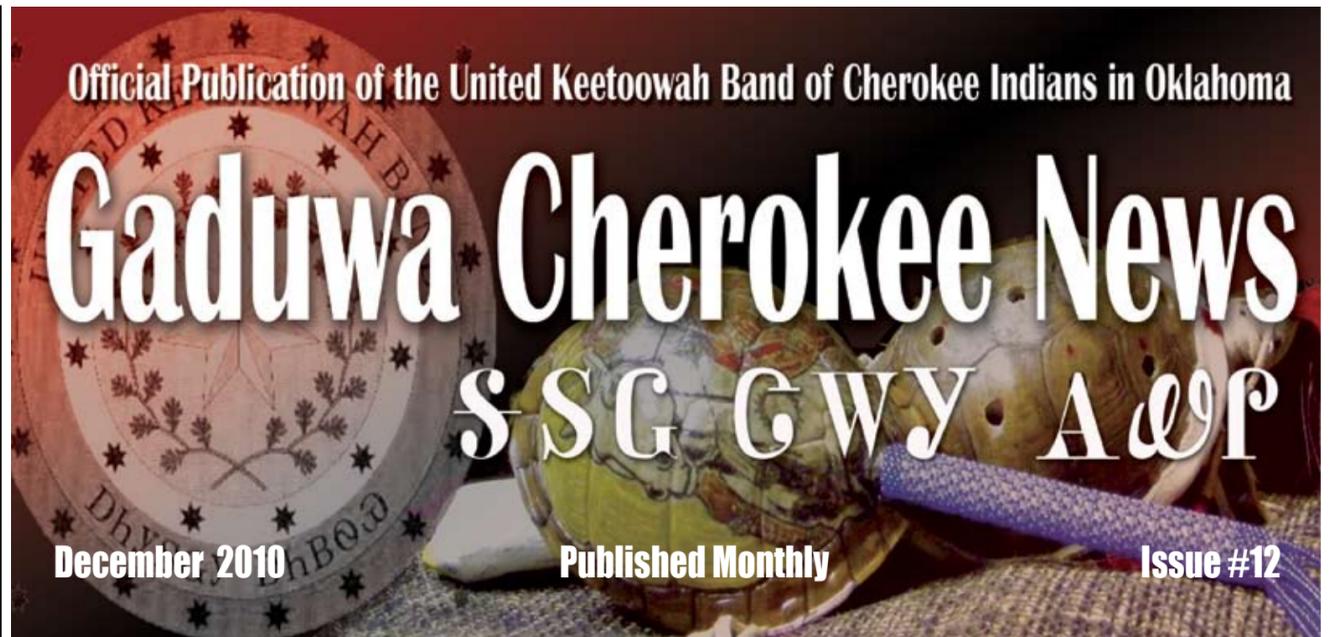


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Holcomb, Duncan win in Run-Off Election; Inauguration January 8

United Keetoowah Band voters went to the polls on Monday, December 6 to vote in a run-off election for district representatives in Flint and Tahlequah districts.

In the Flint District, Tom Duncan was the top vote getter with 156 votes or 51.83%; incumbent Woodrow Proctor received 145 votes or 48.17%.

In the Tahlequah District, Incumbent Betty Holcomb won the election and received 102 votes or 53.4 % and challenger Danny McCarter received 89 votes or 46.6%.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will hold an Inauguration for District Representatives on Saturday, January 8 at 10 a.m. at the Jim Proctor Elder Center located at the UKB tribal complex in Tahlequah.

Beginning on January 8, The United Keetoowah Band Tribal Council for the next two years include Chief George Wickliffe, Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Tribal Secretary Joyce Hawk, Tribal Treasurer Ella Mae Worley, Canadian District Representative Eddie Sacks, Cooweescoowee District Representative Cliff Wofford, Delaware District Representative Jerry Hansen, Flint District Representative Tom Duncan, Goingsnake District Representative Willie Christie, Illinois District Representative Peggy Girty, Saline District Representative Charles Smoke, Sequoyah District Rep-



Betty Holcomb



Tom Duncan

representative Barry Dotson and Tahlequah District Representative Betty Holcomb.

Willie Christie Appointed Goingsnake District Representative

The first item on the November 6, United Keetoowah Band tribal council meeting agenda was to appoint a District Representative for the Goingsnake District. The former Goingsnake Representative was Joyce Hawk, who was appointed the UKB Tribal Secretary in a special meeting last month after the death of Tribal Secretary Liz Litledave.

Several individuals from the Goingsnake District who were interested in being selected as the replacement for the district seat were present during the Saturday morning meeting.

UKB Chief George Wickliffe instructed the council the procedure on how to handle the appointment for the vacant seat. Each attending candidate was given two minutes to introduce themselves and relay their platforms. The candidates were Donna Shockley, Sharon Collins, Lawrence Panther, Willie Christie, Marcella Foreman and Sonja Cochran (not present), all living within the Goingsnake district.

The council was then instructed to vote by secret ballot and the votes counted by one UKB tribal election board member and one tribal member in front of the council. There were a total of three rounds of voting by the council to determine a clear cut choice for the district representative.

In the first round of votes, Donna Shockley received 2 votes; Sharon Collins, 2 votes; Lawrence Panther, 1 vote; Willie Christie, 3 votes; Marcella Foreman, no votes; and Sonja Cochran, 2 votes.

Second round Shockley received 3 votes; Sherry Collins, 2 votes; Willie Christie, 4 votes; and Sonja Cochran, 1 vote.

In the third and final round, Shockley, 4 votes; and Christie, 6 votes.

After the voting Chief Wickliffe asked for a motion to confirm Willie Christie's appointment for the Goingsnake District. A motion was made and seconded, council voted in favor to approve the appointment.

UKB Tribal Judge Lynn Burris gave Christie the oath of office and Christie was seated on the council after his announcement of resignation from his part-time employment with the UKB Natural Resource department.

Chief Wickliffe told the council that he accepted this appointment and that it was handled in the proper way. He continued by saying that each



Willie Christie was appointed by the UKB tribal council to represent the Goingsnake District, vacated by Joyce Hawk, the newly appointed Tribal Secretary. UKB Tribal Justice Lynn Burris gives the oath of office to Christie as Tribal Secretary Hawk witnesses the oath.

candidate had the opportunity to speak and the council voted and confirmed the appointment. "I'm very pleased to see this many people interested in the Goingsnake District," stated Chief Wickliffe. Christie will have to take the oath of office again in January when the next council term starts. Since there was no opposition to the Goingsnake District in the 2010 council election, Christie will be seated for the full two year term.

"This appointment in no way reflects the outcome of the 2008 election when Christie ran against Joyce Hawk and finished second. There is no automatic appointment to a position on the council by a person finishing second during a tribal election. There is no amendment or language in the UKB election ordinance or bylaws to validate this issue," added Chief Wickliffe. All voting was performed properly and efficiently by the council.

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 Christmas Gift Cards to Wal-Mart 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. 11 - Ataloa Lodge, Bacone College Campus Muskogee, OK 1 to 3 p.m.

Cooweescoowee District

Dec. 16 - First Christian Church Pryor, OK 6:30 p.m.

Delaware District

Dec. 8 - Kansas Satellite Office 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Dec. 15 - Kansas Satellite Office 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 16 - Kansas Satellite Office 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Flint District

Dec. 14 - Stilwell Satellite Office 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Goingsnake District

Dec. 9 - Kansas Satellite Office 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Dec. 14 - Stilwell Satellite Office 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Dec. 17 - Westville Boys and Girls of Green Country Hwy 59 next to Simple Simon's Pizza 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Illinois District

Dec. 9 - Vian Satellite Office 6:30 p.m.

Saline District

Dec. 6 - Kenwood Community Building 6:30 -9 p.m.

Sequoyah District

Dec. 6 - Sallisaw Satellite Office 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Tahlequah Distict

Dec. 10 - UKB Wellness Center 5 - 8 p.m.

Dec. 11 - UKB Wellness Center noon to 6 p.m.

Gift Cards will be with the District Representatives through January 15, 2010. After that date, cards will be at the UKB Enrollment Office. Program ends at 5 p.m. on January 28, 2010.

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A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe



Echo Hawk Decision September 10, 2010

United States Department of the Interior



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians

v.

Director, Eastern Oklahoma Region,
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Decision

Background

On June 24, 2009, I remanded the United Keetoowah Band's (UKB) application to have a 76-acre parcel of land taken into trust to the Regional Director to apply the Department's checklist for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). I instructed the Regional Director that if she found that the proposed fee-to-trust acquisition satisfied the checklist, she should hold the application pending resolution of my authority to take the land into trust. In my June 24 decision, I left open the question of my authority to acquire the land in trust pending further consideration in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*, 2009 LEXIS 1633, 555 U.S. ____ (February 24, 2009).

On July 9, 2009, the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) filed a motion for reconsideration and withdrawal of the June 24 decision. This motion, in part, requested that I suspend implementation of the June 24 decision pending the reconsideration. On July 15, 2009, I provided the UKB with an opportunity to submit a brief no later than July 22, 2009, addressing the arguments made by CNO regarding the sole issue of suspension of the June 24 decision. The UKB filed a timely brief in response.

On July 30, 2009, I declined to withdraw or suspend my June 24 decision and set a schedule for the parties to brief "the issue of the import, if any, of the *Carcieri v. Salazar* decision." I requested the parties to "include a complete analysis of the successor-in-interest theory, as well as any other theories" the parties believe to be pertinent. The UKB, CNO, and the Regional Director all filed briefs.

