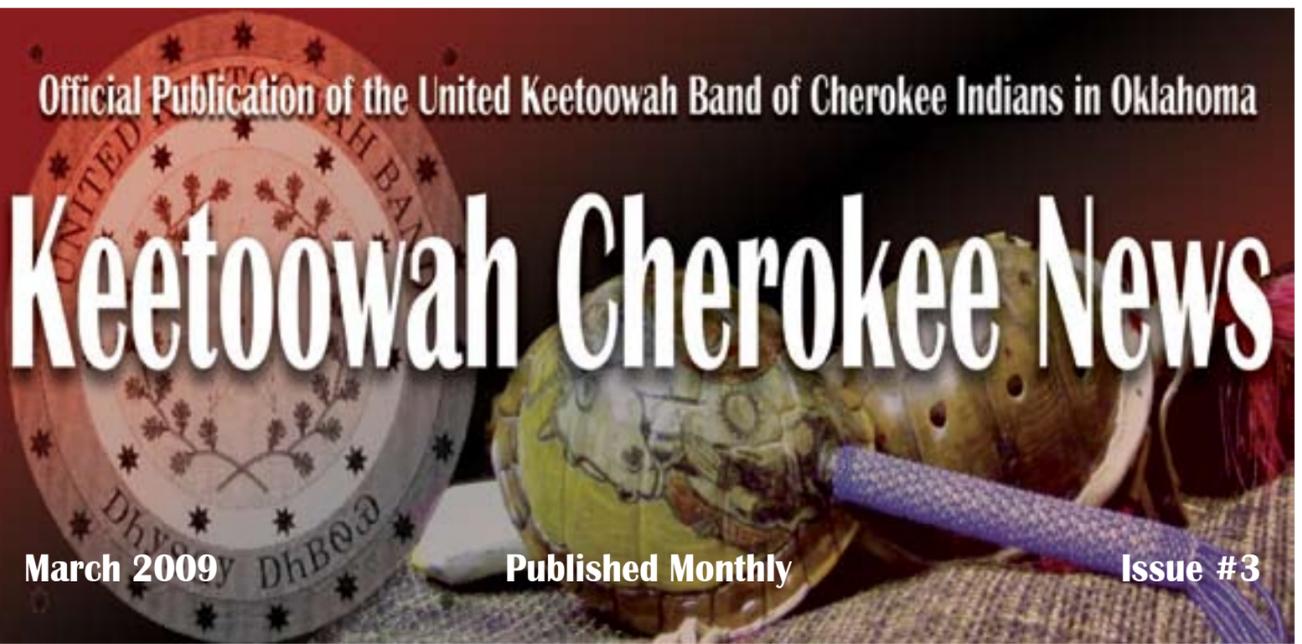


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Recovery and Reinvestment Package includes Major Push to Create Jobs, Economic Opportunity in Indian Country

WASHINGTON, DC - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act approved by Congress in mid-February includes approximately \$2.5 billion to create jobs and economic opportunity in Indian Country.

Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Byron Dorgan (D-ND), who proposed including initiatives for Indian Country in the package, said the legislation represents "a long over-due and urgently needed investment in Indian Country. Indian reservations have faced 50% unemployment rates and double digit poverty rates for decades. These initiatives are targeted to help create jobs in the short term where they are most in need. In addition, the initiatives will also help promote long term economic opportunity and activity." The provisions contain no "earmarks," funding instead only previously authorized programs.

The legislation also includes significant new construction bonding authority, beyond the \$2.5 billion in job creating investments, to further help spur job creation.

A summary of Indian Country provisions follows:

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

- Indian Health Facilities – \$415 million
 - New construction – \$227 million
 - Maintenance and improvements – \$100 million
 - Sanitation Facilities – \$68 million
 - Medical Equipment – \$20 million
- Indian Health Services – Health Information Technology - \$85 million

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

- BIA Office of Indian Programs – \$40 million (housing improvement and workforce & training)
- BIA Construction – \$450 million (schools, roads repair, jails, irrigation, dams)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE

- Department of Justice Grants (DOJ) – Indian Jails construction - \$225 million (coordinate with BIA, consider violent crime rates and detention space needs)
- DOJ Community Oriented Policing Services – tribes eligible to compete - \$1 billion program
- DOJ Violence Against Women Prosecution Grants – \$22.5 million (result of a 10% tribal set-aside)



LOCAL CONTRACTORS began pouring concrete for the ceiling of the UKB Civil Defense Station safe room. The Civil Defense Station will be located just southeast of the Jim Proctor Elderly Care Center. There will likely be many construction projects developed in Indian Country as part of President Obama's Stimulus Package creating urgently needed jobs. These initiatives will help create jobs in the short term where needed and help promote long term economic opportunities and activities.

TRIBAL ROADS AND BRIDGES

- Indian Reservation Roads (DOT) – \$310 million
- Tribal Transit Set-Aside (DOT) – \$17.25 million

INDIAN HOUSING

- Indian Housing block grants (HUD) – \$510 million (conference note to use funding to rehabilitate and improve energy efficiency in houses maintained by Native American housing programs)

EDUCATION

- Head Start – \$10 million (tribal set-aside)
- Early Head Start – tribes eligible for a portion of the \$1.1 billion program
- Special Education (IDEA) – tribes eligible for a portion of the \$12.2 billion program
- Impact Aid – language urges targeted funding to military and Indian reservations from the \$100 million program

ENERGY AND WATER

- Bureau of Reclamation Tribal Water Projects – \$60 million for water intake and treatment facilities
- Safe Drinking and Clean Water Revolving Funds

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- \$120 million (permissive set-aside)
- Tribal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants – \$56 million (result of a 2% tribal set-aside)
- Weatherization Assistance Program – tribes are eligible to compete for competitive grants under the \$5 billion program

OTHER PROGRAMS

- Indian Reservation Food Distribution (USDA) – \$5 million
- Native Elder Nutrition (DHHS) – \$3 million (Older Americans Act, Title IV)

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Spring Break Culture Camp on Tap

Do your kids get bored during Spring Break? Once again, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is offering a chance to get the kids out of doors, and learn something about Keetoowah Cherokee history and culture at the same time!

