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UKB Honors Veterans and Fallen Heroes



WEARING THEIR Military Insignia caps, the Keetoowah Cherokee veterans stand together for a photograph. The United Keetoowah Band honored the veterans at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center, Nov. 6. Photo by Hominy Littledave

In the Keetoowah Cherokee language, United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe greeted over 130 veterans attending the Annual UKB Veteran's luncheon held at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center in Tahlequah. "It is so good to see so many of you who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, who have fought in past wars," said Chief Wickliffe.

On Thursday, November 5, 2009, a gunman opened fire at Fort Hood, Texas, killing 13 people and wounding dozens more. Chief Wickliffe was in Washington, D.C. meeting with other Native American Chiefs with President of the United States Barack Obama when he received word of the horrific event that took place in Fort Hood, Texas. "I was stationed at Fort Hood, where the shooting took place yesterday. The person who did the shooting was a major and should have known better, but he was preparing to deploy to Afghanistan, evidently he didn't believe as Christians do, he believed in the Islamic Religion," said Chief Wickliffe. "I saw some photos of tanks, I remember when I was stationed at Fort Hood, I was a sergeant, the tanks used to make circles all day long, if you were stationed at Fort Hood, you know what I'm talking about," he told the veterans. "There was a rattlesnake pit there too, every time we went out on maneuvers we would rest out there by rattlesnakes. We would see rattlesnakes eight feet long and the dust the tanks stirred up

would get all over us," added Chief. "Please join the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in recognizing and honoring these people. Let us not forget them, keep their families and children in your prayers."

As a veteran of the United States Army, Chief Wickliffe reminded the veterans that wars today are fought different than from the past. With all the modern technology now being used we have the capability to strike over 500 miles away. He mentioned that the wars aren't just fought on the front lines anymore; we're having to fight battles here in our homeland as well. "Americans are being attacked here at home, taking out children, women, people who can't defend themselves," said Chief Wickliffe. "I know that a Keetoowah Cherokee soldier and the rest of you that have served in the military would never do that unless your enemy is attacking you. General George S. Patton, Jr. said years ago, "There's no better fighting people than a Native American."

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.

"But remember there are a lot of good fighting soldiers of all races in the military, men and women who give their lives for their Country," said the chief.

Chief Wickliffe thanked Muskogee American Legion Post 15 for attending and participating in the ceremony and thanked all the veterans and invited them to take a tour of the United Keetoowah Band grounds and complex.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust also wel-

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UKB Christmas Gift Cards For Keetoowah Cherokee Youth

In the spirit of the holiday season, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will once again be distributing Walmart Christmas Gift Cards in the amount of \$40 to all UKB tribal youth, from newborns to 18 years of age. Youth must be exclusive UKB members. Cards will be distributed by district in December by the UKB District Representatives. Each district representative will have a list of children in their district. Below is a list of distribution dates and meetings by district.

Canadian District

Dec. 12 Ataloo Lodge, Bacone College Campus
Muskogee, OK Noon - 2 p.m.

Coowescoowee District

Dec. 17 First Christian Church
Pryor, OK 6 p.m.

Delaware District

Dec. 8 Kansas Satellite Office
Noon - 7 p.m.

Dec. 22 Kansas Satellite Office
Noon - 7 p.m.

Flint District

Dec. 9 Stilwell Satellite Office
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dec. 10 Stilwell Satellite Office
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Goingsnake District

Dec. 7 Stilwell Satellite Office
2 - 6 p.m.

Dec. 9 Kansas Satellite Office
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Illinois District

Dec. 8 Vian Satellite Office
6:30 p.m.

Saline District

Dec. 8 Kenwood Community Building
7 p.m.

Sequoyah District

Dec. 9 Home of Barry Dotson
Sallisaw, OK
(All Day)

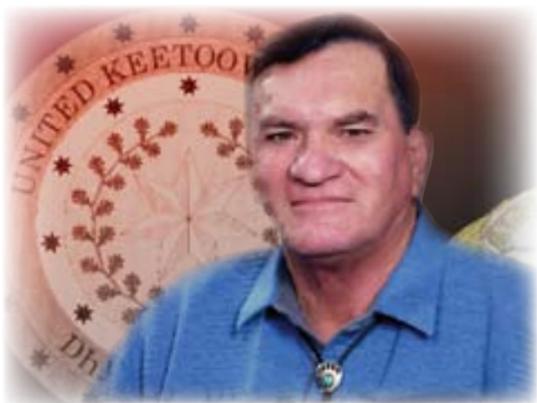
Tahlequah District

Dec. 11 UKB Wellness Center
1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Dec. 12 UKB Wellness Center
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Gift Cards will be with the District Representatives through January 16, 2010. After that date, cards will be at the UKB Enrollment Office. Program ends at 5 p.m. on January 29, 2010.

