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## UKB Graduation Bonuses Reward Academic Achievement

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Education Department will begin taking applications for graduation bonuses on Friday, June 1. Exclusive UKB Graduates may apply for the bonuses through Tuesday, July 31.

A bonus in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to high school graduates, and to those obtaining vocational training licenses or certificates (1050 hrs.) or Associate's Degrees. A bonus in the amount of \$400 will be awarded to college students obtaining Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. Documentation of degrees or licenses must be included with the application. All bonuses will be mailed to the recipients.

Chief George Wickliffe said, "The Keetoowah Cherokee always live by the philosophy of those who came before us - our elders and our ancestors. The traditional people have always known that by taking care of our children and young people, we take care of our traditions, our culture and our people's future. That is why we reward educational accom-

plishments and also provide higher education stipends at the beginning of each semester. When our young people advance their education through vocational training and college degrees, it ensures our workforce is trained and will be able to secure good jobs. In this way, our people will become self-

### *Tuition Funding Encourages Education Advancement*

sufficient and carry on our traditions."

Last summer, the UKB Tribal Council voted unanimously to increase college tuition funding to \$1,500 per semester for Keetoowah Cherokee students attending college full time. For students attending part-time, who are taking at least 6 hours, the tuition funding was increased to \$750.

"I am speaking from a young mother and wife perspective, but this provides a way for young, working families to continue their educations. I know that since we have two full time incomes it takes away

from the amount I get in grants. I have had to take out student loans because my grant amounts are low. It is really nice to not have to worry about the loans increasing because the UKB has given us the money for school," said UKB tribal member Jessica Cooper.

"I am proud to be a Keetoowah Cherokee and I am grateful for the tribe's commitment to education," said UKB tribal member and employee Audrey Howard. "I appreciate the fact that the United Keetoowah Band invests casino profits in bettering the quality of life for its members, youth and elders."

Graduation Bonus applications may be picked up at the Education Department located in the UKB Community Services Building or at the Tribal Satellite offices located in Kansas, Stilwell and Ft. Smith. Applications must be returned to the office or mailed to Della Wolfe, UKB Education Department, P.O. Box 746, Tahlequah, OK, 74465. For more information, call (918) 456-8698.

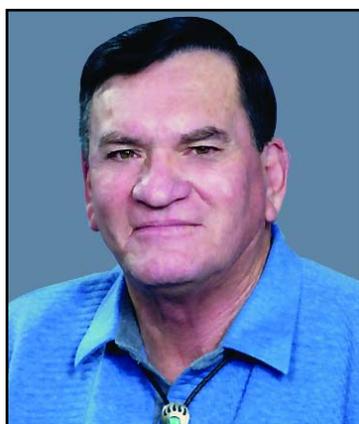


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## A Letter to the UKB People

From Chief George Wickliffe

**Letter to the editor** – Cherokee Nation not the original Cherokees

Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is not the original Cherokee Nation. It never existed prior to 1976 when it was created by Chief Ross O. Swimmer.

Therefore, it never had a continuous government to government relationship with the United States, a necessary requirement in petitioning the government for federal recognition. And the BIA's actions in

recognizing CNO as a federally recognized tribe is illegal as well. Just like Chad Smith argued the BIA's actions recognizing the Delaware tribe was illegal because Delaware's were adopted by the Cherokee Nation.

Second, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma never reformed under OIWA, the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act which was created to lift the limitations placed on tribes by the Curtis Act.

The United States Congress passed the Curtis Act in 1898 to force the resistant tribes to agree to the allotment of their lands and dissolution of their governments. The U.S. Congress passed the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) in 1934 to restore Indian

governments and provide for self-governance. However, the act specifically excluded the tribes in Oklahoma.

The U.S. Congress passed the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA) in 1936 to restore self-governance to Indian tribes in Oklahoma. This Act provided for the reorganization of tribal governments and repealed any disability Congress had imposed from past legislation, but only for tribes who reorganized under the authority of the OIWA.

The only Cherokees in Oklahoma who have reformed and are "legally" a federally recognized Cherokee tribe are the UKB (United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee). So

they are the true successors to Cherokee Nation and should be the ones who have jurisdiction over Cherokee Nation boundaries.

The BIA just told Chad Smith via fax that his bogus 1999 Cherokee Constitution is not valid because Congress has never approved it as required.

If someone has enough guts to challenge Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma in court and force them to prove they are a legitimate "federally" recognized tribe, they cannot succeed. Because they have not met the strict requirements set forth by the government.

Steve Osburn  
Cherokee Delaware

**Dear Tribal Members,**  
I wanted to use my column this month to provide space for a letter that ran in the *Native American Times*. Cherokee Delaware Steve Osburn's letter is the truth. May God Bless All Our Keetoowah Cherokee People,

*George Wickliffe*

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## UKB May '07 Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

- May 5 UKB Regular Council Meeting, 1 p.m.  
Stilwell Satellite Office
- May 10 Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- May 10 Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Vian UKB Satellite Office
- May 11 Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Keener Church, Lost City
- May 15 Coowescoowee District Meeting 6 p.m.  
First Christian Church, Pryor
- May 15 Saline District Meeting, Kenwood  
Community Building
- May 17 Delaware District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Oak Hill Community Center
- May 19 Flint and Goingsnake Districts, 10 a.m.  
Get Together, Stilwell Satellite Office

\* No other meeting information available at press time.

## UKB June '07 Calendar of Council and Special Meetings

- June 1 UKB Regular Council Meeting, 1 p.m.  
UKB Community Services Building, Tahlequah
- June 8 Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Keener Church, Lost City
- June 14 Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- June 14 Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Meal served at 7 p.m.  
Vian UKB Satellite Office
- June 21 Delaware District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Oak Hill Community Center

\* No other meeting information available at press time.

Check us out online at  
[unitedkeetoowahband.org](http://unitedkeetoowahband.org)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Housing and Urban Development announced on March 13, 2007, a Notice of Funding Availability with a deadline of June 01, 2007 for eligible applicants that include Indian Tribes or tribal organization on behalf of Indian tribes.

The eligible activities include new housing construction; housing rehabilitation, land acquisition to support new housing, home ownership assistance, public facilities and improvements, economic development and micro enterprise programs. For this region (Southern Plains) it has been established a maximum of \$800,000.00 is eligible for request project.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma proposes a Cultural Center/Museum under the Public Facilities area for its FY 2007 application project. The tribe has completed the preliminary planning for this project and has determined this project fits well within the categories of funding eligible under the HUD ICDBG guidelines. Through this project the tribe will request the full amount eligible. The project will predominantly serve the low and moderate income community/tribal members through increasing cultural appreciation and developing our tribal community. The tribe plans to use 100% of the ICDBG funds for this project. The entire Community Development Statement is available for public viewing at the meeting listed in next paragraph.

