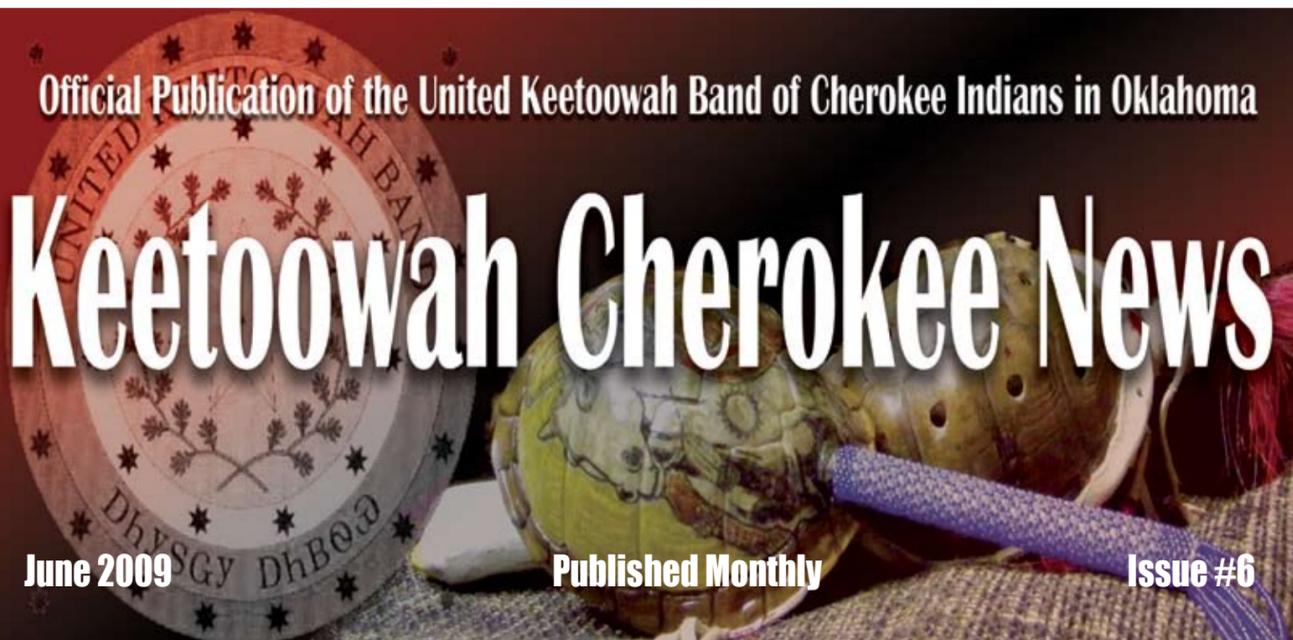


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## Jim Proctor Nutrition Center Completes 1st year in Operation

The UKB Title VI Nutrition Program recently completed its first year in the Jim Proctor Elder Care Center. The facility opened last May and was built to house the Keetoowah Cherokee Nutrition Program. The elder care 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.

The Keetoowah Cherokee Title VI Nutrition Program is one of the UKB tribe's most popular programs. The program serves elders with a CDIB card wonderful meals Monday thru Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at no charge. Persons who do not have a CDIB or those that are under 55 years of age pay only \$3.50 for a wonderful meal that usually includes meat, bread, vegetables, salad, dessert and drink. Exceptions to these menus vary on Fridays, when participants are served breakfast from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The last Friday of the month, the dining room is closed for cleaning. There are 80 to 100 average daily meal participants in the UKB nutrition program.

However, a hot nutritious meal is not all the elders get. They also get friendship and fellowship with their meals. In addition to providing meals to elders, the facility has also been used for meetings and other special events. Special events include a live band the first and second Monday of the month, monthly birthday parties, twice a month fishing trips, bingo, educational sessions, arts and crafts, field trips, holiday parties and elders are treated to dinner and a movie every Tuesday.

One of the most popular special events the program sponsors is a monthly cultural foods day. The cultural foods days are held on the last Thursday of the month. The program provides meats and the participants themselves bring special dishes. One



*UNITED KEETOOWAH Band and community elders enjoy the nutritional meals served at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center provided by the Title IV Program. The Center celebrated it's one-year anniversary on May 16, 2008 dedicating the facility in honor of Jim Proctor, former council representative for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.*

potluck meal included kanuche, brown beans, beets, deer meat, turkey, hog meat, cracklin' bread, boil bean bread, backbones and hominy, mustard greens, fry bread, meatloaf, spaghetti, grape dumplings, bread pudding, peach cobbler and raisin pie. On cultural foods day, Shana Dry of Traditions Home Care Inc. provides free blood sugar and blood pressure screenings as well as donating a birthday cake for the elders monthly birthdays.

The UKB Title VI Nutrition Program staff includes Coordinator Rebecca Dreadfulwater, Kitchen Manager and Cook Doris Jordan, Assistant Kitchen Aide and Meals on Wheels Provider Kendall Budder, and Hostess and Cashier Dora Grayson. Rodney Longest, an employee of the Experience Works program works in the kitchen and as a dishwasher. Several weeks ago, there were two college student volunteers, Stormy Shildt and Terra Snell, helping out for several days.



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

# NOTICE

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



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## Update information for Special Election

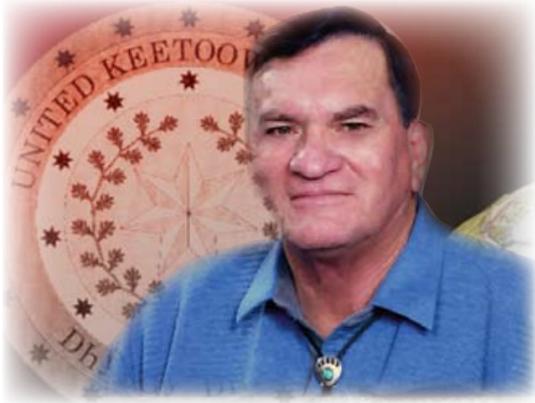
If your mailing address has changed in the last six (6) months, please come to the UKB Enrollment Office and update your mailing address so you will receive a ballot for voting in a special election.

In preparation for an upcoming Special Election to amend the UKB Tribal Constitution, it is important to have current addresses for all UKB members.

This will be a Federal Election completely conducted by the United States Government using their election guidelines. All eligible UKB Voters including those who are 18 to 21 years of age, or those who will be 18 on/by the date of this election, will be allowed to vote.

Voting will be by absentee ballot only. Your current address is necessary in order for you to receive a ballot from the B.I.A. Along with your ballot you will receive a self-addressed stamped envelop for mailing your vote to the B.I.A. The date of this election is unknown at this time.

Please update your mailing address no later than June 30. For more information, call 918-453-9375.



