011

1. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the Regular Council minutes of August 2011 with corrections; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Sacks: I do make a motion to approve minutes pending a review for accurate quote in the minutes which are recorded.

Dotson: The only thing is we have a corporate charter and by-laws along with the black book, if we would just follow these we will have no problems!

Chief Wickliffe: we continue to strive to do the best we can for the tribe.

### VI. Presentations -

#### 1. Betty Holcomb:

First time to see UKB mentioned in the newspaper on HUD grant approval for funding.

How is this going to be utilized?

Vice Chief Locust: Betty you approved the funding

and how it would be used once it was passed by Council.

Holcomb: I mentioned a tag issue we met on a few months ago and asked for results of the issue settlement.

Hawk: stated this issue was settled by legal answer; therefore, Ken Bellmard can present a copy to Council. Due to it being confidential.

#### 2. Barry Dotson:

I would like to talk about "Executive Session." According to Robert's Rules of Order "executive session" is for buying real estate, housing, etc. It is not for a gag order.

Chief Wickliffe: gag order is not in the Robert's Rules of Order. Let's continue the meeting at this time. Mr. Dotson you can discuss this in executive session.

Dotson: I would rather not. I would like the people to know what's going on here.

K. Bellmard: We had this discussion about this a long time ago. Council agreed to use Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline but did not adopt it. Executive session was/is used to be decided by Council on the issues they agree to be discussed by entering into executive session. For example:

- i. Legal strategies
- ii. Employment
- iii. Financials
- iv. Other strategies

K. Bellmard: The Council decides on the issues.

Dotson: I understand there has been a hiring of a Chief of Police. If this is true then the administration has violated the rules by not bringing this to Council; therefore, I make a motion to terminate (fire) him and not make a big issue of this matter. Bring it back to Council and do it right.

Chief Wickliffe: We are entering a personnel issue now.

K. Bellmard: Barry Dotson you are asking for legal conclusions now.

Chief Wickliffe: I'm not going to continue this discussion. This is a matter to be discussed at a different time.

Dotson: "The Chief with the advice and content of the Council by resolution shall appoint a person to be Chief of Police of Tribal Police Department." I'm going to say again if we just abide by the books we won't have any problems. I make a motion we take this back and redo it. I would like to have a second from somebody from Council if you set back and let this go down the drain you are making a mistake.

Hansen: We have to terminate this guy?

Chief Wickliffe: This position does not go into effect until October. He is an employee with the tribe at this time.

Worley: If I understand what Barry is stating, correct me if I'm wrong, I think he is saying Council should have been notified of the hiring of this position.

K. Bellmard: I think there is subtle distinction between police (as we use the term police) and what is in the book as Lighthorse.

Dotson: Lighthorse is not a police department, they are volunteers. Completely different from being stated as police. I cannot understand why administration does not bring these things forward and let the Council make these decisions.

Chief Wickliffe: Our lands in trust...with that in mind we need to have a Chief of Police.

Hansen: We do not need our enemy knowing any of our business. We are on the verge of great things! If it's a technicality let's fix it right here and continue to move forward. I would like to commend George Wickliffe and Charles Locust and Council, the lawyers, staff and others that have helped us. We should compromise and settle the small things and applaud the greater things we have yet to look forward to.

Chief Wickliffe: I would like to make a comment. The codes will require some changes but will be brought to Council for final approval. I understand some of the changes have required funding, then there was no funding to support. Now in the present there is funding to support training, education and allow us to have positions of employment. This is where grants, trust land status allows the tribe to be eligible for funding from many programs.

Chief Wickliffe: There have been communications with the Dept. of Interior and in discussion we comply with trust land language.

K. Bellmard: the issue in discussion about the Lighthorse is where the codes update take place. These codes will be reviewed by Council and the Lighthorse codes are included. Recommendation would be the codes must meet the regulations; therefore, they relate to the trust land and the 14 county jurisdiction.

#### LENGTHY DISCUSSION

K. Bellmard: stated to Council we could be in session all day on this issue, so a meeting is scheduled for next week. That may be the time for the discussion of the codes that relate to the item of Chief of Police.

NOTE: The previous motion by Mr. Dotson to terminate the Chief of Police died due to lack of a second.

Dotson: Sequoyah District people stated they are not receiving information until after the fact.

S. Still: there are newspapers placed in surrounding locations. Press releases in local papers but the Gaduwah News is a monthly issue where local is weekly.

Chief Wickliffe: each district is to have regular monthly meetings to inform the members of upcoming events and any important programs that will begin opening.