A meeting will be held for public comment from 11:30-1:00 p.m. on May 17th at 18263 W. Keetoowah Circle, Tahlequah, Oklahoma in the Community Services building in the conference room.

## NOTICES

### Offices Closed for Memorial Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, May 25 and Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, May 29. We wish everyone a safe holiday.

### Joint Council Meeting Postponed

The Joint Council Meeting between the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma has been postponed. The meeting may be rescheduled sometime in July.



*The original Cherokee tribe in Oklahoma - here BEFORE the Trail of Tears*

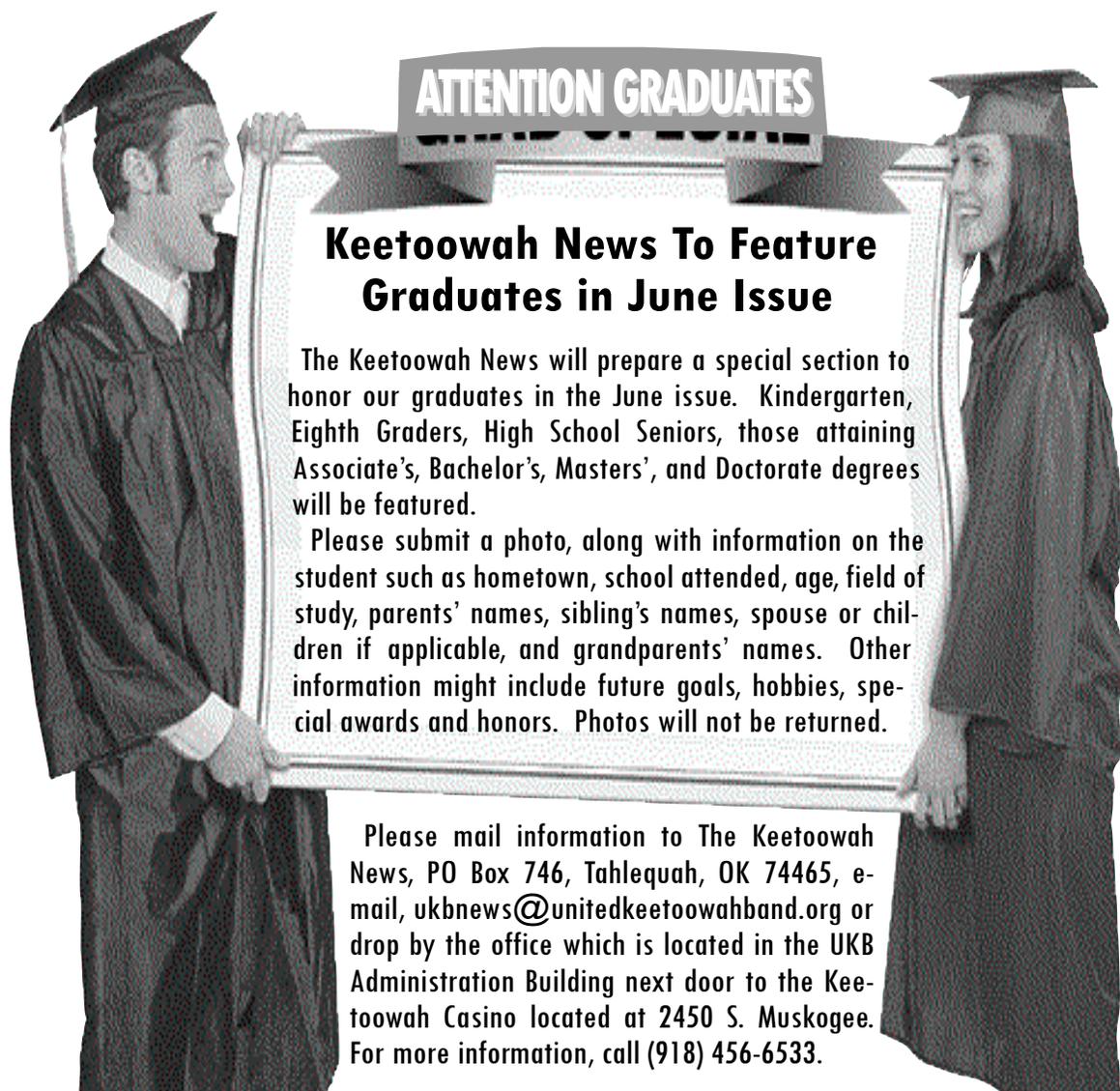
The CREATOR gave all Cherokees the name Keetoowah  
 1817 - Moved to Arkansas Territory by TREATY  
 1828 - Moved into Indian Territory (now NE OK) by TREATY  
 1833 - Defined our boundaries with the Creeks by TREATY  
 1905 - FEDERALLY incorporated prior to statehood  
 1950 - FEDERALLY recognized by CONGRESS under OIWA  
 TODAY - we are still the traditional Keetoowah Cherokees

**Honoring our ancestors, religion, language, traditions, and culture.**



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**ATTENTION GRADUATES**

**Keetoowah News To Feature Graduates in June Issue**

The Keetoowah News will prepare a special section to honor our graduates in the June issue. Kindergarten, Eighth Graders, High School Seniors, those attaining Associate's, Bachelor's, Masters', and Doctorate degrees will be featured.

Please submit a photo, along with information on the student such as hometown, school attended, age, field of study, parents' names, sibling's names, spouse or children if applicable, and grandparents' names. Other information might include future goals, hobbies, special awards and honors. Photos will not be returned.

Please mail information to The Keetoowah News, PO Box 746, Tahlequah, OK 74465, e-mail, [ukbnews@unitedkeetoowahband.org](mailto:ukbnews@unitedkeetoowahband.org) or drop by the office which is located in the UKB Administration Building next door to the Keetoowah Casino located at 2450 S. Muskogee. For more information, call (918) 456-6533.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Flint and Goingsnake Districts will be hosting a

**GET TOGETHER AND APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**  
**Saturday, May 19**

UKB Stilwell Satellite Office  
 at the corner of Section Line Road and Young Avenue

for Tribal Members, the City of Stilwell, Area Merchants, City Council Members and all Utility Vendors who worked so hard to help community members during the big Ice Storm in January.

Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.  
 Pot Luck Lunch will be served at 1:30 p.m.