After careful consideration, and based on the briefing provided in this matter, I conclude that the Regional Director should allow the UKB to amend its application in one of the following ways: 1) continue to invoke my authority under Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act but seek to have the land taken in trust for one or more half-blood members who could later transfer their interest to the UKB; 2) invoke my authority under Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA) and seek to have the land held in trust for the UKB Corporation; or, 3) invoke my authority under Section 1 of the OIWA and supplement the record with evidence to show that the parcel satisfies the conditions in Section 1.

DISCUSSION

Section 5 Authority

Under Section 5 of the IRA, I can take land in trust for "Indians." 25 U.S.C. § 465. Among those Indians for whom I can take land into trust are "persons of one-half or more Indian blood." 25 U.S.C. § 479. The UKB may amend its application to have the land held in trust for one or more half-blood members. Those half-blood members may then transfer their interest in the trust land to the UKB.

Keetoowah Recognition

The Keetoowah Recognition Act states that: "the Keetoowah Indians of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma shall be recognized as a band of Indians residing within Oklahoma within the meaning of Section 3 of the Act of June 26, 1936 [OIWA]." 60 Stat. 976 (Aug. 10, 1946). Thus, Congress recognized the Keetoowah Indians of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma as a band eligible to organize under Section 3 of the OIWA.

The legislative history of the Recognition Act shows that Congress intended that recognition of the Keetoowah would allow the band to "secure any benefits, which, under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, are available to other Indian bands or tribes." H. Rep. 79-447 (Apr. 25, 1945). The Department of the Interior, in a letter to Congress, supported enactment of the bill and concurred that the Keetoowah would be able to organize under a constitution for its common welfare. *Id.* The Department further stated in its letter that congressional recognition would be "conclusive" and "legislative recognition of the Keetoowahs as a band would accordingly enable these Indians to secure any benefits which, under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, are available to other Indian bands or tribes." *Id.* Congress clearly intended to afford the Keetoowah band all of the benefits and rights as other tribes under the OIWA, which necessarily include the benefit of having land placed into trust under Section 1 or Section 3.

Congressional action was necessary because the Solicitor had previously found that the Keetoowah Society, a group of traditional Cherokee Indians, was not a band within the meaning of Section 3 of the OIWA. Solicitor's Opinion, July 29, 1937, 1 *Op. Sol. on Indian Affairs* 774 (U.S.D.I. 1979). Four years after passage of the Keetoowah Recognition Act, the UKB organized a government and a corporation under Section 3 of the OIWA. See Constitution and By-Laws of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (ratified Oct. 2, 1950); Corporate Charter of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (ratified Oct. 3, 1950).

OIWA

Section 3 of the OIWA provides: "Any recognized tribe or band of Indians residing in Oklahoma shall have the right to organize for its common welfare and to adopt a constitution and bylaws, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe."

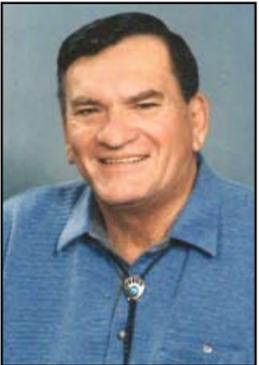
25 U.S.C. § 503. Section 3 also authorizes the Secretary to charter corporations and that "such charter[s] may convey to the incorporated group . . . any other rights or privileges secured to an organized Indian tribe under the Act of June 18, 1934 [the IRA]." 49 Stat. 1967

(June 26, 1936). The UKB adopted and the Secretary approved a constitution and a corporate charter in 1950.

Through the UKB corporate charter, the Secretary authorized the UKB Corporation in Section 3(r) "[t]o purchase, take by gift, bequest, or otherwise own, hold, manage, operate, and dispose of property of every description, real or personal." (emphasis added). Section 3 does not explicitly authorize me to take land in trust. But that authority is implicit. If the Secretary has the authority to convey to corporations the authority to hold land in trust as one of the "rights or privileges secure to an organized Indian tribe under [the IRA]," the Secretary must possess the actual authority to take the land in trust. I can, therefore, acquire land in trust for the corporation under Section 3 of the OIWA because that is one of the rights or privileges secured to tribes organized under the IRA and the charter conveys the authority to the corporation the right to own land held in trust, as "property of every description."¹ The UKB may amend its application to invoke my authority under Section 3 of the OIWA and to have the land held in trust for the UKB Corporation.

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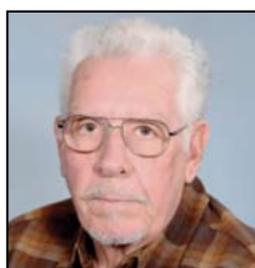
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UKB Christmas and New Year Holiday Office Closings

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed December 23 and 24 and 27 for the Christmas Holidays. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, December 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Tribal Offices will also be closed December 31 and January 3 for the New Year's Holiday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

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November Council Discusses Roads, Elders and Veterans Issues

The UKB Tribal Council began the agenda with discussion, nominations, voting and appointment of Willie Christie as the Goingsnake District Representative. (see story on page one).

The council continued with its agenda. In the Presentation to the Council, Rick Glory, Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) department, addressed the council, requesting approval for a resolution on the control schedule reflecting on roads the tribe will be involved on five-years from now. "Every year I have to bring the resolution to the council for approval so that the Administration will have control on the spending. Right now we currently receiving \$483,000 a year, in two years that will go up to 1.2 million dollars," said Glory. The council voted to approve the resolution.

Jacob Littledave, UKB Veteran's Claim Officer, gave a report to the council stating that he was trained by the Disable American Veterans. "I've been doing veteran claims for over thirty years. We have veterans who come from all over, Chief Wickliffe has expressed that we help all veterans, it is not restricted to just our tribal veterans," said Littledave. He has provided help to UKB tribal veterans as well as to non-Indian veterans, widows of veterans in receiving social security benefits, pensions, and retirement benefits.

Littledave accepted invitations to district meetings to speak to their constituents regarding social security and veteran benefits, disabilities, burial and assist veterans with filing claims. "We had our first Veteran's Conference this year and hope to continue this; we had all the Government agencies attend. We are also involved in the UKB Honor Guard, we present colors, we don't post them, and we do burials at the request of family of the deceased," added Littledave. There are over 260 active Keetoowah veterans that are served by the UKB Veterans Office. The office is opened two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 918-722-4384, ext. 184. The office is located in the UKB Wellness Center.

In New Business, the council discussed to vote to approve the UKB



UKB tribal council discusses important tribal issues during their November 6 council meeting. The council meets the 1st Saturday of each month at the UKB Community Services Building.

Membership and the delegate and alternates named for tribal voting in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) meetings. This resolution was approved by the council.

Council also discussed the authorize participation in the Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders which is done every three years and also the submission of application authorizing participation in Title VI, Part A or Title VI, Part A and Part C for the grant period April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014, both presented by Rebecca Dreadfulwater, Title VI/Elders Caregiver Coordinator. Both resolutions voted on separately and both approved by the council.

The council adjourned and the next UKB tribal council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, at 10 a.m. in the conference of the UKB Community Services Building.

Tahlequah District hosts Christmas Dinner

UKB Tahlequah District Representative Betty Holcomb will be hosting an Appreciation Christmas dinner on December 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish. For the location, call Betty Holcomb at (918) 822-3805 or (918) 931-2611. In case of inclement weather, the dinner will be postponed for another time.

Tahlequah District January Meeting

The Tahlequah District will have a meeting on Friday, January 14 at 6 p.m. at Keener Church in Lost City. For more information, call Tahlequah District representative at (918) 822-3805.

Housing News

Beginning in December, UKB Housing Department representatives will be in Satellite offices one day a week. Alpheus Byrd will be at the Stillwell Satellite Office on Thursdays from 8:30 to 4 pm. Denise Rooster will be at the Kansas Office on Wednesdays from 9 to 4 pm.

Education News

Reminder: College Students-The deadline to apply for a 2011 Spring scholarship is January 10th, 2011. Continuing students, please submit an official transcript from the previous semester (Fall 2010) for the second half of Fall Assistance and a class schedule for Spring 2011 for the first half of Spring assistance.

Any further inquiries or questions, please contact Education Department @ 918-456-8698 ext. 115 or 116. The UKB Education Department wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas and very special times with your families.

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Section 1 authorizes the Secretary to take land into trust for a tribe, band, group, or individual Indian, provided that the lands "shall be agricultural and grazing land of good character and quality in proportion to the respective needs of the [tribe]." 25 U.S.C. § 501. Thus, the OIWA provides independent authority for the Secretary to take land into trust for tribes organized under the OIWA. The UKB is such a tribe. The UKB may amend its application to invoke my authority under Section 1 of the OIWA and to supplement the record with evidence that the Community Service Parcel meets the conditions set forth in Section 1.

Conclusion

Because I do not decide this issue based on the UKB's status as a successor, I withdraw those portions of the June 24, 2009 decision concerning the successor in interest status of the UKB and the CNO.

I reaffirm my June 2009 decision regarding NEPA and conflicting jurisdiction.

I direct the Regional Director to reconsider an amended application consistent with this decision.

Signed
Date **SEP 10 2010**

Barry Echo Hawk
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

¹ The UKB Government will exercise jurisdiction over the UKB Corporation's land. Within the UKB tribal structure are the tribal government and the tribal corporation. They are separate entities. Solicitor's Opinion, 65 I.D. 483 (1958), 2 Op. Sol. on Indian Affairs 1846, (U.S.D.I. 1979). The UKB Government represents the UKB in its governmental affairs. And the UKB Corporation represents the UKB in its business affairs. The Internal Revenue Service recognized the tribal character of the corporation in holding that tribal corporations, as a form of the tribe, are not taxable entities: "[t]he question of tax immunity cannot be made to turn on the particular form in which the tribe chooses to conduct its business." Rev. Rul. 81-295; 1981-2 C.B. 15; 1981 IRB LEXIS 95. The UKB Corporation is merely the tribe organized as a corporation. Its property, therefore, is tribal property. Tribal property is subject to the governing authority of the UKB Government. Thus, any land placed into trust for the UKB Corporation would necessarily be under the governmental jurisdiction of the UKB Government.