The UKB's Spring Break Culture Camp will be held on Monday through Friday, March 16-20 at the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Grounds, located behind the Keetoowah Cherokee Community Services Building off West Willis Road, south of Tahlequah.

The camp will be held daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The camp is free, and students kindergarten through 9th grade are welcome.

Several Keetoowah Cherokee traditionalists will be teaching crafts including: Dart Making with Sammy Still, Finger weaving with Wesley Proctor, Clay Beads with Kristy Daugherty, Basket Weaving with Cindy Hair and other crafts. Sequoyah Guess will also do some storytelling and there will be stick ball games, horseshoes, and ring toss games. There will be an exhibition Stomp Dance and traditional meal. Peggy Girty will teach Keetoowah Cherokee Language classes

daily. Elders will also assist with the camp.

The Keetoowah Cherokee Tribe's Culture Coordinator, Cindy Hair said, "This will be a fun, entertaining and educational opportunity for our youth to make this spring break a memorable one."

For more information, call Cindy Hair at (918) 772-4388.

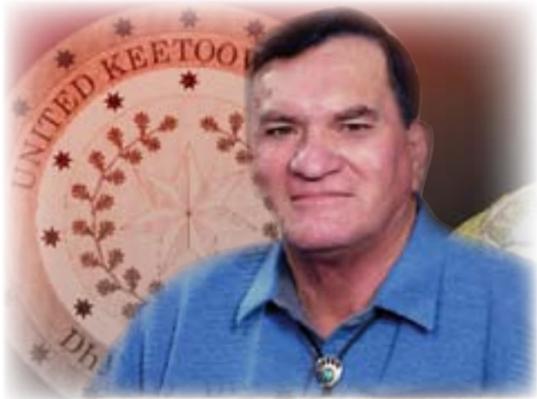
**Keetoowah Cherokee
Spring Break
Culture Camp
March 16 - 20**

**UKB
Celebration Grounds
Students K - 9 Welcome
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Transportation Survey Important to Tribal Members, Especially the Elderly

The enclosed UKB Transit Survey investigates the travel demands and activities (in terms of both actual behavior and unmet needs) of transportation disadvantaged individuals. Broadly, transportation disadvantaged populations include elderly, poor, children, persons who do not speak English, the physically disabled, and the developmentally disabled.

To date there has been no comprehensive study of our tribe's transportation demands of disadvantaged populations, who have been ignored in conventional transportation planning. Please complete the enclosed survey and estimate usage and times as correctly as possible. Please complete your survey as soon as possible and mail it or bring it to a UKB office by March 31.



A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe

tober 3, 1950.

Both the OIWA and the UKB's organic documents cannot be revoked except by an Act of Congress.

THE OIWA was adopted to return rights of tribal government to tribes who had been terminated by the Curtis, Dawes and other Acts at the end of the nineteenth century. In order to have these rights returned, the tribes needed to follow certain lengthy procedures, and receive recognition through Congress, followed with the development of a mandated Charter and Constitution and By-laws, which were then in turn, ratified by tribal members. If Carcieri v Salazar were to pertain to OIWA tribes, the decision would be meaningless. However, Carcieri v Salazar only refers to IRA tribes, which does not include Oklahoma tribes.

Existence of the Keetoowah Cherokee as a Body Politic in 1934

The Keetoowah Cherokee met with President Thomas Jefferson in 1808 when the Upper and Lower Towns of the Cherokee made the decision to divide into two separate governments (conservative traditionalists and assimilated). President Jefferson granted permission to travel west of the Mississippi to find a suitable location for the conservative traditionalists.

Upon deciding on land in present-day Arkansas, the Keetoowah Cherokee signed a Treaty in 1817 with the United States to cede their homeland for this new land, with a new tribal government informally referred to as the Cherokee nation on the Arkansas. The treaty stated, "the treaties heretofore between the Cherokee nation and the United States are to continue in full force with both parts of the nation, and both parts thereof entitled to all the immunities and privilege which the old nation enjoyed under the aforesaid treaties."

In order to remove from non-Indian encroachment, in 1828 the Keetoowah Cherokee traded the land on the Arkansas and White Rivers in exchange for lands in Indian Territory, now known as Oklahoma. In this treaty, the tribal government was formally referred to as The Cherokee Nation, West of the Mississippi. This caused the arrival of the Keetoowah Cherokee into Northeastern Oklahoma ten years prior to the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation in the southeastern United States,

known as the "Trail of Tears."

In 1833 (five years prior to the Trail of Tears), the Keetoowah Cherokee signed the Treaty of 1833, with the tribal government name of Cherokee nation of Indians west of the Mississippi. This treaty established tribal boundaries between the Keetoowah Cherokee and the Muscogee Creek, Choctaws, etc.

In 1835, the unauthorized members of the eastern Cherokee Nation signed the Treaty of New Echota. Knowing this would cause a huge influx of immigrants into their territory, the Keetoowah Cherokee sent to delegates to ensure an amendment for their protection was attached to the Treaty. In this document, the government name was informally referred to as western Cherokees. The amendment read, "Whereas the western Cherokees have appointed a delegation to visit the Eastern Cherokees to assure them of the friendly disposition of their people and their desire that the nation should again be united as one people and to urge upon them the expediency of accepting the overtures of the Government; and that, on their removal they may be assured of a hearty welcome and an equal participation with them in all the benefits and privileges of the Cherokee country west and the undersigned two of said delegation being the only delegates in the eastern nation from the west at the signing as sealing of the treaty lately concluded at New Echota between their eastern brethren and the United States; and having fully understood the provisions of the same they agree to it in behalf of the western Cherokees. But it is expressly understood that nothing in this treaty shall affect any claims of the western Cherokees on the United States."

