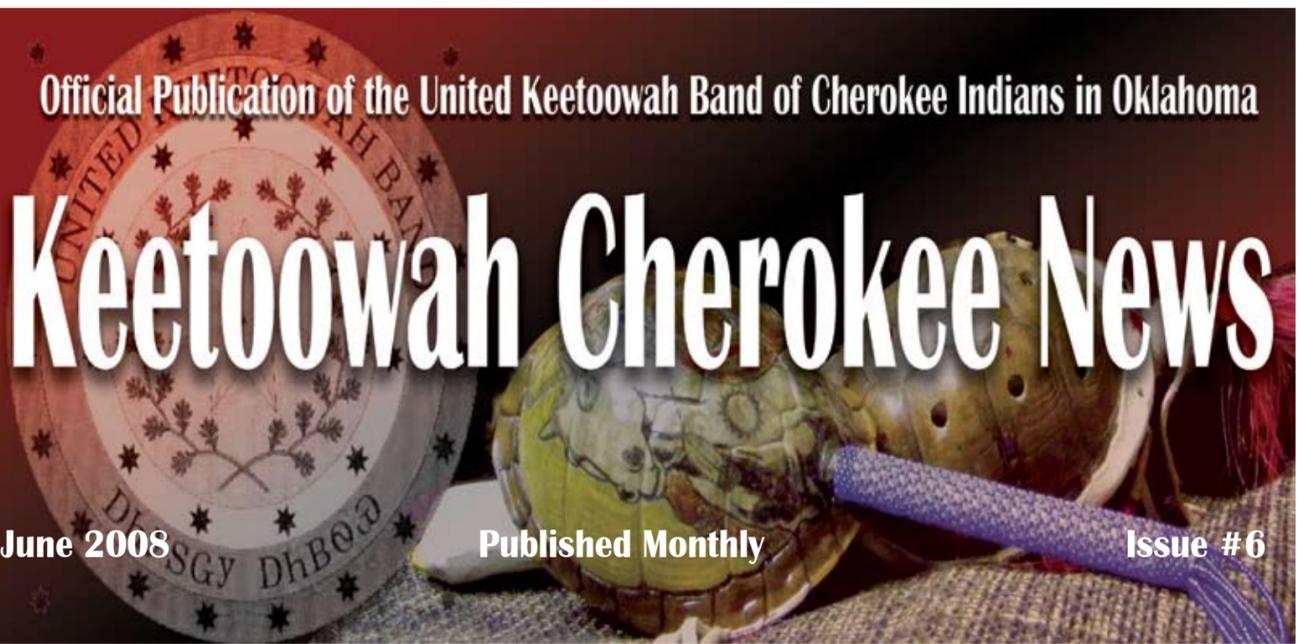


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Tribe Opens Jim Proctor Elder Community Center

On May 16, over 250 people were present as the United Keetoowah Band dedicated their new Elderly Community Center at the UKB Complex just south of Tahlequah. The dedication of the new center was named in honor of the late Mr. Jim Proctor, former council representative for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

Mr. Proctor served as council representative in the 1980s and was very instrumental in keeping the United Keetoowah Band together. Mr. Proctor was one of the most significant people on the UKB tribal council; he never missed a meeting and worked very hard for the tribe. He was also one of the individuals who voted to purchase and begin Keetoowah Bingo.

"I knew Jim, he was on the same council with me, he served many years on the council, if it wasn't for these men keeping the tribe going, what they went through, we wouldn't be sitting here today, we probably still be passing the hat around trying to stay alive, trying to survive," stated Chief George Wickliffe. "That's hard work, and we're being rewarded right now, we're getting bigger. Let's be happy, let's always be Keetoowah." It was a common prac-

tice in the past to pass the hat around to help finance the meetings and for travel expenses. "I remember dad passing the hat around so they could buy coffee for their meetings," said Woodrow Proctor, Flint District Representative and son of the late Jim Proctor.

Former UKB Chief John Hair spoke to the audience and to the Proctor family. "Once in a lifetime as you go through life walking on this Earth, you meet a person that immediately makes an impression on you. That is the impression Jim made on me when I met him. That's when I said, as long as we walk this Earth, I want to be his friend. He was my councilor, every time I had a problem, or wanted to know something, who did I call on? My elder, Jim Proctor," said Former Chief Hair.

Woodrow Proctor, the eldest of the siblings, thanked everyone for attending and honoring his father. "I have a really good feeling in my heart today," stated Proctor. "When I was fifteen-years-old, my dad would meet with these councilmen under a shade tree by the front porch. Their main purpose at that time was to keep the Keetoowahs together. I remember my dad saying in Cherokee, 'One of these days people, one of these



WOODROW PROCTOR, center; Flint District Representative, accepts a plaque on behalf of his family from Chief George Wickliffe, left, and Assistant Chief Charles Locust, honoring his father, Jim Proctor, during the dedication of the new Jim Proctor Elder Community Center.

days, you're going to see it, your going to get help from the Keetoowahs some way, some how, your going to see it.' We are here today Keetoowahs, and I want to thank all of you for recognizing my dad and my family, brothers and sisters. Wado!"

Mr. Proctor accepted a plaque on be-

half of his family from Assistant Chief Charles Locust dedicating the center as the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center. Immediately following the ceremony, family and friends along with Chief Wickliffe, Assistant Chief Locust and other council members participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony outdoors.

Entertainment was provided by the United Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir, the Kenwood Children's Choir and the Cherokee Baptist Choir. A traditional meal was also provided for the family, friends and dignitaries attending the event.

The center will house the UKB Title VI Nutrition Program, which provides free meals Monday through Friday for Native Americans 55 and older who have a tribal membership card. The May menu is listed on page 6. The Title VI Nutrition Program also delivers Meals on Wheels and sponsors Elders activities such as arts and crafts, fishing trips, theme dinners, and other special



FAMILY MEMBERS of one of the most prominent leaders in Keetoowah Cherokee history, the late Jim Proctor, gathered along with tribal officials and friends, in front of the Keetoowah Cherokee Elder Community Center named in his honor, during a ribbon cutting ceremony. Two hundred plus attendees were entertained by the Kenwood School Choir, Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir and Cherokee Baptist Choir as each choir group sang Cherokee hymns in their native language.

FILING FOR OFFICE - UKB Election Ordinance of 2008, Section 501

Section 501. Eligibility for Office

(A) To be eligible to file for office as a member of the Council of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, a person must meet these requirements:

(1) Candidates for the office of the Chief or Assistant Chief, must be at least thirty-five (35) years of age and, for a period of not less than twelve (12) months prior to filing,

(a) be a resident of the Old Cherokee Nation and
(b) be an exclusive member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

(2) Candidates for the offices of Secretary or Treasurer must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and, for a period of not less than twelve (12) months prior to filing,

(a) be a resident of the Old Cherokee Nation and
(b) be an exclusive member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

(3) Candidates for District Representative shall not be less than twenty-one (21) years of age and, for a period of not less than twelve (12) months prior to filing,

(a) be a resident of the district to be represented and

(b) be an exclusive member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

(B) The following individuals shall not be eligible to run for office:

(1) Persons finally convicted of a felony

(2) Persons punished by banishment from the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

(3) Persons who have been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction and whose status of competency has not been reinstated.

(C) All candidates must complete and sign all necessary documentation to permit the Election Board to conduct a Criminal History Record Information report through the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (or such other or additional criminal background check as the Board deems necessary) in order to confirm that the individual has not been convicted of a felony.

(D) No member of the Council shall be eligible to hold any other elected office in the United Keetoowah Band during his/her tenure as a member of Council.

