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Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Transit Program Established

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians has received funding from the Federal Transit Administration to establish the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Transit Program. The purpose of the Tribal Transit Program is to enhance access to transportation within the Keetoowah Cherokee Indian Communities and to assist in development, improvement, and sustainability of transportation options in Indian Country.

Transportation will be available in the communities on schedules corresponding with dates of operation of area sub-offices. Also, the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Transit Program will coordinate non-emergency transportation to area hospitals and clinics by establishing a schedule of dates that such transportation will be available from each Keetoowah Cherokee Indian Community. "For instance, we will publish a schedule of dates that specified areas will have transportation available to clinics and hospitals. Then, residents in those areas can schedule their medical appointments accordingly. Pick up and drop off schedules will also be published so residents can make arrangements to be at designated pickup points to catch the busses to their appointments." said Bryan Shade, Federal Programs Director for the United Keetoowah Band.



The Tribe recently completed the purchase



UKB EXECUTIVE Director of Tribal Operations Tim Good Voice, standing left; and Federal Programs Director Bryan Shade, standing right; watch as Chief Wickliffe, seated left; and David Lindsey, seated right; with the Master's Transportation Inc., finalizes the purchase transaction for the transit busses.

of two transit busses and is completing the process of hiring drivers and dispatchers with plans of purchasing additional passenger transport vehicles in the near future. Transit operations are expected to begin in late January, 2010.

A nominal fare will be collected for all passengers as a condition of the Federal Transit Administration program in order to sustain operations. A passenger fare and operations schedule and list of bus stops will be published in the February 2010 addition of Keetoowah Cherokee News and will be posted on the UKB website as soon as it becomes available.



For more information, visit the official site of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees at www.unitedkeetoowahband.org or call the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Transit office at (918) 772-4350.



THE KEETOOWAH Cherokee tribe recently purchased two transit busses to enhance access to transportation within the Indian Country. Chief George Wickliffe and Federal Program Director Bryan Shade watch as David Lindsey, Master's Transportation Inc. of Hot Springs, Arkansas, demonstrates the use of the handicap access lift on one of the two transit busses.

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Tahlequah Area Leaders and Census Bureau Officials Launch 2010 Census Awareness Campaign

Only a few days into the New Year, the Tahlequah area kicked off its 2010 Census Awareness Campaign at the Armory Municipal Center with local officials, community leaders and the public in attendance. Tahlequah Mayor Ken Purdy, Chief Chad Smith of the Cherokee Nation, Don Ade of the United Keetoowah Band, Cherokee County Commission Chairman Doug Hubbard, David Moore of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce, joined with U.S. Census Bureau Assistant Regional Census Manager Debra Stanley to officially launch the Tahlequah area 2010 Census Awareness Campaign.

Northeast Arkansas is going all out to make sure every person living in the region is counted in the 2010 Census with a multi-faceted awareness campaign designed to reach out to everyone in the community. Local officials encouraged all area residents to talk to their family, friends and neighbors and remind them to complete and return their questionnaires right way because it is safe, easy and vitally important to our community.

The 2010 Census is vitally important because it directly affects the amount of federal funding it receives for schools, highways, health care, economic development and many other essential public needs. Everyone

should be counted in the 2010 Census because it determines how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed annually. The census also influences political representation because census data is used to allocate the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives among the states based on population.

The 2010 Census will be one of the shortest in our nation's history. It is only 10 questions and it should only take about 10 minutes to complete. The information collected is kept strictly confidential and is only used for statistical purposes. The Census Bureau is prohibited by federal law from sharing anyone's personal information with any other federal agency or law enforcement.

Additionally, several 2010 Census partners participated in the kick-off. Tahlequah Mayor Ken Purdy said, "It's a survey that matters. The count is critical to all sorts of things and we see the results in things like funding for affordable housing." Don Ade of the United Keetoowah Band said, "We are anxious to obtain an accurate count." Cherokee County Commissioner mentioned that Oklahoma lost a U.S. Representative as a result of the 2000 census and said, "We need to get a full and accurate count because full representation is so

important."

Debra Stanley, Assistant Regional Census Manager for the U.S. Census Bureau, stated "The census is a critical mission and Oklahoma is doing an excellent job informing, educating and motivating the public to participate in the census. The more residents know about the census, the more they will understand how they will benefit in the future from having complete and accurate census data."

Stanley also said, "The 2010 Census is a huge undertaking that provides temporary employment opportunities for local residents interested in working on the census. Census jobs offer good pay, flexible hours and paid training while you perform an important public service. Best of all you work right in your own community. Interested persons may call the U.S. Census Bureau at 1-866-861-2010."

The first census was performed in 1790 and counted 3.2 million people. More than 130 million addresses throughout the nation will receive a census form in March 2010, either by mail, in person from a census worker. Households should complete and return their forms upon receipt and include everyone who lives in the home.

2009



CHIEF GEORGE. G. Wickliffe, left; and Assistant Chief Charles D. Locust, center; were sworn-in for their second term as Chief and Assistant Chief for United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma during the January 3, 2009 Inauguration in the Northeastern State University ballroom. Durbin Feeling, right, Keetoowah Cherokee Language Coordinator and tribal member congratulates Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust following the Inauguration ceremonies.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of Tribal Operations Tim Good Voice, left, reviews the master plan of development for the 76 acres to U. S. Senator Tom Coburn's Legislation Assistant Brian Treat as UKB Chief George Wickliffe, Assistant Chief Charles Locust and Senator Coburn's Field Representative Connie L. Person looks on.



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEES were awarded one million dollars to pave West Willis Road leading to the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Complex. Road construction is scheduled to begin in 2010. This project is funded through IRR High Priority Project and Congressional earmark funding.



AUDITOR, CRAIG Legner, and Tribal Attorney(s) gave an outstanding review for the United Keetoowah Band's Audit for FY2008 during June 6, 2009 tribal council meeting. Auditor Legner told the tribal representatives and administration that the tribe has done an outstanding job keeping records of Federal and Tribal spending and should be commended for a job well done. Pictured in the foreground is Keetoowah Cherokee Tahlequah District Representative Betty Holcomb and Sequoyah District Representative Barry Dotson with Legner, seated at the table.



ASSISTANT CHIEF of the United Keetoowah Band, Charles Locust presented John Goodrich with the "DAR" Medal of Honor during a ceremony by the Talking Leaves Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, May 16 at Fairfield Community Building, Stilwell, OK.