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

for recognized tribes. Recognition also establishes a formal government-to-government relationship between the United States and a tribe. The quasi-sovereign status created by this relationship exempts certain tribal lands from most state and local laws and regulations. Such exemptions generally apply to lands that the federal government has taken in trust for a tribe or its members. Currently, about 54 million acres of land are held in trust. The exemptions also include, where applicable, laws regulating gaming. The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, which regulates Indian gaming operation, permits a tribe to operate casinos on land in trust if the state in which it lies allows casino-like gaming and the tribe has entered into a compact with the state regulating its gaming businesses. In 1999, federally recognized tribes reported an estimated \$10 billion in gaming revenue, surpassing the amounts that the Nevada casinos collected that year. In fiscal year 2001, Indian gaming revenues increased to \$12.7 billion.

Owing to the rights and benefits that accrue with recognition and the controversy surrounding Indian gaming, BIA's regulatory process has been subject to intense scrutiny by groups seeking recognition and other interested parties-including already recognized tribes and affected state and local governments. The controversies surrounding the regulatory process for recognizing tribes continue with two highly anticipated decisions issued in July 2002. In the first decision, the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs determined that two petitioners, the Eastern Pequot Indians of Connecticut and the Paucatuick Eastern Pequot Indians of Connecticut, are derived from a single historical tribe and are therefore recognized as a single tribe. In the second decision, the previous Assistant Secretary's January 2001 decision to recognize the Chinook Indian Tribe/Chinook Nation was reversed by the current Assistant Secretary after the decision was reconsidered at request of the Quinault Indian Nation.

BIA's regulatory process for recognizing tribes was established in 1978. The process requires groups that are petitioning for recognition to submit evidence that they meet certain criteria-basically that the petitioner has continuously existed as an Indian tribe since historic times. Critics of the process claim that it produces inconsistent decisions and takes too long. In November 2001, we reported on BIA's regulatory recognition process, including the criteria for recognizing tribes, and recommended ways to im-

prove int. In particular, we recommended that BIA develop transparent guidelines to provide a clearer understanding of the basis for recognition decisions. We testified on this report in February 2002 before the House Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs. Our testimony today is based on that report and focuses on the application of the criteria that Indian groups must meet under the regulatory process to be granted recognition.

In summary, as we reported in November 2001, the basis for BIA's tribal recognition decisions is not always clear. While there are set criteria that petitioning tribes must meet to be granted recognition, there is no guidance that clearly explains how to interpret key aspects of the criteria. For example, it is not always clear what level of evidence is sufficient to demonstrate that a tribe has continued to exist over a period of time-a key aspect of the criteria. The lack of guidance in this area creates controversy and uncertainty for all parties about the basis for decisions reached. To correct this, we recommended that BIA develop and use transparent guidelines for interpreting key aspects of its recognition decisions. The BIA is completing a strategic plan to implement this recommendation.

### Background

Historically, the U.S. government has granted federal recognition through treaties, congressional acts, or administrative decisions within the executive branch - principally by the Department of the Interior. In a 1977 report to Congress, the American Indian Policy Review Commission criticized the department's tribal recognition policy. Specifically, the report stated that the department's criteria to assess whether a group should be recognized as a tribe were not clear and concluded that a large part of the department's policy depended on which official responded to the group's inquiries. Nevertheless, until the 1960s, the limited number of requests for federal recognition gave the department the flexibility to assess a group's status on a case-by-case basis without formal guidelines. However, in response to an increase in the number of requests for federal recognition, the department determined that it needed a uniform and objective approach to evaluate these requests. In 1978, it established a regulatory process for recognizing tribes whose relationship with the United States had either lapsed or never been established-although tribes may seek recognition through other avenues, such as leg-

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As Chief of the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe, I always try to inform our tribal members and readers about the history of the United Keetoowah Band. I felt that our readers would be interested in the following information in what steps are needed to receive tribal recognition from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Tribes who seek BIA recognition have to relay actual and correct sequential events of their history as one of the criteria before any consideration is taken from the BIA to grant a tribe federal recognition. The following is a statement made by Barry T. Hill, Director of Natural Resources and Environment to the Committee on Indian Affairs, U.S. Senate regarding this issue.

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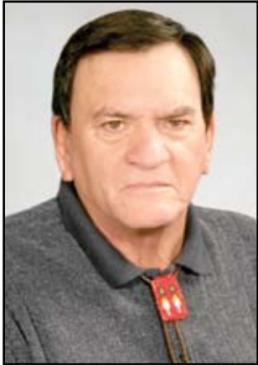
Statement of Barry T. Hill, Director  
Natural Resources and Environment

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss our work on the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) regulatory process for federally recognizing Indian tribes. As you know, federal recognition of an Indian tribe can dramatically affect economic and social conditions for the tribe and the surrounding communities. There are currently 562 recognized tribes with a total membership of about 1.7 million. In addition, several hundred groups are currently seeking recognition.

Federally recognized tribes are eligible to participate in federal assistance programs. In fiscal year 2002, the Congress appropriated about \$5 billion for programs and funding almost exclusively

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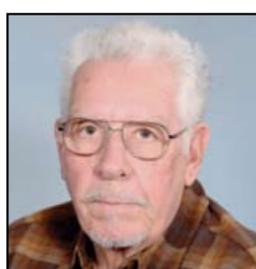
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## Offices Closed on June 19th for Employee Appreciation Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, June 19 for Employee Appreciation Day. Offices will re-open on Monday, June 22 at 8:30 a.m.

## Offices Closed for Independence Day

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Friday, July 3 and Monday, July 6 in observance of Independence Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, July 7 at 8:30 a.m. We wish everyone a safe holiday.

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## UKB June '09 Calendar of Council, District & Special Meetings

- June 6 UKB Regular Council Meeting**, 10 a.m.  
Jim Proctor Elder Center, Tahlequah
- June 11 Sequoyah District Meeting**, 5:30 p.m.  
Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- June 11 Illinois District Meeting**, 6:30 p.m.  
Vian UKB Satellite Office
- June 12 Tahlequah District Meeting**, 6 p.m.  
Keener Baptist Church
- June 19 Tahlequah District Meeting**, 6 p.m.  
UKB Elder Center
- June 20 Flint and Goingsnake District Meeting**  
1-5 p.m. Stilwell Satellite Office
- June 27 Canadian District Meeting**, 12:30 p.m.  
Ataloo Lodge, Bacone Campus Muskogee

\*no other meeting dates available at press time

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isolation or Department of the Interior administrative decisions unconnected to the regulatory process. In addition, not all tribes are eligible for the regulatory process. For example, tribes whose political relationship with the United States has been terminated by Congress, or tribes whose members are officially part of an already recognized tribe, are ineligible to be recognized through the regulatory process and must seek recognition through other avenues.