(E) No person filing for Council candidacy shall

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hold a position as a tribal employee of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. Said employment must be relinquished upon filing.

(F) All information obtained by the Election Board in connection with candidate filings shall be confidential.

FILING FOR ELECTION OFFICE DEADLINE:

August 1, 2008- Filing Opens

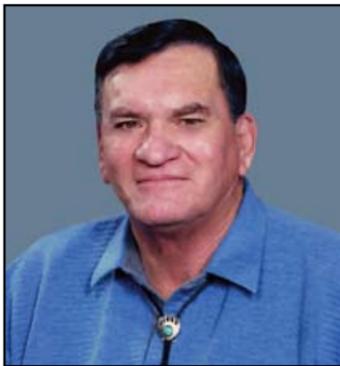
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August 14, 2008- Filing Closes

9:00 a.m. final day for filing for office no later than 6:00 p.m.

FILING FEES:

Chief	\$500.00
Asst. Chief	\$400.00
Secretary	\$400.00
Treasurer	\$400.00
Districts Representatives	\$250.00



Summary of the Western/Arkansas Cherokee (Old Settlers)

The following is a summary of the text written by James Mooney, a U.S. Bureau of Ethnology Anthropologist, and published in the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, 1897-98 (*Washington D.C. Government Printing Office*)

The first official migration westward by the Cherokee and the subsequent negotiations resulted in the assignment of a territory in Arkansas to the Western Cherokee in the form of a Treaty with the United States in 1817. The voluntary Old Settlers were considered as 'conservative,' who desired to move west and reestablish their traditional life, of which the major body of the Cherokee were quickly moving away from. By the Treaty of 1817, the Western Cherokee acquired title to a definite territory and official standing under Government protection. The Cherokees in the East were strongly against any recognition of the Western Cherokee.

The Treaty which assigned the lands to the Western Cherokees stipulated that a census should be made of the eastern and western divisions of

A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe

the Cherokee separately, and an apportionment of the national annuity forthwith made on that basis.

Thomas Nuttall, the famed naturalist, visited the Arkansas Cherokee in 1819 and gave the following account of his findings: "both banks of the river, as we proceeded, were lined with the houses and farms of the Cherokee, and though their dress was a mixture of indigenous and European taste, yet in their houses, which are decently furnished, and in their farms, which were well fenced and stocked with cattle, we perceive a happy approach toward civilization. Their numerous families, also, well fed and clothed, argue a propitious progress in their population. Their superior industry either as hunters or farmers proves the value of property among them, and they are no longer strangers to avarice and the distinctions created by wealth. Some of them are possessed of property to the amount of many thousands of dollars, have houses handsomely and conveniently furnished, and their tables spread with our dainties and luxuries."

The Treaty of 1828 between the Western Cherokees and the United States, stipulated for an assignment of land further West in Indian Territory, with a 'perpetual outlet west.' The territory assigned to them called for a 'permanent home, and which shall, under the most solemn guarantee of the United States, be and remain theirs forever—a home that shall never, in all future time, be embarrassed by having extended around it

the lines or placed over it the jurisdiction of a territory or state, nor be pressed upon by the extension in any way of any of the limits of any existing territory or state; "

Article 2 defined the boundaries of the new tract and the western outlet to be awarded. And were further modified and clarified in 1833 at a meeting at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, between the U.S. Government, the Western Cherokee and the Creek Nation, which resulted in another official Treaty. Fort Gibson was a military establishment called for in Article 9 of the Treaty. It was necessary to include the Creeks, as some of their voluntary settlers had settled along the northern bank of the Arkansas on the Verdigris river, on lands found to be within the limits of the territory assigned to the Western Cherokee by the Treaty of 1828.

This Treaty of 1833 with the Western Cherokees set the seven million acre tract boundaries, as well as a strip two miles wide along the northern border which was later annexed to the state of Kansas by the Treaty of 1866.

By tacit agreement, some of the Creeks who had settled within the Cherokee bounds were permitted to remain, and among these were several families of Uchee Indians, who had fixed their residence at the spot where the town of Tahlequah was established after the arrival of the thousands of immigrant Eastern Cherokees, forcibly removed from the eastern homelands in 1838-39.

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 Thursday, June 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. UKB 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.

Dick-Dreadfulwater Family Reunion

Saturday June 14, 2008
UKB Wellness Center.

Live Band, Door Prizes,
Potluck Lunch at 11 AM
Volleyball, horseshoes and lots of fun.
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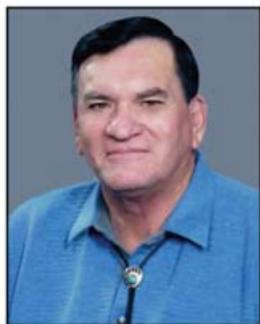
Letter to the Editor

Siyo,

I'm Kituwah Cherokee and I just wanted to write and put in my two cents worth about a couple of things. I wanted to suggest that there be a section in Keetoowah News for public opinion on certain issues, like there is in all other publications. Secondly, I like the fact that Chief Wickliffe puts his monthly address to the Keetoowah People; he has made some great facts regarding the CNO's lies. It would really be nice for the CNO and UKB to co-exist but it is unfortunate that the CNO will keep attacking the UKB, which is why the two bands of Cherokee will never co-exist. I have read somewhere that the UKB has been around since 1859. It was that year that Bud Gritts, a Baptist minister, had drafted a constitution and laws for the Keetoowah Society, and at that moment was really when the UKB was born. That same constitution was amended in 1889. So in my eyes, the CNO doesn't have any right or reason to say the UKB has only been around since the 1940s and 1950s era under the OIWA of 1935. It was in the late 40s early 50s when the UKB was "federally recognized." When you really get down to the nitty gritty of the truth at which Chief Wickliffe has published in Keetoowah News numerous times that today's CNO has no Hx before the 70s, because the CN of 1839 was dissolved in 1906 by the "Cherokee Compact". And the CN never re-organized under the OIWA to re-establish their government. So yes, Chief Wickliffe is absolutely correct in his statements about the CNO, this CNO are just "successors" of the old CN and for some reason they think they are the same as the 1839 Govt. b/c they carry the same name, 'Cherokee Nation'. God Bless the Keetoowah Cherokee people!!

Faithfully,
Anthony D. Gritts

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May Council Meeting

The monthly council meeting of the United Keetoowah Band was hosted by the Lost City community on Saturday, May 3. The meeting was held at the Lost City School, just west of Hulbert, where community members got together and provided a noon lunch for the Council Representatives and Administration. The members of the community wanted to host the meeting and lunch to show their appreciation for the support the United Keetoowah Band provided in trying to keep their school open.

"I'm really honored to be invited to have our meeting here at Lost City School. I wish we could have done more to save the school, but we got into it too late, and not too long after we got into it, they got an accreditation check. I tell you what, I don't see anything wrong with these facilities, they're better than a lot of schools," said Chief George Wickliffe.

Student's art work, posters and textbooks were displayed in the classroom where the meeting was held. Council Representatives toured the hallways, admiring many of the trophies won by the past and present student athletes that sat in the trophy case in the hall. The Kindergarten student's drawings, hanging down the hallways reminded visitors that this school housed future educators, doctors, lawyers.

Two community ladies roamed the two original rooms of the Lost City School, as one lady remembered when they first began building this school. "These are the first two original classrooms," pointing to the corner showing where wall heaters once stood. The other lady reminisced the time she would stand in the corner on her first day of school because she was so shy. They both laughed and you could see a tear glisten in one of the ladies' eyes. What memories these walls hold, what stories the walls could tell.

