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## UKB Indian Child Welfare Employees Attend Victims of Crimes Conference

The United Keetoowah Band Tribal Victims Assistance Advocates attended the 5th Annual Unified Solutions Tribal Victims Assistance Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 23. Also attending the conference were Keetoowah Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Director of UKB Lighthorse David McCarter, Council Representative Jerry Hansen with his wife Janet, UKB Grant Writer Georgia Dick and Tribal Victims Assistance Advocates, Lois Fuller and Sue Gaytan.

This year's conference honored and welcomed Mr. John Gillis, Director of the Office for Victims of Crime and Ms. Barbara Walker, Deputy Director of the Office for Victims of Crime, both from the Washington, D.C. office. They were invited

to speak to the six regional groups of the Unified Solutions Tribal Victims Assistance (TVA). Their attendance to the conference was also to hear about the impact of the TVA program in each regional community and what was needed in order to meet their victim's services goals.

Lois Fuller, UKB TVA Advocate stated that it was good that they came from Washington to hear the problems the Advocates had to deal with. "They presented the TVA programs with five questions to answer," Fuller said. One question, Sue Gaytan, fellow Advocate, along with Mrs. Fuller answered was in regards to success stories. "Sue works a lot with Hispanics and I work with a lot of Native Americans, in each success



*DIRECTOR OF the Office for Victims of Crime, Mr. John Gillis, center, is pictured between Miss Keetoowah Pawnee Crabtree, second from left, and Junior Miss Keetoowah Rozlyn Locust, second from right, during the 5th Annual Unified Solutions TVA Conference in Albuquerque, NM. Also pictured are Ms. Barbara Walker, Deputy Director of the Office for Victims of Crime, left and Mrs. Dianne Barker-Harrold, UKB Legal Council and Unified Solutions Program Manager.*



*LOIS FULLER, United Keetoowah Band Tribal Victims Assistance Advocate, visits with UKB Tribal Council Representative for Delaware County, Jerry Hansen and his wife Janet during a break at the 5th Annual Unified Solutions Conference in Albuquerque, NM.*

story, every one of them is different. My story was watching the success of some of the ladies I have helped in the past.

I really think that sometimes the bad things that have happened to the victims in the past will repeat itself, but in a helping way that these victims will share with others. For example, this happened with three of my ladies that I have been working with. One is now being approached at her job, the other two ladies cannot work because they are suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or for severe health reasons, but they are still being approached by other victims, because of what these ladies have been through. They call me,

inform me that others have contacted them and that they have shared their story and said to them that there's help that they can get. So this is the story that I told," said Fuller.

Mrs. Fuller also mentioned that there are education training classes available for the victims to become aware of the many experiences they may face. But because of the lack of funds, transportation, and fuel, many of them do not attend. She would like to see some type of funding appropriated by their tribes for their victims to be able to attend these classes.

The United Keetoowah Band delegation was impressed at the attendance of Mr. Gillis and Ms Walker. The time they made to come down to speak

to the Regional areas and truly listen to their concerns and their needs.

"What I would also like to see established is some type of Retreat for the Advocates who have to deal with these types of situations on a daily basis," said Fuller. In a very quiet and humble voice, Mrs. Fuller stated, "Sometimes you want to do it all until you can't do it anymore. You just can't, you given it all you've got; you have to remember to take care of yourself, if you can. Just like me, it takes a lot out of you, I've given everything of myself to ensure the safety and health needs of our victims, but people forget we too need a place to take care of ourselves as well."

## Tribes to Host Laying of the Wreath Ceremony



The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is inviting all veterans and their families to attend the "Laying of the Wreath" ceremony on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2008. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. in front of the flag poles near the UKB Community Services Building at Keetoowah Circle off West Willis Road, just south of Tahlequah. The Veterans' American Legion Riders, Post 15, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, will honor all veterans with the laying of the wreath ceremony. A speech will be given by the UKB Chief George Wickliffe followed by a light lunch after the ceremony.

"It is an honor for the UKB to have Mr. Carl Jordan of Post 115 of Muskogee ask us if they could come down and lay a wreath at our memorial. I told him we don't have a memorial or a monument, and he said the three flag poles would serve as a memorial. He noticed that we fly the Prisoners of War (P.O.W.) flag and I told him we fly it with honor," said Norman "Hominy" Little-dave. Mr. Littledave is a United States Air Force veteran

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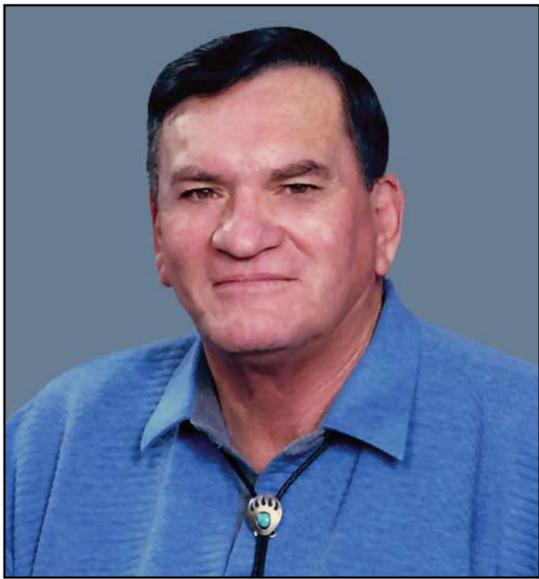
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who served in 1966-1968.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veterans' organization, and devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a not-for-profit community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members, both men and women, in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide.

For more information, contact Tribal Community Coordinator Hominy Littledave at (918) 431-1818



## A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe

west, into Indian Territory. This is the area that is now our 14-county jurisdiction here in Northeast Oklahoma. By this Treaty of 1828, the traditional Kituwah people, or the "Western Cherokee," moved into this area TEN YEARS BEFORE the Cherokee Nation was forced here on the Trail of Tears. The Keetoowah, or Western Cherokee, also adopted a written constitution that year. A capital was established on the Illinois River in what is now Sequoyah County, with a council house and grounds. The Western Cherokee area was divided into four districts: Sallisaw, Lee's Creek, Illinois and Neosho.

Elias Boudinot stated in the Cherokee Phoenix on March 18, 1829 regarding the relationship with the Western Cherokees: "They are our brothers. But they have left us (and) **have rights in their own country. They are citizens of another Nation.**"

The traditional Keetoowah, or The Western Cherokee, even had another treaty which did not include the Cherokee Nation which was still located back east. In 1833, the Western Cherokee Keetoowahs met with the Muscogee Creek Nation at Fort Gibson to settle boundary disputes, and this is what established the boundary lines we have today. This was still five years BEFORE the Trail of Tears. When the fake Treaty of New Echota was signed, which caused the Trail of Tears, there was an addition at the end that said, "**But it is expressly understood that nothing in this treaty shall affect any claims of the Western Cherokees on the United States.**"

Wa-do,

George Wickliffe  
Chief

Dear Tribal Members,

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has a much longer existence in this area of the United States than the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. In just nine years, we will be celebrating our official 200 Year Anniversary, or Keetoowah bi-centennial, because our official arrival in this area was with the Treaty of 1817.