Keetoowah Cherokee Elder Assistance for December 2010

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will continue taking applications for the December 2010 Elder Assistance Program. The UKB Elder Assistance Program provides all qualified tribal elders over 55 years of age semi-annual financial assistance in the amount of \$200 for each period. This is to assist Keetoowah Cherokee elders with funding they can utilize at their discretion.

The applications will also be accepted for two weeks in December. The last day for accepting applications is noon on December 10th. Applications will be taken on the days the tribe is open on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays until noon. Tribal Offices will be closed on December 6 for the election.

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

Checks for applicants who apply from December 1 through 3 will be mailed on December 7th and checks for applicants who apply from December 7th - 10th will be mailed on December 14. All Elder Assistance checks will be mailed.

For more information, call the enrollment office at (918) 453-9375.

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National Corps of Engineers Visit Keetoowah Cherokee Tribe

Thirty-five members of the Corps of Engineers from around the nation traveled to the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians Administration office and tribal complex for a tour and culture demonstrations.

The Tulsa District Corps of Engineers hosted a National Conference for the week of November 1. The theme for the conference was, "Consulting with Tribal Nations." One of the agenda items was a field trip to visit a Native American Tribe. Cynthia Kitchens, Tribal Liaison, Project Manager with the Tulsa District, Corps of Engineers, contacted the UKB office to request permission to come and visit the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe.

The UKB hosted the Corps of Engineers members with a reception and tour of the tribal complex. The group was given a short history of the tribe and the programs and services provided for their members and communities. A short program of culture demonstrations on basket weaving, blow gun making and Indian bow and arrow were also presented by tribal craft persons.

"I came here six years ago on my first field trip with John Sparlin, I never forgot this place. Cynthia (Kitchens) was kind to set up this trip so we could all meet with the Keetoowah," said Georgie Reynolds, Tribal Liaison for the Corps of Engineers.

It was mentioned by Reynolds that many of the attending members of the Corps have never met an Indian, this was their first introduction. Reynolds also stated that she was thrilled when she received the notice that they would be visiting the United Keetoowah Band. "It is so wonderful to see all these new buildings on the complex and the growth of your tribal membership. What is so amazing is that over 60 percent of your people still speak their Cherokee language. To have that richness of culture demonstrated to us is really important," added Reynolds.



Albert Shade, Indian bow maker and craftsman, shows arrows he hand crafted to members of the Corps of Engineers during their visit to the United Keetoowah Band tribal offices.



A member of the Corps of Engineers holds up a handmade Indian bow made by Albert Shade during their visit to the United Keetoowah Band tribal offices.

Tribe Provides Water to Oaks Community

A call was made to the United Keetoowah Band Administration office Tuesday, November 9, by a UKB tribal member from the Oaks community. The tribe was informed that an electrical power failure from the community transformer caused the shutdown of Oaks' well pumps that feeds water into the community. The shutdown occurred Saturday, Nov. 6.

The UKB Administration office contacted Oaks officials informing them the tribe would provide bottled water to their community. Under the order of Chief George Wickliffe, three pallets of bottled water were purchased from Walmart and delivered to the Oaks Community Center on Wednesday afternoon.

Jessie Reed, Oaks Clerk/Treasurer said the community was without water since Sunday and affected over 131 families in the community. "The well pumps stopped functioning Saturday, we had reserve water in the standpipe, but by Sunday all the reserve water was exhausted leaving the community without water," stated Reed. The water shortage has also affected two Oaks institutions, the Oaks Public School and Oaks Indian Mission.

Repairs to the power failure should be completed by Thursday or no later than Friday. "We really appreciate the United Keetoowah Band for providing our community with bottled water. The tribe has been very faithful in helping us. When we have a need, we call the UKB and without hesitation they come to our aide," added Reed.



UKB maintenance, Adam Chuculate, helps an Oaks resident load bottled water into their vehicle during a water shortage due to an electrical failure to the community water pump system leaving the Oaks community without water.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through 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 danced 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 roof there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutter, 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 reindeer.

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 called them by name:

"Now Dasher! Now Dancer!
Now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid!
On, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch!
To the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away!
Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that 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 dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, and he looked 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 on 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 laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, and I laughed 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 filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.

And laying his finger aside of his nose, and giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang 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!"

by Clement Clarke Moore

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

UKB member awarded Purple Heart

The U.S. Government awarded a United Keetoowah Band (UKB) member with a Purple Heart 60 years after being injured in combat.

Charley Lee Hardbarger served two tours in the Army during the Korean War. He enlisted in 1948 and went to Korea in 1950 for the first tour. He drove trucks, tanks, tracks and set artillery fuses, which is what he was doing the day he was injured.

Hardbarger said he was cutting 8-inch fuses when his sergeant yelled for everyone to take cover. Hardbarger pushed his buddy into a foxhole and dove for another one. He never made it.

Doctors told him either a missile or a mortar hit near him. The blast threw him 10 to 12 feet in the air.

After waking in an Army hospital in Tokyo, Japan, Hardbarger could not hear anything. He could see people's lips moving but no sound. Gradually, some of his hearing returned, but has never returned completely in the 60 years since.

Hardbarger also sustained an injury to his leg and hip in the blast that troubles him to this day. Doctors removed shrapnel from his right side.

The Army sent Hardbarger home and discharged him in 1951, but he re-enlisted in 1952 and went back to Korea to be with the buddies he served with earlier. He served a second tour and was honorably discharged in 1955.

After his first tour, Hardbarger did not question the missing Purple Heart. He was simply glad to be home. In 1981 he filed for the missing award and for disability, but the Army turned him down on both counts citing a lack of information.

In 2008 Judy Bunch heard about the problems Hardbarger had with the VA and noticed how hard it was for him to get around with his bad

leg and hip. She also realized Hardbarger was 78 years old and still working. She decided to take on the task of fighting for disability rights for her husband's cousin and see what she could accomplish with the VA.

Bunch said she went through Hardbarger's paperwork and searched the National Archives to find 19 different pieces of evidence detailing duty stations, outfits and names of people to support his claims.

Part of the original problem with Hardbarger's paperwork was the spelling of his name. Through clerical errors with his name and the transposition of several numbers in his service number on some of the records caused the VA to deny Hardbarger's claim.

Bunch took the evidence to the VA where she was promptly turned down.

Bunch was not to be deterred. She said she did not figure the claims people actually read the paperwork she sent to them. So she wrote a nine page letter mapping out each piece of evidence to show its relevance and actual presence in the papers.

This time she was partially successful. The VA rated Hardbarger at 80 to 90 percent disabled allowing him 100 percent disability pay. It also gave him a clear case for being awarded the Purple Heart.

But then Bunch and Hardbarger ran into a second problem.

Bunch said she filed the papers for the Purple Heart at the Muskogee Order of Purple Heart office and nothing happened. She had trouble getting the people in the office to do anything.

She then took the matter to Don Nichols and Cris Ford, state commanders of the Order of



Charley Hardbarger, a Korean War Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, stands next to his cousin's wife, Judy Bunch, who was instrumental in the struggle to obtain the medal for Hardbarger.

Purple Heart. They got the paperwork approved and agreed to come to the UKB Veterans Luncheon to award Hardbarger with the Purple Heart.

Bunch said Ford told her if the paperwork and the medal did not come in time for the ceremony he would give his personal medal to Hardbarger for the ceremony.

Hardbarger said he received his award letter in the mail and is now waiting for his medal to be mailed to him also.

Even though the Hardbarger saga seems to have a happy ending, the story is has yet to be finished. Bunch and Hardbarger are now fighting for retro-pay from the original filing date in 1981 and for additional medals owed to Hardbarger for his service in Korea.

Housing Projects Completed in November

A Tahlequah District woman is having new siding, windows, electrical wiring and a central heat and air unit installed. The central heat and air unit is replacing a wood stove that the resident is no longer able to physically service.

A Delaware District woman received a mobile home. The house is set with skirting and two porches are built, but one porch needs to be rebuilt to comply with ADA requirements.

A Flint District woman's remodel is completed.

A Flint District man's new roof and stove pipe is installed.

A Flint District man's trailer was installed.

A Flint District man's bathroom remodel is started, including the installation of an ADA compliant toilet, with the rest of the work waiting on bids to finish the drywall, floor and shower walls.

Twenty nine people received emergency housing assistance during this month.



Workers put the finishing touches to the outside of the building of the John Hair Museum/Cultural Center. The Museum is scheduled to open in late 2011.



Construction workers begin framing the walls for the Community Services building expansion on the 76 acres tribal complex just south of Tahlequah.

UKB Honors Vets at Luncheon

The United Keetoowah Band (UKB) honored veterans in a luncheon Nov. 5. All veterans regardless of race or tribal affiliation were welcome to attend the event.

Chief George Wickliffe thanked the group for their service and had each era of veterans stand to show when they served.

Chief Wickliffe said more Native Americans serve in the armed forces than any other group of Americans. They are proud to serve and do their part to keep the United States free.

He also said war has changed over the years. Battlefield wars in WWI, WWII and Korea changed to moving battles in Vietnam to insurgent warfare now in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust thanked the veterans for his family's freedom. Without the dedicated service and sacrifices of the few, the rest would not have the freedoms afforded them today.