A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe



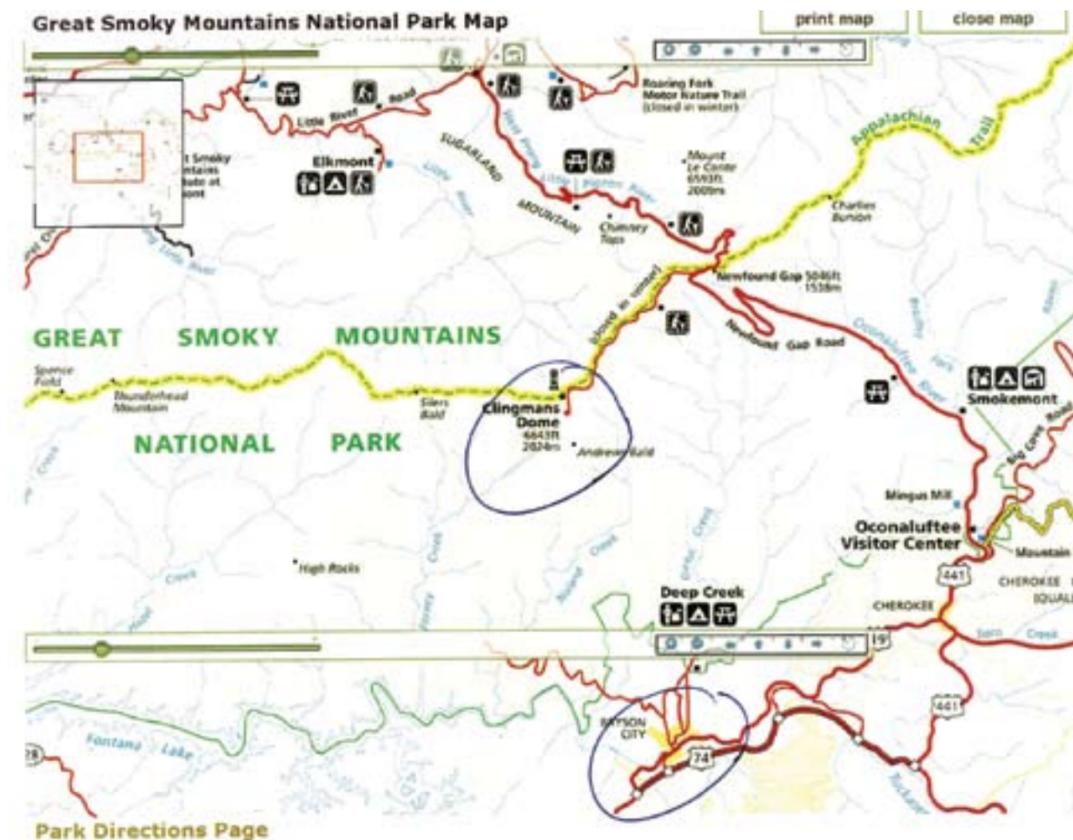
What Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays Mean to the Original, Most Traditional Cherokee People

I, George Wickliffe, am the Principal Chief of the Keetoowah Cherokee people. I grew up in Kenwood, OK, among the Keetoowah Cherokee Nighthawks at the area known as the "Kenwood Cherokee Indian Reserve Area." My ancestors were Nighthawks.

The Keetoowah Cherokee people are the most ancient Gah-Due-Wah people among the Cherokee tribe. It was God who named us: "ee-gee-geeh-due-wah-ee-gee-yuh-gay-say-stee" meaning "you shall be called that." He gave us this name when He gave us our religion at Clingman Mountain to our "Mother Town," which is located near present-day Bryson City, NC. Our name was given during pre-historic years – before writing was invented in Egypt.

The Keetoowah people are the original Cherokee people. We, all, are descendants from Gah-Due-Wah people. The name Cherokee was given to us later, because Keetoowah was hard to pronounce.

Having grown up at Kenwood, among the TRADITIONAL Keetoowah Cherokee



people, I gained firsthand knowledge about the traditional Cherokee ways of life from the full-bloods. Such knowledge includes the upcoming holidays – Thanksgiving and Christmas, in the way they celebrated these holidays...