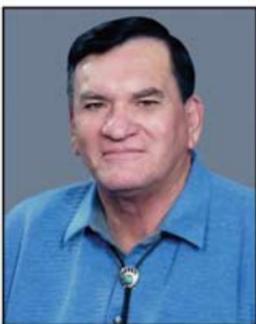
A group of Cherokees from the upper and lower towns of the Cherokee nation went to Washington to ask the President to divide the upper towns from the lower towns. The upper towns wanted a regular government, and the lower towns wanted to remain traditional. The President allowed a group from the lower towns to travel and find suitable land on the Arkansas and White Rivers. This Treaty of 1817 traded the lands in the East where this group had been living for the land in Arkansas. This Treaty of 1817 named this group the "Western Cherokees," sometimes called the "Old Settlers." This treaty also called for a census of the Cherokee in the east, and also in the west for separate benefits.

In 1828, the United States made a treaty with the "Western Cherokee," not the Cherokee Nation that was still in the east, to move further

## UKB Tribal Offices Closed for Memorial Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, May 23 and Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, May 27. We wish everyone a safe holiday.

## UKB Council



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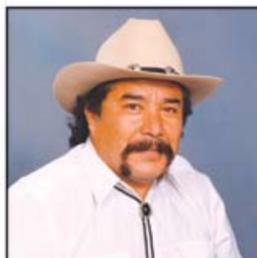
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## May Meetings Dates

### Saturday, May 3

Regular UKB Council Meeting, 10 a.m.  
Lost City School

### Thursday, May 8

Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Sallisaw Satellite Office

### Friday, May 9

Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Keener Church, Lost City

### Thursday, May 15

Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Vian Satellite Office

## Keetoowah Tribal Election Eligible Voter's List Available May 1

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians of Oklahoma will be holding their tribal election in November 2008. All elected offices and council representative seats will be opened for the upcoming election. The Chief, Assistant Chief, Secretary and Treasurer Officers are elected for four-year terms, Council Representatives are elected for two-year terms. To ensure all tribal elections run smoothly the UKB Election Board, which is appointed and approved by the tribal council, works with the Enrollment Department to provide tribal members the opportunity to make changes in their enrollment in order to be eligible to vote in their tribal elections.

According to the United Keetoowah Band election ordinances there will be a **Preliminary Voters' List** available for the public beginning May 1. This preliminary voters' list will be displayed for thirty-days for public inspection at the UKB Election Office located on Hwy 51 west just east of Hulbert, OK. Office hours for the UKB Election Office are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

From May 1 to June 2, any person may inspect the preliminary voters' list, and if their names are not listed as an eligible voter they have until 5 p.m. on June 2 to challenge this voters' list, they may come to the UKB Enrollment Department in Tahlequah where they can apply to have their names added or change of address corrected to the voting list. After June 2, the UKB Secretary will have until June 10 to render a determination on all requests by the individuals seeking changes to the list of eligible voters.

If a member listed on the voting list is deceased, a family member must present a death certificate or a copy of an obituary of the deceased to the Enrollment Department to have the name deleted off the voting list.

A **Final List of Eligible Voters** will be available on Thursday, July 31. This list will be displayed at the UKB Election Board office, Hwy 51 west, east of Hulbert, OK for public viewing. The list will only contain names of eligible voters for the November tribal election. No names or change of address can be added to the final list. For more information, call the UKB Election Board at (918) 772-3773.

**Retraction - Editor's note:** In the council story on page 3 of the April Keetoowah News, the reference to Dan Boren should have been Congressman Dan Boren.

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## KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE LANGUAGE CLASSES

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will begin another series of free Keetoowah Cherokee Language Classes in eight area communities. Classes will run for 10 sessions. For more information, contact Mary Ballou at the UKB Language, History and Culture Department at (918) 431-9998.

### CANADIAN DISTRICT

Ft. Gibson, JOM Bldg. Ft. Gibson, OK  
Instructor: Dorothy Powell  
Monday May 12  
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### COOWESCOOWEE DISTRICT

Meadow View Bapt. Church, Collinsville, OK  
Instructor: Hastings Shade  
Class Begins Monday May 12  
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### GOINGSNAKE DISTRICT

John Henderson Library, Westville, OK  
Instructor: George Stopp  
Tuesday May 13  
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Vian Sub-Office, Vian, OK  
Instructor: Peggy Girty  
Class Begins Monday May 12  
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### SALINE DISTRICT

Indian Capital Vo-Tech, Kansas, OK  
Instructor: Sequoyah Guess  
Class Begins: Monday, May 12

### SEQUOYAH DISTRICT

Indian Capital Technology Center, Sallisaw, OK  
Instructor: George Byrd  
Class Begins Monday May 12  
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### TAHLEQUAH DISTRICT

Elm Tree Baptist Church, Tahlequah, OK  
Instructor: D. J. McCarter  
Class Begins: Monday & Tuesday May 19 & 20  
Classes twice weekly  
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### Ft. Smith Satellite Office

Ft. Smith, AR  
Instructor: Jim Henson  
Class Begins: Thursday May 22  
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

## UKB Graduation Bonuses Reward Academic Achievement, Tuition Funding Encourages Education Advancement

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Education Department will begin processing applications for graduation bonuses on Friday, June 1. Exclusive UKB Graduates may apply up to sixty days after their graduation. After that time, applications will not be accepted.

High school graduates will be awarded a \$200 bonus. A bonus in the amount of \$250 will be 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 accomplishments 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-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.

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.

## ATTENTION LIHEAP APPLICANTS

**EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2008:** The first three days of the month will be reserved for our eligible Keetoowah elders and disabled members only.

The application process will be open to all eligible Keetoowah Tribal members on the 4<sup>th</sup> working day of the month.

This change of policy was approved during the April 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

The UKB Health and Human Services Staff thank you for your cooperation.

## Keetoowah Cherokee: Everyone Does Better When We Take Care of Each Other *Millions Learn About the Keetoowah Through Popular Game*

Drawing from Native American themes and stories, Hidden City Games, Inc. is proud to unveil the new Bella Sara™ Native Lights trading card set, along with corresponding virtual horses and online activities at BellaSara.com. Bella Sara Native Lights is the latest addition to the internationally acclaimed, horse-themed trading cards and online world for girls ages 5 to 12.

When purchasing the Native Lights Value Box, you will receive a bonus card called "Keetoowah." This horse's motto is "Everyone does better when we take care of each other." For educational purposes, players can log into their account and look up "Keetoowah" in the online "Bellapedia" where there is information on the tribe. Many tribes are represented in the Native Lights series, but the Keetoowahs are the only Cherokee represented.