The Keetoowah Cherokee formed a Constitution and By-Laws in 1859, and fought in the Civil War for the Union Army. The 1859 Constitution continued throughout the end of the nineteenth century. After the Cherokee Nation's affirmative vote to accept the Cherokee Agreement in 1902, which terminated Cherokee Nation tribal government and courts effective March 4, 1906, the Keetoowah Society filed for and received a Federal Charter as a "Body Politic" in 1905.

The Keetoowah Cherokee continued to meet, hold elections and regular meetings, file for claims upon the United States on behalf of the Cherokee people throughout the early twentieth century. Upon adoption of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act in 1936, the Keetoowah immediately began to make arrangements, preparations, and hold regular correspondence and meetings with officials of the Department of the Interior, to be recognized under the OIWA.

This was accomplished when President Harry Truman signed the Act which recognized the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians under the OIWA on August 10, 1946. The Keetoowah Cherokee people ratified the governmental OIWA-mandated Charter and Constitution and By-Laws on October 3, 1950

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Regarding the recent Supreme Court Decision in Carcieri v Salazar, a decision regarding land in trust, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is not likely to be affected by this latest ruling.)

Why the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Is Not Affected by Carcieri v Salazar

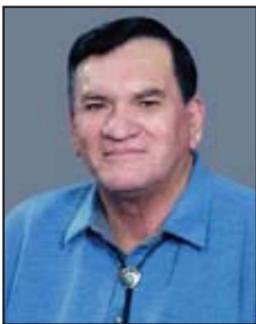
The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is not affected by the recent Supreme Court Decision in Carcieri v Salazar. The reasons are outlined below.

Carcieri v Salazar only affects tribes eligible for reorganization under the IRA. Oklahoma Tribes have not ever been eligible under the IRA; thus, the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA) was adopted in 1936.

'Land in Trust' is central to the purposes of the OIWA. Section 1 states, "That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to acquire by purchase, relinquishment, gift, exchange, or assignment, any interests in lands, water rights, surface rights to lands, within or without existing Indian reservations, including trust or otherwise restricted lands now in Indian ownership..."

In addition, the UKB's OIWA Constitution and By-Laws, approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, states in Article III - Objectives, Section 1: "To secure for its members the benefits, rights, privileges and powers as provided for under the Act of Congress approved June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), known as the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act..." The Band's OIWA-mandated Charter, also approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, states that "All officers and employees if the Interior Department are ordered to abide by the provisions of the said Constitution and Bylaws, and the Charter, if and when ratified by the Band." Both the Charter and Constitution and By-laws were ratified on Oc-

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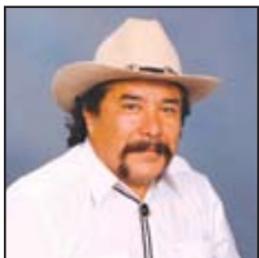
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UKB Tribal Offices Closed for Easter Holidays

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, April 10 in observance of Good Friday and on Monday, April 13 for Easter Monday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m.

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UKB March 09 Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

- March 7** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
Tahlequah Community Services Building
- March 12** Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- March. 12** Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Vian UKB Satellite Office
- March 12** Goingsnake District Meeting, 5 p.m.
Kansas Satellite Office
- March 12** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.
Keener Baptist Church

UKB April 09 Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

- April 4** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
Tahlequah Community Services Building
- April 9** Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- April 9** Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Vian UKB Satellite Office
- April 10** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.
Keener Baptist Church
- April 16** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.
UKB Elder Center

*no other meeting dates available at press time



Best Angel Friends

A beautiful little boy angel showed up at Heaven's gates,
Confused and unknowing the plan that for him awaits,
Then a little girl angel walked up and took his hand and said,
"Please don't be sad you left, you're in the Promise Land.

The little boy angel said,
"I'm glad to be here, but I do not think I was to go,
Perhaps there was a mistake,
For my mommy and daddy wanted me so."

The little girl angel gave a sweet smile and said,
"My daddy wanted me to, but to heaven I was led.
You see, we do not get to choose when on Earth it's time to go,
The Lord gave us life, love and joy and a mother's womb to grow.
But the Lord still needs new little angels to guide them down on earth,
To watch over and comfort them and to help them see their worth."

"Is there a way I can still sleep in my mommy's bed," the little boy angel said,
The little girl angel grinned and said,
"That luxury you will keep,
I visit my daddy nightly and softly sing him to sleep."

The little boy angel replied, "Then I think I'll like it here,
I'll visit my mommy and daddy nightly and weaken their pain and fears.
I love them and I will keep them safe at night and in between,
And let them know with a sweet memory that they are still with me."

Then Kylee gave Axl a big hug and said,
"Until our mommy and daddies meet us here,
Let's be the best angel friends."
"Okay," said Axl, "That sounds good to me."

Then Axl, the beautiful little boy angel, sat and played.
Keeping his mommy and daddy in sight,
humming the tune to the song,
he would sing to them tonight.

By Caleb Grimmert, 17. Written for his cousin, Axl Grimmert who died October 9, 2008 and his sister Kylee Grimmert who died August 23, 2005.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a big thank you to the Keetoowah Lighthorse for being there when there is a need. They were there when we needed to get a warm place during the storm. When our electricity went out, we had no heat. The reason why they took us, and why we left our vehicle at the trailer, is because we were unable to get out with our own vehicle with all the big trees on the road.

Later that week, we needed to get to the hospital and they were there for us again. Again, thank you for being there, UKB Lighthorse. (I would like to say when there is a need our UKB tribe is there to help). THANK YOU AGAIN.

Cindy Hair, UKB Member

NOTICE

UKB Tribal members should make it a point to change registration for Indian Tribe at the IHS hospitals and clinics to the full title of United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees to be registered properly.