Miss Keetoowah Vera Rooster and Junior Miss Keetoowah Martha McCarter gave the veterans who were present hats with the Keetoowah Warrior logo on it to show their appreciation for those who served.

At last year's luncheon, Chief Wickliffe promised the veterans he would make sure kanuchi would be served at this year's luncheon and he came through on his promise. Everyone who wanted the delicacy got a chance to partake.

As a special honor to Brenda Locust, community coordinator, Norman "Hominy" Littledave, community coordinator, and Jacob Littledave, tribal veteran representative, gave her a shawl to show their appreciation for all the work she does on behalf of tribal veterans such as organizing the veterans' luncheon and many other events throughout the year.

Also on hand for a special ceremony were members of the Oklahoma State Order of Purple Heart. Cris Ford and Don Nichols, state commanders of the Order of Purple Heart, awarded Charley Hardbarger with a Purple Heart he earned 60 years ago.

Through a clerical error Hardbarger was denied his Purple Heart after being blown out of a foxhole during the Korean War.

After the luncheon was served, members of the American Legion Post 15 served as a rifle squad and fired three volleys in salute.

Approximately 150 veterans attended the luncheon.



The Military Order of the Purple Heart members were special guests for this year's UKB Veterans Appreciation Luncheon as the State Commander Chris Ford was on hand to present the Purple Heart medal during a special presentation to Charley Hardbarger.



Members of the American Legion Post 15, Muskogee, Oklahoma, performed the closing ceremony for the UKB Veterans Appreciation Luncheon. The UKB thanks the American Legion for their participation for the event.

A Cherokee's Perspective

by Sammy Still



Funny how people's minds work, I don't consider myself any different than anyone else, but at times it makes you wonder. I've been reading "Letters to the Editor" and articles in publications of how organizations around the nation are wanting to become an official Cherokee tribe, either federally or state recognized, or of people wanting to become Cherokee tribal members. Why are all these people hurting so bad to be considered Cherokees, even if to prove it by fractions of descent?

I sit here, a full-blood Keetoowah Cherokee, looking out from the inside, watching all these White Europeans and African American Native people fighting for our color. I think to myself, must be nice to be considered superior to all these people, if only for a limited time. I remember when being Indian wasn't a good thing, now people are fighting to become Indian.

I remember having to take a history class that was mandatory at my former workplace. It was a week-long class and at the last day we were to stand up and express our feelings about the class. This one lady stood up and told the class that she had just recently received her CDIB card. That she was happy to be with her Cherokee brothers and sisters. I doubted she had any significant amount of Cherokee blood running in her veins. Then she said I'm proud to be Cherokee. When it came to my turn, I stood up and addressed the lady's comment saying, "You're not Cherokee until you lived Cherokee." Many of the Cherokee people attending the class understood my statement. In my opinion, a card does not make you a Cherokee; if you are less than a quarter Cherokee, I would consider you a descendent of a Cherokee, but nothing more.

I was raised as a Cherokee, because I was a Cherokee, learning the teachings of my elders. Growing up among our Cherokee people, I learned our religion and spiritual ways. I was taught to respect each other and our elders. I was also taught to be respectful toward God's creatures and to nature, which provide our nourishment. I doubt anyone other than Native Americans today respect our Mother Earth. As I've grown older, I come to realize that Cherokee people are more relaxed and humorous people. My grandfather would always tell me if things were not going well, "Let it go, God is watching out for you. Things will work itself out." And dodu would always be right.

I'm not here to pass judgment, I let God do that. I'm just an old full-blooded Keetoowah Cherokee who wishes to be left alone and let me be Cherokee. I don't need to wear feathers, decorate my body with tons of Indian jewelry or even dress the part. I just look at the color of my skin and keep thinking as an Indian, while I sit and watch everyone fight for our bloodline. Very amusing, wouldn't you say?

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Wolf Wears Shoes

This story is one that I had forgotten for a long time. And one day, an elder and I were heading to Tulsa and I don't know what triggered it but I started remembering this story while we were going down the road. And I remember laughing to myself and I often wonder if the elder thought I was going crazy because there I was just starting to laugh.

But, I was telling this story in Oklahoma City one time at a Elder's Conference and after I got through telling stories these two elderly ladies came up to me and one had kind of a tear in her eye and she told me that she hadn't heard this story since she was a little girl.

And so, to her and to other elders I dedicate this story because this is one of those stories that was almost lost. I call it, "Wolf Wears Shoes."

Well, one day, Rabbit and Squirrel, they were talking with each other and, you know, just passing the time away by a river, just minding their own business. And up from the river here comes Beaver and he was all excited, waving his arms and everything else, and trying to get Rabbit and Squirrel's attention, and he was saying, "Hey you guys! Hey you guys! I found something down by the river! Come and look! Come and look!"

And old Rabbit and Squirrel, they just kind of looked at each other and waited until Beaver got up to 'em.

And then Rabbit said, "What's going on?"

And old Beaver said, "Well, you know, there's something down there by the river. I ain't never seen anything like that before."

And old Squirrel said, "You know, I, uh, ... Rabbit probably knows what it is." And so they all agreed that they would go down by the river and check it out.

Well, just when they were heading to the river, here comes Wolf.

Now, back then, Wolf didn't always want to eat everybody. And the main reason is because he acted like he knew everything.

Now, I know that most people know somebody like that. Somebody that thinks they know everything. Well, that's the way Wolf was.

And so he caught those little animals and he said, "Hey fellas, what's going on?"

And old Rabbit said, "Well, old Beaver found something down there by the river and we're gonna go check it out."

And old Wolf said, "I'll go with you, I'll probably know what it is."

And so they all went down to the river and Beaver led 'em over to a little place where the grass was kind of high and he said, "There it is."

And so Wolf started looking at it and he started going around it and sniffing at it and everything else.

After a little bit he sat back and he was uh, kind of, uh, just, uh, scratching his chin and everything else.

And, after a little bit, he said, uh, "Yeah, I know what this is. This is what humans call 'shooes.'"

And the other animals, they said, "Shooes?!"

And Wolf said, "Yeah, 'shooes.' See, humans, they have tender feet, so they have to wear these shooes because, you know, when they walk on the ground, if they don't wear these shooes, they hurt their feet.

But if they wear these shooes their feet don't hurt. So these are 'shooes.'"

And old Rabbit, boy, he was sitting back there and he thought to himself, "Oh, man, he don't know what this is. But I do."

Now, Rabbit knew exactly what this was that was hidden in the grass. It was a trap!

And he knew because he had been almost caught in traps before.

And so Rabbit started thinking to himself, "I want to teach old Wolf a lesson.

Somebody's got to. He can't always go around acting like he knows everything."

And so Rabbit said, "Well, Wolf, how do humans wear these shooes?"

And so Wolf said, "Well, they wear them like this."

And he walked up to that trap and he stuck his foot in and that thing went "Krnng!"

And it got his foot, and, man, it hurt, and his ears just stuck out and he said, "This is how they wear 'em."

And old Rabbit thought to himself, "Oh, he still hasn't learned his lesson."

And so he told Wolf, he said, "Well, Wolf, you know you got another foot there so let's see if we can find another shoe."

And so Wolf said, "Okay."

And so they started to take off but when they took off that trap was hooked on to a tree by a chain. And so old Beaver had to go over there and gnaw around it until the tree fell down and they got the chain free and they took off.

Well they went on down the river and pretty soon old Beaver said, "Here's another one! Here's another one!"

And old Rabbit said, "Put it on! Put it on!"

And old Wolf walked up to it and said, "Okay."

So he stuck his foot in there and that thing went "Krnng!"

Boy, that hurt soo much.

And he said, "This is how they wear 'em."

And old Rabbit thought to himself, "Man, he still hasn't learned his lesson."

And so he said, "Wolf, you have two more feet back there so let's see if we can find two more shoes."

And old Wolf said, "Okay."

And so they started to take off and again old Beaver had to gnaw down a tree so he could get free. So they were walking down the river and each step old Wolf took, man, it was hurting him now, and he was going, "ow-OW," "ow-OW," "ow-OW."

Well, after a little bit they came up on another one and old Squirrel said, "Well, there's another one! There's another one!"

And old Rabbit said, "Put it on! Put it on!"

And old Wolf said, "Okay."

So he backed up to that trap and he stuck his

foot in and it went "Krnng!"

Boy, it hurt so much his ears stuck straight out, his eyes were bulging out, his tail was straight out, and he thought his hair would fall off it hurt so baad!

And he said, "This is how they wear 'em."

And old Rabbit thought to himself, "He still hasn't learned his lesson."

So he said, "Well, Wolf, you got one more foot there. Let's see if we can find one more shoe."

And so Wolf said, "Okay."

And so they started walking down. Of course, Beaver had to set him free again.

So they were walking down the river and each step, you know, Wolf was just dying because those things hurt and he was going "ow-ow-OWH," "ow-ow-OWH," "ow-ow-OWH."

Well, after a little bit old Wolf heard the words he was just afraid he was going to hear.

Old Rabbit said, "Here's another one! Here's another one!"

And all the animals, they said, "Put it on! Put it on!"

And so he backed up to that trap and he started to put his foot in...right at the last moment he jumped away and he started crying, "Take 'em off! Take 'em off! They hurt! They hurt!"

And so those little animals they had to take those traps off of his feet.

And so Wolf sat back and he was rubbing his ankles and his wrists and after a little bit he said, "You know, I've heard some humans say that shoes can be too small for their feet and it hurts them.

Those shoes were probably too small for me, that's why they hurt my feet so baad."

And old Rabbit fell over, knowing that Wolf still hadn't learned his lesson.