The regulations lay out seven criteria that a group must meet before it can become a federally recognized tribe. Essentially, these criteria require the petitioner to show that it is descended from a historic tribe and is a distinct community that has continuously existed as a political entity since a time when the federal government broadly acknowledged a political relationship with all Indian tribes. The following are the seven criteria for recognition under the regulatory process:

- The petitioner has been identified as an American Indian entity on a substantially continuous basis since 1900,
- A predominant portion of the petitioning group comprises a distinct community and has existed as a community from historical times until the present,
- The petitioner has maintained political influence or authority over its members as an autonomous entity from historical times until the present,
- The group must provide a copy of its present governing documents and membership criteria,
- The petitioner's membership consists of individuals who descend from a historical Indian tribe or tribes, which combined and functioned as a single autonomous political entity,
- The membership of the petitioning group is composed principally of persons who are not members of any acknowledged North American Indian tribe, and
- Neither the petitioner nor its members are the subject of congressional legislation that has expressly terminated or forbidden recognition.

The burden of proof is on petitioners to provide documentation to satisfy the seven criteria. A technical staff within BIA, consisting of historians, anthropologists, and genealogists, reviews the submitted documentation and makes its recommendations on a proposed finding either for or against recognition. Staff recommendations are subject to review by the department's Office of the Solicitor and senior BIA officials. The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs makes the final decision regarding the proposed finding, which is then published in the Federal Register and a period of public comment, document submission, and response is allowed. The technical staff reviews the comments, documentation, and responses and makes recommendations on a final determination that are subject to the same levels of review as a proposed finding. The process culminates in a final determination by the Assistant Secretary, who, depending on the nature of further evidence submitted, may or may not rule the same as was ruled for the proposed funding. Petitioners and others may file request for reconsideration with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals.

### Clearer Guidance Needed on Criteria and Evidence Use in Recognition Decisions

While we found general agreement on the seven criteria that groups must meet to be granted recognition, there is great potential for disagreement when the question before BIA is whether the level of available evidence is high enough to demonstrate that a petitioner meets the criteria. The need for clearer guidance on criteria and evidence used in recognition decisions became evident in a number of recent cases when the previous Assistant Secretary approved either proposed or final decisions to recognize tribes when the technical staff had recommended against

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recognition. Most recently, the current Assistant Secretary has reversed a decision made by the previous Assistant Secretary. Much of the current controversy surrounding the regulatory process stems from these cases. At the heart of the uncertainties are different positions on what a petitioner must present to support two key aspects of the criteria. In particular, there are differences over (1) what is needed to demonstrate continuous existence and (2) what proportion of members of the petitioning group must demonstrate descent from a historic tribe.

Concerns over what constitutes continuous existence have centered on the allowable gap in time during which there is limited or no evidence that a petitioner has met one or more of the criteria. In one case, the technical staff recommended that a petitioner not be recognized because there was a 70-year period for which there was no evidence that the petitioner satisfied the criteria for continuous existence as a distinct community exhibiting political authority. The technical staff concluded that a 70-year evidentiary gap was too long to support a finding of continuous existence. The staff based its conclusion on precedent established through previous decisions in which the absence of evidence for shorter periods of time had served as grounds for finding that petitioners did not meet these criteria. However, in this case, the previous Assistant Secretary determined that the gap was not critical and issued a proposed finding to recognize the petitioner, concluding that continuous existence could be presumed despite the lack of specific evidence for a 70-year period.

The regulations state that lack of evidence is cause for denial but note that historical situations and inherent limitations in the availability of evidence must be considered. The regulations specifically decline to define a permissible interval during which a group could be presumed to have continued to exist if the group could demonstrate its existence before and after the interval. They further state that establishing a specific interval would be inappropriate because the significance of the interval must be considered in light of the character of the group, its history, and the nature of the available evidence. Finally, the regulations note that experience has shown that historical evidence of tribal existence is often not available in clear, unambiguous packets relating to particular points in time.

Controversy and uncertainty also surround the proportion of a petitioner's membership that must demonstrate that it meets the criterion of descent from a historic Indian tribe. In one case, the technical staff recommended that a petitioner not be recognized because the petitioner could only demonstrate that 48 percent of its members were descendants. The technical staff concluded that finding that the petitioner had satisfied this criterion would have been a departure from precedent established through previous decisions in which petitioners found to meet this criterion had demonstrated a higher percentage of membership descent from a historic tribe. However, in the proposed finding, the Assistant Secretary found that the petitioner satisfied the criterion. The Assistant Secretary told us that although this decision was not consistent with previous decisions by other Assistant Secretaries, he believed the decision to be fair because the standard used for previous decisions was unfairly high.

Again, the regulations intentionally left open key aspects of the criteria to interpretation. In this case they avoid establishing a specific percentage of members required to demonstrate descent because the significance of the percentage varies with the history and nature of the petitioner and the particular reasons why a portion of the membership may not meet the requirements of the criterion. The regulations state only that a petitioner's membership must consist of individuals who descend from historic tribes-no minimum percentage or quantifying term such as "most" or "some" is used. The only additional direction is found in 1997 guidelines, which note that petitioners need not demonstrate the 100 percent of their membership satisfies the criterion.

In updating its regulations in 1994, the department grappled with both these issues and ultimately

determined that key aspects of the criteria should be left open to interpretation to accommodate the unique characteristics of individual petitions. Leaving key aspects open to interpretation increases the risk that the criteria may be applied inconsistently to different petitioners. To mitigate this risk, BIA uses precedents established in past decisions to provide guidance in interpreting key aspects of the criteria. However, the regulations and accompanying guidelines are silent regarding the role of precedent in making decisions or the circumstances that may cause deviation from precedent. Thus, petitioners, third parties, and future decision makers, who may want to consider precedents in past decisions, have difficulty understanding the basis for some decisions. Ultimately, BIA and the Assistant Secretary will still have to make difficult decisions about petitions when it is unclear whether a precedent applies or even exists. Because these circumstances require judgment on the part of the decision maker, public confidence in BIA and the Assistant Secretary as key decision makers is extremely important. A lack of clear and transparent explanations for their decisions could cast doubt on the objectivity of the decision makers, making it difficult for parties on all sides to understand and accept decisions, regardless of the merit or direction of the decisions reached. Accordingly, in our November 2001 report, we recommended that the Secretary of the Interior direct BIA to provide a clearer understanding of the basis used in recognition decisions by developing and using transparent guidelines that help interpret key aspects of the criteria and supporting evidence used in federal recognition decisions. In commenting on a draft of this report, the department generally agreed with this recommendation. To implement the recommendation, the department pledged to formulate a strategic action plan by May 2002. To date, this plan is still in draft form. Officials told us that they anticipate completing the plan soon.