Shipp Inducted into Northeastern State University Hall of Fame

United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe and members of the UKB Administration attended Northeastern State University 2009 Athletic Hall of Fame event recently to honor Cecil Shipp. Mr. Shipp is a member of the Seminole tribe and resides in Lutz, Florida. He is a former teacher, coach and principal at Sequoyah High School, superintendent of Wewoka Indian Agency four years and Tribal Operations Officer at the Tahlequah Agency for six years. Shipp became the first inductee to Sequoyah High School's Hall of Honor in 2000 and in 2004 was the first to be inducted in the Sequoyah Hall of Fame. Mr. Shipp earned two degrees from Northeastern State University, and was a four-year letterman for the Redmen. He earned Second Team All-Oklahoma Collegiate Conference and was a member of the President's and Dean's honor rolls.

"When I was in high school at Sequoyah, I had the privilege of being on the same team with Cecil Shipp, he was a senior and I was a freshmen. When on the field it always felt good to have him to my right or to my left when playing football. We felt like with him out there we weren't gone to fail. He was 6'4" 215 to 220 pounds solid as a rock, always smiling, that was part of his personality. I believe he was on the honor roll all through his stay at Sequoyah. When I was a senior, Cecil received a scholarship to play football at Northeastern. He was staying at Sequoyah dorms traveling to Northeastern everyday. He and I roomed together, I was a senior then and he was a freshman at Northeastern. We got to know each other real well. Cecil didn't care what tribe you belonged to, he made friends with everyone. He was part of the Sequoyah family - we were all of the Sequoyah family," stated Chief Wickliffe.

"After the Northeastern's Hall of Fame induction we received a letter from Cecil thanking the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe for attending and showing the tribe's support for his accomplishment. The Keetoowah Cherokees have a philosophy in the way they look in life and in people, it



CECIL SHIPP, center, NSU Hall of Fame Inductee, is pictured with United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe, left, and Assistant Chief Charles Locust, during the Hall of Fame ceremony held in the Herb Rozell Ballroom in the University Center.

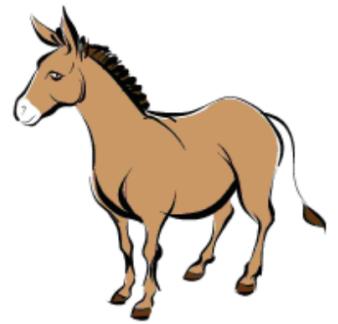
doesn't matter to the Keetoowah Cherokees what tribe they may belong to, if they are Native American we are proud of them. Also, we are proud of anyone who is successful in their accomplishment. It doesn't matter what race they are, that's just the way Keetoowah Cherokees assimilates. I am really grateful that I know Cecil, he deserves everything that has been bestowed to him," added Chief Wickliffe.

Cecil Shipp was one of five inductees to the Northeastern's Class XXIV who were inducted Saturday, Feb. 3 in the Herb Rozell Ballroom in the University Center on the Tahlequah campus. Other inductees were John Corbet, a JROTC Instructor at Millwood High School in Oklahoma City; Dr. Jerry Goodmon, former Educator and ad-

ministrator for Wichita (Kansas) Public Schools; Joe Gordon, served as President of the Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association and Oklahoma Athletic Directors Association; and Kelly Whiteley, former teacher and coach in Oklahoma Public Schools and retired from the Westville Fire Department. These individuals were recognized between the women's and men's basketball game against Central Oklahoma.

Take A Step Up!

One day an old Indian's donkey fell down into a deep hole. The animal cried piteously for hours as the Indian tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old and the hole needed to be covered up anyway. It just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.



He invited all his clan people to come over and help him. They all began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down. A few minutes later, the old Indian finally looked down the hole and was astonished at what he saw. With every handful of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing! He would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the hole and trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt! The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping-stone. We can get out of the deepest holes just by not stopping and never giving up! All we have to do is shake it off and take a step up.

Remember Five Simple Rules To Happiness:

- Free your heart from hatred.
- Free your mind from worries.
- Live simply.
- Give more.
- Expect less.

"A step back to Tradition, is a step forward"

Kinsley Rae Masquat

Kinsley Rae Masquat was born on January 28, 2009 to Randi Brook Templeman and Marty Masquat. Her grandmother is Laverne Templeman and she is the eighth great grandchild for Juanita Springwater McCarter.



UKB CHIEF George Wickliffe shares an old high school story with Cecil Shipp, NSU Hall of Fame Inductee, at the Hall of Fame luncheon on the campus of Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

Letter to the Chief from Cecil Shipp

George Wickliffe
Chief, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees
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Dear George,

A big thank you to you and Assistant Chief Charles Locust for attending my induction into the NSU Athletic Hall of Fame this past Saturday. Your presence and that of other UKB officials made my day.

The gifts were icing on the cake. I was dumbfounded when I was presented with all the gifts. It was awesome, and I will treasure them, and the memories, the rest of my life.

I know the UKB is in good hands with you and Charles at the helm. Sequoyah High School didn't do too bad in putting out future leaders. I hope the bond we established as schoolmates and friends remain forever.

Very Sincerely,
Nip





2008 Graduates

Davida Rae Vann

Davida Rae Vann from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated from Connors State College with an Associates of Science degree in the Nursing Program with honors as a member of the Vice President's Honor Roll. Her parents are David Vann of Tahlequah and Fredia Vann of Webbers Falls. Her grandparents are the late Tobe and Violet Still of Webbers Falls and the late Jeffie and Etta Mae Vann of Tahlequah. She plans to earn her Bachelor's and possible a Masters'.



Denise Whitekiller-Rooster

Denise Whitekiller-Rooster from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated with honors from Northeastern State University with a degree in Human and Family Science. She graduated as a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, a National Honor Society and was on the President's Honor Roll for her last semester with a 4.0 GPA.

Denise is the Wife of Dobson Rooster. Their sons are Jordan and Joshua Rooster. She is the daughter of Bill and Mary Whitekiller and Polly Ann and Jerry Makarka. Her grandparents are Polly Jane Whitekiller and the late Annie Mae Soap.