Lost City School opened its doors in 1902,

and now after 106 years, the school will close its doors for the final time. "We did all we could, and we will continue to support the school to get them through the remaining school year. I don't understand why they didn't make a move long before that when all of these problems were developing about two years ago. I think this should have never happened, I'm sad about this," added Chief Wickliffe. On Tuesday, May 13, the last graduating class of 2008 at Lost City School received their diplomas.

Chief Wickliffe informed the council that Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Carl Artman had submitted a letter of resignation. "We understand it was not because of pressure," stated Chief Wickliffe. "There is a lot of push to get him to rescind his resignation coming from all Indian tribes in United States, so there's a possibility that they may talk him into rescinding his resignation." Chief reported to the council that whatever the outcome should be, that the United Keetoowah Band tribe is still proceeding as scheduled. He told the council that there would be no slowdown or any changes in the movement that the tribe has started. All negotiations would continue as planned.

"There are a lot of people involved when you are negotiating in Washington. You have the Interior Department, Justices, and then you have your lawyers, it's just not a one man show. It's good that we have an individual who was really a Native American in Artman, but he's not the only person that moves things in Washington. In Washington, they say, 'at the end of the day.' The end of the day is arriving for us and we continue to have complete confidence that the direction that everything has taken is going to work out for us," added Chief Wickliffe.

Chief Wickliffe also reported to the council that the tribal administration had recently received word that the Housing Authority of the Cherokee

Nation will go under a new title, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Housing Services. Also, that the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma has a hearing set on Tuesday, May 6 on the Freedman Issue. This is to decide if the Federal Justices give judgment to the Freedman to be able to sue Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and the Interior Department. When the Federal Judge decides on a ruling, it still does not stop what the Black Caucus is doing. The Black Caucus move will continue to go on. Chief Wickliffe stated that the Caucus is now putting language in with the housing bill and the health bill where Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma will not be eligible to be funded. No where does it say they will be terminated but this is what CNO has been telling everyone. It could go further, there is also a suspension of other services such as the ability to run the casinos. This is a Congressional move.

In other business, Dianne Barker-Harold, Tribal General Counsel, spoke to the council asking to obtain from the council a resolution and to get an administrative order from Chief Justice Garrett and one from tribal district judge Dewayne Littlejohn with a verification that the United Keetoowah Band is a Federally recognized tribe, put into a packet with a cover letter signed by the Chief. "This does not in anyway impair our sovereignty; it doesn't give any jurisdiction to the state whatsoever. It only says that there is mutual recognition of our tribal court judgments and our state court judgments," stated Barker-Harold. This motion passed.

In new business, the council tabled the vote to approve/disapprove the suggested polling places for the November 2008 Election along with the vote for the duration of time for specific records to be kept before being destroyed, until the June 7 council meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

May 03, 2008

08-UKB-44

TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF RESOLUTION 06-UKB-103 AND CLARIFYING THE ENROLLMENT STATUS OF MEMBERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS DUALY ENROLLED MEMBERS OR AS MEMBERS RECORDED AS HAVING RELINQUISHED THEIR MEMBERSHIP BUT HAVE NOT FILED A SIGNED RELINQUISHMENT FORM

WHEREAS, THE UNITED KEETOOWAH BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS IN OKLAHOMA [hereafter, UKB or Band] is a federally recognized Band of Indians, organized and incorporated pursuant to the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (49 Stat. 1967), the Act of August 10, 1946 (60 Stat. 976), and the Indian Reorganization Act (48 Stat. 984), insofar as that Act applies to Oklahoma Indians; and,

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of the UKB provides that the objective of said Band shall be to secure the benefits, rights, privileges, and powers as provided for by the above cited laws of the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution of the UKB provides further that the objective of the Band shall be to secure the benefits, rights, privileges and powers as provided for by any laws of the United States now existing or that may hereafter be enacted for the benefit of Indians or other citizens of the United States and administered by various government agencies; and,

WHEREAS, The UKB, in pursuit of these goals, desires to improve and advance the economic status of its members; and,

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 1 of said

Constitution provides that the supreme governing body of the Band shall be the Council of the UKB; and,

WHEREAS, Sections 3(a) through 3(v) of the UKB Corporate Charter (approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior) provides that the UKB Council is charged with conducting business and finance and preserving the property, natural resources and traditions of the Band;

WHEREAS: the Council of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians does approve a resolution expressing the intent of resolution 06-UKB-103 and clarifying the Enrollment status of members who may have been classified as Dually Enrolled members or as members recorded as having relinquished their membership but have not filed a signed relinquishment form; and,

WHEREAS: due to the complex nature of the UKB Enrollment standards a number of UKB citizens have had their UKB membership placed in an indefinite status of which Resolution 06-UKB-103, passed October 14, 2006 by the UKB Council attempted to clarify the status of such individuals, however the language of that Resolution did not specifically express the intent of the UKB Council as to the membership status of certain "dually enrolled" members or members who may have been listed as having relinquished their UKB membership; and,

WHEREAS: the Council of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians does again express and clarify their intent in adopting Resolution 06-UKB-103, passed October 14, 2006, by expressing the intent that "dually enrolled" UKB members and/or UKB members that were listed as having relinquished their UKB membership but did not formerly relinquish their membership by signing and delivering a relinquishment form to the Tribal Enrollment Office are to be considered exclusive UKB members and eligible for all rights and services as a UKB member; and,

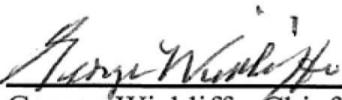
WHEREAS: that this resolution clarifying the intent of Resolution 06-UKB-103, that "dually enrolled" UKB members or UKB members that were listed as having relinquished their UKB membership, but did not formerly relinquish their membership by signing and delivering a relinquishment form to the Tribal Enrollment Office are to be considered exclusive UKB members and eligible for all rights and services as a UKB member is to be effective as of October 14, 2006, and any and all preceding or subsequent resolutions that may be inconsistent with the intent of this resolution are of no effect; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Tribal Enrollment Office is directed to take all steps necessary to harmonize the Tribal Enrollment status of all UKB members that may be effected by this resolution; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That Resolution #08-UKB-44 hereby rescinds any and all preceding resolutions that may be inconsistent with the matter.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution #08-UKB-44 was approved by the Council of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB) during a Regular meeting convened for business on the 3rd day of May, 2008, with 12 members present to constitute a quorum by a vote of 12 Yes, 0 No, and 0 Abstentions.


George Wickliffe, Chief

Attest:


Liz Littlejohn, Secretary

UKB Progress Continues

Dear UKB Tribal Members,

All United Keetoowah Band Tribal Members can be assured their Government continues to move in the right direction. One example is by the fact in July 2008 we will have successfully completed the last (5) fiscal year's tribal audits, which will place the Band in a positive position to apply for the Department of Interior's Self Governance Program. This is a first in history for the Band.

In the last 3 1/2 years, the Band has witnessed annual funding double for Educational Scholarships and to the Human Services programs budgets. Another positive revenue generated program is the District Representative's Emergency Assistance Program. This program was developed for members who sometimes fall through the cracks of the Federal Programs eligibility guidelines. One of the most important programs and the one that we're most proud of, is the Elderly Assistance Program. This is for members fifty five and over. This assistance is given twice a year and our members have stated this is a great benefit from the Band. These newly funded programs are allowing more casino tribal support revenue to be put back into assistance for our tribal members, young and old.

These programs were developed by this Administration and Tribal Council. All this was not available before and is now available due to the accountability and integrity that has been implemented into the tribe's daily operations. This activity is all documented though the Accounting Department and follows the UKB's Revenue Allocation Plan, which is recorded with the Department of Interior's Regional Office.