"Bella Sara Native Lights represents an opportunity to introduce kids to Native American culture through images and stories, and to provide information about our current communities in the form of Web-based features," stated Tom Grayson Colonnese, chair of the American Indian Studies department at the University of Washington and member of the Santee Sioux Nation. Colonnese consulted on the creation of Native Lights. "Bella Sara Native Lights represents Native American stories, images and traditions in a responsible and sensitive manner," he added.

As with all Bella Sara card sets, each horse in Native Lights can be activated online at BellaSara.com and has a message designed to support healthy self-reflection among girls. The Native Lights card set includes new horses named after Native American tribes such as Apache, Comanche, Mohawk and Shawnee, as well as thematically updated versions of the iconic Bella Sara horses Bella, Fiona, Jewel and Thunder. New horses introduced in Native Lights include Osage, Chumash, Cheyenne and Navajo, and their animal companions, including butterfly, dolphin, eagle and snake friends.

The new card set also brings new positive messages such as:

- "Be free to change your mind." - *Osage*
- "Relax and ride the waves of laughter that spread joy in the world." - *Chumash*
- "See the beauty in both the shadow and the light." - *Cheyenne*
- "You can choose to change what you think, do, or want." - *Navajo*

"I first encountered Native American characters in stories that I read as a little girl, and I

have continued to be deeply inspired by Native American cultures and beliefs throughout my life," said Gitte Odder Braendgaard, the Danish social worker who created Bella Sara to encourage young girls to accept and express their feelings at an important developmental stage. "As in Native American tradition, I used storytelling in my social work experience as a fun way to reach children. Bella Sara Native Lights is a continuation of this. Children will love the beautiful, powerful images, and I hope they will also be inspired by the themes influenced by Native American culture, such as the importance of our connections to each other and to the natural world."

New with Native Lights, each horse card and corresponding virtual horse also features an animal companion - a guide and friend linked to the spirit of nature and to the horse - that will join the horse in the users' online stables and cottages. The online world of Bella Sara offers stables for the horses, games, puzzles, coloring books, interactive storybooks and customizable cottages.

With this new set the Web site will grow to include Native American stories that inspired the set's animal companions, information on the nations after which the horses were named, and Native Lights online jigsaw puzzles, coloring pages, wallpapers and games.

Since its nationwide debut last year, Bella Sara has received awards from numerous child development and parenting authorities, including the "Seal of Approval" from the National Parenting Center, the "Seal of Excellence" from Creative Child magazine, the "2007 Excellent Product" and "2007 Outstanding Product" designations from iParenting Media and the "Best Products - Spring 2007" award from Dr. Toy.

Bella Sara cards are available in 15 countries, and the Web site has amassed over 1.6 million registered users from 240 countries. Bella Sara trading cards are available throughout North America at Barnes & Noble, Blockbuster, Borders, Kmart, Target, Toys "R" Us and Wal-Mart stores, as well as at regional chains, booksellers, and toy, hobby and equestrian shops.

## NOTICE

UKB Tribal members should make it a point to change your Indian Tribe registration at IHS hospitals. Instead of listing Cherokee as the Indian Tribe, change to the full title of "United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees Indians of Oklahoma" to be registered properly.

## Are you a Keetoowah Cherokee with traditional skills??

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

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



# Keetoowah Cherokees Participate in . . .



ROZLYN LOCUST, Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, entertained the audience by playing "Orphan Child" and "Amazing Grace" on her Indian flute during the TVA Conference luncheon.

PAWNEE CRABTREE, Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, provided the audience at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Unified Solutions TVA Conference luncheon, with a traditional story, "Why The Opossum's Tail is Bare".



DIANNE BARKER-Harrold, Legal Counsel for the United Keetoowah Band and Unified Solutions Program Manager, shares information with the United Keetoowah Band Delegation during the Annual TVA Conference luncheon in Albuquerque.



THE UNITED Keetoowah Band Miss and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee participated in Grand Entry of Northeastern State University's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Native American Indians powwow.



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE Lighthorse Color Guard carried the United States flag along with the United Keetoowah Band flag into the powwow arena as the host Color Guard for Northeastern State University's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Native American Indians powwow.



MISS KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE, Pawnee Crabtree and Junior Miss Keetoowah, Rozlyn Locust, joined thousands of other dancers and tribal princesses during the grand entry in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the annual Gathering of Nations.

## UKB Employee Diedra Robbins recognized for Outstanding Performance

Diedra Robbins, United Keetoowah Band Registration Specialist for the Enrollment Department was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Performance of Employment Responsibility from UKB Chief George Wickliffe.

Ms. Robbins has been employed with the tribe for over two years working with tribal members in establishing their Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and with the membership of infants and toddlers. "It's been an honor to work for this administration and working for the people," said Robbins. She also works with the tribal council representatives with their emergency funding programs.

Robbins had formerly been employed as the tribe's Federal Pro-



UKB CHIEF George Wickliffe presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Diedra Robbins, Registration Specialist with the tribe's Enrollment department.

grams Assistant before moving to her position as Registration Specialist where she helps with enrollment, verifying and updating memberships. She is under the supervision of UKB Tribal Secretary Liz Littledeave.

## Indian Taco Championship

May 17, 2008, Pawhuska, OK ... You say you make the most original & innovative Indian Taco that has ever been eaten? Well here's your chance to prove it ... mark your calendar to attend the Osage Nation's newest and tastiest event, the 4th Annual National Indian Taco Championship, May 17th, 2008, 10 AM - 4 PM located in Downtown Pawhuska, OK on HWY 60 (45 miles going east from Ponca City and 28 miles west from Bartlesville.) If you love Indian Tacos then you'll love the NITC. In addition to the Classic or Traditional Indian

Taco, 2008 brings with it the new category of "Dessert" Indian Taco. So, if you're ready to prove that you're the "Champion" of Indian Tacos, grab your recipes; you say you're more of an eater than competitor, then come hungry and come prepared to feast on the best Indian Tacos, anywhere.



Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st Place - \$1,500; 2nd Place - \$1,000; and 3rd Place - \$500. The Classic or Traditional Indian Tacos being entered into the contest must include the following ingredients Fry bread, Meat (also accepted Buffalo, Beefalo, lamb, venison or pork); Lettuce, Tomato, Cheddar Cheese, Sour Cream, and Green Chilis (optional). The Dessert Indian Taco has no requirements or restrictions. Contest Registration Deadline: 5 PM, May 9, 2008, No Exceptions. Registration forms are available on-line at [www.indiantacochampionship.com](http://www.indiantacochampionship.com). Please return entries and the \$20 registration fee to the Osage Nation Tourism, 222 W. Main, Pawhuska, OK 74056. Winners will be required to release their recipes to the Osage Nation for promotional purposes. Please call the Osage Nation Tourism at 918-948-5860 if you have questions or desire additional information.