**Old Cherokee Gospel Singing**  
**Horseshoe and Volleyball Tournaments**

*Bring your lawn chairs and a covered dish*

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- Synergy Gas

For more information, call Stilwell Satellite Office (918) 696- 7672

**UKB invites tribal youth to audition for Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir**

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is recruiting young UKB tribal members to be a part of the Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir. The Youth Choir began last year and since that time, have performed at the Keetoowah Celebration, at the UKB Inauguration, and many other special events. "The tribe has had several requests from older youth to participate, so the UKB administration decided to extend the age requirements.

the 6th through 12th grades this fall. The Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir will be made up of 24 members. The boys and girls can audition in their Keetoowah Cherokee language or in the English language, whichever they feel most comfortable. Ms. Jan Ballou, a fluent Cherokee speaker and a music director, is the choir instructor for the Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir. For more information, contact UKB Director of Language, History and Culture Director Sammy Still at (918) 456-9200.

Eligibility is now available to all UKB tribal youth, both boys and girls, who will be in

**Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Program Menu for May**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Breadsticks Salad & Dessert	2 Frito Pie With Fixins Salad Dessert	3 Marinated Chicken Yellow Squash Baked Potato Hot Roll Salad & Dessert	4 Breakfast At 10:30
7 Mac n Smokies Green Beans Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	8 Chimichanga Spanish Rice Refried Beans Guacamole Dessert	9 Lemon-Dill Pollock Wild Rice Broccoli Hush Puppies Salad & Dessert	10 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Tomato Zucchini Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	11 Breakfast At 10:30
14 White Beans With Ham Spinach Corn Muffins Salad & Dessert	15 Stuffed Crabs Portabella Roasted Carrots Rice Salad & Dessert	16 Herb Baked Chicken Scalloped Potato Catalina Veggies Breadsticks	17 Goulash Hominy Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	18 Fishing Day And Hotdog Roast At the River Park
21 Stuffed Peppers Zucchini Tomato Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	22 Polish Sausage Cabbage Corn Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	23 Tortilla Soup Baked Potato w/ Fixins Breadsticks Salad	24 CULTURAL FOODS DAY	25 CLOSED FOR CLEANING
28 CLOSED	29 Spaghetti Asparagus Breadsticks Salad Dessert	30 Steak Sandwich Galley Chips Salad Dessert	31 Catfish Beans Coleslaw Hush Puppies Dessert	



## Keetoowah Cherokee Language Classes Summer 2007

**UKB Stilwell Sub-Office Stilwell, OK**  
 Starting Date: Monday, May 14, 2007  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Instructor: Della Wolfe

**Marble City Food Pantry Marble City, OK**  
 Starting Date: Monday, May 14, 2007  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Instructor: George Byrd

**Johnson Prairie Baptist Church, Moody Community**  
 Starting Date: Monday, May 14, 2007  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Instructor: D.J. McCarter

**Sallisaw Central High School, Sallisaw, OK**  
 Starting Date: Monday, May 14, 2007  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Instructor: Jim Henson

**Webber Falls Community Civic Center, Webber Falls**  
 Starting Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2007  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Instructor: Dorothy Powell

**Jay Community Center Jay, OK**  
 Starting Date: Monday, May 14, 2007  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Instructor: Sequoyah Guess

**Collinsville, 11618 N. 95 E. Ave., Collinsville, OK**  
 Starting Date: Monday, May 14, 2007  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Instructor: Hastings Shade

**Pryor County Courthouse Pryor, OK**  
 Starting Date: Monday, May 21, 2007  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Instructor: George Stopp

**UKB Vian Sub-Office Vian, OK**  
 Starting Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2007  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Instructor: Peggy Girty

**Tahlequah Public Library Tahlequah, OK**  
 Starting Date: Monday, May 21, 2007  
 Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Instructor: Josh Webster



All Keetoowah Cherokee Language Instructors are required to attend Keetoowah Cherokee Language Certification classes.

## UKB Economic Development Authority

The UKB Economic Development Authority Board is responsible for research and development of new business ventures. They have developed and implemented new ventures and with experienced business members on the Board, the UKB can expect ventures with the SBA 8A's contract programs, 501 c(3) non profit entities, hotel and retail opportunities, leasing of former smoke shop properties, gas and oil investments, Keetoowah Construction Inc., and Keetoowah Trading Company, which

assists promoting Keetoowah Artists who want to sell their personal made crafts.

The UKB EDA Board will also pursue joint ventures with existing companies to provide jobs to insure our members are taught a job trade through a mentoring program. This new business arm of the Band will insure we continue to develop revenue and job opportunities for our tribal members and not relying solely on gaming revenue.

This will help the UKB to become self sufficient and to

control our own destiny. Gaming revenues have been the tools that have allowed the EDA to develop.

The EDA is a five member board that is appointed by the UKB Tribal Council.

EDA meetings are held once a month, for the next date you may contact the EDA office at (918) 453-9162. Sandy Houston-Receptionist and Lisa Cerda-Administrative Assistant are available to assist you. The EDA office is located next to the Tribal Secretary's office on Muskogee Avenue.

## Mariah Hooper Wins Again

Keetoowah Cherokee youth Mariah Hooper has done it again. Won another art contest, that is. The eleven year old won the First Place award at the Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden in the Dr. Pepper Vending machine contest. The talented youngster won a \$500 savings bond courtesy of First Security Band. Her poster design is displayed on a Dr. Pepper vending machine on Zoo grounds. She also won a party for her class courtesy of Dr. Pepper and the Zoo.

The statewide contest ran for just over one month and a total

of 758 entries were received from 95 schools. Under the contest theme, "Oklahoma Trails," students were encouraged to feature native Oklahoma animals and plants in their designs. Mariah's poster featured an owl, turtle, and a dog. (see if other photo is better)

Mariah was also a big winner in the State Department of Agriculture poster contest earlier this spring. She won first place out of 2,301 entries across the state of Oklahoma in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students' category. She was awarded a \$100 savings bond. Her artwork will be published in Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture's 2007-2008 calendar which will be distributed to all schools and libraries in Oklahoma.

Mariah is the daughter of

Michael and Linda Hooper of Stilwell. Her brother is Michael, Jr., 18; and sisters are Junior Miss Keetoowah Kaheya Hooper, 15; and Kiana, 8. Her grandparents are the late Bill and the late Katie Marie Vann, and the late Jessie Lee Hooper and Rosella Hooper of Park Hill. Mariah is a 5th grader at Maryetta School.