And so that's why, even to this day, the Wolf is all alone. Because everybody is sick and tired of him pretending he knows everything.

At least that's what Gramma said.

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United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu Dec. 2010				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<i>The Jim Procter Elder Center is designed to serve Elders 55+, their spouse and/or volunteer's bringing</i>	<i>Elder to the center. Our Elders are our priority and must be served before we serve under age 54</i>	1 Brown Beans Spinach Galley Chips Hushpuppies Cole Slaw	2 Spaghetti & Meatballs Green Beans Garlic Bread Cesar Salad & Dessert	3 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
6 Closed For Election 	7 Burritos Mexican Rice Guacamole w/chips Salad & Dessert	8 Chicken & Dumplings Corn on the Cob Green Beans Salad & Dessert	9 Stoppys Chips Baked Beans Salad & Dessert	10 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
13 Stuffed Peppers Zucchini w/Tomatoes Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	14 White Beans Turnip Greens Galley chips Cornbread Salad & Dessert	15 Chicken Noodle Soup Broccoli w/Cheese Breadsticks Salad & Dessert	16 Catfish Rice Pilaf Corn Hushpuppies Cole Slaw	17 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
20 Corndogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Salad & Dessert	21 Beef Stew Crackers/Cornbread Cheese Sticks Salad Dessert	22 Ekter's 55+ Christmas Dinner & Cultural Foods, Bday 	23 Closed For Christmas 	24 Closed For Christmas 
27 Closed For Christmas 	28 Chicken Kiev Wild Rice Grilled Veggies Hot Roll Salad & Dessert	29 Chili Frito Pie w/ Fxins Hominy Salad & Dessert	30 Meatloaf Mashed Pot & Gravy Carrots Hot Roll Salad & Dessert	31 Closed For New Years 

Obituaries

Garrett Drapeau

Garrett Wayne Drapeau, 19, Tahlequah resident and student at Northeastern State University passed from this life November 6, 2010 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born April 13, 1991 in Ada, Oklahoma to parents Ronald Eugene Frazier and Vanessa Lynette Drapeau.

While attending Northeastern State University as a full time student, he also worked at the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino. He was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his mother and father, Vanessa Lynette Frazier and Ronald Eugene Frazier both of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; grandparents, Imogene and Kenneth W. Drapeau of Ada, Oklahoma, Virgie Frazier of Ada, Oklahoma; two brothers, Jeremy P. Drapeau and Lonnie Joe Drapeau both of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; two sisters, Maleah J. Drapeau-Frazier of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and Karrington D. Drapeau of Ada, Oklahoma; great-grand parents, Zane and Conceta Zephier of Marty, South Dakota; auntie, Kelly R. Drapeau of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and by a host of other family and dear friends.

Garrett was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Annie and Joe Fixico, Robert and Jowina Reed and Joe Frazier, Henry and Rebecca Drapeau, Ellis Zephier and Blanche Drapeau.

The body was taken to the Mekusukey Gymnasium at 2 p.m. on Tuesday and a wake service was held Tuesday evening, November 9, 2010



Garrett Drapeau

at 7 p.m. at the Mekusukey Mission Gymnasium.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Mekusukey Mission Gymnasium. Rev. Houston Tiger and Lorne Beck will officiate the service.

Casket Bearers were Mike Lowe, Leo Tiger, Pvrto Rogers, Joe Fixico, Dylan Fixico, Devan Fixico, Randall Lowe and Keith Bear.

Honorary Bearers were Eugene Lowe, Leo Tiger Sr., Tim Rogers, Ashley Bear, Willie Stick, Matt Billy and Trampis Snell.

Interment followed at the Harjo Family Cemetery located just west of Mekusukey Mission. Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole, Oklahoma.

Candice Jade Pryor-Smith

Funeral services for Candice Jade Pryor-Smith were held on Monday, August 16, 2010 at the Cherokee Baptist Association of Briggs, Oklahoma with Pastor Albert Wofford and Pastor Richard Budder officiating. Interment was in the New Jordan Cemetery in Salina, Oklahoma. Services were entrusted to Reed-Culver Funeral Home of Tahlequah.

Pallbearers for Candice included Michael Stone, Sanders Mouse, Kevin Hair, Dmitri Ramirez, Brandon Cheater, and Steven Locust. Honorary Pallbearers included Jacob Bark, Cole Grogan, Dalton Grogan, Brent Bluebird, and Dustin Laconsello.

Candice Jade Pryor-Smith was born on March 20, 1995 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the daughter of Justin Smith and Monica (Bark) Flynn. Candice was a student at Marble City and more recently at Salina, Oklahoma. Candice loved sports of all kinds and played fast pitch for Salina, basketball for Marble City, and was a cheerleader as well.

She possessed a magical smile and a great laugh to go with it. She could make the darkest moment bright. She was happy just to spend time with her family and friends. Candice was a Christian and a member of Little Rock Baptist Church and attended Euwasha Baptist Church and other area churches where she could celebrate the joy she found in her Lord and Savior.

The Lord called Candice home on August 10, 2010 in an auto accident. She was fifteen years old. Candice leaves behind a legacy of love or laughter her friends and family will not soon forget.



Candice Jade Pryor-Smith

She is preceded in death by her grandmothers, Katie Stopp, Louise Dry and Sarah Blossom and her aunt, Susie Blossom.

Candice's memory will be treasured by her loving parents, Monica Flynn and husband Jeff of Sallisaw; Justin Smith and wife Terrie of Pryor, OK; and maternal grandparents, Floyd and Dorothy Bark of Stilwell.

Paternal grandparents are Mac and Rhonda Flynn, Carl Smith and Sandra Dry-Turner of Salina, OK and Deloris Pryor of Boatman, OK. Her great grandparents include Claude Dry, great grandmother Ruby Sanders, and Clarence and Marion Smith.

Candice has two brothers and five sisters, Uriah Flynn of Sallisaw, Dustin Lanconsello of Pryor, Carl Butcher of Sallisaw, Lahonna Flynn of Sallisaw, Kandell Smith of Pryor, and Sam Laconsello of Pryor, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends and loved ones.

Linda Nell (Brewer) Chuckluck

Linda Nell (Brewer) Chuckluck, of Salina, Oklahoma went to be with her Lord on Sunday, November 28, 2010 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Linda was born on April 27, 1942 at W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the daughter of Ernest Leo Brewer and Betty Blackbear.

She attended school in Little Kansas, Chilocco Indian School and graduated from Salina High School in 1960. In June of 1960, she married Bridge Chuckluck, Jr. Linda worked for Salina Public Schools, Anadarko Public Schools, Okmulgee Public Schools and Glenpool Public Schools as an assistant in Indian Education. In addition, she also attended college at Northeastern State University and East Central State.

As a preacher's wife, she served as a Deaconess, Sunday School Teacher, Baptist Young Women's Director, WMU Director, Acteen's and GA leader both in the local church and Cherokee Baptist Associational level. She and Bridge served as Home Missionaries for the State of Oklahoma at Indian Capitol Baptist in Anadarko. They served as pastor at Twin Oaks Baptist Church, Okmulgee 1st Indian, Glenpool Mission, and Indian Southern in Wichita, Kansas and presently at Salina 1st Indian Baptist Church.

They also served as Directors of Missions for the Cherokee Baptist Association in Tahlequah. In 2002, she was honored as Missionary Wife of the Year for the State of Oklahoma. One of the highlights of her church service was going on a mission trip with Bridge to Panama in 1993.

Linda was an avid storyteller and an exceptional quilter. Along with her church service and work in Indian Education, she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking (especially fry bread), watching Walker Texas Ranger and thoroughly enjoyed the music of Elvis Presley. Linda was truly a lovely lady who will be so very missed by all whose lives she touched.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Salina with Reverend Jimmy Anderson officiating. Jeremy Bacon, Wyatt Chuckluck, Dustin Decker, Jack Hair, Mikey Noe and Kendall Colston served as casket bearers. Hon-



Linda Nell (Brewer) Chuckluck

orary casket bearers are Jonathon Chuckluck, Gage Chuckluck, Jaxtin Decker, Tony Russell, Austin Bark, MaKoda Bacon, Immanuel Bacon and Rudy Wolfe. A Wake service was held on Wednesday evening, December 1, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the 1st Indian Baptist Church at 707 Brewer Street in Salina, Oklahoma. Arrangements were under the direction of Shipman's Funeral & Cremation Service.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Bridge Chuckluck, Jr.; her children, Pamela Chuckluck Bacon, Gregory Wayne and Felicia Chuckluck, David Leon and Cheryl Chuckluck, and Kristi Lynn Chuckluck; her grandchildren, Jeremy and Annette Bacon, Cortney and Dustin Decker, Jayme Chuckluck, Samantha Bark, Chastity Bark, Wyatt Chuckluck, Austin Bark, Jonathon Chuckluck and Annie Chuckluck; her great grandchildren, Adrianna, MyKoda, Miracle, Bridget, Immanuel, Jaxtin and Gage; her brothers, Rudy Wolfe, Ernest Brewer and Darrell Bailey; her sisters, Charlene Blackbear, Tammy and Curt Noe, Cindy Brewer, Brenda Brewer and Tina Brewer; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and an aunt. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest Leo Brewer and Betty Blackbear; brothers, Jeffrey Studie and Ernest Brewer Jr.; sisters, Sherri Blackbear and Ernestine Brewer; and one great granddaughter, Aiyana. Linda will be laid to rest near her loving family at New Jordan Cemetery in Salina, Oklahoma.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the UKB and everyone who helped our family in our time of need following the death of my daughter, Candice J. Pryor Smith. I would like to thank the UKB Honor Guard as well as the UKB Lighthorse for being an escort at the funeral.