ELEVEN MISSIONARIES and two children from Sterling College volunteered their services at the 59th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration as their mission site for 2009. Dr. Craig Smith who is Department Chairman of the Theology Ministries said, "I was impressed with the Keetoowah Way, how they take care of their elder people and young children, because it doesn't make any difference who it is and that is a reflection of true Christianity by them helping others."



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE tribal and community elders enjoy the nutritional meals served at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center provided by the Title IV Program. The Center celebrated its one-year anniversary. On May 16, 2008, the tribe dedicated the facility in honor of Jim Proctor, former council representative for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE members line down main street Tahlequah as they anxiously wait for the start of the 59th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration parade. This year's theme was, Keetoowah Cherokee Traditions - 1859-2009 "Still The Sacred Fire Burns".

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

The Year in Photos



CHIEF GEORGE Wickliffe, United Keetoowah Band, seated center, participated as a panelist on the Cherokee Language Forum at the Northeastern State University's Symposium on the American Indian.



KEJUAN "Thunder Boy" Rueda, age 4 and a Keetoowah Cherokee tribal member from Stilwell, OK, with his parents, stopped by the United Keetoowah Band Administration office for a hand shake and a visit with UKB Chief Wickliffe. Chief Wickliffe was honored and appreciated the visit from the young Keetoowah Cherokee member.



MEMBERS FOR the Veteran's American Legion, Post 15, Three-Volley Rife Party, participated in the May 30 United Keetoowah Band "Laying of the Wreath" ceremony. Pictured with Post 15 is the United Keetoowah Band Color Guard.



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band received nine Mentoring Emerging Leaders Destiny, "MELD" participants funded through the Social Economic Development Strategies Program. MELD participants are, left to right, front row, Amanda Mink, Stilwell, Education/Library; Carrie Grayson, Tahlequah, Elder/Caregiver; Bethany Vance, Tahlequah, Family Service; Winona Johnson, Tahlequah, Grants; and Alisha Johnston, (Not pictured) Tahlequah, Accounting. Left to right, back row, Tony Ballou, Tahlequah; Darrell Smith, Tahlequah, Information Technology; Gaye Cochran, Salina, Human Service; Brenda Gonzalis, Tahlequah, Lighthorse; and Travis Wolfe, Stilwell, Language, History and Culture.



THREE HUNDRED plus Keetoowah Cherokee youth braved the cool weather in March for the Annual UKB Easter Egg Hunt at the Keetoowah Celebration grounds.



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band Chief George Wickliffe takes time out of his busy schedule to teach the Keetoowah Cherokee language. A passion Chief Wickliffe shares with tribal employees is keeping the Cherokee language alive. Chief Wickliffe explains the similarities of characters in the Cherokee syllabify along with the pronunciations.



THE KEETOOWAH Cherokee Casino recently celebrated its' 23rd Anniversary. "We are celebrating 23 years of existence," stated UKB Chief George Wickliffe. The Casino began as a Bingo Hall, one of the first in the state of Oklahoma, later adding Class II electronic games. "We are grateful as a sovereign tribe to have a casino establishment such as this," added Chief Wickliffe. Helping celebrate the anniversary were, seated, left to right, UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust; Tribal Secretary Liz Littledave; Tribal Treasurer Ella Mae Cooksey-Worley; and Chief Wickliffe. Standing in the back row are the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino staff and administration.



THE UNITED Keetoowah Band Lighthorse officers replaced their old patrol units with two 2009 Chevrolet Impalas and two half-ton GMC Crew Cabs. With the added vehicles a second FLIR unit has been added to their fleet. "We now have three four-wheel drive units, two with FLIR devices, and two new Impalas, this will increase our response time in the communities and with two FLIR units we can be dispatched to two different locations at the same time," said David McCarter, Director of UKB Lighthorse.



THE NEWLY sworn-in Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Larry EchoHawk is congratulated by UNITED KEETOOWAH Band of Cherokee Indians Chief George Wickliffe, left, during EchoHawk's official swearing in ceremony June 26, in Washington, D. C. Keetoowah Cherokee Assistant Chief Charles Locust, center, also congratulated Mr. EchoHawk.



MILITARY INSIGNIA caps and certificates were awarded to Keetoowah Cherokee Elder veterans who served in World War II and Korean War. Each of these men has seen battle from ground, sea and air. The elder veterans were honored during the UKB Annual Veteran's luncheon held at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center.

Are you prepared for the Cold Weather?

Whether you're traveling in it or just trying to live your daily life in it, cold winter weather can be miserable and even downright dangerous if you don't dress appropriately. Staying warm is more complicated than simply throwing on a coat and scarf, here are some tips for keeping toasty from your head to your toes.

Layer layer layer!

Not only does layering help prevent drafts and help wick moisture away from the body, but you can remove them one at a time if you start feeling too warm. It's much easier to remove layers than it is to add them. See some good info here about the difference between the wicking layer, warmth layer, and wind layer.

Wear a hat and cover your ears

While not to the degree that some myths claim, body heat is lost through the head so wearing a hat is important. Ears shouldn't be ignored either, cover them as they're especially susceptible to frost bite.

Go waterproof, and bring backups

Waterproof socks, gloves, and even wind or ski pants can make a huge difference in comfort level. Have extra pairs on hand so you can change in case something does get wet.

Get boots that fit

Boots need to be snug enough not to flop around and trip you up but not at all too tight. Make sure when you're buying boots that you wear several



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pairs of thick socks so you can ensure there's enough room. Tight boots equal cold feet, and cold feet equal no fun.

Cold Weather First Aid

Hypothermia

Lowering of the inner core temperature of the body. Can and usually does happen above freezing. The victim may not recognize the symptoms and may not be able to think clearly enough to react. Injury or death may result.

Predisposing Conditions:

- Poor physical condition.
- Inadequate nutrition and water intake.
- Thin build.
- Nonprotective clothing.
- Getting wet.
- Inadequate protection from wind, rain and snow.
- Exhaustion.

Symptoms:

- Loss of ability to reason.
- Shivering.
- Slowing, drowsiness, fatigue.
- Stumbling.
- Thickness of speech.
- Amnesia.
- Irrationality, poor judgment.
- Hallucinations.
- Cyanosis (blueness of skin).
- Dilation of pupils of eyes.
- Decreased heart and respiration rate.
- Stupor.

Treatment:

- Shelter the victim from wind and weather.
- Insulate the victim from the ground.
- Change wet clothing.
- Put on windproof, waterproof gear.
- Increase exercise, if possible.
- Put in a pre-warmed sleeping bag.
- Give hot drinks, followed by candy or other high-sugar foods.
- Apply external heat; hot stones, hot canteens.
- Huddle for body heat from others.
- Place victim in a tub of 105° F water. Never above 110° F.