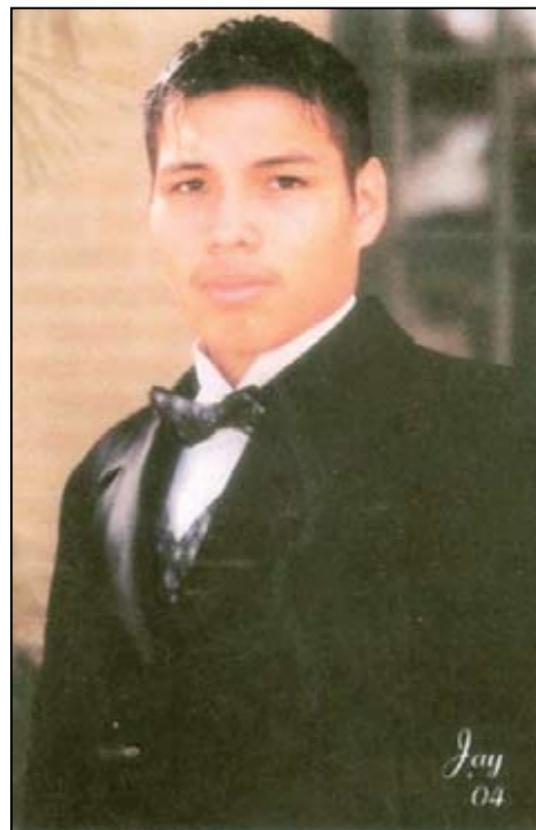
Denise plans to work with families to assist them with a better quality of life. She is currently employed as the UKB Meld Project Assistant.

Denise said, "I'd like to say thank you to the tribe and family and friends for all the support and encouragement. Wa-do!"



Roman Jay Ridge

Roman Jay Ridge from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated from Bacone College with an Associate's of Applied Science Degree. His parents are Herman and Norma Jimerson of Tahlequah. His plans are to go back for his Bachelor degree.



Jenetta Lucille Buzzard Fugate

Jenetta Lucille Buzzard Fugate, 3/8 Keetoowah Cherokee, recently earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Medical Technology at the University of Arkansas' College of Health Related Professions in Little Rock, Arkansas. She has also received an Associate's Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology in Miami, Oklahoma.

Jenetta has worked at Freeman Health System in Joplin, Missouri since 2000 as a Medical Technologist. She is registered with the American Society of Clinical Pathology, National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel, and the American Medical Technology Society. Her plans for the future include continuing her education in Molecular Diagnostics.

She has participated in community service since 2004 with HEART (HIV Education and Resource Training). HEART is a group of health professionals representing various tribes in Oklahoma that provides HIV/AIDS education, training, and resources. HEART provides education and testing for the Native Americans of all tribes of Oklahoma. As a member of HEART, she has had the opportunity to work with agencies such as AIHP (Association of American Indian Physicians) and NIWHRC (National Indian Women's Resource Center) to organize educational summits for native women concerning HIV/AIDS.

She is the daughter of Carrie Ann Williams Buzzard of Grove, Oklahoma and Sherman Delano (Sonny) Buzzard of Jay, Oklahoma. Her paternal grandparents are the late Sherman Dee Buzzard (Cherokee) and the late Florence McCray Buzzard. Her maternal grandparents are the late Burl Jacob Williams and the late Leona (Lydia) Ann Raven Williams (Keetoowah Cherokee). She has two sisters, Cara Ann Nichols of Grove, Oklahoma and Cheryl Lea Buzzard, of Vinita, Oklahoma and one brother, Daryl Lee Buzzard of Searcy, Arkansas.

She is married to Troy J. Fugate and has two daughters, Deborah and Brittany. She has three grandchildren, Isabella, Indie, and Cailynn.



**BENEFIT
BREAKFAST & DINNER
FOR MICHAEL HUDSON
SON OF TONYA HUDSON & GRANDSON
OF BETTY HOLCOMB**

WHERE: TAHL. COMMUNITY BLDG.

WHEN: MARCH 14TH 2009

WHAT TIME: 8- 10 AM - BREAKFAST (ALL U CAN EAT \$5.00)
11-4 PM - SPAGHETTI DINNER - \$6.00

MUSIC & SILENT AUCTION + MUCH MORE

AUCTIONEER WILL AUCTION OTHER ITEMS ALSO

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP MICHAEL HUDSON
WITH HIS MEDICAL EXPENSES DUE TO BEING SHOT ON
SEPT. 20, 2008.**

Today's Trail of Tears: The Legacy of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Sara* sank into her easy chair and sobbed heaving sobs of burning tears, tears that seemed to bite her face in bitterness toward her. Her doctor said it was FAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Sara went numb with disbelief when he said that it was incurable. Her precious baby, Sam, would be like this the rest of his life.

Sara recoiled into the past to find proof the diagnosis was wrong, as she recalled how young Sam was conceived. "I did have fun in those days", she thought with a slight smile breaking the weeping for a moment. She remembered the bar where she first met his father, a tall, dark granite sculpture of a man. Sure, it could have been the booze, but her blood seemed warm in her veins when she first laid eyes upon him.

Things progressed quickly between the two, and the fire waxed on as they partied together sometimes three to four nights a week for the next two months. Suddenly, just as suddenly as he walked into her life in that bar, he was gone. But he left a memorial of their passion, soon evidenced by a missed period. Sara was pregnant.

Sam was slightly under-weight when born according to the OB GYN, "...but nothing to worry about. Let's just monitor his weight gain," she said. Sara noted that his ability to stand and learning to walk seemed to lag behind other kids at day care. She wondered then if he might be a little slow, but shrugged it off. As time passed she began to think something was wrong. Then she read about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

Sara scrambled through her memories attempting to figure exactly when she conceived and how much alcohol she had consumed after that point in order to assuage the guilt. The facts are that medical science doesn't know how much it takes to produce Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE), yet many doctors still tell pregnant women that a glass of wine won't hurt them or their baby. "While a doctor can't say that a glass of wine

will hurt the developing fetus, they also can't say that it won't," observes Candace Shelton, M.S.. "The best thing," Shelton says, "is to not drink when having unprotected sex and through a pregnancy – or don't have sex when drinking."