In another area, the Tribal Council, Election Board and Enrollment Committees have worked very hard in ensuring future elections are conducted with as little interruption as possible. In the last three years they have studied and revised the Election Ordinance and Enrollment guidelines to make

it easier for our members to enroll and vote. They also implemented a computerized voting system, which was used in the previous election and will be used in the upcoming election as well. This system has allowed faster returns. Based on the assessment of the November 2006 election, the process proved to be a positive move for the Band.

These are just a few of the goals and objectives that the Administration stated 3 1/2 years ago. The Administration wants to remind everyone of these objectives, and point out they were accomplished ahead of their original time schedules. This proves we can have an efficient tribal government, if we have experienced leaders who can strategically plan how to control daily operations which in turn, will direct our own tribal destiny.

We must consider along with these types of fast paced changes, there has been enormous operational and membership growth. In some situations this has caused some concerns to the Administration and members, but through accurate and clear communication lines, these types of situations can be properly addressed.

Overall, a great achievement was the fact everyone could witness these changes through the revised organizational structure and financial balance the Administration and Tribal Council have implemented into the UKB. This will make our tribe and people stronger, because we are accountable while increasing services for our members.

Other areas of positive growth include the Economic Development Authority, Language, History and Culture Department, new Satellite offices, Scholarship increases, new and free language classes, annual wage increases to employees, and development of a new 401K plan. New construction projects include the Elder Community Center, and the upcoming Civil Defense Station, along with the Cultural Museum, which will all be a part of the UKB Tribal Complex, located on the tribe's 80 acres.

One avenue which proved to be the greatest ac-

complishment was immediately taking control of the Gaming Facility. In the last three and one half years, by implementing positive Human Resource and Internal Polices, Upgrades to Salaries, and Implementation of a 401k program, have proved to be positive management change. These changes immediately increased tribal resources by 30 % in the second half of 2005 and have continued to produce at an increased level since 2005.

One thing everyone should be asked to **not to forget the negative financial position the Band was in, when this new Administration took over in January of 2005.** At that time, the new Administration entered an organization that was in chaos, and they had to struggle to regain control of the tribal programs and finances. There were not just issues with our finances, but most of the federal and tribal programs were out of compliance too. The non-compliance was due to the lack of auditable financial and performance reporting requirements. All this became stabilized and under control, with the new Council and Administration. The Tribe is in the best financial position in its history.

As Assistant Chief, I wanted to take this opportunity to inform everyone, your tribal government continues to grow and move forward. This can be attributed to the current Administration and District Representative's new operational philosophy. The next six months will be a very important and exciting time for the UKB, and with the continued leadership and everyone's help and prayers, we can all be assured it will produce additional positive benefits. So remember, while utilizing the new programs and receiving their benefits, assist us in continuing in this new direction for the UKB.

If anyone has questions, please call us and/or come and see us. Thank you for allowing me to work for you and to hold this important and honored position of Assistant Chief.

Thank You,
Charles Locust

The following sections are summaries of projects and accomplishments that took place during the first 3 1/2 years of this Administration. These projects and accomplishments are proof of the positive direction and positive benefits to the UKB tribal members.

Here are some of the accomplishments, new programs and current projects,

• **FINANCIAL AUDITS:** The Comptroller and his experienced Accounting staff have **completed FY '03, '04, '05 and '06 Tribal Audits.** FY '07 Audit began in December 2007 and is expected to be completed by July 2008. This will be the first time in history the Band has had Tribal Audits completed by their suggested scheduled dates. The UKB's Accounting Team's knowledge and experience has allowed the UKB to manage tribal programs as well as tribal business's accounting systems. The efficiency of the day to day operations has placed the Band in a positive financial position. After completion of audits the Band will qualify for the Department of Interior's Self Governance Program with the Federal Government.

• **ELDERLY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** This program began in this Administration and is the first time our Elders have their own assistance program. We have received numerous positive comments pertaining to the assistance program. At the present time, elders fifty-five and over will be eligible for the assistance program two times a year. In the last fiscal year, we served approximately 800 elders. This program has proven to be very beneficial for our elders. This will remain a priority for this Administration and for the nine District Representatives.

• **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** This program began in this Administration and Council, and is the first time this type of funding has been available for UKB members. During the last (3 1/2) years we have budgeted approximately \$750,000 to be distributed to all districts. We have set up Emergency Assistance policies for distribution requirements and all District Representatives are required to follow these policies to insure we provide

assistance to as many members as possible. The Administration and Council's objective was to provide funding for member's "Emergency Assistance"



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE tribal members receive their Elderly Assistance check. Twice a year the United Keetoowah Band awards elders 55 years or older assistance checks to help with their financial needs.

needs and to target the members who missed eligibility requirements for program assistance. This new program has proven to be very beneficial for our members.

• **NEW EMPLOYEE AND SERVICE PROGRAMS:** New programs include the Employees 401K Plan, Gas Cards, School Clothing Vouchers, Increased Student Scholarships, Payroll Advance Program, Grievance Procedures for Tribal Employees and Casino Grievance Procedures, a three Judge Tribal Court System, Emergency Assistance and Elderly Assistance Programs. We will continue to develop these types of new programs for tribal members and tribal employees.

• **GAMING ENTERPRISES:** This year the tribe had to negotiate with the National Indian Gaming Commission, US Justice Department and the State of Oklahoma to insure our Keetoowah Cherokee Casino continued to remain open. We convinced the Federal Court that closure would be very damaging to the UKB. While remaining open, the leaders began utilizing their experience in gaming, so they directed internal changes, an 30% increase to resources

was immediately felt. The current casino has sustained tribal programs, but a new casino will allow the UKB to become self sufficient and to have the

resources to insure new Business ventures are developed by the new Economic Development Authority Board, which will be established throughout the nine UKB districts or the fourteen county area. The casino continues to move in an upward direction while increasing daily revenues and the tribal support payment made to the tribe.



YOUTH AND Elders participate in basket making during one of the culture camps hosted by the United Keetoowah Band Language, History and Culture department.

• **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD:** This entity was developed to establish new business ventures. Currently it oversees Keetoowah Construction and Keetoowah Drug Treatment Center, Management and leasing of Smoke Shop Properties, development of 8A Application and contracts, as well as assisting in oversight of Tribal Construction Projects, a Kenwood Convenience Retail Outlet, a Kenwood Cellular Tower, and Indian Health Services 638 contracts.

• **SATELLITE OFFICES:** This is the first Administration capable of budgeting and implementing funding for Satellite Offices. The Administration has staff members scheduled in these locations on specified dates, in order to provide assistance to members with their needs, and be located in areas for members who cannot travel the long distance to Tahlequah. The staff personnel must be bilingual, and they will be capable of answering and addressing questions and requests made by our members. Currently they are located in Sallisaw, Stilwell, Vian, Little Kansas, and Ft. Smith. The tribe is also researching additional locations.

• **CULTURAL PROGRAMS AND KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE LANGUAGE CLASSES:** This continues

UKB Progress Continues

to be an important priority for the leadership. They began certifying teachers and they are teaching different levels of language classes throughout all districts. The UKB Cultural department was established to conduct cultural camps and related activities. There has also been a Keetoowah Cherokee Choir established to represent the UKB throughout the country. This will continue to be funded by this Administration.

• **ELECTION BOARD AND VOTING PROCESS:** This was another goal and a very important issue when the new leaders came into office. The goal was to upgrade the voting process and install a new and accurate system. The leaders developed a plan for addressing district boundaries by implementing a GPS system for mapping district boundaries. They have also budgeted funds for an electronic voting system to be utilized, which will have the Election Board and Council's review and approval. In the past year the Tribal Council revised the Election Ordinances and Enrollment Guidelines. The Election office will continue to be located in Hulbert.