To be honest with you, Thanksgiving was not celebrated that much among the TRADITIONAL Keetoowah Cherokee people; it was just another day. However, the Keetoowah Cherokee people, believing in God as they do and in the Christian religion, are honorable. Therefore, today, we celebrate Thanksgiving also.

Having a relationship with God, "The Great Creator," back to time immemorial, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. It was Jesus, God's son, whom God sent to introduce Christianity to the world. This means if Jesus' birthday is correct on December 25, 2009, this year would be his 2,009th birthday. It is the date to honor God's son and God's gift to the world: Christianity.

We believe in God, the Creator of all things. In His honor, we, too, celebrate two holidays – to celebrate the abundant harvest that results each year and the birth of the

Christian religion.

I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Do you know what "A.D." means?

"A.D." does not mean "after death," as many people suppose. "B.C." stands for the English phrase "before Christ," but "A.D." stands confusingly for a Latin phrase: *anno domini* ("in the year of the Lord"—the year Jesus was born). If the calendar actually changed with Jesus' death, then what would we do with the years during which he lived? Since Jesus was probably actually born around 6 B.C. or so, the connection of the calendar with him can be misleading.

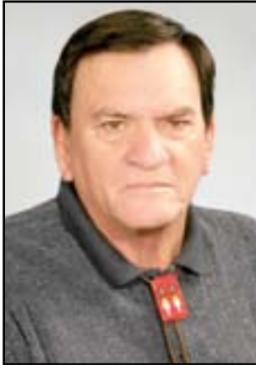
Many Biblical scholars, historians, and archeologists prefer the less sectarian designations "before the Common Era" (B.C.E.) and "the Common Era" (C.E.).

Traditionally "A.D." was placed before the year number and "B.C." after, but many people now prefer to put both abbreviations after the numbers.

All of these abbreviations can also be spelled without their periods.

* source: ask.com

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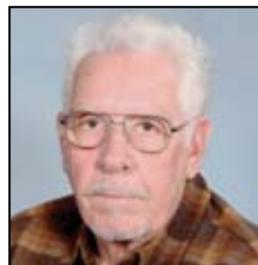
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UKB Christmas and New Year Holiday Office Closings

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed December 24 and 25 for the Christmas Holidays. Offices will re-open on Monday, December 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Tribal Offices will also be closed December 31 and January 1 for the New Year's Holiday. Offices will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

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Tribal Council Meeting Report

A resolution to dissolve the United Keetoowah Band Housing Authority Board and bring the Housing Authority under the authority of the tribe was passed unanimously by the council during their November 7 council meeting. "When this Administration came into office, the Housing Authority had already lost its funding. We took office and were able to retrieve some of the funding for a limited time," stated Chief George Wickliffe. In 2005, the UKB Housing Authority's funding was taken away leaving the tribe \$25,000 annual funding. With the recent appeal to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, the UKB received a favorable decision to reinstate funding for their Housing program. "Due in part of the actions of the past UKB Administration and the former Housing Authority Board misappropriating housing funds, the tribe lost their federal funding grants," added Chief Wickliffe.

The tribe now has the opportunity to restore their Housing program with the return of their HUD funding. The resolution presented to the tribal council Nov. 7 and passed will now allow the UKB tribe to dissolve the Housing Authority Board placing the authority under the tribe, with plans to name a five member committee selected and approved by the tribal council. Any applications or recommendations taken by this five member committee must be brought forth in front of the council for approval. "What we are approving today is to establish a plan to get this funding out to our people in need and to combat any future misappropriations of housing funds," said Chief Wickliffe. "We are going to focus our attention to priority needs, repairs of water leaks, window repairs, winterizing homes, because winter is now upon us. Immediate needs are what we are going to concentrate on for our people," added Chief.

In his address to the council, Chief Wick-

liffe announced the removal of the Muskogee Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Oklahoma Regional Director Jeanette Hanna. She was vacated from her office in Muskogee. This announcement brought applause from the council and attending audience.

Chief Wickliffe reported to the council of his travel to a meeting in Washington, D.C. with other Chiefs of all tribes throughout United States addressing their concerns and issues at a meeting with the President of the United States Barack Obama. Chief Wickliffe told the council that President Obama stated that he was going to treat all Indian tribes equal. "I'm convinced that he wants to treat all Native Americans equal and fair, and with Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs EchoHawk's decision for the UKB naming us Successors In Interest in Oklahoma land, they are not backing down people, they are going to treat everyone equal," stated Chief Wickliffe.