Prevention:

- Keep rested, maintain good nutrition.
- Consume plenty of high-energy food.
- Use proper clothing.
- Make camp early if tired, injured or lost.
- Get plenty of exercise. Don't sit around much.
- Appoint an experienced person to watch the group for signs.
- Take immediate corrective action for any signs.

Frostbite

Tissue injury involving the actual freezing of the skin and underlying tissues. Recovery is slow, severe frostbite can lead to gangrene. Once exposed the victim will be predisposed toward frostbite in

the future.

Predisposing Conditions:

- Prolonged exposure to temperatures 32° F or below.
- Brief exposure at extremely low temperatures, -25° F and below.
- Exposed body parts
- Restriction of circulation.
- Fatigue, poor nutrition, low liquid intake, poor physical condition.
- Previous case of frostbite or other cold injury.

Symptoms:

- First Degree (Frostnip)
- Redness, pain, burning, stinging or prickly sensation.
- Pain disappears and there is a sudden blanching of the skin.
- The skin may look mottled.
- Skin is firm to the touch, but resilient underneath.
- On thawing, there is aching pain or brownness. The skin may peel off, and the part may remain cold for some time.
- Second Degree (Superficial Frostbite, Frostbite)
- No pain, the part may feel dead.
- Numbness, hard to move the part.
- Tissue and layers underneath are hard to the touch.
- After thawing (takes 3 to 20 days) pain, large blisters, sweating.
- Black or discolored skin sloughs off, leaving tender new skin.
- Third degree (Severe Frostbite)
- Full thickness of the skin is involved.
- After thawing, pain continues for 2 to 5 weeks.
- Fourth degree (Severe Frostbite)
- Skin and bone are frozen.
- Swelling and sweating occur.
- Gangrene may develop, amputation may be necessary.

Treatment:

- Do not rub affected area with snow. Hold it over fire, or use cold water to thaw it.
- Exercise the affected area to promote blood circulation.
- Use any warmth available to thaw area.
- Do not attempt to thaw frostbitten limbs in the field. It is less harmful for the victim to walk out on a frostbitten limb than to thaw it in the field. Thawing only risks additional injury and the victim will be in too much pain to walk.
- Check for hypothermia.
- For more severe cases refer to more complete instructions.

Prevention:

- Proper clothing.
- Good nutrition, drink water, maintain core temperature.
- Use buddy system to check face, nose, and ears.
- Immediate treatment of minor symptoms.

Cold weather tips for pets

Brrrr...it's cold outside! The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips.



Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.

During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.

Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.

Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.

Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him—and his fur—in tip-top shape.

Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center more information.

Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

Well Monitoring Free of Charge

The UKB Natural Resources Department is still taking applications for tribal members who would like to have their private well monitored free of charge. Participants must live in Mayes, Delaware, Cherokee or Adair County. If you would like more information, call (918) 453-2823 or pick up an application at any UKB tribal office.

Christmas Gift Cards available until end of month

UKB tribal members who have not picked up their children's Christmas Gift Cards have until the end of January to pick up their cards. Gift Cards will be with the District Representatives through January 16, 2010. After that date, cards will be at the UKB Enrollment Office. Program ends at 5 p.m. on January 29, 2010. For more information, call (918) 453-9375.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu January 2010

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| 4 Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Toast Salad & Dessert | 5 Brown Beans Spinach Cornbread Salad & Dessert | 6 Chicken Fried Sk. Mashed Potato Corn Hot Roll Salad & Dessert | 7 Tortilla Soup Crackers Spanish Rice Salad & Dessert | 8 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00 |
| 11 Catfish Black-eyed Peas Hushpuppies Coleslaw & Dessert | 12 Chili Dogs Tater Tots Salad Dessert | 13 Enchiladas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad & Dessert | 14 Loaded Baked Potato Soup w/Crackers Salad & Dessert | 15 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00 |
| 18 Closed for  | 19 B-B-Q Bologna Baked Beans Corn T.Toast & Coleslaw | 20 White Beans Turnip Greens Corn Muffins Salad & Dessert | 21 Meatloaf Mashed Potato Carrots T.Toast & Salad | 22 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00 |
| 25 Pizza Green Beans Caesar Salad Dessert | 26 Marinated Chicken Wild Rice Tomato/Zucchini Breadstick | 27 Beef Stew Cornbread Cheese Sticks Salad & Dessert | 28 Cultural Day & January B-Days | 29 Closed for Cleaning  |

Census needs thousands of people in Oklahoma to fill jobs.

The U S Census Bureau will hire thousands of people throughout the state of Oklahoma between now and next spring. This strong economic shot in the arm is like having several factories open up in the state! Up to a total of approximately 5,000 people will be on staff during peak times.

"This is the largest civilian mobilization of workers in the history of the United States" said Dennis Johnson, Regional Director.

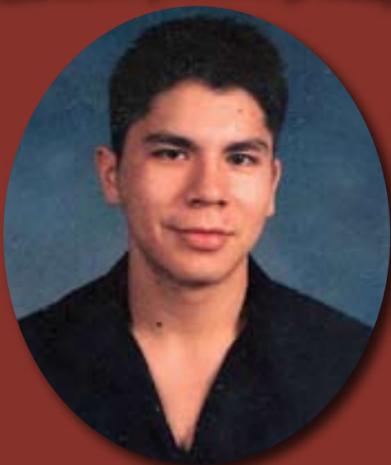
These are good paying, temporary jobs for the field positions of Recruiting Assistants, Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants, Census Takers and Census Clerks. Amount of pay depends on position and location. Work related mileage is reimbursed. There may be some opportunities for advancement.

Positions are available in every community.

The U. S. Census Bureau encourages interested persons to apply for these jobs by calling the Toll Free Jobs Line at 1-866-861-2010.

God's word, the same yesterday, today and forever!

Hebrews 13:8



James A. Hansen
12-03-1981 – 1-11-2004
NEVER FORGOTTEN!

*"You are they which justify yourselves before men;
But God knowth your hearts: for that which is highly
Esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God"*
Luke 16:15

UKB February '10 Calendar of Council, District & Special Meetings

- Feb. 6** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.*
UKB Community Services Bldg, Tahlequah
- Feb. 11** Saline District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Kenwood Community Building
- Feb. 11** Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Sallisaw UKB Satellite Office
- Feb. 11** Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Vian UKB Satellite Office
Jim Proctor Elder Center, Tahlequah
- Feb. 13** Goingsnake and Flint District Meeting, 2 p.m.
Stilwell Satellite Office.