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In conclusion, BIA's recognition process was never intended to be the only way groups could receive federal recognition. Nevertheless, it was intended to provide the Department of the Interior with an objective and uniform approach by establishing specific criteria and a process for evaluating groups seeking federal recognition. It is also the only avenue to federal recognition that has established criteria and a public process for determining whether groups meet the criteria. However, weaknesses in the process have created uncertainty about the basis for recognition decisions, calling into question the objectivity of the process. Without improvements that focus on fixing these and other problems on which we have reported, parties involved in tribal recognition may increasingly look outside of the regulatory process to the Congress or courts to resolve recognition issues, preventing the process from achieving its potential to provide a more uniform approach to tribal recognition. The result could be that the resolution of tribal recognition cases will have less to do with the attributes and qualities of a group as an independent political entity deserving a government-to-government relationship with the United States, and more to do with the resources that petitioners and third parties can marshal to develop successful political and legal strategies.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my prepared statement. I would be happy to respond to any questions you or other Members of the Committee may have at this time.

### Contact and Acknowledgments

For further information, please contact Barry T. Hill on (202) 512-3841. Individuals making key contributions to this testimony and the report on which it was based are Robert Crystal, Charles Egan, Mark Gaffigan, Jeffery Malcolm, and John Yakaitis.

*Berry T. Hill*



VETERAN OF Foreign Wars and Purple Heart recipient, Curtis Hunt, salutes the United States flag after laying the Purple Heart Wreath as United Keetoowah Band Assistant Chief Charles Locust looks on with the UKB Color Guard posting the colors. Assistant Chief Locust earlier placed a wreath honoring the Veterans. "The United Keetoowah Band is small but mighty! All Native Americans honor their warriors with high praise and honor; these are the people who protect us. We honor the veterans for taking care of us and making a safe environment for our children. We owe all Veterans, even the soldiers who are still fighting today and all the Veterans who have gone before us. We must remember and pray for them; this is just a small token of our appreciation for all they have sacrificed for us," stated Assistant Chief Locust.



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

## Former Sequoyah High School Athletes Excel at Sterling College

STERLING, KS -- The Sterling College Warriors' Men's basketball team experienced their most successful season in school history, capped off by the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) regular season championship. Much of their success was due to the efforts of two former Sequoyah High School students, Zach Goodrich and Randy July. Each of them was a key player for the Warriors. Goodrich graduated from Sequoyah in 2007. July attended Sequoyah in 2008.

Goodrich, a 5-7 sophomore point guard from Tahlequah, OK, was a key catalyst for the Warriors. "It seemed almost every big run we went on this year was triggered by Zach," said Coach Jaderston, the third year coach of the Warriors. "He consistently would come up with a big shot or steal when we needed it, and he seemed to get stronger as the game went on."

Goodrich was the conference leader in three-point shooting percentage and steals, finished 14th in scoring, top three in assist and three-pointers made, and was 25th in rebounding. He was named a unanimous KCAC First-Team All-Conference pick.

July, a 6-4 freshman wing starting the season with a bang, scoring double digits in each of his first three games, and making his first six three-point attempts of the season. His high-flying dunks soon became a favorite of the Warriors fans, and provided many a momentum changing score as the season progressed. July averaged 5.9 points per game and was second in blocks with nineteen this season. His highest scoring game came in the conference tournament against Ottawa where he scored 17 points. Coach Jaderston was excited

about the production he had as a freshman. "Randy provides us with an athletic presence that's hard to match against him. He definitely changed games this season. As he matures as a player and gets stronger, he will be unstoppable."

July also received post-season conference honors, being named to the KCAC All-Freshman team along with fellow teammate Trenton Stutzman. Coach Jaderston had this to say about the honor: "It's rare that a team gets two players on the five-member All-Freshman team in a 10 team conference. Last year both Zach (Goodrich) and Cody Brazelton were selected from our team, and I really didn't think we'd get two on the squad again. It's a tribute to Randy's and Trent's consistency and impact play that the coaches in the conference selected both of them."

"I expect both Zach and Randy to be key players next year. They give a 1-2 offensive punch that teams will be hard-pressed to match up with. They also play with a confidence that gets transmitted to other players," said Coach Jaderston. "The future is very bright for Sterling College because of these two."

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma are proud of these athletes and are looking forward to seeing them play on November 28, 2009 at the Sequoyah High School gym.

Sterling College participated in the N.A.I.A. Division II Men's National Tournament, held at Branson, MO on March 10-18, 2009. Sterling College is located at Sterling, KS, 20 miles northwest of Hutchinson, KS.

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

The Keetoowah Cherokee Language, History and Culture Department is looking for traditional Keetoowah Cherokee 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  
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## Public Notice

Child Care Development Fund Hearing set for June 24th. The Hearing will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be located in the Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center. All community members are invited to attend the hearing to review the 2010 Tribal CCDF plan.

## Youth and Elder Culture Days on Tap

The Keener Baptist Church will be hosting Youth and Elder Culture Days June 5 and 6. The event begins Friday, June 5 at 5 p.m. with a potluck dinner followed by craft making and storytelling.

The Camp begins at 9 a.m. Saturday. Crafts such as stickball making, basket weaving, and bow making will be presented. There will be a hog fry at noon. This event is open to anyone interested in learning traditional Cherokee craft making, hearing old Cherokee stories, and socializing.

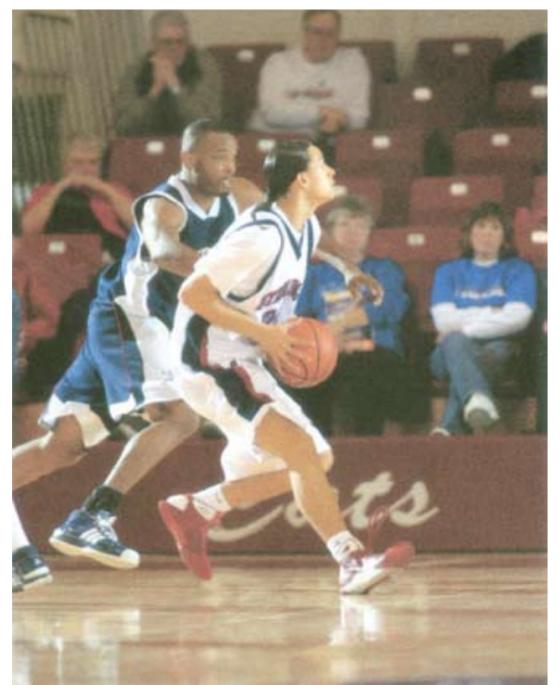
For more information, please contact Hasting Shade at (918) 822-0300.

## Private Well Monitoring Study

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



Zach Goodrich



Randy July

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## EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT



### UKB Employee Gwen Goingsnake Enjoys Helping Others

*GWEN GOINGSNAKE United Keetoowah Band Health and Human Services Director.*

Gwen Goingsnake's lifelong ambition has been to help others. "I enjoy working with people in general, trying to help people who are facing hardships in their life, finding solutions that might help them, just being of service to mankind and tribal members," stated Goingsnake.