There are a lot of opportunities for the United Keetoowah Band with the reinstatement of HUD funds; Indian Health Services extension on tribal Health Contracts, the future seems bright for the tribe. "This was all started with our elders who had the foresight to plan the future for their people. Let's take care of our elders, our young children. Let's take care of their health, give our people an opportunity for a good education and let's not lose our tradition, culture and our language," said Chief Wickliffe who also gave credit to the tribal council who has worked very hard for their tribe and constituents. Chief ended his address by saying, "It's great to be a Keetoowah Cherokee member."

The next UKB tribal council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, at 10 a.m. at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center in Tahlequah.



TRIBAL COUNCIL Representatives discuss tribal issues during one of their monthly tribal council meetings. The council meets every first Saturday of each month in the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center.

UKB Honors Veterans

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comed the veterans, and offered his appreciation to all the veterans who have served in past wars and to active soldiers and their families attending. "We know what it means to have served in wars and what our soldiers are going through today. How do you go about telling every soldier thank you for what they have done - soldiers who have sacrificed their life for the protection of your family, grandparents, mothers and fathers. We are here today to acknowledge the veterans and active duty soldiers, to tell them thank you. If it wasn't for you, we wouldn't be here today celebrating our freedom," said Assistant Chief Locust.

UKB Executive Director of Tribal Operations, Tim Good Voice, shared a story to the veterans and families attending. He relayed a story told to him by Joseph Marshall III, a Sincangu member, "Burnt Thigh Band" who is Lakota. He told of during the start of the Little Bighorn Battle of young warriors who ran into battle to protect their village. These young warriors wore red sashes across their chests. These sashes signified that these young warriors would not run from battle, these warriors were known as "Crazy Dog Soldiers". He told of how the fighting would come

to their doorstep of this village. A grandmother who's grandson was running toward the battle, followed, crossing the river and climbing on top of a hill to see the warriors fight the soldiers. As she watched the battle from atop, enemy soldiers were running towards her, but the young warriors ran to her aide. As the battle continued, she stood on top of that hill singing and praying out loud and all the warriors could hear her songs and prayers. After the battle the young warriors rode by, they took their red sashes off and laid them on her as an honor.

"I come here today and see so many Indian people that have taken up arms have stood that front line of defense. But we want to recognize also those families that had to stay home, pray, sing and watch for those that came home. We have soldiers right now standing in the front lines protecting our homes and families and trading bullets with our enemies. As expressed earlier, there's a fort where people have been shot by people with other beliefs, once again that fight is coming to our doorstep. So I just want to say thank you to everyone who took the line and held it, all the support from home and those that are standing the line today," said Good Voice.

BIA exec not on job; personnel issue cited

The eastern Oklahoma regional director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs is not in charge of the bureau's Muskogee office, a BIA spokeswoman says.

Nedra Darling said the issue is "an ongoing personnel matter" and would not elaborate on why Jeanette Hanna is no longer leading the office.

Robert Impson, a deputy director at the BIA's eastern regional office in Nashville, Tenn., was named acting director for the Muskogee office this week, Darling said.

Impson previously served in the Muskogee office.

Darling said Hanna has not been fired, but she wouldn't say whether she has been suspended.

She said she did not know when the personnel matter would be resolved.

Hanna, who could not be reached for comment Wednesday, was named director of the office in May 2002 after serving as the BIA's director for planning, budget and management support.

In 1990, she joined the Interior Department's Office of Budget.

She is an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

Over the years, Hanna has overseen many decisions and worked on many issues affecting local tribes, including deciding against the Tahlequah-based United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians' efforts to have land put in trust; backing a move by the Cherokee Nation to remove constitutional amendments from federal oversight; and stepping in to restore order when the Seneca-Cayuga tribal government imploded after an intertribal fight.

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UKB Education Higher Education Scholarship Apps Deadline January 8th

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma college or vocational students need to turn in their Higher Education Scholarship Applications by Friday, January 8th at 5 p.m. Students enrolled during the fall semester must bring in an official transcript and their spring schedule. Students just beginning Higher Education Classes:

1. Must complete a UKB Education Application each academic year.
2. Shall make application for admittance to an accredited university or college.
3. Must apply for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA application) through the university or college's financial aid office. Student must provide documentation.
4. Apply for BIA funds through Cherokee Nation (CNO currently receives funds for our members). Student must provide documentation beginning with school year 2007-08.
5. Shall submit a copy of their UKB tribal membership card; and their Social Security Card.
6. Shall submit an official transcript AND, a copy of their new class schedule.