*The regular UKB monthly Council Meetings will again be held at the UKB Community Services Building

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts over the lost of my wife Gidget Guess. Thank you to the United Keetoowah Band, Chief George Wickliffe, Assistant Chief Charles Locust and a special thank you to Bryan Shade for their assistance.

I would also like to thank Pastor Jeremiah Garcia and members of the Tyio Church.

Charlie Guess

Helping Elders and Kids a Keetoowah Cherokee Priority

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians is a small tribe compared to many other tribes in Oklahoma, but it is a tribe that cares, provides and believes in its people. With today's economy at it's lowest since the 1930s, more and more people are becoming unemployed, worker's hours are being cut back, and the need has become greater for financial assistance. Winter is upon us, soaring heating costs, homes in need of winterization, and food cost on the rise, these are major priorities of many families. The question for most is, "Where can we go for assistance?"

Many changes have been made within the last five years, with the administration's move toward accountability, stability and subsidies. The tribe has shown its concerns for its people providing services for its tribal members, providing assistance with heating and electrical bills, bi-annual elderly tribal assistance, and education grants, school clothing vouchers to qualified students,

and providing a daily nutritional meal through the Title VI program. The tribe has also applied for Self-Governance. "All these benefits and services are provided based on accountability brought back to the tribe. The integrity that the council feels with the way the tribe is going, that's making it where we can provide these services and continue to grow. A lot of it is based on our accountability and what our objectives are, helping the elders and our kids, this is where our priority is," stated Assistant Chief Charles Locust.

The administration also provided its employees with gas cards to help ease their cost of travel to and from work during the rise of fuel costs. During the holidays they provided bonus checks to the employees and Christmas cards for all Keetoowah Cherokee children from the ages of birth to 18 years of age.

With the reinstatement of the HUD funding, the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe is preparing to

aide elder tribal members with home repairs and winterizing homes. With the recent opening of the Keetoowah Health Services, the tribe is seeking ways to provide better health care services for its members, which will include clinics in the 14-County areas. The inclusion of the newly formed United Keetoowah Cherokee Veteran's Office, the tribe will be able to assist Keetoowah veterans by providing information and updating veterans on health care and health issues. Assisted living facilities are also in the planning stages.

"One of the requirements the Department of Interior has placed on the United Keetoowah Band in the last twenty years is the tribe has to recognize its tribal members as exclusive only. This is required so there is no duplication of services in this area. Other tribes are not required to be exclusive, duplication of services can continue among those tribes, but not here," added Assistant Chief Locust.



REBECCA DREADFULWATER, left, received her UKB employee Christmas bonus check from Chief Wickliffe, Ella Mae Worly, Treasurer, second from left; and Liz Littledave, Secretary; second from right.



UKB TRIBAL and community elders are provided nutritional meals by the Title IV Program at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center.



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE Elder Assistance checks are distributed bi-annually to tribal elders 55 years and older.



RECEPTIONIST JANIE Carey, left, helps a Keetoowah Cherokee tribal member fill out an application for emergency service from the Human Services department.

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creased nor diminished during the period for which they shall have been elected; and they shall not receive within that period any other emolument for the Cherokee Nation or any other Government.

Sec. 7. Before the Principal Chief enters on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will faithfully execute the duties of Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation."

Sec. 8. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the National Council at the seat of Government.

Sec. 9. He shall from time to time, give to the National Council information of the state of the government, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he may deem expedient.

Sec. 10. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

Sec. 11. It shall be his duty to visit the different districts at least once in two years, to inform himself of the general condition of the country.

Sec. 12. The Assistant Principal Chief shall, by virtue of his office, aid and advise the Principal Chief in the administration of the Government at all times during his continuance in office.

Sec. 13. Vacancies that may occur in offices, the appointment of which is vested in the National Council, shall be filled by the Principal Chief during the recess of the National Council by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of the next session thereof.

Sec. 14. Every bill which shall pass both branches of the National Council shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Principal Chief; if he approves, he shall sign it; but if not, he shall return it, with his objections to that branch in which it may have originated, who shall enter the objections at large on their journals and proceed to reconsider it; if, after such reconsideration, two-thirds (2/3) of that branch, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other branch, by which it shall like-wise be reconsidered, and, if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of that branch, it shall become a law. If any bill shall not be returned by the Principal Chief within five (5) days (Sundays excepted) after the same has been presented to him, it shall become a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the National Council, by their adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall be a law, unless sent back with in three (3) days after their next meeting.

Sec. 15. Members of the National Council, and all officers, executive and judicial, shall be bound by oath to support the Constitution of this Nation, and to perform the duties of their perspective offices with fidelity.

Sec. 16. In case of disagreement between the two branches of the National Council with respect to the time of adjournment, the Principal Chief shall have power to adjourn the same to such time as he may deem proper; provided, it be not a period beyond the next constitutional meeting thereof.

Sec. 17. The Principal Chief shall, during the session of the National Council, attend at the seat of Government.

Sec. 18. There shall be a council composed of five persons, to be appointed by the National Council, whom the Principal Chief shall have full power at his discretion to assemble; he, together with the Assistant Principal Chief and the counselors, or a majority of them, may, from time to time, hold and keep a council for ordering and directing the affairs of the Nation according to law; provided, the National Council shall have power to reduce the number, if deemed expedient, after the first term of service, to a number not less than three.

Sec. 19. The members or the executive council shall be chosen for the term of two years.

Sec. 20. The resolutions and advice of the council shall be recorded in a register, and signed by the members agreeing thereto, which may be called for by either branch of the National Council for the term of four years.

Sec. 21. The Treasurer of the Cherokee Nation shall be chosen by a joint vote of both branches of the National Council for the term of four years.

Sec. 22. The Treasurer shall, before entering on the duties of his office, give bond to the Nation, with sureties, to the satisfaction of the National Council, for the faithful discharge of his trust.

Sec. 23. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but by warrant from the Principal Chief, and in consequence of appropriations made by law.

Sec. 24. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all public moneys, and to make a regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of all public moneys at the annual session of the National Council.

Article V.

Sec. 1. The judicial powers shall be vested in a Supreme Court and such circuit and inferior courts as the National Council may, from time to time, ordain and establish.

Sec. 2. The Judges of the Supreme and circuit courts shall hold their commissions for the term of four years, but any of them may be removed from office on the address of two-thirds (2/3) of each branch of the National Council to the Principal Chief for that purpose.

Sec. 3. The Judges of the Supreme and Circuit courts shall, at stated times receive a compensation which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office, but they shall receive no fees or perquisites of office, nor hold any other office of profit or trust under the government of this Nation, or any other power.