Hansen: I realize we have a great lady in our realty department. After having a positive visit, she stated she is up in her years and realizes that she may retire or something may happen but I would like to see us have a plan for a person(s) be trained by her on her knowledge of all areas of her expertise.

Sacks: I apologize to Council. I have a family member in an emergency situation and may have to leave the meeting at any moment.

Chief Wickliffe: We just need to be ready because when we get our Trust Land we will move so fast. We will be starting a new government year in October 1, 2011. Budget and Finance with Tribal Treasurer will ask approval of Council.

### VII. Reports to Council

#### 1. Codes: Ken Bellmard

Council does have codes here with them either on disk or in a binder.

#### 2. Don Ade:

Would like Council approval for an I.H.S. grant. We did not receive it last year and I'd like to apply for it again.

Hawk: The only changes necessary are the date and

resolution number.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve to submit an application to the Indian Health Service in the amount of \$70,000.00 for a tribal management grant; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

#### 3. Ella Mae Worley: FY 2012 Budget

Presented the FY 2012 budget for Council approval.

Assistant Chief Locust: I would like to bring your attention to a recent development, self-governance negotiations stated we (UKB) would be cut. But it is not the tribe's fault. We met all the eligibility requirements: therefore, Bryan Shade argued the facts and with his facts and arguments we were awarded the monies (\$300,000.00) we were entitled to.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the FY 2012 budget contingent upon a 30 day review with Budget and Finance committee approval; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

#### 4. Enrollment Report: Joyce Hawk

MOTION by Charles Locust to accept and approve 20 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Charles Locust to acknowledge and honor 7 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### VIII. Public Forum -

1. Woodrow Proctor: I would like to make three statements to the Council. I understand now that as a citizen I get to sit on this side and make my comments.

a. Glad to hear we are getting land in trust. Could there be a policy in the Tobacco Compact on operations and I would like to be involved in a business.

b. Corporate Charter and Constitution - I feel like the Council should be the board. They go hand-in-hand. Separation of the Charter and Constitution weaken the power.

c. I am no longer on the Budget & Finance Committee but keep in mind there needs to always be two Council members on the committee. I feel like the Comptroller has done a great job, but it's time now for us to be able to handle our financials among ourselves.

#### 2. Robert Whitekiller:

a. Has anyone discussed the flag being flown with the other flags at the Crazy Horse monument?

b. Hawk: Once the Chief has written his letter it will go along with the flag to the Crazy Horse monument.

c. Don Ade: said it was rumored that "Public Forum" was going to be removed. I ask Council to not remove this agenda item. This is the time for any member to state concerns or asks to address opinions.

d. Robert Whitekiller: How do you get on the agenda?

e. Hawk: Contact the Secretary's office by the 20th of each month and fill out an agenda item request form.

### IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

### X. New Business -

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the submission of an FY 2011 grant application through the Dept. of Transportation Federal Transit Administration Tribal Transit Program for services to tribal members; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Holcomb: What grant is this servicing?

Georgia Dick: The same grant as to the one regarding HUD in the clipping you referred to earlier in the housing department.

Rick Glory: stated it provides good opportunity for our members as transportation.

Smoke: Fees on charges to ride the transit, some people cannot afford to pay and cannot bring a caregiver.

Rick Glory: Yes, they can ride and the fees are supported by ICW or Human Services.

Danny Hair (transit driver): feels like we only need the two buses.

B. Shade: Purchase of buses will allow more availability to members to meet their needs. This is not a time for personnel. There is a chain of command, so may we continue with the item under new business.

Chief Wickliffe: Let this be a learning experience and keep in communications. Also the administration will be available in any emergency situation.

B. Shade: May I ask Council to enter into executive session on a personnel issue?

MOTION by Willie Christie to enter into "Executive Session" with A.G. Bellmard present; TIME: 1:11; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to exit from "Executive Session" and return to regular session; TIME: 1:24; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve Council recommendation to allow the recommendation of Housing Committee on the hiring of the Housing Director; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### XI. Announcements -

Chief Wickliffe: If Council would like to make a trip to the Celebration in North Carolina get with Elizabeth Bird to confirm plans to travel.

Duncan: A gentleman would like to present some old documents to present to the Council.

Dotson: There has been UKB documents end up in Tulsa as history and may want to do a more in-depth look on maybe obtaining these documents.

#### XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

#### XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Eddie Sacks; SECONDED by Willie Christie; Approve by affirmation: 2:00 PM

\*\*\*NOTE: There was a resolution left off the agenda. The Tribal Secretary contacted each Council member regarding moving the September and October Council meetings to the second Saturday of the month due to upcoming holidays. The resolution was voted on as follows via phone call/personally:\*\*\*

# 61st Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration



Age group 2 – 4 winners of the UKB 11th Annual Turtle Races are, not in order, Logan Snell, first place; Leila Elk, second place; and Tyger Jimer-son, third place.



Age group 5 – 6 winners of the UKB 11th Annual Turtle Races are, not in order, Kaden Lagow, first place; Jason Wilder, second place; and Avery Fields, third place.



Age group 7 – 9 winners of the UKB 11th Annual Turtle Races are, not in order, Jasie McCarty, first place; Dayton Olvera, second place; Jacob Cummings, third place; and Maci Ridge, fourth place.



Age group 10- 12 winners of the UKB 11th Annual Turtle Race are, not in order, Elaine Hays, first place; Bailey Chesner; second place; and Danielle Herriman, third place.



Ages 1 – 4 Kids Fishing Derby winners are, left to right, third place, Connie Drywater; second place, Charles Caldwell; and first place, Lias Bluebird. Photo by Will Chavez



Ages 5 – 8 Kids Fishing Derby winners are, left to right, first place, Julia Lewis; second place, Caleb Adair; and third place, Yona Gregory. Photo by Will Chavez



Ages 9 – 12 Kids Fishing Derby winners are, left to right, first place, David Sabaque; second place, Reese Adair; and third place, Lily Lewis. Photo by Will Chavez



First place winners for the 11th Annual UKB Celebration Golf Tournament are, not in order, Billy Torix, Charlie Johnson, P. J. Bluebird and Renee Rogers. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Second place winners for the 11th Annual UKB Celebration Golf Tournament are, not in order, Nick Baker, Rick Landers, Jerry Hendrix and Gifford Barnett. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Third place winners for the 11th Annual UKB Celebration Golf Tournament are, not in order, Jack Candy, Jimmy Chaffin, Leon Lewis and Waite Choate. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Minnie Mouse (Lillie Bohannon) visits and participates in the UKB Employee and Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center student's "Trick or Treat". Photo by Thomas Jordan

Scooby Doo (Baron Teehee) searches for delicious treats during the UKB Employee and Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center students "Trick or Treat" and Halloween Costume Contest, Oct. 28. Photo by Thomas Jordan



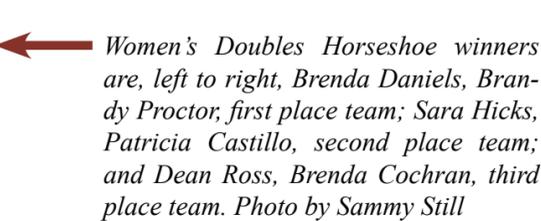
Men's Singles Horseshoe winners are, left to right, Bobby Harjo, first place; Bobby Ballou, second place; and Ron Johnson, third place. Photo by Sammy Still



Men's Doubles Horseshoe winners are, left to right, Terry Daniels, Rick Daniels, first place team; Bobby Ballou, Aaron Squirrell, second place team; and Kato, Billy Vann, third place team. Photo by Sammy Still



Women's Singles Horseshoe winners are, left to right, Lindsey Bark, first place; Brenda Daniels, second place; and Brandy Proctor, third place. Photo by Sammy Still



Women's Doubles Horseshoe winners are, left to right, Brenda Daniels, Brandy Proctor, first place team; Sara Hicks, Patricia Castillo, second place team; and Dean Ross, Brenda Cochran, third place team. Photo by Sammy Still



Winners of the UKB Employees Halloween Contest are, left to right, first place, Georgia Dick, Grants Writer; second place, Becca Keys, Lighthouse Secretary; Krissy Wilson; and third place, Alpheus Byrd, Housing Specialist. Photo by Sammy Still

A Flight winners for the UKB Celebration Two Man Best Ball are, (no photo) Delbert Davis and Alan Borremans. B Flight winners for the UKB Celebration Two Man Best Ball are, (no photo) J. C. Wilson and Rick Landers.

C Flight winners for the UKB Celebration Two Man Best Ball are, (no photo) Billy Torix and Jamie Carmen. Winners of the Elders Committee Raffle, 50/50 winner, Kim Jacobs; Beaded Stickball sticks, Tom McConnell; Seminole Jacket, Lillian Thirsty; and Indian Flute, Spade Welch.

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