Students attending college full-time will be awarded \$1,500 for each semester, \$750 at the beginning of the semester, and the remaining \$750 upon completion of the semester. Those attending part time will be awarded \$750, half the first of the semester and the remainder upon completion of the semester. For more information, call the UKB Education Department at (918) 456-8698.

Joe Bunch Elected OTGRA Chairman

UKB Gaming Commission Chairman Joe Bunch has been elected Chairman of the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association. He will be the second person to serve as chairman of this newly formed organization. He succeeds the former chairwoman and one of the founders of the organization, Barbara Kyser-Collier.

The Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association (OTGRA) was established in 2006. The association provides an opportunity for networking and communications among Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Commissions and regulators, to enable discussion on important issues related to gaming regulation. OTGRA supports and promotes knowledge and education in gaming regulation by hosting affordable training sessions for Gaming Commissions, regulators and casino management to promote the integrity of Indian Gaming in Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association is a non-profit, voluntary association composed of Tribal Gaming Regulatory entities, representing federally recognized tribal governments involved in Oklahoma gaming.

Through the OTGRA, networking for the many gaming issues



Joe Bunch

throughout Indian Country will be established. This will enhance the opportunity for Oklahoma tribes to jointly address new requirements and the encompassing necessities of all tribal gaming regulators. The goal is to jointly assist with the requirements and necessities of all Tribal gaming regulators.

"It is an honor to represent the 30 Oklahoma tribes as Chairman of the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association," said Bunch. Bunch is an enrolled member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

Seaman Apprentice Robert C. Mankiller

Navy Seaman Apprentice Robert C. Mankiller, son of Annette and William E. Mankiller of Stilwell recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Mankiller completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork, and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of



Navy Seaman Apprentice Robert C. Mankiller,

basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Mankiller is a 2009 graduate of Stilwell High School and a member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

Mindy Fish competes at Indian National Finals Rodeo

Mindy Fish competed in the Break-away Roping at the 34th Annual Indian National Finals Rodeo, on November 11 – 14 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mindy finished 6th in the world average out of 30 ropers; 1st go round – 3.6 seconds; 2nd go round – 2.7 seconds; 3rd go round – 8.2 seconds; short go round 4.2 seconds. Mindy Fish is the daughter of UKB member Juanita McCarter of the Tahlequah district. Rodeo was a passion of her deceased father, Oaks Locust, the brother of Rock Locust and Mindy continues to carry on that passion. Mindy said, "Thank you United Keetoowah Band for your support in helping me make my dream a reality."



Mindy Fish and her horse "Betty Boob"

Skyla Cochran

Congratulations goes to Skyla Cochran, 9 who is a fourth grader at Washington Elementary in Pryor. Skyla was named to the A & B Honor Roll for the first nine weeks of school. She also received a positive action award and a positive attitude award. Skyla is the daughter of Gay Cochran. She has three brothers Trey, Choogie and Jason and one sister, Melia. She loves to read, play softball and help her mother.



'Twas the night before Christmas

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all thro' the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danc'd in their heads,
And Mama in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap --
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below;
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny rein-deer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and call'd them by name:
"Now! Dasher, now! Dancer, now! Prancer, and Vixen,
"On! Comet, on! Cupid, on! Dunder and Blixem;
"To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
"Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;*

*So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys -- and St. Nicholas too:
And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound:
He was dress'd all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnish'd with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys was flung on his back,
And he look'd like a peddler just opening his pack:
His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry,
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow.
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face, and a little round belly*

*That shook when he laugh'd, like a bowl full of jelly:
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laugh'd when I saw him in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And fill'd all the stockings; then turn'd with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprung to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle:
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight --
Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night.*

- Major Henry Livingston, Jr.

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

Oklahoma Lightning Free Range Natural Food Heritage Turkeys

Nestled in the Southern corner of Delaware County Keetoowah member Kathryn Mc Crary is helping revive a part of history by rising Heritage Turkeys. Kathryn started small this year with 40 turkeys for the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. They enjoy flipping their wings and flying up in the trees. These turkey are allowed to roam free to feast on bugs and grass as turkeys should be raised. They diet is hormone and antibiotic free. They are finished on corn and wheat They are locally processed in a USDA inspected plant and then refrigerated. They are never froze so you are truly getting a Fresh turkey to serve for your big holiday meal. Turkey range from 10 pounds to 25 pounds. She rises Narragansett, White Holland, Bourbon

Red, Royal Palm and Blue Slate. They are sold for \$5.00 a pound processed weight. They can be ordered by calling 918-868-3716 or email her at rockingt@yahoo.com.