Sec. 4. No person shall be appointed a judge of any of the courts until he shall have attained the age of thirty years. Elected by the National Council, and there shall be appointed in each district.

Sec. 5. The Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts shall be as many Justices of the Peace as it may be deemed expedient for the Public good, whose powers, duties, and duration in office shall be clearly designated by law.

Sec. 6. The Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Circuit courts shall have complete criminal jurisdiction in such cases, and in such manner as may be pointed by law.

Sec. 7. No Judge shall sit on trial of any cause when the parties are connected [with him] by affinity or consanguinity, except by consent of the parties. In case all the Judges of the Supreme Court shall be interested in the issue of any case, or related to all or either of the parties, the National Council may provide by law for the selection of a suitable number of persons of good character and knowledge, for the determination thereof, and who shall be specially commissioned for the adjudication of such cases by the Principal

Chief.

Sec. 8. All writs and other process shall run "In the Name of the Cherokee Nation," and bear test and be signed by the respective clerks.

Sec. 9. Indictments shall conclude-"Against the Peace and Dignity of the Cherokee Nation."

Sec. 10. The Supreme Court shall, after the present year, hold its session annually at the seat of government, to be convened on the first Monday of October in each year.

Sec. 11. In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have the right of being heard; of demanding the nature and cause of the accusation; of meeting the witnesses face to face; of having compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his or their favor; and in prosecutions by indictment or information, a speedy public trial, by an impartial jury of the vicinage; nor shall the accused be compelled to give evidence against himself.

Sec. 12. The people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and possessions from unreasonable seizures and searches, and no warrant to search any place, or to seize any person or thing, shall issue, without describing them as nearly as may be, nor without good cause, supported by oath or affirmation.

Sec. 13. All persons shall be bailable by sufficient securities, unless for capital offenses, where the proof is evident or presumption great.

Article VI.

Sec. 1. No person who denies the being of a God or future state of reward and punishment, shall hold any office in the civil department in this Nation.

Sec. 2. The free exercise of religious worship, and serving God without distinction, shall forever be enjoyed within the limits of this Nation; provided, that this liberty of conscience shall not be so construed with the peace or safety of this Nation.

Sec. 3. When the National Council shall determine the expediency of appointing delegates, or other public agents, for the purpose of transacting business with the government of the United States, the Principal Chief shall recommend, and by the advice and consent of the National Committee, appoint and commission such delegates or public agents accordingly. On all matters of interest, touching the rights of the citizens of this Nation, which may require the attention of the United States government, the Principal Chief shall keep up a friendly correspondence with that government through the medium of its proper officers.

Sec. 4. All commissions shall be "In the Name and by the Authority of the Cherokee Nation," and be sealed with the seal of the Nation, and signed by the Principal Chief. The Principal Chief shall make use of his private seal until a National Seal shall be provided.

Sec. 5. A sheriff shall be elected in each district by the qualified electors thereof, who shall hold his office two years, unless sooner removed. Should a vacancy occur subsequent to an election, it shall be filled by the Principal Chief, as in other cases, and the person so appointed shall continue in office until the next regular election.

Sec. 6. No person shall, for the same offense, be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall the property of any person be taken and applied to public use without a just and fair compensation; provided, that nothing in this clause shall be so construed as to impair the right and power of the National Council to lay and collect taxes.

Sec. 7. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate, and every person, for injury sustained in person, property, or reputation, shall have remedy by due course of law.

Sec. 8. The appointment of all officers, not otherwise directed by this Constitution, shall be vested in the National Council.

Sec. 9. Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government, the preservation of liberty, and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged in this Nation.

Sec. 10. The National Council may propose such amendments to this Constitution as two-thirds of each branch may deem expedient, and the Principal Chief shall issue a proclamation, directing all civil officers of the several districts to promulgate the same as extensively as possible within their respective districts at least six months previous to the next general election. And if, at the first session of the National Council, after such general election, two-thirds (2/3) of each branch shall, by ayes and noes, ratify such proposed amendments, they shall be valid to all intent and purposes, as parts of this Constitution; provided, that such proposed amendments shall be read on three several days in each branch, as well when the same are proposed, as when they are ratified.

Done in Convention at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, this sixth day of September, 1839

GEORGE LOWREY, President of the National Convention

Written by William Shorey Coodey

2010 NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ART COMPETITION ANNOUNCED BY THE OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION

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

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

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

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

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is the largest cause of mental retardation in the United States, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, but it is 100 percent preventable. "Among some tribes, the rates are as high as 1.5 to 2.5 per 1,000 births," according to the Federal Register.

Physical, mental, behavioral, and or learning disabilities are all associated with FAS. Women that drink during pregnancy need to realize that FAS is permanent and there is no cure. There is no amount, time, or type of alcohol that is safe.

Keetoowah people should be educated about this serious issue, because Native Americans have the highest rates of FAS. Underlying causes of alcohol abuse come from violence, oppression, displacement, and loss of self-determination, which have a strong history in Native Americans.

"Building on the cultural strengths of Native American communities can support positive outcomes at all stages, from early intervention for infants to adult support services," according to DHS.

We have a chance to make a difference, to change statistics and become a healthy nation. We have the power and knowledge to prevent FAS, it is not hard, the answer is simple—do not drink while pregnant.

The first step is education. If you know of someone that is drinking while pregnant you should talk to her and tell her the impact she has on the child's life before it is born. If she drinks alcohol it goes into the baby's bloodstream through the umbilical cord and a baby cannot get rid of alcohol the same way adults can.

Also, talk to her about problems that may be causing her to drink and check to see how she is feeling or if she needs someone to talk to, refer her to a counselor. No child should have to live with effects of FAS. Make an impact on someone's life and help the future of Keetoowah.

Article written by Victoria Proctor
Miss Keetoowah Cherokee



Victoria Proctor
Miss Keetoowah Cherokee

Jessee Joe Weavel

Congratulations go to Jessee Jo Weavel who graduated from Northeastern State University with a degree in Visual Communications Degree. Jessee is the daughter of Joe Weavel and Lorrie Sorenson. Her siblings are Zee, Renee, and Dude Weavel.

Jessee hobbies include taking photographs, working out and fashion. She has already moved to San Diego to begin her new job working for the band 'Devil Dance' doing their public relations.



Kabree Amyah Smith

Kabree Amyah Smith turned one on January 4, 2010. She is the daughter of Heather and Jeremy Smith from the Saline District. She also has a sister Raini Amyah Smith who will turn 3 next month.