Thanks to the UKB, administration, tribal members, and everyone who sent food, flowers and cards and expressed their sympathy.

The Family of Candice Jade Pryor Smith

Herbert Dale Dugger

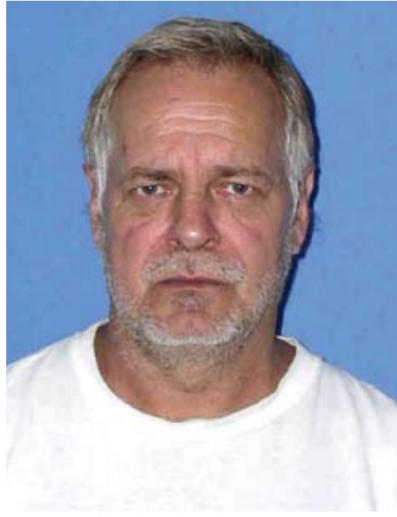
Herbert Dale Dugger was born February 22, 1951, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma to Willard "Chooch" Dugger and Katherine Mae (Jaco) Essex. At the age of 59, he departed this life August 28, 2010 at Stilwell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 2, at Echota Baptist Church in Stilwell with Brother Merle Gregory officiating. Interment was at Echota Cemetery in Stilwell. Pallbearers were Jerry Dale Pruitt, Nathan Bunch, David Milliron, Pete Milliron, Daniel Lopez, Jesse Catron and Mike Williams.

Flower girls were Summer Dawn Shell, Chanelle Gregory, LeVonna Grimmett, Sara Lopez and Delaney Williams. Services were provided by Hart Funeral Home.

Herbert was married to Beverly Bunch. He worked as a landscaper and planted trees, until he became disabled. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, antique shopping and spending time with his grandchildren. He was of the Pentecostal faith.

His parents and three sisters, Betty Farmer, Darlene Smith and Geraldine Anderson, all preceded Herbert in death. His surviving family includes his wife, Beverly Dugger, of Stilwell; son, Anson



Herbert Dale Dugger

Bunch, of Lexington, OK; brother Ronnie Dugger and wife, Vickie, of Stilwell; six sisters, Lillian Pardo, Marlene Morfin and husband, Gonzalo, all of Santa Rosa, CA; Patricia Milliron and husband, David, and Reba Valdes, all of Stilwell, Debbie Marcus, of Guymon, Oklahoma and Donna Jo Dugger, of Henryetta, OK; three grandchildren, Katelyn Renae Sewell, of Tahlequah, Samantha and Tabitha Bunch, of Georgia; and two best friends, Sam Kunhne, of Middletown, California and Karen Lopez of Stilwell.

1st Annual Vinita's Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM) Powwow was a success

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Honor Guard presented the colors at the 1st Annual Vinita's Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM) Powwow, Saturday, November 6. The powwow event was held in the Will Rogers Elementary old gym.

"We are very appreciative of the United Keetoowah Band Honor Guard presenting the colors for us, it was such a privilege," said Cheryl Crawford, JOM Liaison/Vinita Public Schools. Retired Chunkie Spears were presented to each member of the UKB Honor Guard Unit, provided by Jim Sharpe of the Vinita Indian

Territory Coalition.

The JOM Powwow capped a week-long Native American Heritage celebration with cultural demonstrations, storytelling and Cherokee workshops. "We were honored that several tribes and individuals participated in these activities. The Vinita Indian Territory Coalition provided cultural activities that highlighted the week and we are grateful for their support," added Crawford.

All profit from the Healthy Nation Concession stand went toward scholarships of graduating Johnson O'Malley Seniors at Vinita Public High School.



UKB Honor Guard Adjutant Norman "Hominy" Littledave, Air Force veteran; John Stayathome, Army veteran; Daniel Houston Jr., Marine Corps veteran; Debra American Horse Wilson, Marine Corps veteran; and J. C. Wilson, Marine Corps veteran; stand amid powwow dancers as they present the colors during Grand Entry during the 1st Annual Vinita's JOM Powwow.

Thanksgiving lunch enjoyed by children

The Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center (HLDCDC) cooked a Thanksgiving lunch for its children and their families Nov. 23.

The HLDCDC staff served a traditional meal to 22 parents and siblings along with the children. The staff set the meal for a family style atmosphere that the HLDCDC encourages families to actualize on a daily basis in their own homes. Family style meals enhance hand-eye coordination in children as well as develop self-help skills.

The meal also gave parents and families the opportunity to meet other parents in a casual setting with the children.

Many of the children who are enrolled in the infant program continue on to the three- and four-year-old classrooms.

The HLDCDC is now accepting enrollment applications. Interested parties should call 918-431-9998 for more information.



The Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center hosted a Thanksgiving lunch for parents and families on November 23 inviting them for an hour long lunch with their children.

HLDCDC Parent Meeting

Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center conducted a parent meeting on November 18, 2010 at the UKB Wellness Center. The topic for this meeting was Healthy Eating. Heather Winn from the OSU Extension Office presented information on proper portion sizes and healthy substitutes for holiday meals to the parents. Each parent was given a chance to pick foods they liked to eat from the six groups on the food pyramid. This demonstrated how much one person should consume in a day from each food group.

Parent meetings will be held monthly for all parents and families with children enrolled in the center. We encourage each parent or family member to attend. We hope to promote a center/family environment through adult education opportunities and parent involvement. December's meeting will be held on Dec. 9th, from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Wellness Center. Keri Ross from the UKB Help-In-Crisis will be presenting information on volunteering and the importance of giving back to the community.

Along with this meeting, HLDCDC is conducting a Coat Drive starting Dec. 1st and ending Jan. 7th. If you would like to donate coats, jackets, hoodies, etc., please drop them off at Henry Lee Doublehead CDC. All items collected will be distributed by the Keetoowah ICW and TVA programs to families in need. For more information on these events you can contact Lala Durossette, Child Care Director, at 918-431-9998.



A parent meeting was held at the UKB Wellness Center conducted by Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center Staff on November 18. The topic was Healthy Eating; Heather Winn with the OSU Extension Office was the presenter.



United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe presented the UKB flag to John Timothy, Ataloa Lodge Museum Director, during a luncheon hosted by Bacone College for the UKB Elder Committee. The UKB flag will hang in the Bacone gymnasium along side other Native American flags that are represented.



Tribal employees enjoy a delicious meal of turkey and dressing with the trimmings during their annual Employee Thanksgiving dinner provided by the Tribal Administration.



Assistant Chief Charles Locust and Economic Development Authority director, Joe Byrd, prepare to enjoy a delicious meal during the annual Employee Thanksgiving dinner.

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Chapel Valley Signs Andrea Carpitcher

Sharps Chapel, TN – Chapel Valley Record Company is excited to announce that they have signed this year's, National Quartet Convention, talent show winner Andrea Carpitcher. Her talent and ability were recognized by the judges as she took first place in the talent solo competition. One of the judges, Gary Casto, remarked that in the 2010 talent show they saw some of the best talent that they have seen in the last several years.

Andrea travels with her husband Rick, and three wonderful children. Many remember Rick from his days with the Tony Brothers. He will often accompany Andrea on the piano. Together they are a blessing to audiences of all ages as they travel and proclaim the glory of God.

The love for God is unmistakable when you meet Andrea. She along with Rick are both very proud of their Native American heritage. They are often found ministering to other Native Americans and feel blessed to be able to bring their wonderful music to them.

Chapel Valley is excited about having Andrea join their family of artists. She will be releasing her first CD with the record company by late spring 2011. A song will also be released to radio on the Chapel Valley compilation disc and is already highly anticipated.

God has given Andrea a powerful and in-



Andrea Carpitcher

credibly talented voice which can be heard on her website via youtube, www.thecarpitchers.com. For more on Chapel Valley go to www.chapelvalleystudio.com.

Volunteers Appreciated during Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration

The United Keetoowah Band celebrated another successful Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration thanks to the tireless efforts of the tribal and casino employees and volunteers. A special thank you goes out to members of the Sterling College, who volunteered their services for this year's event.

The Sterling College students and their chaperones not only volunteered their services, but also had the opportunity to learn about the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. The members felt it was a blessing to learn the Keetoowah Cherokee history and culture.

"Their desire and enthusiasm to volunteer

and help with this year's celebration was greatly appreciated and we would enjoy having them return next year," stated Sammy Still, UKB Public Relations Director.

Spokesman for the group also asked if they could return in the spring of 2011 to help the UKB with any ongoing projects and to learn more on the history of the tribe.

"It was a pleasure serving the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees on their celebration day. It was fun and the students learned a tremendous amount about the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees," said Doug Boardman, Assistant Professor of History.



Sterling College students and their chaperones volunteered their services for this year's 60th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration on Oct. 2, 2010.

Are you a Keetoowah Cherokee with traditional skills?

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

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



Sequoyah Football wrap-up

November was hoped to be a continuance of October's month of wins for the Sequoyah Indians on the football field, at least it started it out that way.

The Indians faced the Nowata Ironmen in the last regular season game and kept up the winning energy built during the previous month by defeating the Ironmen 21-6.

The win took the Indians into the Class 3A playoffs to once again face the Ironmen in what was thought a simple matter of repeating the previous week's slaying.

The Indians traveled 80 miles to Nowata's Thompson Field through a day of rainy weather that turned the field into a sopping, muddy mess. Nature was showing the Indians a sign of times to come.

After a bad snap gave Nowata the ball on Sequoyah's nine yard line, Nowata's Tim Farris took the ball down the middle for a goal. The team that was nearly skunked at last week's game was now seven points up on the Indians at the beginning of the game.