## Geneva Proctor

Geneva Sam Proctor, the daughter of John and Ollie (Killer) Sam was born September 9, 1930 in Stilwell, Oklahoma, and departed this life to be with her Lord and Savior on March 29, 2008 at the age of 77 years, 6 months and 20 days.

Geneva was a life long resident and KI-TU-WAH member of the Greasy Community. She was also a member, Deaconess and WMU of the Chuculate Baptist Church. She was married to her late husband, Jim, for over 50 years. She also enjoyed being a Homemaker and spending time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Jim, four brothers - Leo, Henry, Liljohn, and Luke Sam; two sisters - Mary Martin and Emma-Lee Fourkiller, one step-daughter Rachel Proctor Lawrence, one granddaughter Lavinia Lynn Leach, one great-granddaughter, Autumn Proctor.

She is survived by a loving family that includes four sons - Woodrow Proctor of Bunch, Oklahoma, Joe and Mary Proctor of Stilwell, Oklahoma; Croley and Cora Proctor of Stilwell, Dennis and Irene Proctor of Stilwell; Six daughters - Mary Fourkiller and Harold Killer of Bunch, Thelma and Larry Leach of Stilwell, Patricia Proctor and Randall Long of Bunch, Patty and Leo Duncan of Bunch, Rinda and Levi Catron, Jr. of Sallisaw, Lucy and Kenny Wolf of Bunch; two stepchildren, James Jr. and Betty Proctor of Bunch, and Sandra Springwater of Stilwell. She had 35



grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews and many other family members and friends.

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*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
 I'm following the path God laid for me,  
 I took his hand when I heard him call,  
 I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
 To laugh, to love, to work, to play,  
 Tasks undone must stay that way,  
 I found that peace at close of day.*

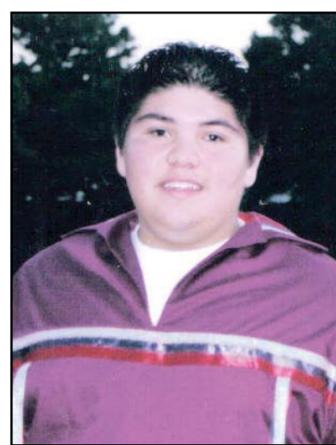
*If my parting has left a void,  
 Then fill it with remembered joy,  
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
 Ah, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow,  
 My life's been full, I've savored much  
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
 don't lengthen it now with undue grief,  
 Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
 God wanted me now, He set me free.*

## Riley Joe Bunch

Riley Joe Bunch is the son of Gregory "Pud" Bunch, and LaDonna "Susie" Bunch, his grandparents are Emmott and Hazel Gonzales of Stilwell, and Hubert and Lorene Bunch of Bunch, Oklahoma. Riley also has three brothers, Kyron Gonzales, and Nate and Heath Bunch. He is a senior at Stilwell High School and has received numerous academic awards, community service awards and leadership awards. He has been active in Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS) during all four years in high school, Future Community and Career Leaders of America for two years, Indian Heritage Club Councilman for two years, Spanish Club for four years, and Spanish Club President for one year. Educational Talent Search Member (4 Years), Key Club Member (2 Years), Beta Club Member (3 years), Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class President, Junior Class Vice-President, Senior Class Vice-President, Student Council Representative (3 years), Student Council Treasurer (1 year), Speech and Drama Team (2 years) and Arvest Bank Junior Board Member (2 years). He also works part time at the Arvest Bank in Stilwell and has previously worked at Subway, and Fiesta Mart.



Other awards include: the Gates Millennium Scholars Award, which entitles him to a full ride scholarship for 10 years, the Oklahoma Honor Society (4 years) Johnson O Malley Academic Achievement Award (4 years), Indian Heritage Royalty (1 year), Tsa-La-Gi Trail of Tears Achievement Award (2 years), National Honor Society (4 years), U. S. Achievement Academy Award (4 years), Masonic Lodge Student of Today Award (1 year), National Student Leadership Conference Nominee (3 Years), Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) Leadership Award (1 Year), United States Academic Achievement Academy Award (USAA) National English Merit Award (2 Years), National Society of High School Scholars (2 Years), and the National Leadership Forum of Medicine Conference Nominee (2 Years). He is a member of the National Honor Roll, USAA All American Scholar, Legislative Forum, Academic All American, And Who's Who Among American High School Students.

In addition to Riley's high school activities, he holds down a job, and is enrolled concurrently in college classes. He maintains a weighted GPA of 4.07. Riley has served in numerous community service events and has been an intricate part of the success of the Indian Taco sales fund - raiser for three years, the Christmas toy giveaway at the Pentecostal Holiness Church, volunteer for local Salvation Army. He has been instrumental in the canned food drive, the Teddy bear drive, Adopt a Christmas Child, Relay for Life, Kids Safety Fair, food server for 4-H banquet, singing at the local nursing home, hospital visitation, legislative forum, and organizing the Annual Homecoming Parade, the Rock-A-Thon fund raising for the Relay for Life, Boys' and Girls' Club Day, Arvest Bank Junior Board, Chili Cook-Off, Arvest Bank Junior Board Valentine's Giveaway to Bell Elementary School, and Stilwell Middle School children. He also assisted in the Cattleman's Supper, Annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival Prince and Princess Contestant Supervisor, and server at the Annual Strawberry Festival.

Riley is a very active and devoted member of the Bunch Baptist Church. He has displayed excellent leadership qualities and tries very hard to be a positive role model for other youth. He has proven his dedication to studies by enrolling in rigorous course work such as AP English, Anatomy and Physics, and Trigonometry. He exemplifies outstanding commitment to the local community and his peers, donating time for tutoring. His heart and interests are focused on helping people. He is very civic minded and patriotic, sending letters and supplies to our troops in Iraq and Haiti. His devotion and selfless nature toward others demonstrates his benevolent attitude and exceptional character illustrate who he is as a person. He attributes this to the guidance of his parents and grandparents, but most of all, having Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

Riley attended Rocky Mountain Elementary School and he wishes to recognize Mr. Terry Mays, the teachers, school board and all the staff of Rocky Mountain for giving him such a good education foundation to build on, as well as guiding him toward good moral values and character. He has several teachers and staff members of Stilwell High School who have also inspired him and guided him in his educational career and he would like to thank them as well.

Riley's future plans are to work in the medical field, and be able to give back to his community and his peers. He is very proud of his Indian Heritage and hopes to be instrumental in working with the tribe once he obtains his degree in college. "The UKB has been very supportive and assisted him in many ways and he would like to give a special thank you to Ms. Della Wolfe and Adalene Smith. To our council members, Woodrow Proctor, and Joyce Fourkiller, as well as the Chief and Deputy Chief, he would like to say Wa-Do," said LaDonna "Susie" Bunch.