She plans to raise 400 for next years seasons. Her future plans are to build a Pure breed operation to complement the commercial operation.. She will be adding six new breeds to her list for next year. Beltsville Small Whites, Chocolate, Lavender/Lilac, and Jersey Buff in the spring.

ALBC Heritage Breed Conservation Status in 1997 listed the following class as: Critical, Threatened, Watch, Study, Recover Beltsville Small, Narragansett, Black, Broad Breasted, None at white Bronze it this time

Chocolates, Lavender, Lilac, White Holland, Bourbon Red, Jersey Buff, Royal Palm, Midget white Slate, Standard Bronze

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2010 Native American Student Art Competition Announce by the Office of Indian Education

Bringing Honor Through Education is the theme for the U.S. Department of Education, Office Indian Education's 2010 Native American Student Art Competition. The competition, which celebrates the values and successes of education in Native American communities, is open to all American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades Pre-K through 12. The deadline for submissions is January 29, 2010.

By supporting this competition, the Office of Indian Education hopes to inspire students to explore the connection between their education and culture through art and writing. Entries for the 2010 Native American Student Art Competition should relate to the theme *Bringing Honor Through Education* and reflect the promise and importance of pursuing an education for Native youth. Submissions will be judged in six different grade levels, and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the artist and writing categories.

In recognition of the students' artistic talents, the 2009 Native American Student Artist winning entries were exhibited at the U.S. Department of Education, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, Oklahoma History Center, and the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture.

The Student Art Competition rules require that a student register their entry online or over the phone prior to submitting their entry. For additional information, rules, and entry form, please visit www.kids.indianeducation.org, email sac@indianeducation.org, or call (866) 259-0060.

Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications for the 12th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative which will be held in Washington D.C., June 19 - 27, 2010. American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students, ages 16- 18, who have an interest in the health careers and/or biomedical research are encouraged to apply. The NNAYI scholarship pays for travel, lodging, and most meals during the program. NNAYI's curriculum is strategically designed to prepare students for admission to college and professional schools, as well as for careers in health and biomedical research.

Feel free to share this information with other interested parties. Deadline for student application is April 16, 2010 and for counselor application is March 5, 2010. For more information and to access the on-line application, visit the NNAYI website: <http://www.aaip.org/?page=AAIPStudents>

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu December 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Brown Beans Cornbread Spinach Salad & Dessert	2 Nachos w/Meat Sauce & Fixings	3 B-B-Q Smokies Baked Beans Hominy T.T. & Salad	4 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
7 Baked Fish Cob Corn Rice & Coleslaw Hushpuppies	8 Sloppy Joe Potato Chips Baked Beans Salad & Dessert	9 Marinated Chicken Wild Rice Grilled Veggies	10 Beef Stew Cornbread Cheese sticks Salad & Dessert	11 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
14 White Beans w/Ham Cornbread Turnip Greens	15 Enchiladas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad & Dessert	16 Spaghetti Green Beans Caesar Salad Breadstick	17 Grilled Hot Links w/Cob Corn T. T. & Cole Slaw	18 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
21 Baked Ham Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Breadstick	22 Kielbasa w/Sour Kraut Black Eye Peas T. T. & Salad	23 Meatloaf Mashed Pot. Carrots Hot Roll & Salad	24 Closed For Holiday	25 Closed For Christmas 
28 B.L.T. Sand- wich & Chips Tomato Soup Salad & Dessert	29 Cultural Foods Day & December B-days	30 Closed for Cleaning 	31 Closed For Holiday	

UKB Regular October Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the Jim Proctor Elder Care Center October 10, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Sammy Still

III. Roll Call: 11 + Chief answered Roll Call (Fourkiller-Hawk absent)

IV. Chief's Address (10:06AM)

- Chief attended the Eastern Band's activity in their dedication of an Immersion School.

- Reminded Eastern Band that in 2004 the UKB had pledged in a resolution to do everything we could in preserving our language, history and culture and the UKB does not forget such a pledge.

- I.H.S. is in negotiations with us in such things as contracts.

- We continue to stay in contact with H.U.D. Due to waiting on a decision from the Tenth Circuit court we missed out on some stimulus money because we continued to use the "old" formulas for requesting H.U.D. money and this formula allowed very little H.U.D. money. For the past four years we have had limited housing funds.

- When the Tenth Circuit court made their decision, the first round of stimulus money had been exhausted. Many tribes did receive stimulus money but the UKB had to wait. There will be another opportunity to receive stimulus money. This is scheduled for November 15, 2009 and the UKB will be eligible to receive this money.