## Keetoowah Cherokees to observe Native American Indian Day on October 12

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma said "Goodbye Columbus" in a council meeting earlier this year as the tribal council voted in Resolution 07-UKB-15 to "To Do Away With Columbus Day and Call It Native American Indian Day". Although the tribe never observed Columbus day, Native American Indian Day will now become an official tribal holiday.

## Attention Turtle Racers:BYOT

Turtle Racers, get ready for the 6th Annual Turtle Race, which will be held on Saturday, October 6 as part of the 57th Annual Keetoowah Celebration! Remember, you must bring your own turtle and this is the season to find, collect and train them for the big race the first weekend in October.



## UKB Tribal Victim's Assistance Helps all Native American Victims

The United Keetoowah Band Tribal Victim's Assistance (TVA) program provides a valuable service to Native Americans in Tahlequah and in the nine districts the Keetoowah Cherokees serve. TVA advocates for Native Americans who have been a victim of a crime. Oftentimes, the victim is a woman who has been sexually, physically or mentally abused. Sometimes, the victim is a child, and TVA, along with the UKB Indian Child Welfare Department protects the children against these same abuses, as well

as abuse through neglect.

The mission statement of the Tribal Victim Assistance Program of the United Keetoowah Band is to improve the local response for Native American crime victims approaching the criminal justice system for relief by providing timely rights notification, support and referral services, assistance with victim compensation claims, and community education regarding crime victim issues.

The UKB TVA is recognized as a leading tribal program in the country. The

Keetoowah Cherokee staff members are frequently called upon as experts because they help lots of Native American People.



The UKB has the only program in the fourteen counties serving tribal victims. About half of those they serve are Keetoowah, the

other 50% are CNO members, victims from blended Hispanic/Native American families, and members of various tribes. The program director is Sonya Cochran, and the TVA Advocates are Lois Fuller and Sue Gaytan

Recently, the United Keetoowah Band's Tribal Victim Assistance staff has been interviewed by AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL for a report "Maze of Injustice – The failure to protect indigenous women from sexual violence in the United States." Amnesty International conducted detailed

research in three locations with different policing and judicial arrangements, the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North and South Dakota, the State of Oklahoma, and the State of Alaska.

The report was a real eye opener, and received coverage in many publications across the United States, including a feature story in the New York Times, and in the Tahlequah Daily Press and an editorial in the Oklahoman. In addition, the story was also featured on Reznets News.

## 'A Human Being Is a Human Being'

Advocate Lois Fuller says of her job: "The days aren't long enough, but you do what you can."

Lois Fuller is an advocate with the United Keetoowah Band's Tribal Victim's Assistance program. She said becoming an advocate was her "calling," since she herself was a victim of abuse.

Fuller has a master's degree in social work, as do the majority of women with whom she works.

They are all educated and trained to handle these sensitive cases of battered women and women who've been victims of sexual and domestic violence.

The Tribal Victim's Assistance program helps all women, regardless of tribe. They will contact the victim's tribe to see if there are any other services they can get after an inci-

dent.

"We work together and collaborate, because a human being is a human being to me, and we'll work out the rest later," Fuller said in an interview.

Fuller has seen all types of abuse, and one of the more recent cases is an elderly woman who finally built up the courage to divorce her husband after 16 years of domestic abuse.

"All cases are different and unique," Fuller said. "You take it home with you. I try not to, but sometimes I can't sleep. The days aren't long enough, but you do what you can."

She said she had a client who had been raped by a white man and woman. But since the victim was an Indian woman who lived in a rural area, no one knew how to contact her, and the case was closed after one year.

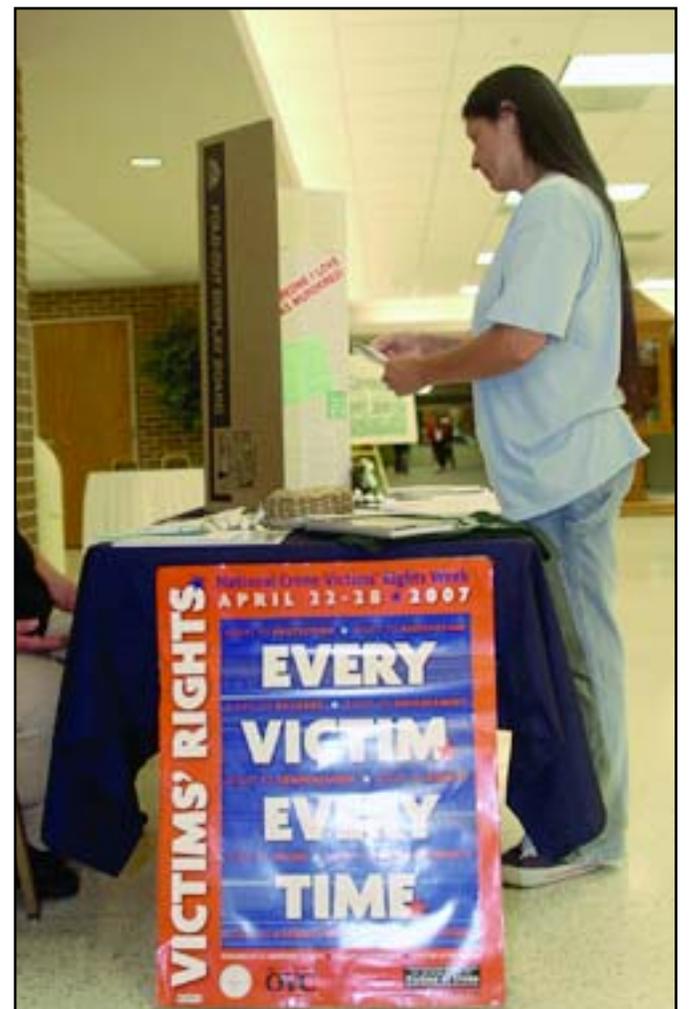
"There are jurisdictional problems here," Fuller said. "The reporting isn't so good here. If you report one here, they ask if you are on Indian land. They should investigate them before asking if it's on Indian land."

In addition to improvements on jurisdictional decisions, Fuller said law enforcement could get training on how to write a more detailed and thorough report when investigating a rape.

Because of shoddy police reports, rapists are going free while women are getting re-victimized on the court stand, Fuller said.

"This 'my land, your land, no trespassing' mentality," Fuller said, "I just don't understand it anymore. If you're going to be an officer in Oklahoma, you need to know land laws."