Goingsnake is the Director of Health & Human Services for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. She has been involved in social services her entire working career. "I began my career working for Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, and then I moved to California and worked in social work in Los Angeles County," said Goingsnake. She worked with abused children specializing in the American Indian Unit for five years before returning to Oklahoma. She is Keetoowah Cherokee who has always wanted to know the internal workings of her tribe, the political and administrative aspects of the UKB. "I wanted to work for my tribe; I wanted to work with the Keetoowah Cherokee people. I've gotten that opportunity, I am very happy working for the tribe."

Gwen was born and raised in Chewey, Oklahoma just 4 miles from the Chewey Store along the Illinois River. She now lives in Tahlequah and was married to the late Clifford Goingsnake. Gwen has three children, two sons and one daughter and a nephew she has raised since he was 11 years-old. "I consider him my son," added Goingsnake.

She attended Northeastern State University receiving her bachelor's degree in Health & Human Services, continuing her education receiving a master's degree in Human Services from the University of Oklahoma.

The United Keetoowah Band Health & Human Services offer five different programs for their tribal members. There are two separate funded programs with LiHeap, the winter heating and summer cooling programs. Another is the 638 contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs that works with temporary medical disabled members who are unemployable and this program is income based. The General Assistance program allows all age groups to be assisted with household, utilities and other needs that are of emergency nature. The Motor Fuels program is used for medical services to assist payment for prescriptions and gas vouchers for members to travel to Doctor's appointments and attain their medical needs. During the summer the department also dispenses school vouchers to assist school age children from kindergarten to 12th grade for school clothing.

The Health & Human Services department receives 1/12th of its budget each month to assist tribal members, during the first of each month the lobby of the UKB Community Service's Building becomes flooded with members seeking assistances. "I noticed a lot of elders in the filled lobby and many of them had to stand for a length of time. I suggested to my supervisor my concerns for the elders and suggested that we designate the first two or three days for elders only," said Goingsnake. With this need brought forth in front of the council as a resolution, the UKB tribal council passed the resolution allowing the first three days for Health & Human Services to assist the elders. "I like the policy Chief Wickliffe has installed, he has shown compassion for the elders, our disabled people and for our children. This is very important for our tribe, this is the main reason I enjoy working for the UKB because of this approach, we take care of our elders and that makes me very happy," stated Goingsnake.

Goingsnake supervises three regular staff members, a temporary worker and a MELD program worker. She praises her hard working staff and admires her temporary and MELD workers for their hard work in learning the policy and procedures of the department.

For more information or to contact the UKB Health & Human Services you may call; 918-456-8698 or 1-800-259-0093 and ask for the Social Services department.

## T for Texas, T for too early

• Despite initial success, Jimmie Rodgers was denied lifetime acclaim.

BY GLENN C. ALTSCHULER

*[Editor's note: A walk down memory lane; in remembrance to anyone who knew Jimmie Rodgers. Article reprinted with permission from the Tulsa World]*

In 1927, 30-year-old Jimmie Rodgers - a railroad brakeman from Meridian, Miss. - persuaded Ralph Peer, an executive of Victor Records, to give him a shot. On the last day of November, in a studio in Camden, N.M. Rodgers recorded "T for Texas" - a 12-bar blues song with propulsive guitar runs and line-ending "oh-de-lays." Retitled "Blue Yodel," the song was a smash it, and a star was born. Less than six years later, the singer of "T.B Blues" lost his fight with the disease.

Eighty years after his death, his music and his legend live on, freelance journalist Barry Mazor reminds us, in "Meeting Jimmie Rodgers," a valentine to his subject. A "Rorschach inkblot ripe for interpretation," the Rodgers of memory, Mazor maintains, works "both sides of the marketplace": he is a Huck Finn outsider and anti-hero, and an ambitious Tom Sawyer conformist. Generations of musicians, including Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Hank Williams and Bob Dylan, absorbed aspects of his public persona, his sounds and his subjects.

Rodgers songs, Mazor demonstrates, served as a medium of exchange between country music and '50s and '60s rockabilly. Edgy in its time, the sexual boasting, hints of violence and a "keep you on the rough side" centrifugal force appealed to a crossover sensibility. So did his cocky side, his lyrics and the "twist" he gave them.

Although he acknowledges that the lines between pop music genres "were often deliberately blurred," Mazor does not make sufficiently clear that country and rock 'n' roll are best understood as social constructions and not musical conceptions. They were, by and large, what DJs, record producers and performers said they were. That's why Jimmie Rodgers - and so many other singer-song-writers - could be called "the father" of country and rock 'n' roll.

As he celebrates Rodgers' impact and influence, Mazor struggles to assess his debt to African-American artists. He does not doubt that Rodgers knew about Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith and Clara Smith, the "empresses" of 1920s blues. Nonetheless, he claims, persuasively, that Rodgers' adaptations should not be "reduced to the cliché of simple white-from-black appropriation."

His lyric, "When a women [sic] gets the blues, she hangs her head and cries; when a man gets blue, he grabs a train and rides," for example, introduced distinctive emotional and narrative implications. Blues songs, then, were the product of overlapping sensibilities, related repertoires, and constant conversation within an extended family.

For 14 years in the '30s and '40s, with the exception of "the Soldier's Sweetheart/The Sailor's Plea," none of Rodgers' records was released. Despite support from Ernest Tubb, Hank Snow and other country heavyweights, sales of his re-issues were slow until the mid-1950s.

Mazor attributes the revival to "rising affection for the safely past" Roaring Twenties - and an end to segregation that prepared the way for the flowering of country music and the ascendancy of rock 'n' roll.

Even after you meet - and listen to - Bruce Mazor's Jimmie Rodgers, he remains something of an enigma, a "Singing Brakeman" on a mystery train more wanted dead than alive.

## Have you applied for your graduation bonus?

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Education Department began 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.

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.

## Deadline to Apply for Keetoowah Cherokee Elder Assistance is June 12

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will continue taking applications for the Summer 2009 Elder Assistance program through June 12. This program provides UKB 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.

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 3rd 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 10th and 17th between 3 and 5 p.m. at the UKB Accounting Office at 2450 S. Muskogee Avenue in Tahlequah. June 17, 2008 will be the last day of check disbursement this summer.

## The Ancestors' Voice ~ UKB Language, History and Culture Department

(The following story was submitted to the "Indian-Pioneer History Prize Contest," July 1, 1937 by students at the Sequoyah Indian Training School, and is now part of the Indian-Pioneer papers collection at the Oklahoma Historical Society.)

### How the Deer Got His Antlers

By Mary Sam

This legend I am about to tell was told me by a Cherokee friend. The name of it is "How the deer got his antlers." This story tells how the Cherokees believed that the deer got his antlers.