- It is planned that stimulus money received will be used toward building structures for education and training and toward support of such programs. These programs will be situated on the 40 acres just south of the Celebration grounds.

- As H.U.D. negotiations continue and money is received assistance will be provided in the greatest area of need. A priority need seems to be repair and/or replacement of leaky roofs.

- Currently we provide for 170 scholarships at \$3,000. per year.

- While in North Carolina, with the Eastern Band it was learned Education is funded by their casino and hotels. The Federal Government provides a great amount of money for education because the Band is a reservation tribe.

- The state does not provide any money for education.

- Sequoyah Indian School, here in Tahlequah, does not qualify for state aid, the tribe must provide for Sequoyah school and with whatever can be received from the Federal Government.

- Our public schools have fund raisers for extra activities and special purchases. Such as trips, and purchase of class rings. The UKB picked up such expenses but we must focus

(10:20 AM; Fourkiller-Hawk arrived)

- on actual school needs which will effect all of our students. Financial support given to a public school is to benefit all students regardless of their race because it is a public school. Support cannot be designated for certain students. The UKB was absorbing costs that reservation schools were doing. We cannot pattern our support of school related expenses after a reservation school.

- Focus should remain on education and housing needs. Plans must remain consistent and positive.

- Scholarships will increase in the future. Job trainings is vital for our people in developing better lives.

- The Eastern Band of Cherokees wants to have another joint Council meeting with us. Maybe in the future there will be a joint Council meeting with the Eastern Band, the UKB and CNO; thus establishing a Tri-Council meeting.

- The UKB must continue to be cautious in whatever we do in making decisions which affect our people.

- The UKB will continue to work toward the fulfillment of the needs of our people. Progress is being made for the Keetoowahs.

- Funding dollars for various programs depend on "membership" there is a need for a resolution that 14,300 is the UKB membership to be established as the official number for applications of all grants and I.H.S. numbers because all our people are eligible for I.H.S.

- I.H.S. cannot deny services to any UKB member.

- Assistant Chief, Charlie Locust, will be a candidate in the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) election. This election will be next week in Palm Springs, California. All who wish are invited to attend and vote in support of

Charlie.

MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve the number 14,300 be established as the official number of UKB membership and is to be utilized on applications for grants and I.H.S. numbers eligible for Indian Health Services; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of September 2009

1. MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to approve the Council minutes of September 12, 2009; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to approve the Special Council minutes of September 24, 2009; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

VI. Presentations -

1. Ella Mae Worley:

- Need to approve accounting Policy and Procedure Manual

- Each Council member received copies of the manual

- Manual was prepared by our auditors of record

- Need resolution for approval of manual for preparation of application for self-governance.

DISCUSSION:

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve Accounting Policy and Procedure Manual (as updated September 30, 2009); SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. AG Ken Bellmard:

- Requested Agenda Item # VI, 2 be stricken and be revisited on November agenda.

3. Betty Holcomb:

- Informed she attended and did participate in ONLA (Oklahoma Native Language Association) Conference in Preston, OK on October 8 and 9 where the purpose was to preserve, promote and enhance Indian languages of tribes and activities for the young and elderly. To work with and encourage others to address needs and concerns of Native Languages and to discuss techniques and technology for learning and teaching Native Languages. She did sit on a panel and was very appreciative of the opportunity to represent the UKB.

4. Barry Dotson: spoke of the funerals of two UKB members and he inquired of a flower fund for such situations. He also asked about a procedure on notice of funerals for UKB members.

DISCUSSION:

- If it is known a UKB member is deceased, flowers will be sent.

- Report of positive response was stated from Charles Smoke

- Possibility of funeral cost increase

- UKB has helped with funeral costs of CNO citizen because CNO would not assist in this need due to deceased being outside of CNO jurisdiction

- Chief Wickliffe informed his secretary, Laverna Stapleton, was the contact person relating to funeral flowers.

GENERAL:

- When applicant is denied services, Human Services can refer applicant to Chief Wickliffe, if the need is an actual emergency, example; lack of funds is reason for denial. The application is then evaluated by Chief's office before he makes a decision to approve or disapprove the request for assistance. The applicant must follow procedures for requesting assistance. Too many applicants bypass procedures and go directly to Chief Wickliffe instead of following procedure.

- Owners of homes are responsible for needs of those houses.

- Without a referral from Human Services the Chief will not intervene in an assistance request.

- Assistant Chief Locust clarified: when Chief Wickliffe gives assistance to applicants, the funds do not come from administration budget but comes from the Chief's budget.

