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Honoring Our Elders

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma values the Elders and their contributions to the tribe. In the summer of 2006, the tribal council voted to implement the Elderly Assistance Program, and tribal elders were given \$200 in financial assistance.

The only requirement was that the member be 55 years of age or older, and be an exclusive UKB tribal member. Tribal Secretary Liz Littledave said, "This program began based on the administration's desire to give to the elders of the tribe. It illustrates the admin-

istration's love and respect for the elders and their sincere caring for family."

Elders also received assistance in December, and in June 2007, received another \$200 in assistance. On the first round of check disbursements this summer, 420 elders were served, totaling \$84,000. Elders continue to apply and receive the checks, with July 27th being the last day to apply for the summer elder program. We have included comments on page 12 from some of the elders as they picked up their checks.



UKB Tribal Elders line up to receive their Elderly Assistance checks on June 20th.



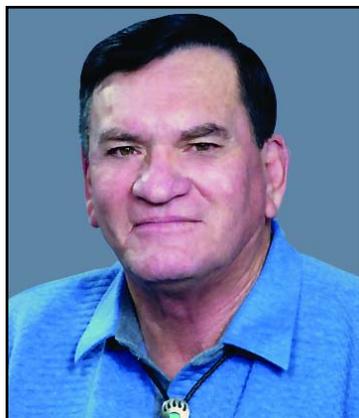
Everyone is all smiles as they enter the UKB Wellness Center to pick up their checks.

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A Letter to the UKB People

From Chief George Wickliffe

schools or college. We offer graduation bonuses to those who successfully complete these programs.

I am pleased that the tribe is able to offer the UKB College Financial Assistance Program, which provides \$1,500 per semester to qualified college students to help with education expenses. Our Education Department can help you see if you are qualified, and how to get into the trade school or college you want to go to.

Later in the month, we will

Dear Tribal Members,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our 2007 graduates and to let them know how proud we are of their accomplishments. I am impressed with our high school graduates, and the fact that so many of them have plans for the fall to further their education through trade

begin our 5th Annual School Supply and Clothing Voucher program which helps hundreds of Keetoowah families get ready to send their children back to school. Taking care of our young people is an investment in the future of the tribe.

The Keetoowahs have always placed an importance on our youth and our elders. Twice a year, we provide an assistance check to Keetoowah Cherokee elders 55 years old and older. Taking care of each other is the Keetoowah Cherokee Tradition. If you see someone in need, give them a hand, the best you can.

May God Bless All the Keetoowah Cherokee People

A Tribute to UKB Supporter Fred Schaefer

The measure of a man is not by status or wealth, but by the lives he touches. Fred Schaefer's measure is great for this very reason. Tragically Fred's life was cut short and although he is not here with us physically, he will always be present in the hearts and minds of those fortunate enough to have known him.

Fred was a friend to the United Keetoowah Band and supported many Keetoowah Cherokee special events, including the Keetoowah Celebration. He had a soft spot in his heart for the traditional Cherokee people and he helped the tribe feed the masses on these special occasions and was very generous in doing so.

In his career with Menu Maker Foods and Mr. G's Meats, Fred was instrumental in growing the organizations into new territories such as Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma. Devoted in life to his family and the people he worked with it is no wonder why is greatly missed and so widely respected. We join many others as we celebrate his life, smiling as we remember a man that will be missed, but never forgotten.



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UKB Regular Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
UKB Stilwell Satellite Office
May 05, 2007
10 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Liz Little-dave

III. Roll Call: 9 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared. (Hansen, Sacks and Smoke did not answer roll call)

IV. Chief's Address

There would be a meeting in Washington on May 15, 2007 to discuss a settlement agreement regarding the Arkansas Riverbed Case. CNO wanted a 12 member appellate court to review the Riverbed Case but there is no real concern for this happening. This case looks good for the UKB.

- Court cases other than the Arkansas Case continue. Cases such as the application for Trust Land, Housing, etc.