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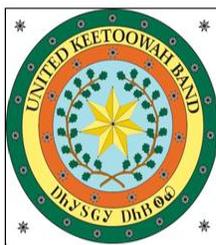


The UKB Family Services Department had a booth at the NSU Symposium on the American Indian. Pictured left to right are UKB Employees Human Services employee Miranda King, ICW Employee Annora Barnett, and ICW Advocate Loretta Shade.



Staff members from the UKB Indian Child Welfare Department and children enrolled at the Henry Lee Doublehead Child Care Center release balloons representing thirty one children who received services from the ICW department in the last year. Staff members are (left to right) Family Services Director Sonya Cochran, Advocate Brenda Teehee, and Advocate Loretta Shade.

Keetoowah Cherokee Janet Hansen set up a booth and provided information to NSU students during Child Abuse Awareness Month. Hansen is getting her degree in Paralegal Studies at NSU. Unfortunately, Janet and Delaware District Representative Jerry Hansen know about the pain suffered by family members of crime victims. Their son was killed in a road rage incident in January of 2004.



## United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians Elder Assistance Program Summer 2007 June 15—August 28

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians is pleased to announce the Elder Assistance Program. Applications may be picked up at any tribal or satellite office beginning June 1, 2007. Completed applications are to be turned in by fax, mail, or direct delivery to the Tribal Enrollment Office located at 2450 S. Muskogee Ave. in Tahlequah, OK Fax 918-453-9345

### Eligibility Requirements

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

### Additional information

1. Completed applications must be turned in before noon on Fridays beginning on June 15th for checks to be ready after 3:00 p m on Wednesday of the following week.
2. Persons authorized to pick up checks must be indicated on application.
3. Help filling out the application will be provided when requested.
4. Keetoowah Cherokee speakers will be available for form completion assistance.

### Procedure for applications and check disbursement

- Turn in completed application to the Tribal enrollment office no later than noon on Fridays beginning June 15, 2007.
- Checks will be disbursed the following Wednesday from -3-5 p.m. at the UKB Wellness Center located off West Willis Road, south of Tahlequah. (North of the UKB Community Services Building.)
- August 28, 2007 will be the last day for check disbursement this summer.

**UKB Tribal Enrollment Office Phone Number  
918-453-9375**

## Beau Daniel Grimmatt Turns Two

Beau Grimmatt turned two years old on Sunday, April 15, 2007. Beau celebrated his birthday on Friday, April 13 with his classmates (Quail room) at the Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center. His teachers are Ms. Shannon, Ms. Char, and Ms. Torina.



Beau also celebrated his birthday on Sunday, April 15 at his family's park. Beau is a UKB member and is the son of Diane & Rufus Grimmatt. Diane works for the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino Administration Department. Beau is also the grandson of Della Wolfe, who works for the UKB Education Department and the late Lamb Dale Wolfe. His uncles are Mike and Travis Wolfe, who work for the Keetoowah Casino Concession dept.). Beau is the Great-Grandson of the late Rev. Daniel & the late Lucille (Bark) Proctor and late Lamb & Johann (Fourkiller) Wolfe.

## Zechariah Rice nominated for 2007 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine

Congratulations to Zechariah Rice, who has been nominated to attend the Summer 2007 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. Rice's nomination places him among a very select group of the nation's top students. Less than one percent of all high-achieving high school students are presented with this opportunity. Rice will represent his school and community as a National Scholar.

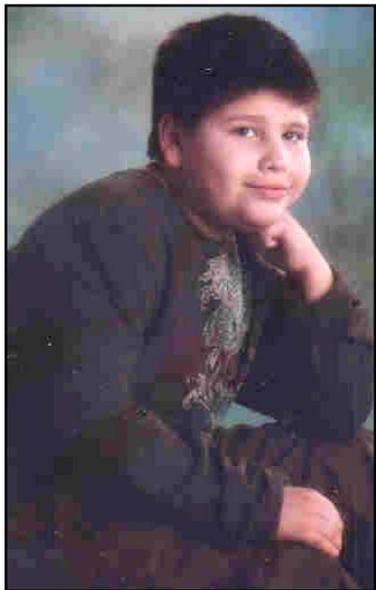
Rice attended Darlington Elementary in El Reno, Oklahoma and briefly attended El Reno High School before moving to Claremore with his mother. He currently attends Claremore High School as a sophomore, where he holds a 3.5 grade point average. Along with being an honor student at Claremore, he is also an active member of the schools Native American Club.

Rice has plans to submit applications of enrollment to the University of Oklahoma. "I've always been curious in this subject and I want to help my people through the study of medicine," Rice said. "I have a lot of confidence in going all the way in the field of medicine."

Rice is the son of Roger Rice, of the Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribe of El Reno, Oklahoma, and Fanneta White, a UKB tribal member from Claremore, Oklahoma, and the grandson of the late George White and the late Margaret (Weavel) White. Paternal grandparents are Charlie Rice of Red Oak, Oklahoma and the late Edith Surveyor Rice His siblings are his oldest brother, Frank; his sister, Georgia; his brother Steve and his youngest sister, Elise.

## Keetoowah Youths Win at the Cherokee Language Bowl

Congratulations go to tribal youths Jerrick and Delaney Drywater. In early April, Jerrick and Delaney and their team mates went to the Cherokee Challenge Bowl, and won 2nd Place! Jerrick and Delaney are exclusive members of The United Keetoowah Band. Their parents are Kim and Rick Panther of Tahlequah and they have a little sister, Erianna Drywater. Their grandparents are the late Archie and Jackie Drywater of Tahlequah and the late Verna Panther and Elmer Panther from Jay, OK.



Jerrick Drywater



Delaney Drywater

## Emerald Goingsnake

Emerald Mae GoingSnake recently took 2nd place in the Grand View School art contest and 2nd place in the Cherokee County art contest. Her parents are Keetoowah Tribal Members Shannon and Jan-Michael GoingSnake. Paternal grandparents are Gwendolyn GoingSnake and the late Clifford GoingSnake. Maternal grandparents are William and JoAnn Shade and Nancy Proctor and LeDon Rock

Emerald attends Grand View School. Emerald is six years old and loves to draw. She is graduating from kindergarten soon and will be going into the 1st Grade next school year. Her entire family is from the Tahlequah area.



## The Keetoowah News wants YOU!

If your son or daughter, niece, nephew, or extended family members are students either attending K-12, vo-tech, college or a university, and are doing exceedingly well or showing strong leadership abilities or talents through their academic performance, sports, art, music, chorus and/or in other areas of interest, please contact the media department at (918) 456-6533. We would like to feature your student in an upcoming Keetoowah News Article!