Dan Cross, Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services, Tulsa, states, "The difference between today's Trail of Tears and the original one is that Native's are doing this one to themselves." The Trail of Tears reference Cross makes relates to the fact that Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is 33 times more likely to occur in a Native American baby than a Caucasian baby, 37 times more than Hispanics, and 5 times more likely than a Black baby. Cross notes, "FAS is totally preventable." Cross observed, "The pain stemming from injustices like the original Trail of Tears might be a huge contributing factor, but drinking and drugging while pregnant is self-inflicted. Many pregnancies occur during the course of drinking and drugging out of control." Cross concludes that addiction treatment may be the best way to prevent alcohol and drug affected babies. The following are Native American treatment centers in or near the United Keetoowah Band service area:

- Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services – 2727 E Admiral Pl, Tulsa, I-244 at Delaware, 918-835-3017

- Claremore Indian Hospital (IHS) – 101 S Moore, Claremore - (918) 342-6200
- Indian Health Care Resource Center - 550 S. Peoria Avenue, Tulsa 918-588-1900

Don Ade, Executive Director of the UKB Economic Development, challenged, "Our people must act to stop this path that we are on. We need to do this through treatment and prevention. This requires us to stand up as individuals and as a tribe to take responsibility and act." Ade has been an advocate of treatment and was responsible for spearheading the UKB effort that was successful in getting the UKB's first IHS contract to fund Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services.

"Keetoowahs are taking action," declared Ade, "It is time that we all do what is necessary to help ourselves, those we love, and those we know get the help they need."

This article is the first in a series of articles that examine the epidemic of Fetal Alcohol & Drug Syndrome among tribal people. The goal is to raise awareness and empower individuals and communities to address this devastating issue

* The names and events described are fictional but reflect a profile of people affected by Fetal Alcohol & Drug Syndrome.

Community Events

United Tribes for Christ Fellowship holds service in Tahlequah

United Tribes for Christ Fellowship, a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations. There will be an evening service at the Keetoowah Cherokee Elder Center on March 28th at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served. Everyone welcome to attend.

Speaker will be Larry Harrison Principal Vice-Chief of Seminole Tribe of Oklahoma and Wm. Doug Bryant President of UTFCF and Keetoowah Tribal Member. For more information, please call (918) 232-0835 or (918) 207-6081

Wanted: Gently Used Prom Dresses

NSU Alumni Students and the Sequoyah Chapel is collecting gently used Prom and formal dresses to help a few girls get read for prom.

We will be collecting dresses, jewelry, shoes and purses until March 26th.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please call (918) 207-6081 to make arrangements for us to pick your items. Please help us, help these young ladies with a dream come true.

Honor of the Veteran's Powwow

The public is invited to attend the Honor of the Veterans Powwow on Saturday, May 16 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the UKB Celebration Grounds.

The All Gourd Dance will be sponsored by the Old KiTuWah Singers. The event will also be a special birthday celebration for WWII Veteran Curtis Hunt. For more information, contact Wesley Proctor at (918) 316-5440.

Recovery and Reinvestment Package

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- BIA Indian Loan Guarantee Program – \$10 million
- Tribal Community Development Financial Institutions (Treasury) – \$10 million

BONDING AUTHORITY FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

- Tribal economic development tax-exempt bonds – \$2 billion in bonding authority
- Qualified Indian school construction bonds – \$400 million in bonding authority

OTHER NOTES

- Bill language permits Indian Tribes to contract and compact to build projects and create reservation jobs pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Self-Governance Acts

Annual UKB Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza



Saturday, April 4
1 p.m.

featuring the
Easter Bunny
and
3000 Eggs

UKB Celebration Grounds, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

THREE AGE CATEGORIES

1-3 years ~ Chief, Assistant Chief and Prize Eggs
4-7 years ~ Chief, Assistant Chief and Prize Eggs
8-12 years ~ Chief, Assistant Chief and Prize Eggs
13-15 years ~ Water Balloon Toss – First and Second Place Winners

For more information, contact Brenda Locust or Hominy Littledave at (918) 431-1818

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu March 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Chicken Nuggets Curly Fries Green Beans Texas Toast Salad Dessert	3 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Carrots Hot roll Salad Dessert	4 Minestrone Soup Cheddar Biscuits Salad Dessert	5 Enchiladas Spanish Rice Beans Salad Dessert	6 Breakfast Served At 10:30
9 Brown Beans n Ham Jalapeño Cornbread Mixed Greens Dessert	10 Catfish Galley Chips Beans Cole Slaw Dessert	11 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Grilled Vegetables Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	12 Chicken Cordon – Bleu Herb/garlic Potatoes Catalina Vegetables Salad Dessert	13 Breakfast Served At 10:30
16 Chili/Cheese Dogs Tater Tots Salad Dessert	17 Corned Beef Cabbage Fried Potatoes Biscuits Salad Dessert	18 Marinated Chicken Wild Rice Yellow Squash French Breadsticks Salad Dessert	19 Baked Salmon Wild Rice Grilled Vegetables French Breadsticks Salad Dessert	20 Breakfast Served At 10:30
23 Smothered Chops White Rice Tomato/Zucchini French Breadsticks Salad Dessert	24 Taco Salad Chili Beans Chips n Salsa Dessert	25 Cal-Zone Pasta Alfredo Caesar Salad Dessert	26 Cultural Foods Day March Birthdays	27 Closed For Cleaning
30 BBQ Smokies Baked Beans Texas Toast Cole Slaw Dessert	31 Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Bread Caesar Salad Dessert			

UKB Regular January Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting UKB Community Services Building January 03, 2009 1:00 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Liz Littledave

III. Roll Call: 11 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared. (Hansen absent)

(Hansen arrived at 1:03 PM)

IV. Chief's Address

- Today's meeting is held at 1:00 due to the inauguration of Council.