## Sage Locust named Student of the Month

UKB Tribal Youth Sage Locust was named Student of the Month for March at Cherokee Elementary School in Tahlequah. He is in Mrs. Cochran's class and loves math. He is the son of Rochelle Locust. His siblings are Jordan Jumper and Dakota Eastman. His grandparents are the Late Charles Dewayne (Rock) Locust and Mary Locust.



## Joyce Fourkiller and Kenneth Hawk United in Marriage

On Saturday, April 12, Joyce Fourkiller and Kenneth Hawk were united in marriage in Stilwell, Oklahoma. She was given away by her son, Coby Fourkiller and her dad, Grover Fourkiller. The Matron of Honor was Judith Wilson. Bridesmaids were Deanna Deason, Starla Walker, and Sherri McLemore. The Best Man was Keaton Walker, from OKC. Groomsmen were Christopher Hawk, Jason Hawk, and Craig Fourkiller. The flower girl was Karra Fourkiller and ringbearer was Cross Deason. A reception with a dinner followed the ceremony.



Joyce Fourkiller and Kenneth Hawk

Joyce is the daughter of Grover and the late Polly Fourkiller. Kenneth is the son of the late Elmer Hawk and the late Leta Hawk. Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk is the Goingsnake District Representative on the UKB

tribal council serving her second term.

## UKB Councilman Cliff Wofford Appointed to Second Term on the USDA Farm Service Agency

Cooweescoowee District Representative Tribal Councilor Cliff Wofford was recently appointed to serve a second term on the United States Department of Agriculture's County State Farm Service Agency Committee. Wofford is the first ever full blood Native American to be appointed to a USDA committee. Councilman Wofford represents seven counties – Tulsa, Washington, Nowata, Rogers, Mayes, Craig, and Wagoner.

As a member of the FSA Committee, Wofford serves as a vital link in the outreach of effective administration of farm programs in area communities. "I am here to serve everyone in these communities, but my focus is to serve Native Americans, other minorities, and beginning and disadvantaged farmers and ranchers," said Wofford.

"It is an honor to serve a second term on this committee," said Wofford. "My dad and grandfather both had farms and gardens, and my grandfather had horses and livestock. It's good to get back to the land, and to be involved in programs that help our neighbors. I encourage all Keetoowah brothers and sisters to contact me if more USDA information is needed," said Wofford. Wofford can be reached at (918) 822-1953.

## Kenwood School Computer Lab Destroyed by Fire

The peaceful and serene valley of Kenwood, Oklahoma was disrupted on a Thursday afternoon in April as fire alarms and the sound of sirens echoed through the rolling hills. Fire blazed through a computer lab at the Kenwood Elementary School. A short-circuit to a desk top computer is the probable cause of the fire, which was contained to the computer lab. Fortunately, there were no students there, due to school cancellation that day as a result of flooding after the previous evening's rain.

In a statement released by Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Limore, "The State Fire Marshall will be here Friday morning; the insurance company has been contacted, and we are trying to get an adjuster down here. I just got off the phone with the State Health Department, they will be here, and we also called our fire alarm company trying to get our school back in operation."

"Tomorrow we are going to try to formalize a plan to get our school back to operational. At this time, we do not have a timeline when

school will return back in session, but we'll make sure we get clearance from all State and Federal agencies to ensure that there is a safe environment for our children to go back to school. We won't know what caused the fire until the State Fire Marshall completes his investigation. There was a computer badly burnt and we think it might have something to do with that computer, we really don't know at this time, but that seems to be where the fire is concentrated," said Limore.

Kenwood School is located 10 miles east of Salina on Highway 20 and 82 in Delaware County. The school has an enrollment of 123 students from kindergarten through eighth grade. Ninety-eight percent of the students are Native Americans.

"We would like to commend, Kenwood, Oaks, Eucha, Leach, Chimney Rock, and Kansas Fire Departments for their quick response, it could have been a lot worse, it could have been a disaster, it could have burned the whole school," added Superintendent Dr. Limore.



THE KENWOOD SCHOOL COMPUTER Lab sustained major fire and water damage cause from the blaze of the fire.

### May 2008 Elder Activities Calendar

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| <b>Thur. 1st</b> - Elders served first at Human Services; Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1 pm   | <b>Mon. 19th</b> - Exercise Video, Title VI, 10:30 am                         |
| <b>Fri. 2nd</b> - Elders served first at Human Services                                     | <b>Tue. 20th</b> - Garden Work Day, Title VI, 1 pm                            |
| <b>Mon. 5th</b> - Elders served first at Human Services; Exercise Video, Title VI, 10:30 am | <b>Wed. 21st</b> - Exercise Video, Title VI, 10:30 am                         |
| <b>Wed. 7th</b> - Exercise Video, Title VI, 10:30 am                                        | <b>Thur. 22nd</b> - Fishing Day and Hotdog Roast at the Riverpark             |
| <b>Thur. 8th</b> - Cornerstone Home Health screenings; Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1 pm      | <b>Tue. 27th</b> - Garden Work Day, Title VI, 1 pm                            |
| <b>Thur. 13th</b> - Elder Committee Meeting, Community Services Building, 1 pm              | <b>Wed. 28th</b> - Exercise Video, Title VI, 10:30 am                         |
| <b>Fri. 16th</b> - Grand Opening of Elder Center, 11 am                                     | <b>Thur. 29th</b> - May Birthdays celebrated; Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1 pm |

## Sperry Community Gathering on Tap

Sperry, Okla. -- The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will host a Keetoowah Cherokee Community Gathering at the Sperry Community Center located at 115 N. Cincinnati on Saturday, May 24 beginning at noon. Tribal members from the Cooweescoowee District, including members from Bartlesville, Catoosa, Tulsa, Claremore, Nowata, Collinsville, Welch, Vinita and Pryor areas are invited to attend. UKB employees from the UKB Human Services Department will be present to reach out to elders and discuss their needs and concerns. Lunch will be served. For more information, call (918) 431-1818.