Before the first quarter was finished, Nowata's Kolby Thomas shot through the middle of Sequoyah's defense and pushed Nowata's lead to 14 points with 30 seconds left in the quarter.

The Indians managed to push the Ironmen's quarterback into the end zone for a safety during the second quarter giving the Indians their first two points of the game. Six more points would come when Sequoyah's Brayden Scott passed to Zac Robinson with a 36 yard catch-and-run.

The Indians were hopeful with only one goal separating them from the lead going into the third quarter. Unfortunately, Nowata managed another touchdown with a two-point conversion tacked on to give the Ironmen a 14-point lead.

With four minutes left to play Scott threw his second touchdown pass to Sonny O'Field. The extra point brought the score to 22-15 and a chance for a comeback.

Sequoyah's defense kept Nowata from scoring again but their offense could not complete their efforts to move ahead in the game and so ended the game.

A wet, rainy day in November ended the Indian's playoff dreams for this year, but one game cannot end an entire season's worth of work and accomplishments.

BB's Amusement Arcade opens in Nicut

An Amusement Arcade has opened in Nicut. BB's (Big Bear's) Amusement Arcade provides a friendly and safe family place for youth to hang out. Available games include pool, arcade games, onsite game playing featuring Playstation 2 and 3, Xbox360 and Wii.

The arcade also rents movies, and has snacks and soda for purchase. BB's is open 4 p.m. to midnight weekdays and noon to midnight on Saturday and Sunday. BB's Arcade is located on Highway 101, 3/4 a mile west of Highway 64B.



NOTICE

UKB Tribal members should make it a point to change registration for tribal membership at all Indian hospitals and clinics to the full title of United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

UKB member to teach Criminal Justice at Bacone College

There are several monumental moments in people's lives such as graduating high school, getting married, having children, finding a career and eventually retiring. It is the latter event taking place in one United Keetoowah Band (UKB) member's life, but it is not the lay back, take it easy retirement most people dream about.

Perry Proctor is retiring from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as an investigator to teach Criminal Justice at Bacone College in Muskogee.

Proctor said he is a little more than a year away from mandatory retirement with the BIA anyway and was offered a chance to share the experience he has garnered in more than 30 years of law enforcement with the next generation of criminal justice professionals. So he is retiring from one career to begin another one.

Proctor started out in the communication department at the Tahlequah Police Department before becoming an officer. He then spent nine years working for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation in the northeastern area of the state. Most of his time was spent investigating homicides.

He decided he wanted to do something a little different and discovered the BIA was hiring an investigator for Northeast Oklahoma. The job

allowed Proctor to investigate additional crimes such as child abuse, violent crimes and financial crimes and stay in the area he loves.

During his tenure in law enforcement Proctor helped successfully put between 100 and 200 criminals behind bars, many of them violent offenders. He also served the execution notice on five capital murder cases.

Also under Proctors belt, is the distinction of being one of the first to help to bring to prosecution a person involved in a multiple child abuse case.

Besides his years of experience as an investigator, Proctor spent plenty of time being trained and educated. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University in 1977 and a master's degree in 1983.

To go along with his college education Proctor was trained in basic criminal investigation, firearms training, instructor training and how to train the instructors training.

In his new role as an instructor, Proctor is going to teach introduction to criminal justice, criminal investigation and CLEET training for reserve officers.

Proctor said he has always tried to do what was expected of him and have a positive outlook



Perry Proctor

on life. His time with the BIA gave him a chance to give back to the organization that helped pay for his education.

He is a proud Keetoowah and continues to serve the Keetoowah Cherokee community by benefiting the next generation of law enforcement.

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UKB Regular October Council Meeting Minutes

**UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At the UKB Community Services Building
October 09, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.**

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Cliff Wofford

III. Roll Call: 10 + Chief answered Roll Call (L. Littledave and W. Proctor absent)

IV. Chief's Address

- Discussed the Celebration
- The crowd was upward of 10,000 people
- We served approximately 1,200 pounds of hog meat
- Suggested that we work on the sound system for next year
- The Echohawk decision gave new directions. Echohawk gave us new guidelines. He told us to take it under our Corporate Charter. This will give him the authority to grant us land in trust, any land.
- Henry Lee Doublehead and our other elders always said we have authority to have Indian land.
- Echohawk is telling us we have always had the authority under our Corporate Charter to have land in trust.
- We've ordered our lawyers to make preparations to complete Echohawk's specified instructions. The attorneys did so.
- We held a Special Council meeting to discuss the plan of action. The attorneys wrote a proposal/procedure and we met with Muskogee B.I.A. We were prepared when we walked into that building. B.I.A. said they wished to discuss a few things before we delivered our completed papers. After discussion we did not deliver our papers but we did schedule another date to go back and sit down with them. Their understanding of Echohawk's instructions was somewhat unclear. Thursday, October 7, 2010 we sat down with the Regional Office. Our attorneys were in touch with Echohawk at the same time.
- We reviewed all of Carl Artman's information and decisions as well as Echohawk's decisions.
- After the review the Regional Office said okay, we will not do anything to slow this process down.

Charles Locust: spoke of how well Chief handled himself during the B.I.A. visit. Chief led the whole discussion. Chief said exactly what he needed to say. Charles spoke of how twice, there has been two different Assistant Secretaries of the Interior tell two different Area Directors how to fix the problems and nobody has done so. We just don't understand what is so difficult. Road blocks have still been put up.

Chief: said we are expecting this to happen quickly. We also sat down with the Regional Office regarding Self-Governance. Carl Artman and Elizabeth Bird are both involved in the campaign for our self-governance. Carl had everything ready October 1, 2010. When we met with the Regional Office they had already had paperwork for funding put together with predetermined dollar amounts. These dollar amounts were basically zero because we don't have land in trust. All we need is a little bit of land in trust to receive more money for programs.

Chief gave predetermined figures to Council.

Someone in the meeting with B.I.A. then said we better separate UKB and CNO because you are in the same services area.

Chief said that will be a problem. Our numbers will be affected and they will try and argue for us to keep these low funding figures.

As a result of becoming self-governance there were steps we had to take. One being to get a resolution with an official count of exclusive members. This resolution needed to be approved by Council. The number is 14,300. We also had several other things happen so we could separate the rolls in order to be funded. The Chief told the B.I.A. that they participated in it as well as the government. We have a large black book directing us on how to separate the rolls.

Chief made the point that he wants to see these program funding figures raised because of our increased membership.

We have good lawyers and people working on these self-governance issues with us as a Council for our people. These things will pay off in a big way for our people.

We are following Echohawk's lead. If we are being led by the man himself I don't see where we can go wrong. It is only a matter of time.

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of August 2010

1. MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve the Regular Council minutes of September 11, 2010; SECONDED by Cliff; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Littledave and Proctor absent).

2. MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve the Special Council minutes of September 29, 2010; SECONDED by Cliff; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Littledave and Proctor absent).

Ella Mae Worley: introduced one of the attorneys, Linda Scott, who was attending her first Council meeting. She fills in for Ken and sits in on the EDA meetings.

Barry Dotson: thanked Chief for handling the B.I.A. so well. He discussed suggestions for the celebration. He said it was suggested to him the elders and handicap be fed first at the celebration. Also suggested there be wider aisles for wheelchair accessibility. Another issue Barry presented was that the gaming house needs yard work badly. He said the floors need to be repaired.

Chief: said he would assign someone to get these repairs done.

Betty Holcomb: commented on Celebration. It went very well and there were a lot of people. One thing that was supposed to happen was there were supposed to be 2 tents set up for serving the elderly and handicap. This did not get finished. She suggested we follow through with this next year.

VI. Presentations -

1. Betty Holcomb:

Spoke of a trip she and Juanita McCarter, Becky and Raven Owl had taken to the Elder Conference in Michigan. She gave the floor to Juanita McCarter so she could present a summary of the trip to Council.

Juanita McCarter: she said it was a pleasure to be there at the conference. She said there was a lot of information regarding healthcare and the elderly. She is preparing a PowerPoint for the Council. She hopes they will decide to hold the 2014 conference in Oklahoma. She thanked the Council for the opportunity.

Betty Holcomb: also spoke of mistreatment of UKB members at Hastings Hospital. She was given a phone number for people to call and report mistreatment. She was told that if there were enough reports, an investigation would take place. If complaints are ongoing then I.H.S. will take the hospital over again.

Chief: asked Betty to pass this information to the Health Committee.

2. Barry Dotson:

Inquired as to who is responsible for the big hole/ditch south of the complex on the main road? He is concerned someone will run their vehicle off into that ditch. He thought someone already had. Barry asked if it would be the city/county responsibility. He also thanked administration for the help that people in the Sequoyah District receive. He appreciates it very much.

3. Chief Wickliffe: Celebration

Said Choogie Kingfisher, the celebration emcee, started telling people that the north row of tables was reserved for elders. Choogie wanted the elders to be served first.

Betty Holcomb: told Council that there was a separate table for elderly and handicap.

Sammy Still: suggested for next year's celebration to have an entire area marked/roped off with yellow tape.

Charles Locust: reminded that there were designated tents last year for this purpose. The reason they were not utilized this year is because there wasn't much use by elderly.

4. Barry Dotson:

Thanked administration for the '800' number for Lighthouse. Chief: said Lighthouse will continue to appear in jurisdictional areas because of Echohawk's decision.

5. Jerry Hansen:

Mentioned he had a couple of young parents telling him there is gang activity in the Kenwood, Jay and Little Kansas area. He said someone called the county law and they never arrived. He said CNO didn't arrive until the day after. He wondered if our Lighthouse could have a substation around this area. He mentioned the name of a gang, Redskin Mafia. He's worried they are doing/selling methamphetamine. He'd like to see Lighthouse presence established.