- Referred to the Presidential inauguration in Washington scheduled for January 20, 2009.

- Newspapers are reporting CNO gave \$50,000.00 to the Obama's inauguration, therefore; they expect the Obama Administration to do something for CNO when it comes to making Indian People Policies.

- UKB has already notified our Washington contacts to make sure these policy makers in Washington know that CNO is putting them on notice, when \$50,000.00 is given CNO expects Washington to do what CNO wants.

- UKB Administration does not believe CNO's desires from Washington will happen.

- CNO put out a news release on Associated Press where the article would go out everywhere in the United States. There is no such news article in any of the Indian Newspapers. It appears it is CNO's plan to sneak around and go behind "someone's" back.

- In the Presidential election, CNO donated \$2,300.00 to the McCain Campaign but this money was returned by McCain. Possibly McCain's action was to eliminate any thoughts of expected special treatment to CNO.

- We continue to expect good things to happen.

- George Skibine does still possess the documents concerning the placement of the 76 acres in Trust. It is believed, at the proper time, he will sign the 76 acres into Trust for us. When this happens many, many doors will be opened to the UKB.

- It is just learned, \$800,000.00 grant from HUD has been received to be utilized for expansion of the Community Services Building.

- CNO probably didn't have to learn the hard way. Everything UKB has has been earned.

- UKB must continue to push with our lawyers and our people in Washington.

- Opportunities for the betterment of our people will open up here in Oklahoma and in other places but we must continue to push for UKB advancement.

- There may be opportunities for UKB opening up in Arkansas.

- The 40 acres recently purchased by the UKB provides a good location for providing education and training and even an area for other activities.

- Chief expressed his being thankful for being a Keetoowah Cherokee

- He encouraged Council to work together for the good of our people.

- There will never be enough money for housing, health care and all needs of our people but we will do everything we can to provide for needs of the people.

- Administration is always keeping up with things happening which does effect our people.

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of December 2008

1. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the Council minutes of December 06, 2008; SECONDED by

Charles Locust; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions (Holcomb).

NOTE: Chief welcomed to the Council, Betty Holcomb as the newly elected Tahlequah District Representative and Ella Mae Worley as the newly elected Treasurer. The two new members of Council were acknowledged by all in attendance with applause.

VI. Presentations -

1. John Hair: He described beauty in today's inauguration, wherein; he observed beautiful children and elders singing. He stated how the Council had been set in place because the people believed a good job would be done. He then stated the Elders and Education Committees will hold a social on Valentine's Day for students in grades 9-12 and their parents. This social will be at a cost of about \$1,000.00. He asked the Council for assistance in this cost. The younger students will be scheduled for the same at a later date.

A.G. Ken Bellmard announced he would donate \$250.00 and Margo Proctor would donate \$250.00 toward the cost of the planned social sponsored by the Elder and Education Committees.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor that Administration provide finances to cover the balance of cost relating to the Social sponsored by the Elder and Education Committees; SECONDED by Betty Holcomb; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to present a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Council members, Albert Shade and Shelbi Wofford for their service to the Council and that such presentation be an on-going practice; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

3. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor that future Council meetings be conducted at the Jim Proctor Elder Center; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 1 No (Sacks), 0 Abstentions.

4. Liz Littledave: presented a reminder of a document by the Lighthouse which was a part of Council's packet, wherein; the document was inviting public input to plans, strategies and solutions. Lighthouse representation will come to District Meetings to inform and answer questions relating to drug awareness and sex offender registration. This is to encourage a relationship and partnership with the communities. Liz Littledave then presented a message from Leroy Adair (Election Board Chairman) whereas; Mr. Adair had been unable to attend today's inaugural ceremony and today's Council Meeting because of personal health reasons but he wished to convey thanks to the Council for all the help the Election Board received and thanks to the voters who helped make the election a pleasant experience. He said there were some tiny flaws in the Election Ordinance but such will be worked out but overall the election ran smoothly. Leroy also asked that all candidates be reminded they are required by the Election Ordinance to return their Voters Notebook.

VII. Reports to Council

1. AG Bellmard: he had spoken to some people at the Bureau and they indicated to him, some of the Political Appointees in high offices of the Bureau who tend to be a thorn in the side of the UKB are scheduled to be out the day after the inauguration. (This report was met with applause but those in attendance).

2. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledave - Committee reviewed 20 new membership applications with 5 CDIB cards issued to children 0-

3 years of age for a total of 25 new memberships.

- 3 requests for Tribal Relinquishment were received and reviewed.

- It was the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee that Council approve all new members and recognize and honor the relinquishment requests.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve/ accept 25 new members into tribal membership; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 3 UKB members from UKB Membership Rolls; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

VIII. Public Forum

1. John Hair: recognized Miss Keetoowah and Junior Miss Keetoowah, who were in attendance. (This announcement was acknowledged with applause.)

2. Barry Dotson: resident of Nicut, Janice Sawney, a cancer patient, has had her situation made known to the Human Services Department and that department will check into her situation; RE: needs

IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

X. New Business - NONE

- Woodrow Proctor: referred to current committees as to the term of service, etc. He encouraged Council members to accept opportunity to serve on a committee. He suggested people who are interested should inform the Chief and such could be brought back to the Council. Possibly this could be discussed at next months Council Meeting.

- By-Laws should be compiled with staggered terms and expiration of terms

- Chief: accumulation of current committees should be prepared and submitted to Council members for awareness and Council can recommend other names for placement on committees. People already on committees should have the opportunity to continue on present committee (s).

- DISCUSSION:

- Must stay within the frame of Committee By-Laws

- Look at each committee and line up the terms for each

- Betty Holcomb: inquired of "Discretionary Funds"

- Response: all requests are channeled through Human Services but there can be some input by the District Representative.