### United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu May 2008

| Mon                                                                  | Tue                                                                                  | Wed                                                                                        | Thu                                                                                  | Fri                                       |
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|                                                                      |                                                                                      |                                                                                            | 1 Beans w/ham<br>Jalapeño Cornbread<br>Mixed Greens<br>Salad<br>Dessert              | 2 Breakfast<br>Served<br>At<br>10:30 a.m. |
| 5 Hungarian Goulash<br>Broccoli<br>Hot rolls<br>Salad Dessert        | 6 Hamburger Steak<br>Scalloped Potatoes<br>Green Beans<br>Hot rolls<br>Salad Dessert | 7 Chicken Strips<br>French Fries<br>Tomato/zucchini<br>Buttermilk Biscuit<br>Salad Dessert | 8 Liver-w-Onions<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Black-eyed Peas<br>Hot Rolls<br>Salad Dessert | 9 Breakfast<br>Served<br>At<br>10:30 a.m. |
| 12 CLOSED for moving                                                 | 13 CLOSED for moving                                                                 | 14 CLOSED for moving                                                                       | 15 CLOSED for moving                                                                 | 16 GRAND OPENING of UKB Elder Care Center |
| 19 Spaghetti and Meatballs<br>Green Beans<br>Caesar Salad<br>Dessert | 20 Blackened Chicken<br>Dirty Rice<br>Grilled vegetables<br>French Bread Sticks      | 21 Lemon Baked Fish<br>Wild Rice<br>Broccoli<br>Hushpuppies<br>Coleslaw Dessert            | 22 FISHING DAY AND HOTDOG ROAST AT THE RIVERPARK                                     | 23 Closed for Memorial Holiday            |
| 26 CLOSED                                                            | 27 Tuna & Noodles<br>Tomato Zucchini<br>French Bread Sticks<br>Salad Dessert         | 28 Frito-chili pie & "fixins"<br>Salad<br>Dessert                                          | 29 CULTURAL-FOODS DAY<br>May Birthdays Observed                                      | 30 CLOSED FOR CLEANING                    |

## USDA AG News

### May 15

- ✓ Last day to certify and spring seeded small grains. Please remember that all cropland must be certified.
- ✓ Final planting date for okra.

### May 20

- ✓ Final planting date for cantelopes

### May 31

- ✓ Last day to put last year's corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans, mustard seed, safflower seed, sunflower seed, lentils, dry peas, and small chickpeas into loan or get an LDP, if applicable. This is the final loan availability date.



# UKB Regular March Council Meeting Minutes

**UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting**  
**At the UKB Community Services Building**  
**March 01, 2008**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

## I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

## II. Invocation: Liz Littledave

## III. Roll Call: 8 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared.

- S. Wofford, Hansen, Proctor and Sacks absent at Roll Call  
 - Hansen informed he would be unable to attend

## IV. Chief's Address

- Reminded November was Keetoowah Election for all Council seats.

- Spoke of his and Assistant Chief's trip to Washington where they met with the Oklahoma Delegation and/or their representatives. These meetings were very positive.

- CNO continues to refuse to recognize the UKB.

- CNO has even gone to the World Court to further their negative views but their problem is on the issue of citizenship and the Treaty of 1866.

(Proctor arrived at 10:06 A.M.)

- While in Washington and speaking with our Oklahoma Delegates or their representatives we talked of "ear mark" funding to the UKB = \$1.5 million which was the result of the work done by Senator Dan Boren. This is new money where filing a request for such funding is not necessary. This funding is designated for spending. We have three departments who will receive this money. This money is in addition to any grants filed for. We informed them of what our needs would be this time. Lighthouse Department had been included in previous "ear marked" money for a total amount of some \$423,000.00 and Lighthouse will be included in this second "ear marked" funding.

- Ear-marked money has been released and should be arriving very soon. The amount of funds we received as ear marked is just chicken feed to Washington but we are now known well enough that they know we could use the money in better ways than what CNO's been doing. CNO is filthy rich with their casinos and we have not reached that level yet.

- While in our Washington trip we learned we are still moving in the right direction on the Arkansas Riverbed settlement. Negotiation continues and should be complete on time. If the Riverbed issue does not come to closure on or before March 29<sup>th</sup> we have a plan of action; "to prove" CNO is just an organization which began in 1976. This was the year their Constitution was approved by the United States. CNO is not federally recognized and never has been. CNO is an entity without any history before 1976.

- The Freedman Issue/Black Coalition is very active. Much is happening in this situation. There will probably be action taken regarding this situation in the near future.

- CNO's Chief is representing Cherokee People and is an embarrassment to the Real Cherokee People.

- In Washington we also visited with Diane Watson, Member of Congress from California. Ms. Watson represents the Black Coalition. We apologized to her, we told her the Real Cherokee people, would not act as CNO has acted in this matter. She was told how CNO's action is an embarrassment and the Real Cherokee's action would be a Christian attitude in this situation. The bible teaches to look at people as equal and this is what the UKB believes.

- The Keetoowah wished to get along with everyone, but we will fight if we are treated wrongly and this battle will be through our attorneys.

- The UKB Casino continues to operate and is the source of finances so we can fight the battles for Keetoowah people.

- There are still people who do not know we are a tribe and is federally recognized. We met people in Washington from states such as New York who were surprised to learn the Keetoowahs and the Eastern Band of Cherokees were federally recognized while CNO was only federally chartered by constitutional agreement or...

- Many people we met and visited with in Washington seemed aware of things CNO is doing.

- UKB has one casino while CNO has seven casinos. CNO only returns 25% of the profits to their tribe. It seems CNO has no real accountability for spending and their Chief can do whatever he chooses to do.

- We always stress how probably 65% of Keetoowah tribal members either speak and/or understand the Keetoowah Cherokee Language.

- CNO is planning to build another casino at the 62/82 HWY Junction, South of Tahlequah. CNO has asked the government to put this land in trust. For the first

time, UKB received a letter of notice from the BIA, about this plan of the CNO. This letter was informing in order that UKB could comment/have input on CNO's plans. We will make our comment. When the UKB says something, it is supported by facts. When CNO says something they back it by another lie.

- This is a Keetoowah Election year. Some people are making plans to run for office. There appears to be campaigning in the casino by employees and/candidates. When Keetoowahs are on the job employees and/or any candidates must refrain from campaigning while at work sites even though not all UKB employees are UKB members.

- Non-employees are not to campaign at our work sites. Anyone who is eligible and wished to be a candidate for any elected position will be given the opportunity to do so. UKB Officers and District Representatives work for the people and must work together.

- When the UKB gets our land lease there will be no end to how far the UKB can go. We need to stay concentrated on the good for the people.

- It is believed by the end of this month (March) we will have a land base and we must have plans in place and be ready for changes.

- We are also making plans of appeal on the Fort Smith Project. This will be done when the time is right. There were problems in the way the BIA determined their decision on the Ft. Smith project. There was too much authority executed by too few people.

- We need to be grateful to the Election Board for the work on revising the Election Ordinance. Much hard work has gone into these revisions. There will be some problems in any election but revisions are made to help to eliminate as many problems as possible. The Election Board members get frustrated at times but they stayed with the task because revision of Election Ordinance is important work. We need to appreciate the work done by the Election Board.

- We have identified non-exclusive UKB members and these people will be unable to vote unless their file is updated with required documents. We have had this information published and we will publish it again and inform them they must be an exclusive member in order to vote.

- We have also identified people who have relinquished/returned to CNO sometimes 2 or 3 times. They will be notified that they have no opportunity to return to UKB membership unless they can disprove they returned to the citizenship/members of another tribe. This will help in cleaning up our membership roll. Those people who are dual enrolled because they lack a document in their file will not be allowed to participate in programs or be a candidate in elections or vote. This action is only right for the people.