## Talon Kyle Daniels

Talon Kyle Daniels was born on March 18, 2007 to proud parents Kamisha Hair and Matt Daniels. He weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. Talon was also welcomed by big brother Kialan Tyree Hair. Maternal Grandparents are James and Cindy Hair of Tahlequah, and Paternal Grandparents are Ross and Irene Daniels of Kansas and the Great Grandmother is Akie Gourd of Tahlequah.





## UKB Regular Council Meeting Minutes

### UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting March 3, 2007 10:03 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

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

#### II. Invocation: Rev. Larry Pritchett

#### III. Roll Call: 12 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared.

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

- Spoke of being happy to conduct meeting in the community of Piney.

- Reminisced on having been raised in this area and the Kenwood area and how then everyone had Cherokee Indian names.

- Spoke of how elders in the area always said, we will never surrender and we never have but was a time when it was useless to fight back and that when it was decided to move us from the southeastern United States on the Trail of Tears. When the Keetoowah Organized in 1859 under the Keetoowah Constitution, Keetoowah Society, they said "we will hold hands and we will protect our culture, our history, language and our way of life until we fall dead. We will never lose because that's what we believe.

- Since the UKB started getting funding for housing, about 9 or 10 years ago, we were attacked by the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is not the Cherokee Nation.

- Every year the UKB has had to fight CNO just to keep our housing funding. Finally this year they (CNO) had an opportunity to convince Washington that UKB didn't have a land base and since they (CNO) represented all Indian people in Oklahoma, Wash-

ington cut off UKB housing funding. That was not a correct decision because we should be funded and we have filed a law suit in the Eastern Region of BIA in Muskogee.

- CNO lies about the UKB. The UKB tells the truth. The UKB will not argue with CNO everyday but we occasionally reply to their lies.

- We are the original Cherokee. The Creator gave us our religion. We didn't know there was a Christian God until Jesus Christ came 2007 years ago. The UKB has always recognized the Creator and knew He was powerful.

- The Keetoowah continues to struggle but we are waiting on a decision on the Arkansas Riverbed. We had a hearing on November 7, 2006 in Washington. Three appellate Judges sat at this hearing and we're waiting on a decision that could come at any time.

- It was intended the UKB receive a share of money from the Arkansas Riverbed project. Other tribes including CNO received a share of this project money but there was some money left for tribes like the UKB.

- UKB is continuing to look for jobs. We have an office in Ft. Smith which is providing jobs. People and businesses contact this office for job applicants.

- UKB has sub-offices located in Kansas, OK, Stilwell and Ft. Smith with plans to increase the number of sub-offices.

- We have an opportunity to buy property for building a house in Ft. Smith with our Keetoowah Construction Company. This will be a test project to allow a profit which will go to the people.

- Building a construction company would also be a way of producing jobs.

- We want to find ways which will benefit the people.

- The EDA (Economic Development Authority) was

approved by Council, now we have Keetoowah Construction which is active.

- We are always looking for development. There are plans which will assist in producing jobs for the Keetoowah people. Employment location will be in Tulsa.

- Tulsa employment will consist of the need for doctors, nurses and people who have high technical experience. Keetoowah people who qualify will be given the opportunity for employment in this Tulsa Project. People can be trained and move up in position.

- There is never enough money for education, training and housing.

- The Assistant Chief was in Washington all week. Our lawyers were there also. We stay in touch with Washington about UKB business.

- The nine district representatives are available to you in reference to your needs such as sewer problems, electric bills, etc. Administration is working with people relating to needs. We all stay involved with the people. Administration stays in touch with the representatives and all work together.

- District meetings are a way for people to contact their representative.

- There will be a special meeting of the Council for review of the UKB Constitution, By-Laws and Charter for purpose of update. Times have changed since the original documents were written. If changes are needed there would be cause for a special election before the regular election for approval of changes by the people. Other tribes review their Constitution from time to time. Any change (s) in our Constitution, By-Laws and Charter must be approved by the people. When these documents were written by our elders they knew there would come a time when

changes would be required.

#### Charles Locust: reported on his trip to Washington.

- He met with several groups, Senators & Congressmen in regards to UKB legal issues.

- He met at the BIA with Congressman Boren, Senator Colburn, Congressman Cole, Inhofe and Sullivan; all the Oklahoma Delegation. The UKB has a lot of support there but at the same time there is a lot of political maneuvering that we must be aware of.

- There will be a long struggle for the UKB but we're moving forward. This is the closest we've ever been to get what we need for the tribe.

- It was stated to the Senators and Congressmen how the UKB will have to use a large amount of gaming money to put into housing and into other core programs where we should be allowed to receive federal funding and they agreed. They don't know why we can't receive funds. When our situation is explained to them, they have a different picture. Then when we come back to them, maybe after a year, they might have a different opinion.

- Different bills can be passed in Washington and some of its content can negatively affect the UKB. This type of content is usually inserted by "our friend" (CNO).

- NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) has been able to stop such bill surprises. NCAI is not really supported by larger tribes. The larger tribes can have more influence than NCAI. NCAI helps the smaller tribes. The government is putting in regulations which causes a split between the tribes who have and those who have not. This was brought to the front with the gaming issues.

- The UKB does not change information and facts. The same story is told by both me and Chief Wickliffe about the

UKB. We tell how we have had our Constitution since 1950 and how the government will not recognize the jurisdiction which was approved by the Secretary of Interior. Congressmen and Senators are reminded how they are not going by their own law.

- Washington is reminded; 25 years after the UKB Constitution was approved by Congress, the government did an administrative move and approved Cherokee Nation. Washington is reminded Keetoowahs were first.

- Washington is starting to listen. We are producing records that show our side.

- Several months ago UKB Media Person, Marilyn Craig, conducted an interview with previous Keetoowah Chief, John Hair, which changed the whole outlook with the solicitor's office in Washington. Washington didn't realize the UKB had a history. The UKB is not a made up organization. If anyone wants to talk about a made up organization they need to look at CNO. The UKB has had a roll since 1949. CNO has the Dawes Commission and that is not really a Tribal Roll. CNO is an administrative approved tribe.

- The CNO election today RE: Freedmen being CNO citizens has caused many calls to the UKB asking how they should vote. UKB tells them, "vote what is in your heart."

- If you're a Christian person then can you be a racist? I personally don't think there should be racism. There are deacons in churches who say, "I don't like black people," or "he's not enough to be Indian." CNO is now fighting to remove people from their citizenship saying: he is not what I believe he/she should be.

- If any person meeting the requirements is eligible for Keetoowah Tribal Membership the color of skin is not a factor. We are required to

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accept anyone who meets the requirements under the UKB Constitution.