Long, long, long time ago this world was once an animal kingdom. In those days, the coyote and the deer were noted for their swiftness.

Every summer or late in Spring, the animals would all meet together and compete with one another in games and races. The winner of

these different events that took place on that day was usually given a prize by the judge, who was the bear.

These animals would meet every summer and plan the different things that would take place the next meeting. So this time, the judge, the bear, said that he would give away a pair of pearl antlers to the winner of about a five mile race or more.

The animals chattered among themselves, and decided that they would like to know which were the faster, the coyotes or the deer, so the judge said they would race.

So these two animals went in training that winter so as to be ready for the event the next summer/

It seemed as if that year flew by for the animals.

Then summer came, and the animals met again.

Mr. Bear took his seat on a throne under a big shady tree. He called out the different events which were to take place. The games and races took place once again in the evergreen forest, and each did his best in trying to win the prize.

Then finally the race between the coyote and the deer was called out, and each took his place by the throne where the starting line was marked. The judge gave the signal, and the races started off.

On and on they went, side by side, till finally the reindeer, who had not been taking long leaps, took his long, long leaps and came to the finishing line about a foot ahead of the coyote.

The judge came down from his throne with the shining pearl antlers and placed them on the head of the deer.

So now you have heard how the Indians believe the deer got his antlers.

## Keetoowah Cherokee Artists Can Submit Work to the Smithsonian's Museum Shops

The UKB's Language, History and Culture Department is offering assistance to Keetoowah Cherokee artists in having their work considered for sale in several of the Smithsonian's shops. The two main stores are located in Washington, D.C. and New York.

In order to be considered as a vendor, there are a number of items necessary to submit to the Smithsonian, including a product proposal, letter of authenticity, photos and more. Contact Lisa Stopp at 918-772-4389 to set up an appointment to complete the process.

## Blaine Bailey Student of the Month



Student of the Month: Blaine Bailey was awarded Student of the Month for April 2009. He is in the 1st grade at Cherokee Elementary. He loves to read and is reading 3rd grade level and is at the top of his class. He's already started on a chapter book about Tom Sawyer. He is the son of Lilly Roberts and Daniel Gourd and is the big brother of Danayah. He is the grandson of Becky Dreadfulwater (Title VI) and his family and friends are proud of his achievements. He is a UKB member of the Tahlequah District.

### Attention Graduates

## Keetoowah News To Feature Graduates in July Issue

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

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

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



JEREMY CHUCULATE, seated, signed with Bacone College on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Pictured are left to right, Randall Cummings, School Board President; Amanda S. Chuculate, Aunt; Saren Chuculate, Cousin; Bill Neal, Bacone Assistant Coach; and Adam Chuculate, Uncle. Chuculate attended Oaks School, where he pitched and played third base for the Oaks School baseball team. He received the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award for both Westville and Welch tournaments and was awarded the Cy Young Award. Chuculate will attend Bacone College this fall and plans to major in the field of Pediatrics.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu June 2009				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Oven Fried chicken Corn Salad Hot Roll Dessert	2 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Salad Dessert	3 Bar-B-Que Brisket On Bun Baked Beans Salad Dessert	4 Brown Beans Jalapeno Cornbread Salad Dessert	5 BRUNCH Served from 10:30-12:00
8 Mac & Cheese w/Little Smokies Green Beans Breadsticks Salad Dessert	9 Cabbage w/ Smoke Sausage Black Eyed peas Corn Muffins	10 Frito Chili Pie w/Fixins salad Dessert	11 B-B-Q Smokies Baked Beans Texas Toast Coleslaw Dessert	12 Fishing day @ River park 11:30- ???
15 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Pot. Bread Brown Gravy Green Beans	16 Green Pepper Steak W/Rice Salad Grilled Veggies Roll & Dessert	17 Chicken Tenders Potato Casserole Bread & Salad	18 Pizza Caesar Salad Dessert	19 Closed
22 Lasagna Peas Salad Garlic toast Dessert	23 Beef Stew Salad Cornbread Dessert	24 Beef Stroganoff Broccoli Breadsticks Salad	25 Cultural Day & June Birthdays	26 Closed for Cleaning
29 Beef Tips w/ Brown Gravy Brussel Sprouts Breadsticks Dessert	30 Spaghetti & Meatballs Broccoli Garlic Toast Salad Dessert			

# UKB Regular April Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting  
At the Jim Proctor Elder Care Center  
April 11, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

(NOTE: Meeting rescheduled from 04/03/2009 due to awaiting decision on Trust Land)

**I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe (10:04 AM)**

**II. Invocation:** Sammy Still

**III. Roll Call:** 12 + Chief answered Roll Call.

## IV. Chief's Address

- Reminded Council of the letter he sent to them relating to information received from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, George Skibine.

- He read a letter from Skibine, regarding the Secretarial Election. Our legal representative stated confidence in receiving a positive decision on this. The UKB mailed a request that the Assistant Secretary of the Interior take our jurisdiction on the appeal relating to the Secretarial Election based on a lack of confidence in the decision making of the Regional Director of the B.I.A., especially when it involved the UKB. This document of request was mailed directly to Kenneth Salazar, Secretary of the Interior, but we must first go through the local B.I.A.

- On 04/03/2009 we received a letter from George Skibine, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, stating; a request for a Secretarial Election must first go through the Regional Director's office and that would be Janette Hannah. Such request has already been sent to the Muskoogee office. He (Chief Wickliffe) does not believe Ms. Hannah can deny our request because an act was passed by congress; where tribes have a right to approve a resolution to bypass the Secretary of the Interior. The Constitution of the United Keetoowahs, which was approved by Congress, states the process for bypass of the B.I.A. This special election is to be held within 90 days of Janette Hannah receiving the UKB's request for a Secretarial Election. This special election is the opportunity to take land into trust if decided to do so by a vote of Keetoowah voters.

- George Skibine has requested an extension of time in regard to the decision on the Trust Land application from April 6, 2009, to no later than May 25th.

In February 2009, in a United States Supreme Court case regarding the legal authority of the Interior Secretary to take lands in Trust was rendered and has created general confusion within the Interior regarding how to proceed with any Land in Trust Applications. The UKB has filed a legal brief explaining why the Secretary has authority to proceed with the Trust Land application of the UKB.

On March 31, 2009 the Assistant Secretary of the Interior issued a formal order regarding the appeal of the UKB stating: He will extend the date by which his decision was expected from April 6, 2009 to no later than May 25, 2009. It is the Keetoowahs' belief that the draft appeal decision is being reviewed within the interior and a proposed decision on Land in Trust application would be presented for review of Skibine. UKB Attorneys will keep us current in this situation.