- There is much politics being played. Senator Dan Boren is a man of his word. He said he would treat all tribes in his district alike and he planned to get the Keetoowahs as much funding as he possibly can.

- We will continue to search for employment for our members and others.

V. Approval of the minutes for February 2008 (Liz Littledave reminded Council they would be acting on minutes for February 2, 2008 and February 21, 2008. It was also stated the Council had received the minutes for the February 2, 2008 Council Meeting while attending the February 21, 2008 Council Meeting. The minutes of February 21, 2008 Council Meeting were included in today's Council packet.)

1. MOTION by Joyce Fourkiller to approve the minutes of February 02, 2008; SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (S. Wofford, Hansen & Sacks absent).

2. MOTION by Joyce Fourkiller to approve the minutes of February 21, 2008; SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (S. Wofford, Hansen & Sacks absent).

## VI. Presentations - None

## VII. Reports to Council

1. Elders Committee Report: Barbara Girty

(Eddie Sacks arrived: 10:34 A.M.)

- Elders Committee had conducted their meeting on the past Thursday. It was recommended to replace the seat of Charles Smoke with a volunteer from the Council. This recommendation is presented because Mr. Smoke is unable to attend Committee meetings because of his employment and a volunteer from the Council is recommended because our policy states: There must be at least two members of Council seated on a Committee. The Elder Committee also has need to

fill the vacancy of Committee member, Maxine Neugin. Ms. Neugin has resigned from the committee because she has no transportation for attending committee meetings. It is the committee's recommendation that Frank Mink be moved from an alternate committee member to a Regular Committee member position in filling the vacated seat of Ms. Neugin.

MOTION by Liz Littledave to move Frank Mink from Alternate Status on the Elder Committee to Regular Committee Member Status; (this is a result of resignation of Maxine Neugin); SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (S. Wofford, Hansen absent).

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve placement of Eddie Sacks on the Elder Committee in filling vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Smoke; this placement satisfies the requirement of at least two Council members as Committee members; SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 2 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions (Sacks). (S. Wofford, Hansen absent)

2. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledave  
 - Enrollment Committee held its monthly meeting on February 26, 2008

- All five committee members were present

17 applicants for new tribal membership were reviewed by the Enrollment Committee. It is recommended Council approve all new applications.

9 Relinquishments from UKB tribal membership was received and the committee is requesting that Council acknowledge and honor these relinquishments.

MOTION by Albert Shade to approve and/or accept 17 new membership applicants into tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (S. Wofford, Hansen absent)

MOTION by Albert Shade to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 9 UKB members; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (S. Wofford, Hansen absent)

Inquiry: Woodrow Proctor

- Information relating to house trailers from FEMA and IHS Issues

- Chief: there is negotiation on the IHS issue. While on the last trip to Washington, we had the opportunity to speak on this matter. Washington is aware of the problem we are having about IHS. On the FEMA issue, there are trailers available to us but there was concern for contamination which delayed our receiving the trailers. Trailers are currently being tested because of this concern.

- Tim Good Voice: UKB has been awarded 12 trailers. About 2 weeks ago CDC (Center for Disease Control) went in and retested the trailers and found 500 trailers with high levels of Formaldehyde so they put a hold on everything. This hold will be for about 2 months. UKB was prepared to go after the trailers when this "hold" happened.

▪ Names of applicants for these trailers are coming by referrals from other housing agencies, family services or human services when contact is made with tribal members who have a need to be identified as homeless or they are elderly or disabled. Our community services coordinators are going out and taking applications.

▪ The process is patterned along HUD guidelines although we are not utilizing HUD money. Completed applications are reviewed by a group/committee to check for eligibility and to determine who will receive a trailer. Currently we are "on hold" until the testing by CDC is completed. We have the option to reject any of those trailers.

▪ We have a confirmation letter from FEMA on UKB receiving the trailers

▪ We are approved for 3-4 bedroom trailers

▪ The guidelines for receiving a trailer are:

- Must own land
- Utilities are in place
- Meet HUD income guidelines
- Article will be published in explaining all guidelines

▪ Originally we requested 50 trailers. Allocation is allowed for all tribes across the country to apply for these trailers. HUD, BIA and FEMA decide on how many trailers each tribe will receive. If other tribes do not take their allocation, we could receive as many as 50.

▪ We will ask that tribal members reside in their trailers for at least 5 years then after 5 years the trailer will be turned over to them. We will have a lien on the trailer. The trailer will be in the recipient's name and the tribe's name. The recipient must maintain their own insurance and the up-keep of the trailer and no illegal activities for at least 5 years. There will be no

house payment. Then after five years we do a lien release and the trailer belongs to them.

- Charles Locust: The cost of transporting the trailers from their current location will be absorbed by the tribe. The Gaming Board has approved \$60,000. for transportation costs. This is an estimate which would include cost for utilities, skirting, etc. for an elder who can't pay for such.

- Woodrow Proctor: suggested one trailer be set aside for emergency short term use, such as burn-out victims, etc. until such can return to a permanent shelter.

- Chief Wickliffe: In the Health Issue, CNO has "run into a wall," in their plans to take over IHS. They have discovered they must consult with UKB because they cannot just take over IHS just because they want to do so.

- Woodrow Proctor: informed he had come in contact with Hastings Hospital CEO, Edwin McLemore, and Edwin had stated he wished to come to UKB Council. He said the purpose was the need to have a good working relationship. Mr. Proctor told Edwin he had read in the paper that he (McLemore) supported Cherokee Nation taking over the Hastings Hospital. Edwin did not deny he had stated such support but he thought it was a good idea to meet with the UKB. Representative Proctor told Edwin he (Edwin) did not understand the principles of Indian people. The Federal Government is obligated to take care of Indian people and you (Edwin) are missing that point. Edwin was told if you were an Indian you wouldn't be fighting the Federal Government in their running Hastings Hospital. Edwin was told how Chad Smith can't run a landfill so how can you trust him to run a hospital.

- Assistant Chief Locust: gave briefing on last trip to Washington.

## VIII. Public Forum

1. IHS Issue: Don Ade

- Don Ade expressed great concern as to how the UKB has and is being treated by I.H.S. He stressed how he only learned of this mistreatment when he came into Keetoowah Employment.

- He stated he believed Indian Health Service has realized with a certain amount of dread. They have been in violation for a long time and they are at a loss as to what to do about it now.

- I.H.S. has been caught breaking the law in ignorance on their part that was encouraged and fostered by CNO.