- We continue to work toward being fair, honest and truthful to our people.

- Washington is beginning to truly see the Keetoowahs. Senator Coburn says, "the Keetoowahs are the real Cherokees." Coburn is our strongest ally. Colburn has told the incoming BIA Assistant Secretary, he wanted this secretary to check on BIA offices to see that the officers are operating correctly. He also stated he wanted attention and care be given to the UKB problem. He stated how there was some unfair things happening to the UKB.

- When it is heard there are trips to Washington by Administration just know we are fighting for the UKB. We must stay alert.

- If UKB had the money as does CNO we could truly help our people in medical needs, housing, etc.

- We must stay together as a tribe and as a people and keep fighting.

- The responses from Washington this week were very positive.

- There were 60 small tribal leaders in Washington at the NCAI, talking about the unfairness to small tribes. Five years ago this would not have happened because larger tribes controlled everything.

- We will keep the people informed on our legal battles. It will be a hard battle but we will win because we have the truth on our side.

### Chief Wickliffe:

- Informed Charles Locust was on the National Board (NCAI). He is there to help defend against things that are affecting smaller tribes, which includes the Keetoowah. In the agreement between CNO and Delaware Tribe, UKB

learned CNO was trying to "sew up" the jurisdictional question in the way they wrote the agreement but the UKB caught it and the language was changed

- We even watch our environment. CNO was trying to get position about Arkansas and Kansas and the Chilocco Indian school area so they could have a say in matters involving these areas. The UKB stopped that attempt.

- The UKB is making the biggest progress ever made.

### Woodrow Proctor:

- In the past, the Vice Chief was not truly supportive of the Chief.

- Previous Vice Chiefs never went to Washington to talk with legislators.

- He is proud of our present Vice Chief, Charles Locust, who works in full support of Chief Wickliffe.

- No one knows what frustrations our present Chief and Vice Chief face everyday.

- He then mentioned the problem with Indian Health Service (IHS). He suggested a Steering Committee be picked from the Council to look into this problem.

- Chief Wickliffe: agreed this IHS situation was a subject of concern and needed attention. He suggested when new committees were set in, a Steering Committee could be set up.

### V. Approval of the minutes for February 2007

1. MOTION by Barry Dotson, to approve minutes of Regular Council Meeting of February 3, 2007; **SECONDED** by Eddie Sacks; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### VI. Presentations

1. Rick Glory: informed he had resigned from the KCI Board because of his involvement with HUD and IRR programs to avoid conflict of interest. He and the other

board members recommended Billy Heath to fill the board vacancy.

MOTION by Albert Shade, to table placement of Billy Heath on KCI (Keetoowah Construction Incorporated) Board of Directors; **SECONDED** by Woodrow Proctor; **VOTE:** 3 Yes (Dotson, Proctor, Shade), 9 No, 0 Abstentions. (Motion Failed)

2. Charles Locust: It is desired KCI will become self-sufficient and generate revenue. Earlier Chief Wickliffe mentioned buying property for building a house. The purpose is to generate revenue that will go back into KCI so that bids can be let out and Bond Purchase can be done so that we can go out after hiring jobs. KCI is under Economic Development Authority. KCI must go through the KCI board and then through Economic Development before they can go anywhere.

- We are working toward getting 8A status.

- KCI is tribally owned and could qualify for 8A because we're working to be self-sufficient.

3. Rick Glory: there are many 8A government projects available and UKB has already been offered a sub-contract in government projects.

MOTION by Jerry Hansen, to approve the placement of Billy Heath on the Keetoowah Construction Inc., Board of Directors in filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Rick Glory; **SECONDED** by Barbara Girty;

- Charles Locust: thought highly of Billy Heath's placement on the KCI Board because of his expressed approach and attitude toward policies and procedures in his involvement with the Housing Board.

**VOTE:** 10 Yes, 2 No (Proctor, Shade), 0 Abstentions.

### VII. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

#### 1. Education Committee

MOTION by Barbara Girty on behalf of the Education Committee to approve College students that continue through summer school to receive financial aid at half the amount according to Policy and Guidelines already in place; **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; **VOTE:** 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Shade unavailable for vote).

- Barbara Girty requested approval of reallocation of Adult Basic Education to Vo-Tech Assistance (Adult Basic Education is used for GED testing and was allocated \$25,000.00. Vo-Tech assistance is down to \$1,682.00.) If approved to reallocate the amount will be decided at the next Education Committee meeting and will be reported to Council in April.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve request to reallocate Adult Basic Education to Vo-Tech Assistance as presented by Barbara Girty; **SECONDED** by Shelbi Wofford; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

- Barbara Girty announced the Education Committee was prepared to present four names for consideration of nomination to fill two vacant seats on the Education Committee.

- Woodrow Proctor added the name of Mose Killer to the Education Committee

- Chief Wickliffe stated currently the committee has a quorum so filling the two vacancies will wait.

2. Eddie Sacks stated because there had been no nominee from Council to fill a vacancy on the Tax Commission, Eddie made the motion to approve the placement of Betty Griggs on the UKB Tax Commission.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to

place Betty Griggs on the UKB Tax Commission; **SECONDED** by Joyce Fourkiller; **VOTE:** 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions (Sacks).

3. Shelbi Wofford: Joint Council meeting with CNO is active. There will be a CNO Rules Committee meeting on March 30, 2007 and they have requested the UKB Agenda Items before the 30th.

- Joint Council meeting is scheduled for April 2007.

- Proctor: suggested IHS, Housing and support for UKB Constitution be placed on the Joint Council Meeting Agenda.

- Locust: suggested Joint Jurisdiction. He stated this item would cover all subjects not necessarily named as agenda items but will address our issue.

- Chief Wickliffe: asked AG Ken Bellmard if discussion of Joint Jurisdiction would be harmful since we were in litigation.

- Ken Bellmard: Didn't believe discussing Joint Jurisdiction at a Joint Council meeting would hurt, the worst thing that could happen is that such could be seen as a settlement negotiation and that is not disclosable in court. A letter could be sent to BIA and Congress that would outline the items of discussion. Could list as Issues of Commonality which would cover any issues.

- Chief Wickliffe: suggested an agenda item at the Joint Council meeting with CNO should include having a Joint Council meeting of the three tribes in North Carolina.

- NOTE: Item (s) will be prepared by Shelbi Wofford.