How the Blow Gun Originated

The Cherokee Elders always reminded us never to talk about the "little people", but we have traditional stories that tell of "little people". We tell this story all of the time to students and others. As long as it is told in stories it doesn't do any harm, if we tell of our personal experiences with "little people" that is another thing. But here is the story; it is about how the blowgun was introduced to this old Cherokee man which involves "little people".

There was this very old Cherokee man who lived in the mountains by himself. One day as he was working in his garden, he thought to himself that he missed the taste of meat and wanted to have meat with his meals. You see, this Cherokee man didn't hunt or fish anymore because of his age. Because of his age he couldn't walk around as well as he used to and was afraid that if he went hunting that he could not walk up the steep hills or through the rough thickets in the woods. And if he went fishing along the river banks he would trip over the rocky river shores and break an arm or leg. So with this in mind, he quit hunting for food and fishing for fish. Instead he planted a nice garden, and in this garden was enough food for his survival, but it lacked meat and for this he was craving for.

He would harvest the corn in the garden and other vegetables and would make corn soup to eat. But as he ate his corn soup every evening, he still craved for the taste of meat. So one night as he lay in his bed, he prayed to the Creator to help him find a way to have meat for his meals. As he slept, the Creator sent the little people into his dreams to show him how he could once again taste meat that he craved for.

In the Cherokee man's dream came the little people who showed him how to hunt for meat without leaving his home. First they told him to go the edge of the river banks and cut down a long straight river cane, next they showed him how to hollow out the river cane to make a hunting tool from the river cane. Next they show him how to make darts from a tree branch and how to tie thistle onto the darts. Then they told the old Cherokee man to go to his garden to sit and wait for the black birds as they came to eat from his vegetables. As soon as the birds landed into his garden the little people instructed him to shoot the black birds with his blow gun and darts then he would have all the meat he wanted for his meals.

The next morning the old Cherokee man arose from his bed and traveled to the edge of the river cut his river cane and made his darts as instructed by the little people. He sat in his garden and waited for the birds to come, and just as the little people said the birds came. The man shot the black birds one by one and took them inside and prepared the birds for his meals. He hung the birds in front of his fireplace and let the meat cook slowly. When the old man fixed his corn soup he would get one of the cooked birds and grind the meat in a bowl made out of stone and place the grinded meat into his corn soup and would finally taste meat again. This tasted so good to the old Cherokee man.

One day as this old Cherokee man was cooking his corn soup a young man, who was known as a thief, was walking along the roadway and smelled the old man's corn soup cooking. This young man had not eaten in two to three days and was very hungry. He went up to the old Cherokee man's house, knock on the door and when the old man answered his door, the young man told him that he smelled his good cooking from the road and asked the old man if he could have some of his corn soup and the old Cherokee man welcomed him in to have some corn soup. As the young man ate the corn soup he noticed that the old man lived alone and he also noticed that there were baskets filled with corn and vegetable as well as lots of meat hanging in front of the fireplace. He thought to himself that no one would know if he killed this old Cherokee man and take all of his belongings. He could live here and have enough food for himself. So with that in mind he killed the old Cherokee man and took over the old man's possessions.

The little people saw what this young man had done to the old Cherokee man and they decided to pay this young man back for the crime he committed to the old Cherokee man. As days past the young man would eat the corn soup, but the soup didn't have the same taste as it did before. He tried everything to make the corn soup to taste the same as when the old man served it to him. But there was something missing, but he didn't know what, finally he realized that it was missing the taste of meat. The little people knew this so they put a magic spell on the meat hanging from the fireplace. When the young man decided to place the bird meat into the corn soup the birds would come alive and fly away. Each time the young man placed the bird meat into the soup the bird would again come alive and fly away, until there were no more bird meat. The man finally ate the soup without any meat. But since he had no skills at hunting and gardening he ate all of the food up and finally starve to death.

This is how the little people revenged the old Cherokee man's death.

UKB Council Meeting for December

During the December United Keetoowah Band tribal council meeting, Chief Wickliffe addressed the council emphasizing the importance of Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Larry EchoHawk's important decision, how it has affected the future, not only for the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe, but the future of all Native American tribes. Those changes are happening in Washington, D. C. today, and the confirmation of Native tribes; whereas in the past you only witnessed manipulation when it came to working with Native Indians. "The statement made by President Obama impressed me when he walked into the room and told the attending Native tribal chiefs, 'I don't know what went wrong, we came to live with you,' which they did," stated Chief Wickliffe. "I have been involved in several meetings with Mr. EchoHawk and Mr. Salazar. We have negotiated on many issues and feel as though our tribe is sitting in a good position," added Wickliffe.

The decision of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn the ruling on the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allowed reinstatement of HUD funding to the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. The Keetoowah Cherokee tribe is waiting for word from HUD on the release of funding to the tribe. "In the November council meeting, I stated that we would hit the ground running when word came from HUD on our funding. I requested the cre-

ation of a five-member advisory committee for our housing program," stated Chief Wickliffe. Three of the five-member advisory committee has been filled, with two remaining seats to be filled by two individuals named and voted by the council. The Chief's three selected advisory committee members are, Executive Director of Tribal Operations, Tim Good Voice; Federal Programs Director, Bryan Shade; and Director of Accounting, Jody Ellis These three committee members and their programs are familiar with the needs of the Keetoowah Cherokee tribal members. Their staff is directly involved in field work out in the communities at all times seeing the needs of the people. Priority will be given to the most needed attention to home repairs. "Our priority will be to repair homes, fix homes that will last for another three to four years or more, and then later we will concentrate on building new homes for our people," said Chief Wickliffe. "Right now we will be able to assist more tribal members with home repairs then with building new homes with our HUD funding at this time."

Chief Wickliffe also announced to the council of two new transit vehicles that were delivered a day earlier to the United Keetoowah Band. These two new vehicles will begin transportation for Keetoowah Cherokee tribal members as soon as the tribe employs drivers and dispatcher for this program. There are plans to purchase more transit

vehicles later next year.

In a presentation to the council, UKB Attorney General Ken Bellmard presented a draft on the Business Regulatory Commission. This draft would allow individual tribally owned businesses on trust land and within the United Keetoowah Band jurisdiction to be non-regulated by the state, but regulated and protected through the UKB Tax Commission Codes, Business Regulatory Commission and the UKB Economic Development Authority. The council determined to table this draft and referred that all business be referred to the EDA for further evaluation.

The next UKB tribal council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, at 10 a.m. in the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center in Tahlequah.

Have a Question about Health Services?