There has been great progress during this administration. Much credit must be given to the hard work of our attorneys and if it wasn't for the preachers and church, pastors who approved the beginning of bingo for the Keetoowahs, we would not be where we are today. Dianne Barker-Harrod, deserves much credit and appreciation for getting our casino property declared to be "Indian Country." This case was referred to Federal Court by the State's attorney general. Federal Judge Ronald White received the case and he remanded case back to Washington for their determination of "what is Indian Country" but to this day Washington has not responded. The UKB Casino and our vehicle tags are legal. The UKB is a sovereign tribe.

Nothing positive would have happened if it had not been for our elders and their decision to open a bingo hall. Such a decision must have been difficult because these decision makers were Christian people and pastors of churches who approved "bingo". The teaching of the bible when Jesus was crucified and Roman Soldiers "shot dice" on His robe must have been heavy on their hearts.

Referred to suggestions for names to consider for setting in committee members. He prepared a list for different committees based on names which had been presented for consideration of such placement. Document of his placements was presented to each Council member. Council members cannot dominate a decision. 2 officers, Littledave will serve on the Enrollment Committee and Worley will serve on the Budget and Finance Committee as Chairpersons because of their direct involvement with those committees. At least two Council members are named on each committee. The complete lists of named persons can be approved at the completion of this Council meeting or Council can return for discussion and decision at the regular scheduled Council meeting in the month of May. Chairpersons can only vote in the event of a tie vote.

Administration continues to keep current with the business of the tribe.

We move on concerns/problems as soon as we are made aware of such.

Situations in 2002 and 2003 continue to require our attention. We are still called upon to comply with requirements that were left undone during 2002-2003, etc.

There are stated concerns about our process of membership. The 1990 Membership Ordinance wherein; the 1949 Roll was the Base Roll, then we were told to have an Exclusive Membership Roll.

There were attorneys who assisted in complying with this ordinance. The UKB is not showing favoritism in reference to membership. The UKB Enrollment is conducting membership process according to how the ordinance was/is written and passed by resolutions. Enrollment decisions are based on rules.

Services for UKB members are not allowed for dual members.

## V. Approval of the minutes for the month of March 2009

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the Council minutes of March 2009; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

## VI. Presentations -

1. Joyce Fourkiller regarding the Policy for Special School Spending Projects. She reported the Education Department Budget could not support this project, therefore; current policy remains as is. Mrs. Fourkiller presented minutes of the Education Committee meeting in reference to the business of this topic. Subject was referred back to Council.

### • DISCUSSION:

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to refer Special Spending Education Projects Policy from Education Committee to the Budget and Finance Committee. This Special Project would only be in reference to "State Championship Rings;" SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. Barry Dotson: thanked Assistant Chief and the Secretary for seeing that program representative, Gwen Goingsnake, came to Marble City and spoke to the people in reference to their nutrition program.

• Seems problems weren't as bad as was initially told.  
• Marble City people seem to have given CNO "the boot" in reference to this situation.  
• He asked if UKB would give assistance every-ounce-in-a-while to this Marble City program.  
• A meeting at Marble City, where there seems to be problems but not too much is known about that, a Council person from CNO was at the Nicut meeting, (Ms. Fullbright). She was asking the people not to be mad at CNO. Mr. Dotson reported the Nicut program is building funds by bake sales, etc.

3. Betty Holcomb: thanked everyone for help in the benefit held for her grandson, Michael Hudson.

4. Barry Dotson: stated he understood suggested committee member names were to be submitted today and he had the name of a Keetoowah member who was interested in serving on the Budget and Finance Committee or the Elder Committee.

Chief Wickliffe: responded saying the person would be considered and a decision would be made by the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

5. Joyce Fourkiller: announced Betty Griggs had resigned from the Education Committee.

6. Barbara Girty: informed a tribal member from her district was interested in serving on the Education Committee.

Chief Wickliffe: responded by saying the person would be considered and a decision would be made by the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

7. Betty Holcomb: inquired of status for "Emergency Management Program," she asked if such had been formed.

Chief Wickliffe: stated this question should receive attention in May's Council Meeting.

8. Barbara Girty: in last month's Elder Committee Meeting John Goodrich stated he would be unable to serve on the committee any longer and the committee recommended placing Robert Whitekiller on this committee.

Chief Wickliffe: responded by saying consideration would be given to this recommendation. He also reminded Council of the list of committee members they had in their possession and a final decision would be made on listed committee members at May's Council meeting. Only the names submitted today from Barry Dotson and Barbara Girty of those people interested in committee positions will be considered in addition to those already listed as placed on committees. Chief Wickliffe stated the Tax Commission will be viewed separately because it's a commission and not a committee. It will be studied to find the difference between a commission and a committee.

DISCUSSION: Department Committees

Eddie Sacks: inquired if all named persons listed had agreed to serve on the Health Committee.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve named committee members for the Health Board, Enrollment Committee, Budget and Finance Committee and Grievance/Personnel Committee as presented by Chief Wickliffe; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen (Robert Whitekiller and Cliff Wofford stated they agreed to serve on the Enrollment Committee. All others named on the list had already verified their agreement to serve); VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

NOTE: Secretary Littledave informed each of the four committees would be individualized on separate resolutions.

Charles Locust verified with Jerry Hansen

and Robert Whitekiller they agreed to serve on the Grievance/Personnel Committee.

Eddie Sacks clarified his previous motion to approve the people named on the four committees contingent on if those persons agreed to be placed on those respective committees

## VII. Reports to Council

1. Barry Dotson: informed Sammy Sevenstar had passed away.  
- Chief Wickliffe: informed assistance of stated request from family had already been provided.

2. Betty Holcomb: had visited a member who was in need of assistance but was not knowledgeable of who to see about his needs. She asked who this member needed to talk with. She was referred to the Human Services Department.

3. Enrollment Report: Liz Littledave

18 Applications for membership

3 C.D.I.B. cards issued to children between 0-3 years of age.

21 Total New Members

9 Requests for relinquishment of membership from UKB Enrollment

NOTE: Many who requested relinquishment stated the necessity for leaving UKB was in order to work on Summer Employment Program they must be members of CNO. Reminded any of these persons who are of minor age could return to UKB upon reaching the age of 18 years.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve/accept 21 new members into tribal membership (This does include 3 C.D.I.B. issued to a child between the ages of 0-3 years); SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 9 UKB members from UKB Membership Rolls; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

## VIII. Public Forum

1. Don Ade: announced Census Testing for 2010 Census is scheduled for April 16, 2009, 8:00 AM at the Wellness Center. Rate of pay is around \$10.00 - \$15.00 per hour with mileage based on GSA rate. Census takers would be considered a temporary special federal employee.

2. John Hair: current Council is much improved in comparison with past Councils. He then announced a "hog fry" today at the residence of David and Linda Jumper. The residence is located a mile west of Kenwood Store. They are a family who received a F.E.M.A. house-trailer and they wish to express their appreciation for receiving such. He was asked by the family to give Council a special thank you.