- Locust: when he was in Washington he was asked if we have tried to communicate with CNO and they were told "yes." It was told how we've written letters to CNO and asked for a Joint Council

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meeting in preparation for a Joint Council meeting with the Eastern Band. Washington is being told CNO and UKB can't get along on anything. Charles told Washington the negative from CNO is Administration not the citizens or CNO Council. Anyone from CNO physically expressing working with the UKB will get into trouble. Chad Smith is telling Washington of they do anything to give UKB any kind of jurisdiction it will take 13 million dollars away from CNO. Chad couldn't explain to Washington how CNO would lose this 13 million dollars.

- Chief Wickliffe: says the Eastern Band wants a Joint Council meeting with all three tribes but says he will never tolerate CNO taking superior position over UKB. UKB is federally recognized just as CNO is. CNO has already been told we want to be treated as equal. CNO only have an advantage over us on the land base issue.

4. Jerry Hansen: recognized five people who worked on this Oak Hill Community Building in preparation for today's meeting. Three of which were from Austin, TX. Harrold Feathers informed the grounds belong to the Department of the Interior.

- Ken Bellmard: said the Department of the Interior does not necessarily mean CNO. He said the building belongs to the UKB as much as it does to CNO.

- Jerry Hansen recognized a mural above the fireplace, whereas the artist was Cecil Dick.

**5. Enrollment Report:** Liz Littledave

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept the 34 applicants for membership; **SECONDED** by Charles Smoke; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge the 10 requests for membership relinquishment; **SECONDED** by Charles Smoke; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

- Littledave announced as of February 28, 2007 the Elderly Assistance program was concluded. She also announced 536 people received a \$200.00 check during this program segment.

### VIII. Public Forum

1. Terry and Jan Nichols: asked to purchase a home on 2 lots which is now abandoned. This property presently belonged to the UKB Housing Authority.

- Littledave: explained their situation and all documents had been presented to Tina Jordan, previous Housing Authority attorney and who continues to be involved with the Keetoowahs in some legal matters. Ms. Jordan is looking into this situation.

- The Nichols would be informed on this matter.

**IX. Unfinished Business = None**

### X. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept Barbara Girty, Georgia Hogner and Norma Jimeron to the Enrollment Committee and to add Liz Littledave and Albert Shade; **SECONDED** by Shelbi Wofford; **VOTE:** 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions (Shade).

2. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to table agenda item #X, 2 until April Council meeting (RE: A written Procedure for disclosing of Tribal Public Information); **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

- Ken Bellmard: during the interim, your motion would

include; until you get that policy done, there will be no disclosure of social security numbers because such is protected by federal law.

- Joann Tidwell: stated she had requested documents on passed minutes and resolutions saying she only wanted public information. She suggested this information could be put on the website.

- Littledave: stated each Council member had copies of all information Joann had requested and the same data is entered in the Keetoowah Newspaper which is readily available to readers and requesting copies from the Secretary's Office is a great inconvenience and there is already sources where the information is available.

- Agenda item #X, 2 will receive attention after S. Wofford's return from a Confidentiality Workshop and topic will be discussed. (no action on 03/03/2007).

3. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to present a letter of support for INDN's List Education Funds and its founder Kalyn Free's project of undertaking a historical gathering of Democratic Candidates for the Presidency of the United States in a forum focused on Indian issues to take place in Indian Country; **SECONDED** by Shelbi Wofford; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention.

4. MOTION by Eddie Sacks that at the request of any Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States, a letter in support of gathering in a forum on Indian issues to take place in Indian Country; **SECONDED** by Shelbi Wofford; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

5. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the nomination of Ella Mae Worley to the Budget and Finance Committee; **SECONDED** by Joyce Fourkiller; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

6. MOTION by Shelbi Wof-

ford to approve nominations of Dora Grayson, John Hair, Mack Vann, Woodrow Proctor and Barbara Girty to the Elder Committee with Frank Mink and Lois Fuller as alternates; **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention.

- Chief Wickliffe: said a Steering Committee would be set up at the next meeting for looking into problems like we have with IHS, etc.

7. MOTION by Shelbi Wofford to schedule a meeting of Council for purpose of organizing for Review of the current Constitution, By-Laws and Charter on April 5, 2007, 9:30 AM at the UKB Wellness Center; **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention. (Meeting will include UKB attorneys)

- AG Ken Bellmard stated how Council members could prepare their ideas and bring to April 5th meeting.

8. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the submission of application to the DHHS Administration for Native American Social and Economic Development Strategies for an infrastructure grant; **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

9. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the submission of the following roads to the tribe's IRR 2007 Roads Inventory: East 785 Rd., Rt.#7779, 1.2 miles in length; South 540 Rd., Rt.#7780, 3.6 miles in length; Willis Loop Rd., Rt.#7781, 1.3 miles in length; and East Willis Rd., Rt.#7782, 2 miles in length; **SECONDED** by Woodrow Proctor; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (Rick Glory requested Willis Loop Rd. and East Will is Rd. be dropped from this list until a future time.)

10. MOTION by Woodrow

Proctor to schedule the May Council meeting at the Stilwell Satellite office; **SECONDED** by Charles Smoke; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### XI. Announcements

1. Authorization letter to vendors for emergency purchase by Representatives were presented to each Representative. All letters were signed by Chief Wickliffe.

2. Albert Shade inquired on status of Gift Cards. He said he would like to use them for groceries, etc. for people in his district.

- Littledave: said the cards are being worked on but are not ready to reconcile. She stated her problem is there was one district where absolutely no cards or signed list had been turned in and another district where the signed list has not been turned in but she planned on completing the record without the missing data then she will send each representative a copy of her findings and then they can present questions to her about their report, if they so desired. The final report will be sent to accounting, after which time the Council would decide on how the left over cards would be used.

3. Announced: plans for beginning the issuing of UKB CDIB cards is set for after the Enrollment office moves upstairs, hopefully in about a week. Hand-outs were given to the appropriate Representative of individual balances on discretionary funds as of 02/28/2007

**XII. Benediction:** Jerry Hansen

### XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Barry Dotson, **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 1:45 PM



## UKB Hosts Special Events



Assistant Chief Charles Locust and Delaware District Representative Jerry Hansen serve food at the Annual Keetoowah Easter Egg Hunt.



Rod Fourkiller addresses chamber guest as Jr. Miss Keetoowah Kaheya Hooper draws for a door prize.



Chief George Wickliffe greets Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce members at "Business after Hours"



Let's Go, The Hunt is ON!



Several gospel groups provided excellent music for the event.



Hundreds of children and their families turned out to enjoy the egg hunt, fried chicken lunch, balloon toss and gospel singing.