- Bryan Shade: informed \$2,400.00 is allowed for funeral expense and \$100 is allowed for wake services. This process requires application for assistance.

5. Charles Locust: There were many positive comments about our celebration. A volunteer group of Sterling College students came and worked. We received a letter from their college professor stating the UKB Celebration was deemed as their mission trip for this year and next year the event

will be their Annual Mission Trip because he saw how the Keetoowahs are helping their elders, their kids and their people and that is the best example of Christianity that could ever be and that is why the UKB Celebration will be Sterling College's Annual Mission Trip. That professor's statement is the best compliment UKB could ever get. UKB should be proud of what we are doing.

- There was another volunteer group of girls from Tahlequah High School who worked very hard and was a great help in having a successful celebration.

- Our dignitary breakfast was attended by more people than ever before. Members of the Eastern Band attended this breakfast. City and state officials were in attendance.

- The parade was great. Chief has been asked by NSU to join their homecoming parade this month. This is the first such invitation.

- There is a good relationship with city officials and the UKB.

- All celebration events were very well attended. Each event was a success. The vehicle count showed an increase of at least 250 cars over last year. There are plans for changes for next year's celebration in extending duration of some events.

- Jerry Hansen: complimented everyone involved in putting the Celebration together.

- Woodrow Proctor: complemented the employees on work attitude and involvement in the celebration.

- Chief Wickliffe: projected celebration attendance to be 23,000 in all events; an increase from some 4,000-5,000 people about 4 years ago.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littleddave

MOTION by Charles Smoke to accept and approve 13 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Charles Smoke to acknowledge and honor 8 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

- Council was informed relinquishments of membership are requested because people are being promised jobs but must be a "Blue Card Citizen" of CNO in order to get employment.

- Council was told CNO had reported 500 + jobs that needed to be filled under their new budget.

- Council was told CNO promises jobs but could/might last for only one day.

- Council was reminded Housing is also a promise, to get people to relinquish their tribal membership with UKB.

VIII. Public Forum – NONE

IX. Unfinished Business – NONE

X. New Business

1. Application for Self-Governance

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the request for participation in Self-Governance; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. RE: Addition of Civil Defense Parking Lot to the A.R.R.A.

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to approve the addition of the Civil Defense Parking Lot to the A.R.R.A. (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) T.I.P. (Transportation Improvement Program) using A.R.R.A. dollars for construction; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

XI. Announcements

1. Liz Littleddave: There will be an Elder Assistance Program.

- Each Council member then received a cover page of program information.

- A calendar of November and December giving the starting and ending dates along with dates when assistance checks will be issued.

- Council members will receive applications for elders at the November Council meeting.

- Program applications begin on November 9

2. District meeting scheduled:

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; Approved by affirmation.

Time – 12:25 PM

Honoring our Veterans and Troops



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE Chief George Wickliffe, welcomed tribal veterans and families to the annual UKB Veteran's luncheon. "It is so good to see so many of you..." stated Chief Wickliffe as he addressed the audience.



ASSISTANT CHIEF of the United Keetoowah Band, Charles Locust, offered words of appreciation as he welcomed the veterans attending the annual UKB Veteran's luncheon, Nov. 6.



AMERICAN LEGION Post 15 was honored with a photo of their members presenting colors during UKB's laying of the wreath ceremony in May 2009. American Legion Post 15 has been very supportive to UKB in all their veteran events and activities. In appreciation for their support the UKB Veteran's Affairs Office presented them with a framed photo.



JUNIOR MISS Keetoowah Cherokee 2009-2010 Alyssia Jones, poses with "Uncle Sam", Jerry Fuller; during the annual UKB Veteran's luncheon, held Friday, Nov. 6.



MILITARY INSIGNIA Caps and certificates were awarded to Keetoowah Cherokee Elder veterans who served in World War II and Korean War. Each of these men has seen battle from ground, sea and air. The elder veterans were honored with these gifts from their Keetoowah Cherokee tribe.



MEMBERS OF American Legion Post 15, Muskogee, OK, visited with each other during the United Keetoowah Band's annual Veteran's luncheon held at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center.



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band Color Guard presented the colors at the Veteran's luncheon held at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center. Carrying the United States Flag is, UKB Lighthorse, Corporal Raymond Wickson, and carrying the United Keetoowah Flag is, UKB Lighthorse, Captain Chris Thompson.



ATTENDING KEETOOWAH Cherokee veterans prepare to feast on Turkey, dressing, and pumpkin pie provided by the United Keetoowah Band in honor of veterans during their annual UKB Veteran's luncheon at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center.