UKB Tribal Members who have been denied services or feel they have been discriminated against at IHS Clinics are encouraged to report the incident to the Keetoowah Cherokees. All tribal members with health issues or concerns should contact UKB Health Director Don Ade at (918) 457-7264.

UKB Regular November Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the Jim Proctor Elder Care Center November 07, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Ed Foreman

III. Roll Call: 10 + Chief answered Roll Call (Fourkiller-Hawk, Sacks absent)

IV. Chief's Address (10:02AM)

- Janette Hannah is no longer at the BIA Regional Office. Her office has been cleaned out. There were two other people also "moved out."

- Attended a meeting in Washington, where Chiefs of Indian tribes were invited by President Obama to hear him "follow through" with his campaign statement in reference to his plans in dealing with Indian tribes, wherein; he had stated he would treat all Indian tribes alike.

- The UKB has had a ruling which appears that for the first time, the UKB was treated "alike" and equal. That ruling was when Assistant Secretary of the Interior Larry Echo-Hawk declared the UKB had successor in interest in the Original Cherokee Nation. This successor in interest does cover the entire 14 county area.

- This 14 county area was the Original Cherokee Nation. 10 years after we had arrived here a second group of Cherokees came and then in 1906, that group gave up/relinquished the Original Cherokee Nation when Oklahoma became a state, then had land allotments by the Dawes Commission.

(Fourkiller-Hawk arrived at 10:07 AM)

- The Keetoowah Society/Nighthawks were not against land allotments but they did not agree that the United States Government should make the decision on how land allotments would be carried out. The society believed allotments should be decided by the society.

- Even though CNO is not the Original Cherokee Nation, and CNO was not organized until 1975-1976 when they had a Constitution signed by the United States, they kept a lie going saying, the UKB was just a "social club."

- The Keetoowah elders knew how their land and their leadership was taken away from them by the non-Indians.

Before the removal from the Eastern states, the Keetoowah elders did not want to lose their traditions because of involvements by the United States, therefore; the Keetoowahs voluntarily moved from Southeastern United States. This group of Keetoowahs became known as the Old Settlers. In 1817 under a treaty, these Keetoowahs moved into Arkansas.

Under the Treaty of Washington, called an act, the United States agreed to allow the "Old Settlers" to go into, what was then called Indian Territory. This group left Arkansas and to this date it is not known if this Arkansas Land was ever taken back by an act of Congress.

This Old Settlers group was promised 7 million acres of land when they moved into Indian Territory. The Original Cherokee Nation came 10 years after the Old Settlers. It has taken 201 years to get a decision that the Keetoowahs are successors in interest.

At the Washington meeting with President Obama, it was learned there were many tribes who have no land. The decision by EchoHawk has eliminated this problem for the UKB.

The UKB has received an IHS contract which will cover another year. After this, we should be on our way of establishing many things in our own health care.

The UKB now has many opportunities for moving forward in many areas.

Our housing monies should become available in the very near future. The tribe has been funding our housing for over 4 years. There are many housing needs in repairs, re-modeling, etc. There could be stimulus money to apply to housing needs. We will be applying for stimulus money. We were unable to apply for this initial issuance of this money because our housing court case had not been decided but we can and will apply for this money at the second issuance.

There is still a chance of getting the Ft. Smith project active again.

There is another opportunity for a business to be established in Vinita, OK. This property is being looked at for a casino. The location is immediately off of I-40. This project was previously approved by Council.

The UKB is now eligible for many more grants and funds. We need to go after supplemental funds, stimulus funds for our Lighthouse. The Lighthouse will be covering more territory and that causes a need for more vehicles. Lighthouse is already out in the communities. It seems the CNO Marshalls and Lighthouse are not experiencing any problems. Lighthouse will have many needs in covering the 14 counties/districts, including training, equipment and personnel, etc.

The message delivered in/to Washington is we take care of our people in the best way possible and training of our people in preparation for positive employment.

Charles Locust: 5 years ago, we focused on getting the message out as to who the UKB was and what we were trying to do and today you can see the positive difference made in the past 5 years. The tribe has turned almost 180 degrees in an entirely different direction. This positive change can be attributed to the employees and support received from members. Administration might be out front but positive change is a credit to the people who work behind the scenes. The attorneys, the office workers and all employees are the ones doing the work in preparing administration for actions. These are the people who deserve a "thank you." These people cause the changes.

5 years ago there was a problem in grant money being drawn down. This concern was corrected.

The Keetoowahs are now financially stable.

We can now begin planning for our future growth and not required to focus on protection against arguments from CNO. The Council needs to be proud of what has been accomplished in the past 5 years.

It takes everyone working together to move forward. Under the leadership of Chief Wickliffe and the support of the Council we were/are able to move forward.

Assistant Chief Locust thanked Council and the people for support given to the administration. He said he is proud of being UKB. Washington acknowledges UKB as "the real Cherokees." Remember the hard times and you will appreciate where the UKB is today.

Chief Wickliffe: reminded all to remember the soldiers who were killed at Ft. Hood.

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

1. MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve the Council minutes of October 10, 2009; SECONDED by Ella Mae Worley; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Sacks absent)

VI. Presentations -

1. Barry Dotson: Read a letter from Marble City School Board Member, Raymond Boland, wherein; it was stated Marble City School had won the State Football Championship and it was asked UKB support this team's accomplishment in the purchase of championship rings for the entire team. Letter of request was referred to the Gaming Board for consideration.

2. Barry Dotson: inquired if there was a program where propane tanks were purchased or leased for the people. He informed many people were still utilizing 50-100 gallon containers and such was not sufficient or economical.

3. Woodrow Proctor: Presented for Council's consideration but was not asking for a decision on the subject of: Indian Business on Indian Land.

Extreme Lengthy Discussion:

License

Land issues

Fees

Under which tribal umbrella, etc.

Various opportunities for Indian Businesses

AG Bellmard informed he would compile a packet of information in reference to opportunities for Indian business. This would be mailed to the Secretary for mailing to Council members in preparation for discussion at December Council Meeting.

AG Bellmard: was authorized to make arrangements with Mr. James Ray for presentation of detailed information on: Indian Business. Meeting would be with Tribal Business/Tribal People who have businesses. These could also include those Indians interested in starting a business.

4. Charles Smoke: inquired if there were plans to move the Kansas Satellite office to either Locust Grove or Salina.

Tim Good Voice: there have been discussions on opening an office around Salina/Locust Grove where location would be a split between the 2 towns. If this were done it would probably require and additional employee assigned to that office. Coverage for Vian and possibly Sallisaw would be provided by Stilwell Satellite office personnel.