• **HENRY DOUBLEHEAD CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER:** The center was opened in June of '06 and due to the experienced director and staff, it has been classified by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services as the showplace for other Tribes throughout the State and Country. They have attempted to implement a immersion class and will be working directly with our Title VI Program and Elder Center. This will insure we continue to utilize our elders as volunteers to assist in teaching our children through daily interaction.

• **CELEBRATION GROUNDS AND ARBORS:** The Keetoowah Celebration has grown so much that there was a need for a permanent arbor for the annual event. Recent improvements include adding more electrical outlets, lights for special events, Stomp Dance Arbors and a Pow Wow Review Stand to allow us to greet our neighbor tribes who do not participate in our traditional type of ceremonies. Having a meeting place for all of our members and guests, was an important need, so we can meet friends and relatives, just as our ancestors did for centuries.

• **ROADS PROGRAM:** This program has provided the opportunity for the tribe to develop the infrastructure on the 80 acres and other tribal property. One project was the completion of the road from Hwy 82 to the Community Services Building. The Community Services Building parking lot was paved and lights were installed. The Tribal Complex on our 80 acres have been upgraded by this program and utilization of Motor Fuels funds. The next project will connect the Tribal Complex to the Tribal Headquarters and to the Keetoowah Cherokee Gaming facility, around the former railroad spur. This will insure they are adjacent to each other and allow easier access for our members. This will also alleviate the traffic jams produced in front of Wal-Mart and our Casino. Due to these and additional projects, Keetoowah Construction Inc. was developed and implemented under the Economic Development Authority Board.

• **FEDERAL PROGRAMS:** When the new leaders came on board, the majority of all federal programs were very near and in some instances, already out of compliance. Due to this status, we were once in jeopardy of losing key funding. In some instances, the UKB had to reimburse (approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000) some funding agencies due

to unallowable expenses incurred by the previous Administration. Now with current leadership, all programs are presently in regulatory compliance and all reports are completed on a timely basis. This was accomplished by having experienced directors and hiring new staff, and having them work directly with the Accounting Comptroller and staff. The current Grants Writer/Compliance Offi-



THE UNITED Keetoowah Band tribe provides child care for working parents. The Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center opened in June of 2006; it provides child care from infants to 5 year-olds.

cer has also worked very hard in bringing in over \$2.5 Million Dollars in new State and Federal funding for the tribe.

• **EDUCATION PROGRAM:** The Education Department was budgeted by the previous administration for only \$160,000 annually. The current leadership was the driving force for increasing this to \$240,000 for the first (9) months. For FY '05 the budget was set at \$400,000. In FY '06 Scholarships went from \$500 per student to

• \$1,500 per student per semester. The scholarship increases were due increased revenues from the casino and the leadership's ability to manage the budget properly. The leaders have plans to increase all funds going to all college, high school and elementary students. Education is the most important tool for our children to receive the knowledge to be prepared to compete in today's world and job market.

• **HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM:** The Human Services Department was budgeted by the previous administration for only \$160,000 annually. The new leaders were the driving force in increasing this to \$240,000, for the first (9) months. For FY '05 the budget was set at \$300,000. In FY '06, the overall budget was increased to develop the Elderly Assistance Program and Discretionary funds for District Representatives. Proper accountability and experienced management of funds has allowed UKB members to receive the benefit of increased funding for these tribal programs. The leadership is committed to insuring all members are treated fairly and equally when requesting assistance.

• **ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT:** The United Keetoowah Band has experienced a great increase in our total enrollment, which is at approximately 13,000 now, but tribal officials continue to deal with a lot of enrollment issues daily. Everyday the Enrollment Office is processing new members and continues to upgrade tribal member's documentation. These new members have the same rights as everyone else, as long as they meet our enrollment criteria. The current leadership have made a much needed attempt to correct issues that have accumulated over the past fifty seven years. Issues that will be addressed include persons voting in the

wrong districts, incomplete documents, and incorrect physical and mailing addresses. The Chief issued a mandate to implement procedures to address tribal members concerns. Some important issues under review are relinquishments, dual enrollment, voting rights, and re-submissions into the tribe, and these will be some of the challenges continuing to be worked on by the Administration.

• **HOUSING AUTHORITY PROGRAM:** This past year the leaders have traveled to Washington D.C. on several occasions to negotiate with the Assistant Secretary of HUD in order to fight for the UKB to maintain our current level of funding. While the leaders fight for our housing funds, they have mandated that the current Housing Management review internal policies, so the tribe will be capable of assisting the special needs of all of our tribal members, especially the ones falling through the "cracks". Also, when reviewing the policies, addressing the emergency needs --especially burnout, dilapidated housing, water and sewer installation problems and emergency rehabilitation for older housing. We have had to become more efficient in providing services and utilization of limited funds. The Administration will take any measure to insure our members receive what they have been promised. Lost files or internal tracking problems with documentation and only serving a selected few will not be allowed to become an excuse for not helping our members. This is a very important tribal program, so we need to insure we address everyone's concerns and needs, while working with a reduced budget.

• **FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS:** This year the United Keetoowah Band will witness the benefits from the trips made to Washington D.C. and visiting the Oklahoma Delegation, other Committee Chairmen and other political leaders who may assist in appropriating funds for the tribe. This year, Congressman Dan Boren has arranged with the J. C. Watts Company to earmark funds for several programs within the UKB. The programs are Domestic Violence, Tribal Lighthorse, Roads, and Wellness Center upgrades. These funds total approximately \$1.5 Million for these programs. We need to be thankful to all persons involved in accomplishing the goals set forth two years ago. We have also presented another request for additional appropriations for FY '08-'09. We expect to receive those also.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

• **"JIM PROCTOR" ELDER COMMUNITY CENTER:** This new program was made possible by a new grant received in FY '06. Construction began in the fall of '06 on the eighty acres

owned by the Tribe. The Grant amount was approximately \$800,000 and the application was completed by the new Grants Writer position the new leaders developed. Construction of the building and sub-contracts have provided job positions and bidding opportunities for our members. This is just the first step toward the development of an Assisted Living Facility which will be developed along with this new project. These facilities will be coordinated and work with the New Henry Doublehead Child Development Center and the Wellness Center.

• **CIVIL DEFENSE STATION:** Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008

• **JOHN HAIR CULTURAL CENTER AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** Bids will be accepted in the fall of 2008.

• **TRANSIT PROGRAM:** Implementation is tentatively scheduled for fall of 2008.

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

• **PROPOSED EDUCATION BUILDING:** With the continued success of this Administration and leaders, there are plans for the development of class rooms, offices, meeting and storage rooms are in the plans. Our projected expenses are approximately \$500,000. Grants are being targeted for the construction costs of this project. Construction, clerical, management and maintenance jobs will be the results of this proposed project. This will be located on the UKB's 80 acres where the Community Services Building is located.

• **PROPOSED COUNCIL HOUSE:** The Administration and leaders have experienced the need for a large Administrative Building on the 80 acres. The new building will be for Council meetings and Administrative offices. Our projected expenses are approximately \$1,250,000. Grants and available tribal resources will be targeted for the construction cost of this project. Construction, clerical, management and maintenance jobs will be the results of this proposed project.