(End of Tape 1)

## IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

## X. New Business

1. Presentation of agenda item:

- Georgia Dick
- Explanation of details regarding item
- Match=inkind
- Discussion

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve submission of application to the Administration of Native Americans Social and Economic Development Project in the amount of \$30,000.00; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (S. Wofford, Hansen absent)

2. Presented by Tim Good Voice

- Explanation given of need for Roads Inventory  
 - Tribe has 20 year road improvement plan  
 - Most roads listed are in Mayes County with one road being in Tulsa County but this is because most roads in the 9 districts are already on inventory with Cherokee Nation.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve submission of the following roads onto the tribe's 2008 IRR Roads Inventory: N4350Rd., E. Admiral Place in Tulsa Co., and E. 0440 Rd., N. 4400 Rd., N. 4390 Rd., N. 4380 Rd., in Mayes County; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (S. Wofford, Hansen absent)

Albert Shade: inquired if there might be grants available for washed out private drives.

Response: will look at "ear marked" money designated for roads.

Albert Shade: inquired of water concerns with water wells and rural water hookup. Could there be some funding available to assist in these needs.

Response: USDA would have a function in this and Public Health Service would also have a function in this subject. This will be looked into.

## XI. Announcements

**XII. Benediction:** Liz Littledave

**XIII. Adjourn:**  
 MOTION by Eddie Sacks; SECONDED by Charles Locust; Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 12:02 PM

## PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND THE 58th ANNUAL KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 3rd and 4th

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will host the 58th Annual Keetoowah Celebration on Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4. This year's theme for the celebration will be "Rich in Tradition, Strength for the Future". "This year's celebration will pay tribute to the Keetoowah Cherokee People – the traditional Cherokee people," said Chief George Wickliffe. "Thanks to the lifestyle and teachings of our elders, the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribe is rich in our traditions, and by investing in our tribe's youth and education, we ensure strength for the future," said Assistant Chief Charles Locust. Most events will be held at the Keetoowah Celebration Grounds off West Willis Road at Keetoowah Circle unless otherwise specified.

The Keetoowah Celebration is held on the first weekend in October to commemorate the signing of the UKB Constitution. The constitution of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma was ratified by the U.S. Congress in October 1950, which gave the tribe federal recognition and distinction. The UKB is the only Cherokee tribe organized under the Indian Welfare Act. "The Eastern Band and the UKB are bands among the Cherokees. There is no federally titled Western Band," said Locust.

Every year the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration draws a larger crowd. The public is invited to attend the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. The celebration is a family event, with events for all ages. For more information, call (918) 431-1818.



*The Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration features a variety of activities, from traditional games like the Cornstalk Shoot, Marbles, Blowgn and Stick Ball to contemporary sports, such as basketball, golf and volleyball. The schedule also includes a stomp dance, pow wow, and gospel singing, along with a parade, hog fry, and Chief George Wickliffe's State of the Nation Address. Childrens events include a fishing derby, turtle races, make and take crafts, inflatables, and much more.*

## Keetoowah Cherokee Elder Assistance for Summer 2008

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will begin taking applications for the Summer 2008 Elder Assistance program. The UKB Elder Assistance Program provides all tribal elders over 55 years of age semi-annual financial assistance in the amount of \$200 for each period. This is to assist Keetoowah Cherokee elders with funding they can utilize at their discretion. The tribe will be taking applications from May 5 through June 13.

Eligible elders must be an exclusive member. All required documents for exclusive membership must be on file in the enrollment office. Elders under age 65 must be exclusive members for one year at the time of the assistance application. Exclusive members 65 and over immediately qualify for assistance after council approval of the enrollee. All eligible members in a household will receive the Elderly Assistance.

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

Assistance checks for May applicants will be issued on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> between 3 and 5 p.m. at the UKB Wellness Center located at Keetoowah Circle off West Willis Road South of Tahlequah. Assistance checks for June applicants will be issued on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> between 3 and 5 p.m. at the UKB Accounting Office at 2450 S. Muskogee Avenue in Tahlequah. June 18, 2008 will be the last day of check disbursement this summer.

In a letter introducing the program to tribal elders last year, Chief George Wickliffe said, "We have worked hard since coming into office to restore accountability, pursue new opportunities for jobs, and preserve our language history and culture. As the traditional people, we know that it is the right thing to do to take care of our elders."

Assistant Chief Charles Locust agreed saying, "The Keetoowah Cherokee have always been traditional people who recognize the value of their elders. This is just a small benefit the Elders will receive from Keetoowah Cherokee Gaming Revenues," said Assistant Chief Charles Locust. For more information, call (918) 453-9375.

## UKB Child Development Center Kids Celebrate Earth Day

The United Keetoowah Band Natural Resources Department celebrated Earth Day with the children of the Henry L. Doubleday Child Development Center on April 22, 2008. The 3, 4 and 5 year olds created piggy banks from recycled 2 liter soda bottles, and "Oceans In A Bottle" from recycled 20 oz. soda bottles. The Natural Resources Department also traveled to Salina, OK to talk to 2nd graders at Salina Elementary School. The 2nd graders created bird feeders from pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed, made bracelets from toothbrushes, and got handouts about Earth Day. If you would like more information about possible Earth Day activities, please contact the Natural Resources Department at (918) 453-2823.



Salina Elementary School 2nd Grade



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### PRE CELEBRATION EVENTS

Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Rehearsals and Pageant  
SEPTEMBER 10, 11, & 12  
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### FRIDAY OCTOBER 3

|              |                                                  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 7 - 8 AM     | Registration for Golf Tournament                 |
| 9 AM         | 8th Annual Keetoowah Celebration Golf Tournament |
|              | Cherry Springs Golf Course                       |
| 6 PM - 12 AM | Gospel Singing                                   |
| 6 PM         | Three on Three Basketball                        |
| 9 PM         | Stomp Dance                                      |

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

|              |                                            |                 |                                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 7 AM         | 5K Run/Walk and 2K Fun Run                 | 1 PM            | Marbles                                        |
| 7 - 9 AM     | Kid's Fishing Derby                        |                 | Volleyball Tournament                          |
| 8 - 9 AM     | Dignitaries Breakfast                      |                 | Traditional Indian Meal                        |
| 10 AM        | Keetoowah Celebration Parade               | 1:30 PM         | Cornstalk Shoot                                |
| 11 AM - 8 PM | Keetoowah History & Family History Exhibit | 2 PM            | Children's Turtle Races                        |
|              | UKB Departments Displays                   |                 | Cultural Demonstrations & Make and Take Crafts |
|              | Merchandise Booth                          |                 | Men's Horseshoe Tournament                     |
|              | Arts & Crafts Vendors                      |                 | Women's Horseshoe Tournament                   |
| 11:45 AM     | State of the Nation Address                |                 | Blowgun Competition                            |
|              | Introduce Tradition Keepers,               | 3 PM - midnight | 3rd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Pow Wow          |
|              | Miss & Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee         | 3:30 - 5:00 PM  | Free Bingo                                     |
| NOON         | Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir, & Music    | 4 PM            | Stickball Game Ages 12 and up                  |
| 12:15 PM     | Children's Activities                      | 5 PM            | \$10,000 GIVEAWAY                              |
|              | Three on Three Basketball                  |                 |                                                |

## The Keetoowah News wants YOU!

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