3. Wesley Proctor: announced and invited everyone and their friends to the first Keetoowah Veterans Pow-Wow held in honor of all Native American Veterans. This event is scheduled for May 16, 2009 from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the UKB Celebration Grounds.

4. Cindy Hair: reported and presented a handout report on the "Culture Camp" of March 16-20, 2009. The event was held at the Celebration Grounds. She reported the camp was a success and children were already asking if such would be held next year. She thanked all volunteers, the tribe for support and the Lighthouse for keeping the fire going throughout the nights, and all others. She gave a special thank you for the help performed by Tribal Treasurer Ella Mae Worley.

Councilman Hansen spoke highly of his personal observation of this camp activity and attendance. He suggested more notice to Council for possibly Council attendance.

5. Jerry Hansen: reported a CNO citizen had informed him there was money available at CNO for cemetery maintenance. He was going to check into this and if anyone was interested contact him and he would contact the person to see at CNO about this. Jerry stated the cemetery he takes care of is in need of a mower and if such was available through CNO he would go after such.

Chief Wickliffe: stated it was the responsibility of county commissioners to keep the grass mowed.

6. Betty Holcomb: stated the Special Projects Department needed to be acknowledged for their sponsoring the Easter Celebration of last Saturday, 04/04/2009.

7. Barry Dotson: announced the Walkingstick Cemetery located just inside the Cherokee County line was in need of maintenance but he was unaware as to who should be approached on details of this cemetery.

Lisa Stopp: will follow up with the County Commissioner in that county to see what they can/will do about caring for the Walkingstick cemetery.

8. Robert Whitekiller: inquired of cemeteries that were locked.

Lisa Stopp: informed state law requires the land owner must provide easement for the family to come for visits and regular maintenance. There must be an effort to contact the land owner. She volunteered

her help in easement arrangement.

9. Barry Dotson: informed Anita Bird's housing needs are serious. He stated how she could fall through the porch. Tim Good Voice and Bryan Shade will follow up on this.

## IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

## X. New Business

1. Detailed information on need of Historical Preservation account and source of funds for deposits into account by Lisa Stopp.

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the closing of "The Legal Fund Account" at the Bank of Cherokee County # 3935, an inactive account, to be re-opened under the same name and be restyled to read; Historic Preservation Account; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove to authorize UKB Chief or his designee to prepare and submit a proposal to the Indian Health Service expressing intent to contract the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering Programs, Functions, Services and Activities

Don Ade reported on item #2. This is a contract proposal: This proposal is under 638 authority. He stated more time was needed to work out some questions. He stated he and Tim Good Voice would work on this project. He asked that agenda item # X, 2 be tabled for the next regular meeting of Council. Mr. Good Voice agreed with Mr. Ade's request to table.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to table agenda item #X, 2 until May 2009 Council meeting; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

3. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove revisions of the current Election Ordinance

Presented by Leroy Adair, Election Board Chairman.

Some voter list notebooks have not been returned.

March 25, 2009 seven certified letters of reminders were mailed out. The deadline for return of these voter list notebooks was March 31, 2009. 4 of those 7 have now been returned.

At filing as a candidate in the election, each signed an agreement of understanding, whereas; their voters list would be returned 10 days after the election.

Election Board has reviewed current ordinance and discovered some wording needed change.

Revised copies of the Election Ordinance was presented to each Council member for their review. He stressed this copy was a draft copy. He stated to present written or telephoned questions to the Election Board or Tribal Secretary.

This revised ordinance will be brought back on the May Council meeting agenda for a discussion and vote of approval by the Council.

Friendly discussion continued.

MOTION by Charles Smoke to require the Election Board to mail registered letter to those three people, who had not returned their voters list, giving them thirty (30) days to respond to the Election Board; SECONDED by Betty Holcomb; VOTE: 11 Yes, 1 No (Proctor), 0 Abstentions.

4. Council discussion to vote to approve/disapprove acceptance of the Revised Gaming Ordinance as revised 01/14/2009. The author of this item, Joe Bunch, asked this item to be tabled until the May Council meeting.

MOTION by Charles Locust to table agenda item # X, 4 until the May Council meeting; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

5. To pass Child Support Enforcement Code. (Detailed explanation by AG Ken Bellmard)

## LENGTHY DISCUSSION

MOTION by Charles Locust to table Child Support Enforcement Code item until the May Council meeting; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

## XI. Announcements

1. Charles Locust announced he and Chief Wickliffe would be speaking at NSU during the symposium. Chief Wickliffe will speak on the Keetoowah-Cherokee language on April 16, 2009 and Assistant Chief Locust will speak on Keetoowah History on April 17, 2009. Presentation will be between 2:30-4:30 PM, each presentation will be in different locations on NSU campus.

(NOTE: this will be the first time UKB has been scheduled at this event.)

## XII. Benediction: John Hair

## XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; Approved by affirmation.  
Time - 1:30 PM

# May Memories



MISS INDIAN World, Brooke Grant, center, a member of the Chippewa tribe, stands with Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, Samantha Keen, left, and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Kristy Feather Daugherty, right, for a photo opportunity during this year's 26th Annual Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, NM.



KRISTY FEATHER Daugherty, left, Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee and Samantha Keen, right, Miss Keetoowah Cherokee participated in the Gourd Dance during the "Honor of the Veterans" Gourd Dance held in the UKB Wellness Center, May 16.



UKB CHIEF George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust wave to the crowds gathered along the parade route during the annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival May 9.



SAMANTHA KEEN, Miss Keetoowah Cherokee waves to the crowd during the annual Strawberry Festival in Stilwell, OK. In the background is Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, Kristy Feather Daugherty, as she waves to the many people attending the annual festival.



THE KEETOOWAH Cherokee Casino's float won 2nd Place in the Open Division at the Annual Strawberry Festival in Stilwell, May 9.



MEMBERS OF the Roger's State College TriO Program toured the United Keetoowah Band offices and visited with Keetoowah Cherokee Chief George Wickliffe recently. Pictured left to right are, Susan Bedwell, Cornice Wilson, Chief Wickliffe, Chris Zodrow, and Julie Dawes.



SEQUOYAH DISTRICT Representative, Barry Dotson and United Keetoowah Band council representatives along with former UKB Chief John Hair, wave to the hundreds of people who attended the annual Strawberry Festival in Stilwell, OK.



VETERANS AND Active Duty Soldiers were honored at the "Honor of the Veterans" Gourd Dance, Saturday, May 16 held at the United Keetoowah Band Wellness Center. Gourd Dancing began 2 p.m. with a meal served to all who attended the Gourd Dance at 5 p.m. and dancing continuing until 8 p.m.