• **PROPOSED ELDERLY ASSISTED LIVING HOUSING:** The Administration and leaders will be applying for federal funding to construct a elderly assisted living housing addition so our members can live among other members, relatives, or cousins. This will contain a medical facility, Title VI Nutrition Center, Recreation and Community Center. This will allow our elders to be properly cared for and allow them to continue to have relatives and tribal members provide the necessary care they desire. Language barriers will not prevent the needs of our elders to go unanswered and all available resources will be attained to provide these much needed services. Quality of service will be the tribe's utmost commitment.

• **PROPOSED MEDICAL CLINIC AND MOBILE EMS:** This is a priority of the Administration and leaders and they are currently negotiating with a medical company and Indian Health Services to insure our members have emergency and non-emergency health care. We want to take the services to our members who cannot travel the distance to a Indian Health Services facility. We will not accept our members receiving only limited services or out of date medications, we want professional services as well as experienced physicians and we will obtain these services.

Taylor Foster is an All-Around Athlete

Taylor Foster is the son of Jaiver and Carolee (Tanner) Crispin. Taylor is 11 years old and is in the fifth grade at Jay Elementary. Taylor played football as a tight-end. He also ran cross-country at the same time. His basketball team was undefeated. He plays left field on his baseball team, and ran in three track meets this year, winning 5 first place awards. His track coach, Cecil Weeks, gave him the Outstanding Athlete Award.

Taylor was also on the A and B Honor Roll this year. After he graduates in 2015 he wants to play college football, basketball, or baseball. Taylor also has a sister, Allison, who is nine years old. His grandparents are John and Ruby Tanner and adopted grandparents are Pat Coble and Elvis Orr. Taylor and his family attend Faith Mission Church of Jay.



Lakota Doublehead receives Award of Excellence

Lakota Doublehead, 10, recently completed 4th grade at Zion. He was given a Citizenship Award, which is given to the nicest boy in the 4th grade. He also received this same award as a third grader. He made 162 hundreds on his papers, making him a member of the 100 club. He has been on the Superintendent's Honor Roll since the first grade. He has never made less than 100% on any school paper since he began school. He was also awarded an "Award of Excellence" for maintaining above an A grade average.

He is the son of Mark and Loretta Doublehead of Stilwell. His brother is Skylar Doublehead, 15. His sisters are Marissa Doublehead, 4, Tiffany Doublehead, 16, and Cecia Caughtman, 18. His grandparents are Fred and Josephine Delay and the late Hiner Doublehead and Gene Bird and the late Shirley Bird and the late Reverend Willie B. Pritchett.



Brittney Wofford Receives Associate's Degree

Friday, May 9, 2008 was a day to celebrate for Native American students attending the graduation ceremony at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. Many students have left high schools in Oklahoma to attend this all Native American University established since 1884.

Some in attendance celebrated with the next Keetoowah generation at a unique venue that included speeches from Department of Interior Assistant Secretary Carl Artman and Haskell University President Dr. Linda Sue Warner. This year, the university graduated a record number of students receiving degrees which includes 80 graduates for Bachelor's and 116 for their Associate's. "We are proud of our daughter, Brittney Wofford, a member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, who received an Associate's Degree in Theatre Arts. Pictured here with UKB Cooweescoowee District Representative and her father Cliff Wofford, a Haskell Alumni and DOI Assistant Secretary Carl Artman (Oneida), Miss Brianna Wofford, (3rd generation Keetoowah), and Haskell University President Dr. Linda Sue Warner (Comanche)," said Shelbi Wofford.

"Congratulations and keep up the good work, graduates."



CLIFF WOFFORD, Cooweescoowee District Representative and Brittney's Dad, Department of Interior Assistant Secretary Carl Artman and Haskell University President Dr. Linda Sue Warner, Brittney Wofford, and Brianna Wofford gather for a photo at Brittney's graduation

Marissa Doublehead graduates from Pre-K

Marissa Doublehead, 4, graduated from Zion Pre-K on Friday, May 9th. She is the daughter of Mark and Loretta Doublehead of Stilwell. Her brothers are Lakota Doublehead, 10, and Skylar Doublehead, 15. Her sisters are Cecia Caughtman, 18, and Tiffany Doublehead, 16. Her grandparents are Fred and Josephine Delay and the late Hiner Doublehead and Gene Bird and the late Shirley Bird and the late Reverend Willie B. Pritchett.

She was student of the month for March, and learned to read a book entitled, 'All by Myself'. "Thanks to her teacher, Mrs. Bunch and her assistant, Ms. Joanie, she learned to read," said her mom Loretta. "They have great teachers at Zion School," said Doublehead.



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www.unitedkeetoowahband.org

June 2008 Elder Activities Calendar

Mon. 2-Wed. 4 - Elders served first at Human Services

Mon. 2 - Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am

Tues. 3 - Computer Class, Title VI, 1 pm

Wed. 4 - Bingo, Title VI, 10:30am

Thurs. 5 - Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1 pm

Mon. 9, Wed. 11 - Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am

Tues. 10 - Computer Class, Title VI, 1 pm

Thurs. 12 - Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1 pm

Tues. 17 - Computer Class, Title VI, 1 pm

Wed. 18 - Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am

Thurs. 19 - Elder Committee Meeting, 1 pm; Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1 pm

Fri. 20 - Fishing Day at the River Park



Mon. 23, Wed. 25 - Exercise Video/Walk, Title VI, 10:30am

Tues. 24 - Computer Class, Title VI, 1 pm

Thurs. 26 - June birthdays celebrated; Arts and Crafts, Title VI, 1 pm

Feather Pacheco, makes Principal's Honor Roll

Twelve-year-old Feather Pacheco, received the Principal Honor Roll during the Woodall Public School awards ceremony held at the Woodall School gymnasium recently. Feather will be in the 7th grade next year and participates in Basketball, Softball, Volleyball and track at her school. "I'm very proud of her, she is very athletic, every since she was in the 4th grade she's been running with the 7th and 8th grade track team," said Feather's mother, Delilah.



Feather is the daughter of Delilah and Longino Pacheco of Woodall, she has a younger sister and brother. They all reside in the Woodall community and are United Keetoowah tribal members.

Delaney Drywater, makes Principal's Honor Roll

Delaney Drywater, second grader at Shady Grove School, has received Certificates of Achievement in Accelerated Reading and was on the Principal's Honor Roll. Delaney is the daughter of Kim Drywater and Rick Panther. She is 8 years of age and will be returning to Shady Grove next fall, as well as her big brother, Jerrick Drywater, and her little sister, Erianna Drywater.



United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu June 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Cal Zone Pasta Marinara Caesar Salad Dessert	3 Brown Beans-n-Ham Mixed Greens Jalapeño Cornbread Dessert	4 Grilled Marinated Chicken Wild Rice Sautéed Vegetables Salad Dessert	5 Salisbury Steak White Rice Tomato/Zucchini Texas Toast Salad Dessert	6 Breakfast Served At 10:30
9 Hot Ham-n-Cheese French Fries Salad Dessert	10 Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad Dessert	11 Spaghetti and Meatballs Green Beans Garlic Toast Caesar Salad	12 Smothered Chops Wild Rice Baby Carrots French Breadsticks Salad Dessert	13 Breakfast Served At 10:30
16 Closed for UKB Employee Appreciation Day	17 BLT Sandwich Tomato Soup Salad Dessert	18 Amanda's Cheesy Chicken Casserole Spanish Rice French Breadsticks Salad Dessert	19 Catfish Beans Hushpuppies Coleslaw Dessert	20 FISHING DAY AND HOTDOG ROAST AT THE RIVERPARK
23 Smoked Sausage and Cabbage Blackeyed Peas Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	24 Smoked Salmon Herb and Lemon Rice Sautéed Vegetables French Breadsticks Salad Dessert	25 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potato Green Beans Buttermilk Biscuit Dessert	26 Cultural Foods Day June birthdays observed	27 Closed For cleaning
30 Corn Chowder Buttermilk Biscuits Salad Dessert				

UKB Regular April Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the UKB Community Services Building April 05, 2008 10:02 a.m. – 3:52 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Sammy Still

III. Roll Call: 10 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared.

- Proctor and Sacks absent at Roll Call

IV. Chief's Address

- Announced there will be an executive session today as the last item on the agenda. Discussion of addendum which had been mailed to all Council members, RE: 1990 Membership Ordinance, Litigations pertaining to the UKB law suits.