Charles Smoke: said there was an incident at Kansas high school. Two boys from Kenwood left a note in the bathroom saying there was a bomb in the school. The two boys were suspended and may not be allowed to return.

Charles Locust: said that with our housing, they're trying to purchase their first piece of land up toward Jay somewhere. Intention is to develop "cluster-housing" locations to have larger population groups and through that maybe receive a grant to where we can house a Lighthouse for that housing community for protection.

Linda Scott, attorney: asked if these "gang" individuals were juveniles or adults.

Jerry Hansen: Some are adults preying on juveniles.

Linda Scott: suggested calling FBI.

Chief: said Lighthouse needs to go through these communities and make their presence known.

CONTINUED LENGTHY DISCUSSION RE: Gang issue

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Eddie Sacks on behalf of Liz Littledave

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to accept and approve 31 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Littledave and Proctor absent).

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to acknowledge and honor 2 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Littledave and Proctor absent).

VIII. Public Forum

1. Charles Locust: mentioned when talking to Carl Artman Thursday, October 7, 2010, regarding land issues, someone had taken some of Charles' uncle's land and claimed ownership and fenced it off. When Charles took it to the solicitor's office they said there was nothing they could do about it, so she basically just turned it over to those other people. Those other people are very influential in Stilwell and have relatives who control the realty offices and banks, etc. Charles told Artman and Artman said it was illegal. Carl Artman did not think these sort of things still happened these days. Charles told Carl these are the sort of things we still face on a daily basis. Carl Artman said he would like to look into this.
CONTINUED LENGTHY DISCUSSION RE: Land issues

2. Robert Whitekiller: commented on our Federal Programs sign. He said it is wonderful. He asked who was responsible.

Georgia Dick: said the MELD program workers raised half of the funds and administration helped with the other half.

Charles Locust: said we have received several compliments on it.

3. Rebecca Dreadfulwater: informed she has a new VISTA worker and their grant is due by November 30th. She needs to know when everyone's district meeting will be. Also Title VI was awarded \$1,000.00 Medicare D program and needs to participate in it.

Bryan Shade: provided further information regarding Title VI grant responsibilities. Every 3 years we must perform a survey of elders for Title VI. It is a standardized survey provided by North Dakota State.

4. Charles Locust: informed that there has been discussion regarding our tribal growth. Since we've received self-governance we need to reorganize to prepare for quick change and expansion. We will be looking at changing some titles. We want to implement a planning and development position internally. We are trying to emphasize we have eligible employees within the tribe and we want to utilize them in this growth. Elizabeth Bird and Carl Artman are working hand-in-hand on our self-governance. Bryan Shade is working on other things. Tim Good Voice will be implementing the planning and development side.

Chief: encouraged everyone to continue to listen and learn from our advisors and our elders in order to continue in the success for our people.

IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

X. New Business

1. MOTION by Cliff Wofford to approve submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant FY '10 (ICDBG) in the amount of \$800,000.00 for a public facilities project; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Littledave and Proctor absent).

Bryan Shade: said the idea is not to duplicate training programs and compete with other training facilities but to partner with them and provide our people with more opportunities.

XI. Announcements - NONE

XII. Benediction: Cliff Wofford

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Eddie Sacks; SECONDED by Charles Locust; Approve by affirmation: 12:05 PM

**UKB Special Monthly Council Meeting
At the UKB Community Services Building
October 26, 2010
6:05 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.**

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Stephanie Wickliffe

III. Roll Call: 11 + Chief answered Roll Call

Chief's Presentation to Council

Spoke of how the decision to fill Liz Littledave's position is very difficult. But because we are in very close negotiations and we are expecting many decisions very soon it is very important that we fill the Tribal Secretary's seat in order to keep these negotiations and decisions on track. We also need someone to take that seat in order to have all our signature authorities present.

Spoke of the specific instructions Echohawk gave us in order to get our land put into trust. Echohawk said if we apply under our Corporate Charter he has the authority to put land, any land, into trust for our people.

Chief told everyone that there was only one item of business on the agenda and that is all that will be discussed. He asked A.G. Ken Bellard to make a few comments before we carry on with the meeting.

Ken Bellard:

Read from article VIII of the Constitution.

Said constitutionally we are required to have the nine district representatives and four officers.

The B.I.A. is asking questions already. They know Liz has passed and know that the Tribal Secretary seat is vacant as of right now.

All our attorneys have discussed this and agree that we should fulfill the constitution as outlined.

IV. New Business

1. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove to appoint Tribal Secretary's position and duties due to the death of Tribal Secretary Liz Littledave.

Woodrow Proctor:

Said he misses Liz already. This is a sad day for us all.

He is proud to be a part of this "family," UKB family. As a Councilman he has to think of the people. He has been watching each Council member over the years. He has been watching leadership skills.

Everyone has done a magnificent job. As a tribe we have to move forward. He points out that Joyce Hawk has done very wonderful things for her people in the Goingsnake district.

Woodrow said he would like to nominate Joyce Hawk for the Tribal Secretary position, if she is willing to accept.

Joyce Hawk:

She said she would accept the position.

She will give it the best of her abilities. She wants to continue Liz's job and progress made for the people.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen to appoint Joyce Hawk as Tribal Secretary of The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma due to the death of Liz Littledave; MOTION by Charles Smoke; SECONDED by Charles Locust to cease nominations;

Barry Dotson:

Didn't know we were nominating someone

Thought we were just going to appoint and vote on someone.

A.G. Bellard:

Clarified the motion to appoint Joyce does have a second and must be voted on first.

Betty Holcomb:

Asked what happens to the Goingsnake district position if Joyce is appointed to the Tribal Secretary's position?

A.G. Bellard:

Stated Joyce would have to resign her Council seat before she is sworn in as Tribal Secretary.

This leaves her seat vacant since she ran uncontested in the upcoming election.

Under Section VIII of the Constitution the Goingsnake council seat can be filled.

Former elections have nothing to do with the current vacant Tribal Secretary position.

Charles Locust:

During this transition phase, I thought it would be a good idea to choose someone from Council because he/she would have the lowest learning curve. This is necessary because of our negotiations and the need for a signature. We want to eliminate the learning phase.

The B.I.A. is constantly asking who we have as signature authority in the Tribal Secretary's office.

We do not want this to hold up our Trust Land application or our self-governance.

Charles state he just wants to help the tribe continue in our forward progress.

Woodrow Proctor:

Spoke of the elders who strived for the decisions we are expecting.

He doesn't want any hindrances when we get these decisions.

It is up to us to keep moving forward.

This appointment is the best thing to do right now.

He reminded everyone that his motion still stands.

Barry Dotson:

We miss Liz. I thought the world of her.

He said he spoke to people in the Sequoyah District and everyone he spoke to said they would like to have a special election to fill the Tribal Secretary seat. He is speaking for his people.

Barry read from the constitution.

Barbara Girty:

She too had a lot of respect for Liz. She has known Liz for many years, even before she became a Council member.

She feels that since she did not run for Council and will not leave a vacant seat behind she would make a good nomination to the Tribal Secretary's seat. She said her Council seat will be filled and this makes more sense to her.

I nominate myself for the Tribal Secretary seat. I am asking each of the Council for his/her support and vote to fill the Tribal Secretary's seat.

A.G. Bellard:

Informed that under the current Election Ordinance there are no provisions for a special election of this nature. Your current election ordinance would have to be modified to include something for a special election

Ken explained that further research and study will be conducted to settle the question of a vacant seat if Joyce is appointed.

Chief Wickliffe:

Our elders want us to follow the Constitution.

Let's take a vote on the first motion on the table, to appoint Joyce.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen to appoint Joyce Hawk as Tribal Secretary of The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma due to the death of Liz Littledave; VOTE: 8 Yes, 3 No (Dotson, Girty, Holcomb), 0 Abstentions.

A.G. Bellard:

Because motion passed and she has been appointed to the Tribal Secretary seat she will now have to resign her Council seat in Goingsnake district so she can be sworn in.

For the record, she needs to make a formal statement that she resigns her Council seat and accepts the Tribal Secretary seat.

Joyce Hawk:

Due to the motion and nomination of me being the new Tribal Secretary I resign my District Representative seat for Goingsnake.

A.G. Bellard:

Called on a Tribal Judge to swear in Joyce as Tribal Secretary.

Chief Wickliffe:

This is the right thing to do because we have a lot of things going for the tribe. We can not let anything interfere. We are fulfilling what our forefathers worked towards for many years. You as Council did the right thing.

V. Announcements: NONE

VI. Benediction: Cliff Wofford

VII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to adjourn; SECONDED by Joyce Hawk; Approved by AFFIRMATION (TIME: 7:05 PM)



New home for Lighthorse

The United Keetoowah Band Lighthorse recently moved into their new offices located in the Civil Defense Station south of Tahlequah on the 76 acre UKB tribal complex.

UKB Lighthorse officers left to right, Rolin Buckner, Officer; Chris Thompson, Captain; Dustin Davis, Sergeant; Raymond Wickson, Jr., Corporal; Travis Foreman, Officer; Mark Doublehead, Officer; and Becka Keys, Lighthorse Secretary.

Legal Notice

If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA, You Could Receive Benefits from a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

Am I included?

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; **and**
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you **either**:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; **or**
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

What does the Settlement provide?

The \$760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys' fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional \$20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

What can I get from the Settlement?

The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

Track A – You can get a payment up to \$50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

Track B – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to \$250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

USDA Loan Forgiveness – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by **December 24, 2011** to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 28, 2011**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by **February 28, 2011**.

The Court will hold a hearing on **April 28, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys' fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.

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