- Betty Holcomb: inquired as to receiving copies of past Council Minutes and Resolutions of the previous 4 years.

- Response: such was available to her through past UKB newspapers.

- Chief: if there is specific information requested the Secretary will assist in finding such.

DISCUSSION:

- AG Bellmard: RE: Committees; each committee should have a list of the date when each committee member was appointed to that committee and when the term is "up."

- Sacks: By-Laws must be in compliance in conjunction with appointments.

- Woodrow Proctor: questions on committees can be "hashed out" at some other time.

- Locust: to consider and review the current UKB Constitution. It seems it is time to bring in some people to look at this subject. Bill Rice is familiar with this type need. He has already been instrumental in changes for the Sac and Fox Tribe and they removed involvement of the Secretary of Interior and now they can go out and purchase land and place that land in Trust themselves. UKB could do the same but we must make some changes. Any proposed changes would be brought to the Council. Currently our Charter vs. our Constitution the Charter says one thing while the Constitution says something else. A 3 day training is proposed for Council to discuss changes in our Constitution. Training tentatively scheduled for January 28, 29 and 30. Location is forthcoming.

- Dotson: stressed "Corporate Charter" needs attention probably more than our Constitution.

- Locust: we need to distinguish which document we are going to use, the Charter or the Constitution. Charter and Constitution needs to work together.

- DISCUSSION:

- Changes need to be made

- The people need to understand the need for change

- Final changes would be by vote of the people

- The people should not fear any change

- Currently Secretary of Interior is a part of changes in our Constitution. A change could take the Secretary out of our business.

- District Representatives are very important in causing the people to understand why changes in the Charter and Constitution are something that will help the Tribe.

- Training is to consider changes not to make changes.

- Example of how our Charter says one thing while our Constitution says another is the Charter says we cannot sell property but our Constitution says we can. The two documents must be compatible.

- AG Bellmard: changes in our Constitution are needed to make the UKB stronger.

- Chief: RE: Committees; Tribal Secretary will prepare a list of all Committees and submit such to each Council member. Council can view and if desired Council members can submit additional names for consideration of committee members.

XI. Announcements

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

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

Time - 2:35 PM

500 WARRIORS WANTED

Native American Men's Conference
Sat. March 28 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Muskogee Civic Center

Meal Served - Door Prizes

Info: (918) 686-6980
email: thegreatestgift500@yahoo.com

UKB Youth and Elder Social: A Multigenerational Valentine's Event

This multi-generational event brought youth and elders together and provided an opportunity for the elders to pass on stories, to impart wisdom and to let young people know where the Keetoowah Cherokee has come from and how they have progressed as a tribe.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma are the original Cherokee People. Keetoowah Cherokees value their history, culture and traditions. They honor their elders with respect and learn from their knowledge. The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has always known their way of life and teaches this today to their Keetoowah Cherokee youth. The tribe strives to learn from their elders by listening to their stories, teachings and listening to the elders as they speak their Keetoowah Cherokee language. This is the Keetoowah way; this is our tradition, our culture and our history.



ASSISTANT CHIEF Charles Locust, former UKB Chief John Hair, tribal member Frank Mink and Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor were on hand to participate in the 2009 Youth and Elder Social held at the UKB Wellness Center.



UKB ASSISTANT Chief Charles Locust welcomed everyone to the Youth and Elder Social event. He thanked the Elder and Education Committees for holding the event and encouraged the youth to get involved with the elders.



MISS KEETOOWAH 2008-2009 Samantha Keen presented Frank Mink with a rose. Mink was designated as the oldest participant attending the UKB Youth and Elder Social.



FORMER UKB Chief John Hair, spoke to the attending audience regarding education. "My mother always encouraged me to get my education," said Hair. He challenged the youth to get their education, to listen to the elders and become more involved in their communities.

Elders And Youth Getting To Know Each Other

O-SI-YO! On Saturday Feb.14, 2009 I had the pleasure of attending the first ever Elder/Youth Social at the Wellness Center in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. At this gathering, there were special people that took part as guest speakers. They included John Hair, Frank Mink, and Janelle Adair. John Hair spoke of his choice to join the service to further his education because his family didn't have the money to send him to college to get his education. He also shared his knowledge of the Keetoowah history with us. Frank Mink told us of how he had to quit school to make a living rather than finishing and attending college. He too shared his knowledge of the Keetoowah Cherokee history.

Janelle Adair was our last speaker of the day. She spoke of making goals for your self and how obstacles can sometimes throw you off track of those goals. But, she said if you put your mind to it you could overcome those obstacles and still reach your goals. She used visuals as examples to show your goals were still within reach. These were very inspiring and motivational words spoken by some of our great Elder Keetoowah Leaders. I now understand the importance of getting an education, and also knowing my Keetoowah history and language.

I encourage the youth to attend the next Elder/Youth Social. Not only was it informative but also a lot of fun! This is a great way to show respect for your elders and their knowledge. You get to learn of the hardships in their lives; how they overcame them and every sacrifice they made to make a brighter future for us. The elders stressed how important an education is for our youth to be strong leaders. **YOUTH, WE ARE THE FUTURE LEADERS OF THE KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE TRIBE.**

WA-DO

Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee 08-09
Kristy Feather Daugherty.



SAMANTHA KEEN, Miss Keetoowah 2008-2009 and Kristy Daugherty, Junior Miss Keetoowah 2008-2009 welcomed visitors to the Youth and Elder Social event.



ONE ACTIVITY during the Youth and Elder Social involved the youth performing an exercise where they had to break toothpicks. The lesson learned from this exercise was how easy it is to break a single toothpick compared to a group of toothpicks at one time. When you have support from family and friends you cannot be broken.



MEMBERS OF the United Keetoowah Band enjoyed a delicious meal served by the Elder and Education Committees at the Youth and Elder Social, Saturday, February 14.