5. Charles Smoke: inquired as to maximum of 150 gallons of propane purchase.

Bryan Shade: clients are allowed \$200.00 for propane purchase.

DISCUSSION:

Price of propane will not allow 150 gallon purchase with \$200.00

(Hansen left meeting due to previous appointment; 11:41 AM)

DECISION: lift the cap of \$200.00 per visit and allow purchase of minimum amount the propane company will deliver.

Rental fees and renewal fees for propane tanks will be paid as such becomes a need.

6. Barry Dotson: asked if people were required to come into the office and make application each time they request propane. He stated how many people have no transportation or telephones for making their request known. He suggested staff go out and take applications.

Bryan Shade: discussions are being done in seeking ways to eliminate this type situation, example; use of the transit program and efforts will be made to assist those persons without transportation even to go to the home for completion of paperwork.

Barry Dotson: stressed this was an immediate need for these people.

Bryan Shade: restated how trips to the home could be made in these type situations.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledeave
MOTION by Cliff Wofford to accept and approve 22 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment (This includes 2 children between 0-18 years of age); SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Sacks, Hansen absent)

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to acknowledge and honor 15 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Sacks, Hansen absent)

NOTE:

Council was informed relinquishments of membership are requested because people are being promised jobs but a "Blue Card" is required for employment.

Chief Wickliffe: stated how a relinquishment from UKB does not allow a return to UKB membership.

2. Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk: inquired as to how 2008 excess Christmas Gift Cards were allowed to I.C.W. She stated these cards are located in the accounting office and are not accessible to I.C.W. during the weekend and she asked the procedure for availability. Response: I.C.W. need only to request cards in preparation for potential weekends needs, Seems such situation is a lack of understanding of procedure. Director of Federal Programs will clear this up with I.C.W.

VIII. Public Forum

1. Georgia Hogner: she presented thank you and appreciation to the tribe for support and assistance given to the Adult Cherokee Choir in their trip to North Carolina. She reported hearing "good stuff" about Chief Wickliffe while on this trip.

IX. Unfinished Business – NONE

X. New Business

1. Ken Bellmard asked that agenda item # X, 1 be stricken from the agenda

MOTION by Charles Locust to strike from the agenda Item # X1, (Discussion and vote for submission of a Bond Application for Infrastructure Development); SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Sacks, Hansen absent)

2. Chief Wickliffe presented history of UKB Housing before current Administration came into office. He stated a Housing Committee should be composed of 5 members but should not include any elected persons. He said names for consideration of committee members could be submitted by Council.

DISCUSSION:

MOTION by Barry Dotson to approve to dissolve the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Housing Authority Act of 1997; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Sacks, Hansen absent)

XI. Announcements

1. Ken Bellmard announced James Ray, from Native American Business Center, would come for presentation of Indian Business Data on December 3, 2009. Ken will coordinate this schedule. This was approved/accepted by Council.

2. Liz Littledeave: 2009 Christmas Gift Cards

a) Calendars for issuing 2009 Christmas Gift Cards was presented and it was requested each District Representative designate on the calendar when, where and time they would be issuing these cards. This information would out in "their" area local newspapers as well as in the UKB newspaper. Each representative did comply with the request.

o Flint District Representative, Woodrow Proctor, requested the Secretary's office issue cards for Flint District. The Secretary accepted this request.

o There will be no candy or fruit given with the \$40.00 gift cards.

o Only issue cards to those children named on "your" district list

o DO NOT loan cards to another district

o DO NOT issue a second cards to anyone for any reason (example: this card has no money on it, usually that card was spent by "that" person)

o If you have questions call the Enrollment Department before you issue a card

o Process for un-issued cards after program has been completed was explained.

o The process after reconciliation of un-issued cards said cards are signed for by the Comptroller and cards are turned in to Accounting.

o Sammy Still cautioned; notice of change in issue date must be quickly because newspaper publishing dates varies and not all newspapers are published daily.

b) Elder Assistance Program: update of November calendar now includes offices will be closed on November 11, 2009, Veteran's Day. This was not noted on the first November calendar issued to you. Attached to the updated calendar is 20 Elder Assistance Applications. This is a starter set. Please copy more if you need more applications.

c) At October's Council Meeting, Woodrow Proctor asked about the # of mail outs and return mail in RE: Special Election.

o 5218 letters were mailed, verify correct address

o 1280 letters have been received by Enrollment (35 of these letters showed a change of address)

o 49 letters returned because of incorrect addresses

o DISCUSSION:

d) Hominy Littledeave sends his appreciation for the sponsorship of the Tribe in supporting this year's Veteran's Luncheon. He also sends his appreciation to those Council members who attended this luncheon in support of the event and he does realize many could not attend because of prior commitments and obligations. He stated all comments about this event were positive and the people are looking forward to the next veteran gathering.

3. Chief Wickliffe: need to remember the family and honor those soldiers who lost their lives in the Ft. Hood incident. Let's give a moment of silence before we have our benediction. (Moment of silence was given)

XII. Benediction: Sammy Still

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; Approved by affirmation.

Time – 12:35 PM

KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE CASINO AND UKB TRIBAL EMPLOYEES CHRISTMAS GATHERING



SANTA AND Mrs. Claus paid a visit to the United Keetoowah Band at the 2009 UKB employee Christmas gathering. The Clauses had an opportunity to get their photo taken with UKB Chief George Wickliffe.



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE Assistant Chief Charles Locust gets his photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus during the UKB employee Christmas gathering.



CHRISTMAS GIFT baskets filled with fruit were presented to the UKB Council Representatives at the annual employee Christmas gathering.



ROD FOURKILLER, Keetoowah Cherokee Casino General Manger, serves as Master of Ceremonies during the 2009 United Keetoowah Band employee Christmas gathering as Santa and Mrs. Claus look on in the background.



MISS KEETOOWAH Cherokee Victoria Proctor and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Alyssia Jones have their photograph taken with Santa Claus at the UKB employee Christmas gathering.



UKB CHIEF George Wickliffe welcomes and expresses his appreciation to all Tribal and Gaming employees for their hard work and dedication during the 2009 employee Christmas gathering.



UKB ASSISTANT Chief Charles Locust greets and wishes all tribal and gaming employees a very Merry Christmas during their employee Christmas gathering.



MASTER OF Ceremonies Rod Fourkiller, reaches for a ticket as tribal employees wait anxiously hoping their number will be called for one of many Christmas gifts to be drawn. Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Alyssia Jones and Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Victoria Proctor help Fourkiller as he picks the winning ticket.



UKB TRIBAL and Gaming employees enjoy a delicious Christmas meal during their annual employee Christmas gathering.