- There is confusion associated with "who is relinquished" from tribal membership. People can relinquish by their own act if they are adult and that relinquishment will then be on file in UKB Enrollment. This action does not allow re-enrollment in UKB membership. Enrollment confusion is caused by a 1990 document relating to tribal enrollment which has just become available.

- An individual who is younger than 18 years of age cannot relinquish UKB membership. Relinquishment of a minor child (younger than 18 years) must be the decision of the parent or legal guardian. If a minor is relinquished from UKB membership by their parent or legal guardian that child is not eligible for services from the UKB but when that minor child reaches the age of 18 years, that individual can come, on their own accord, and enroll as a tribal member of the UKB.

- It was learned from the 1990 Membership Ordinance, there were associate members on our tribal membership roll but this current Council has already moved to suspend any additional associate members coming into membership. In the past such members were helpful to the UKB but such a member was not eligible to "hold office" but this did happen and it would be assumed, this happened, because the Keetoowah Council has the power to over-ride any decision.

- The 1990 Membership Ordinance reflects the need to have separate enrollment in order to be eligible for receiving funding. The B.I.A. directed a "separate tribal roll."

- The Gerard Opinion caused no funding for the UKB but Federal Recognition of the UKB could not be taken away. We continue to fight for eligibility of funds.

- In the 1990 Membership Ordinance; Action of Relinquishment can be appealed (to the Enrollment Committee) within a limit of time and the decision of this committee was final.

- (Proctor arrived at 10:13 AM)

- The 1990 Membership Ordinance was prepared in order to get credit for the Base Roll/ '49 Roll. The Keetoowah Society was given the authority in 1906 to continue when CNO was officially terminated. The Keetoowah Society asked the government for authority to continue as a government and such authority was given to the Keetoowah Society.

- The United States government said the 1949 Base Roll is the Roll of the UKB. The 1949 Roll was grandfathered into everything done in 1994.

- As per the 1990 Membership Ordinance; from July 1994 an 8 1/2 X 11 CDIB is required for application for UKB tribal membership. Up until that time a CDIB was not required and membership eligibility was based on the 1949 Base Roll.

- It is federal law, anyone under the age of 18 years cannot act for themselves only the parents or legal guardian can act for an individual younger than 18 years of age. The 1990 Membership Ordinance states; If a parent or guardian relinquishes a minor aged child from UKB membership at 18 years of age the individual can apply for UKB tribal membership because that individual is now considered an adult.

- (Sacks arrived at 10:20 AM)

- UKB has "Dual Members." Those people continue to be members/citizens of CNO while they are members of the United Keetoowah Band. CNO does not require exclusive enrollment to receive services from them. These people are not exclusive members of the UKB and cannot receive services from the UKB or be a candidate for office with the UKB.

- The 1990 Membership Ordinance permitted calculation of Indian Blood Degree from the '49 Roll. There were no CDIB cards until the Dawes Commission. The '49 Roll reflects

those who were a full-blood or at least 1/2 Cherokee blood degree.

- Chief Wickliffe requested Council to study the 1990 Membership Ordinance. Some information has already received some changes.

- The UKB does not recognize the 180 days waiting period that CNO puts on a relinquishment and this was decided by UKB Council action. Some people relinquished from CNO and came into UKB membership then returned to CNO citizenship during the 180 days of CNO's waiting period. This causes dual membership.

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

1. **MOTION** by Eddie Sacks to approve the minutes of March, 2008; **SECONDED** by Joyce Fourkiller; **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (See resolution #08-UKB-29)

VI. Presentations - None

VII. Reports to Council

1. Ken Bellmard: RE: Tobacco Compact
- Need to consider negotiations with the State.

- The state is now renegotiating all tobacco compacts. The state is trying to get all tribes to renegotiate so that expiration dates on all the compacts will be on the same date.

- The UKB will get caught up in this renegotiation on this topic.

- The Creek Nation has already approached the state about entering into contracts with the state. Philip Morris Companies will not sell tobacco products to CNO anymore because they would be violating the compact.

- RE: Attorney Jon Velie issue

- Issue ongoing
- Required appeals have or will be filed as necessary
- LENGTHY DISCUSSION
- Attorney Jon Velie
- Tobacco Compact Situation

2. Don Ade: Indian Health Service (I.H.S.)

- Briefed on his recent trip to Phoenix, AZ, in training on preparation of By-Laws for a Health Care Authority.

- Had prepared a Health Authority Draft of By-Laws for the United Keetoowah Band. This draft was mailed to each member of Council to examine, analyze and make recommendations which would then be incorporated into the final version of these By-Laws for future approval by Council.

- UKB does not have a 638 contract with I.H.S. The Central Medicare, Medicaid Services Administration and the State of Oklahoma has a Memorandum of Agreement that says basically; if an Indian Tribe has a contract with I.H.S. then Oklahoma can conduct business with that tribe and can be reimbursed at full rate.

- Council was informed of attorney cost in reference to Mrs. Naas.

- A training session has been scheduled with Attorney Naas, Council and key UKB staff members, such as Administrative Officer, Federal Programs Director, various committee members, etc.

- I.H.S. must understand we are entitled and they must recognize us for who we are.

- Max Tahsuda is the Oklahoma City Area Indian Affairs Officer. He is the primary focal point of anything having to do with tribal relations in Oklahoma City area and I.H.S. We have sent letters to Bob McSwain and Max Tahsuda has said, "you know McSwain never sees your letters, those are sent here to me."

- CNO has been contracting with I.H.S. for years and the law they are using requires they consult and get consent of the UKB. Now they find themselves with legal violations and they don't know what to do about the UKB.

- Don Ade: To form a Committee at this time is premature. Presently the need is for Council to review the Draft of By-Laws for Health Care Authority and have a decision on this Draft at the April 10th scheduled training then things can move forward.

- Stressed the attendance of training on April 10, 2008.

3. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledeave

MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve/accept 17 new membership applicants into tribal enrollment; **SECONDED** by Joyce Fourkiller; **VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (Sacks not available for vote)(See resolution #08-UKB-04b)

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 7 UKB

members; **SECONDED** by Jerry Hansen; **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions** (See resolution #08-UKB-04c).

VIII. Public Forum

1. Jerry Hansen

- Expressed thanks and appreciation to Sammy Still for holding the Cultural Camp last month. The feedback was very positive. He hoped the camp's budget could be increased in order to reach more people. He then questioned the sewage and sanitation programs operated by CNO and how I.H.S. money could be being used yet Keetoowahs are being denied these services. Water wells and sewers are needed services for UKB members.

- Chief Wickliffe: said Don Ade would check into Jerry's concern regarding water and sewer needs.

- Ken Bellmard: stressed the importance of written documentation when anyone was denied these services from CNO.

- Juanita was informed such membership concerns would be a topic for discussion in Executive Session today in attempting to have a better understanding of this dual enrollment situation.

IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

X. New Business

1. **MOTION** by Charles Locust to approve the nomination of Danny McCarter to the Gaming Commission in filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Jerry Henson; **SECONDED** by Eddie Sacks; **VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (Hansen not available for vote)(See resolution #08-UKB-30)

2. **MOTION** by Woodrow Proctor to approve application for contract renewal for Aid to Tribal Government, Social Services and Indian Child Welfare funding contracts under Public Law 93-638 for fiscal year 2009, 2010, 2011; **SECONDED** by Charles Smoke; **VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (Hansen not available for vote)(See resolution #08-UKB-31)

3. **MOTION** by Shelbi Wofford to approve the submission of application to the United States Department of Agriculture Development Housing Preservation grant Program "Disaster" funding in the amount of \$38, 533.00 for the purpose of rehabilitating the homes of tribal members; **SECONDED** by Eddie Sacks; **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (See resolution #08-UKB-32)

4. **MOTION** by Charles Locust to approve the submission of application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant Program in the amount of \$38, 533.00 for the purpose of rehabilitating the homes of tribal members; **SECONDED** by Eddie Sacks; **VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (Hansen not available for vote)(See resolution #08-UKB-33)

5. **MOTION** by Woodrow Proctor to approve the amendment of UKB Department of Health and Human Services Program Policy and Guidelines (see attached amendment) with addendum; Director of Federal Programs has discretion on decision regarding Emergency Assistance Eligibility; **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (See resolution #08-UKB-34)

6. **MOTION** by Woodrow Proctor to approve the liquidation and closing of the Escrow Account at the Bank of Cherokee County formerly used for the Ross Group Contract to be transferred to General Funds and utilized in elimination of tribal debt; **SECONDED** by Eddie Sacks; **DISCUSSION**; **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (See resolution #08-UKB-35)

7. **MOTION** by Charles Locust to enter into Executive Session to include AG Ken Bellmard for discussion of Relinquishment Notification Letters mailed out by the Tribal Secretary and update on pending legal issues; **SECONDED** by Jerry Hansen; **VOTE: 11 Yes, 1 No (Proctor), 0 Abstentions.** (Time: 12:30 PM)(See resolution #08-UKB-36)

8. **MOTION** by Barry Dotson to exit from Executive Session and return to Regular Council meeting; **SECONDED** by Shelbi Wofford; **VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.** (C. Wofford not available for vote; Time: 3:39 PM)(See resolution #08-UKB-37)

9. **MOTION** by Woodrow Proctor to schedule special Enrollment Committee meeting to include AG Ken Bellmard on April 9, 2008, 6:00 PM in the kitchen of the Enrollment Department with the purpose of reviewing situation on Enrollment status of those members having received letters of notification for need to disprove CNO citizenship and AG Bellmard making decision; **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.**

XI. Announcements

1. **MOTION** by Shelbi Wofford to conduct the May 2008 Council meeting at Lost City School; **SECONDED** by Albert Shade; **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions** (See resolution #08-UKB-38).

2. **MOTION** by Albert Shade to name Dieder Robbins as outstanding Employee of this yearly quarter which will include receiving a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$200 cash award; **SECONDED** by Woodrow Proctor; **VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions**

3. Barry Dotson asked when Elder Checks would be issued. Response: Elder Assistance Program applications would probably be available in the month of May for issuance in the month of June depending on availability of funds.

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor; **SECONDED** by Eddie Sacks; **Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 3:52 PM**

Deadline to Apply for Summer 2008 Elder Assistance is June 13

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will continue to take 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 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 4th between 3 and 5 p.m. at the UKB Wellness Center located on West Willis Road South of Tahlequah. Assistance checks for June applicants will be issued on June 11th and 18th 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..

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 4th working day of the month.

This change of policy was approved during the April 5th Council meeting.

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

Keetoowah Cherokees Participate in Laying of the Wreath Ceremony

In an emotional Memorial Day ceremony, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma honored War Veterans, those Missing in Action (MIA's) and Prisoners Of War (POW's) during a wreath laying ceremony held at the UKB Complex south of Tahlequah. The event was sponsored by the American Legion Riders Chapter 15 of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Over 157 motorcyclists traveled from Muskogee to pay tribute to fallen veterans of all wars and service. "Let's not forget the ones that are over there now. Let's pray for their safety, because someone was praying for us when we were there, and we made it home," said Norman "Hominy" Littledave, United States Air Force Veteran, 1966-1968, now serving as UKB Tribal Community Coordinator.

A crowd of over 200 people were present to witness the laying of the wreaths at the UKB flag poles. "It blessed my heart when Brother Jordan (Carl J. Jordan) asked me if they could come down and do a Memorial service for the fallen comrades. I told him we didn't even have a monument, and he said you don't need a monument, you have three flags. The greatest flag of them all is the United States of America flag," said Littledave.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust also welcomed the American Legion Riders and guests attending the ceremony. "One thing we have to remember is that we have to support our soldiers.

No matter how we feel politically, we have to support them. That's one thing Native Americans can be proud of, how our people have served in the military. This was our homeland first, and we will fight for it no matter what. So let's honor the past and not forget them, that's the way Native Americans feel. We don't forget our ancestors, we don't forget the people of the past, because if it weren't for our ancestors and the sacrifices they have made, we wouldn't be here today," stated Locust. Assistant Chief Locust and the American Legion Riders placed wreaths under the three flags. The UKB Color Guard presented the colors as Post 15 fired a three Volley Salute and played Taps in honor of all fallen comrades.

Chief George Wickliffe ended the ceremony speaking to the audience. "Keetoowah people have served in all of the wars that have happened, served proudly, this is a great and honorable occasion. We're proud of all of the military men and women who have served, and all of the people who have given their lives for the freedom that we enjoy today. Let's continue to enjoy our freedom and to do our best to keep the freedom going here in the United States," stated Chief Wickliffe.

"We are grateful for all who have participated on this special occasion. We want to thank Chief Wickliffe, Assistant Chief Locust, UKB Tribal Secretary Liz Littledave, and the American Legion Riders Chapter 15. A special thank you to

Nellie and Curtis Hunt for their encouragement and hard work," added Littledave.



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band Assistant Chief Charles Locust placed a wreath below the three flags in honor of all Keetoowah soldiers and all members of the United States Armed Forces in recognition of Memorial Day.



MEMBERS OF the American Legion Riders Chapter 15 placed a wreath in honor of fallen American soldiers as well as for M.I.A. and P.O.W.



AMERICAN LEGION Riders Chapter 15 honored fallen comrades with a three Volley Salute followed with the playing of Taps during the May 26 Memorial ceremonies at the United Keetoowah Band complex south of Tahlequah.

Stilwell Strawberry Festival



ROZLYN LOCUST, Junior Miss Keetoowah 2007-2008, rides through downtown Stilwell, during the 61st Annual Strawberry Festival parade.



KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE Casino staff and family members wave to the crowd as they pass by on their float during the 61st Annual Strawberry Festival parade, downtown Stilwell.



MISS KEETOOWAH 2007-2008, Pawnee Crabtree, waves to the crowd as she rides through the 61st Annual Strawberry Festival parade downtown Stilwell.



UKB CHIEF, George Wickliffe, far right, participated in the Annual Strawberry Festival parade May 10 in downtown Stilwell. Pictured on the float with Chief Wickliffe are left to right, Woodrow Proctor, Flint District; Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk, Goingsnake District; Barbara Girty, Illinois District; Charles Smoke, Saline District; Assistant Chief Charles Locust; and Jerry Hansen, Delaware District.

UKB Family Services Clothing Giveaway

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's Family Services Department will be hosting a Clothing Giveaway on Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The UKB Family Services Department is located at 20525 S. Jules Valdez Road. For more information, call (918) 431-0195.