- Governor Beebe had voiced opposition to the Arkansas Casino project but Ft. Smith business support a casino. The Fort Smith City Council/Board of Directors have written letters in support of this project. The most recent poll reflects 72% in support of a casino.

- UKB always relies on God. He has always helped us. He points the way. We always hold hands and will never give up. Our elders told us one day we would rise up again. We should never be ashamed to say we are Keetoowah-Cherokee.

- The Joint Council Meeting scheduled for June 2, 2007, with CNO has been cancelled. The reason for this cancellation is stated as CNO

being unable to have a quorum. It is now their suggestion this Joint Council Meeting should be on July 14, 2007. UKB will continue to plan for this meeting with CNO which hopefully will lead to a Joint Council Meeting of UKB, CNO and Eastern Band. Due to the importance of having a joint meeting with CNO the UKB Council had changed the date of June's monthly Council meeting.

V. Approval of the minutes for April 2007

1. MOTION by Barry Dotson, to approve the April Council minutes; **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; **VOTE:** 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions (C. Wofford) (Hansen, Smoke and Sacks absent).

VI. Presentations

1. Leroy Adair: Presented drafts of purposed revisions in Election Ordinances to each Council Member. Invited Council Members to enter their input on the back of the pages. Requested drafts be returned to the Tribal Secretary by September and the Election Board members would pick them up from the Tribal Secretary. Stated attorney (s) had not yet reviewed the purposed revisions. Encouraged thoughtful and careful study of the draft contents

2. Jessica Cooper and Sheila Barr-Brown: Family Church Camp 2007

- Video presentation on Family Camp held at Cherokee Baptist Assembly grounds

- Request for financial support for the camp. Charles Locust directed this financial request be submitted in writing to the Gaming Board on Tuesday, May 08, 2007 at 4:30 PM.

VII. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. Education: Barbara Girty: Requested Council's approval to move \$15,000.00 from Adult Basic Education to Vo-Tech. This is general funds and already in the budget. Request approved by affirmation.

2. Elder Committee: Woodrow Proctor: Informed Committee had conducted first meeting and had set-in officers, namely: Frank Mink as Chairman, John Hair as Vice Chairman and Barbara Girty as Secretary with Dora Grayson as Alternate Secretary. Woodrow Proctor announced that he wished to step down from the Elder Committee.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to appoint Rev. John Goodrich to the vacated position on the Elder Committee, caused by Mr. Proctor's resignation/step-down; **SECONDED** by Charles Smoke; **VOTE:** 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

- Woodrow Proctor suggested, in addition to those already seated on the Elder Committee, each district representative submit name (s) of elders from their district to serve on this committee, with smaller districts submitting one name and larger committees submitting two names. This would encourage direct involvement of community people.

3. MOTION by Albert Shade to approve all exclusive tribal members between the ages of 55-64 who have been a member for one year as eligible for receiving Elder Assistance and those exclusive members 65 and older become immediately eligible for Elder Assistance (effec-

tive June 1, 2007); **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; **VOTE:** 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

4. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve an increase of Committee Stipends from \$25.00 to \$50.00 effective immediately with individual Council Committee Members having the option of accepting this increase; **SECONDED** by Woodrow Proctor; **VOTE:** 9 Yes, 2 No (Dotson, Shade), 0 Abstentions (C. Wofford).

5. Charles Locust: Presented a "draft" of suggestions on RAP "Emergency Eligibility Criteria." He stressed the importance of encouraging UKB members to become self-sufficient and helping the tribe/band to be more efficient in use of money. NOTE: Councilman Eddie Sacks arrived.

6. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept 42 new membership applications into Tribal Membership; **SECONDED** by Shelbi Wofford; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to acknowledge and honor 2 requests for relinquishment of membership; **SECONDED** by Shelbi Wofford; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

VIII. Public Forum

IX. Unfinished Business

1. MOTION by Barbara Girty to appoint Kristine Pedrick and Betty Griggs to the Education Committee ; **SECONDED** by Shelbi Wofford; **VOTE:** 7 Yes, 5 No (Hansen, Locust, Littledave, Proctor, Shade), 0 Abstentions.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve the appointment of Woodrow Proctor as an alternate member on the EDA Board; **SECONDED**

by Jerry Hansen; **VOTE:** 10 Yes, 1 No (Shade), 0 Abstentions (Hansen not available at vote).

2. MOTION by Charles Locust to table agenda item X,2 (RE: filling vacancy on KCI Board) and Council will submit names for consideration of filling this vacancy at the next regular scheduled Council Meeting; **SECONDED** by Cliff Wofford; **VOTE:** 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (C. Wofford not available at vote).

3. MOTION by Charles Locust to enter into Executive Session to include AG, Ken Bellmard for discussion of the Arkansas Riverbed, Discretionary Funds and Filing of Injunction; **SECONDED** by Jerry Hansen; **VOTE:** 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention (TIME: 1:25).

4. MOTION by Shelbi Wofford to exit from Executive Session and return to regular Council Meeting Session; **SECONDED** by Jerry Hansen; **VOTE:** 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (C. Wofford not available at vote; TIME: 2:30).

5. MOTION by Albert Shade to authorize the Budget and Finance Committee to re-allocate \$45,000.00 from General Funds; **SECONDED** by Charles Locust; **VOTE:** 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (C. Wofford not available at vote).

XI. Announcements

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Eddie Sacks, **SECONDED** by Joyce Fourkiller; Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 2:45 PM

Tribe Opens Drug Treatment Facility

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's Economic Development Authority opened another business in late June. As well as being a source of income and providing jobs in the area, the Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services Facility will also assist individuals who are fighting addictions, including methamphetamine addiction. The center is open to all races of people, not just Native Americans. The Center is located in Tulsa, at 2727 E. Admiral Place. The phone number is (918) 835-3017.

According to a government study that compared eleven racial/ethnic groups, Native Americans had the

highest percentage of illicit drug use (20%) among all the groups. These types of statistics, combined with the prevalence of methamphetamine use (Oklahoma



was formerly ranked as one the top five states in the nation for manufacturing, and addiction) led tribal leaders to investigate the feasibility of a drug treat-

ment center.

The tribe partners with Native Health Systems, which provides services to tribes for their health and economic development programs. NHS partners with tribes throughout the country to create and administer innovative clinical health services to improve the lives of the tribal members and the surrounding communities. NHS will help with any need identified in medical program initiation and management.

At an open house and ribbon cutting held earlier last month, tribal councilor Joyce Fourkiller led the group in prayer asking the Creator to bless the lives of everyone, their families, and

especially their children, that came to the center for a better life. Not only is the prayer of the UKB, it is

also the goal of the Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Center.

UKB July '07 Calendar of Council and Special Meetings

- July 7** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m. Tahlequah Community Services Building
- July 12** Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- July 12** Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Vian UKB Satellite Office
- July 13** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m. Keener Church, Lost City
- July 14** Saline District Meeting, 6 p.m. Spavinaw City Park
- July 15** Goingsnake District Meeting 10 a.m. Stilwell Satellite Office
- July 28** Canadian District Meeting, Noon - 3pm Bacone College Campus, lower level

* No other meeting information available at press time.

Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Program Menu for July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 GRILLED CHEESE TOMATO SOUP SALAD DESSERT	3 BREAKFAST SERVED AT 10:30	4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED
9 CHICKEN STRIPS MASHED POTATO GREEN BEANS ROLLS SALAD DESSERT	10 BROWN BEANS GREENS CORNBREAD SALAD DESSERT	11 KIELBASA SOUR KRAUT LIMA BEANS TEXAS TOAST SALAD DESSERT	12 SMOTHERED CHOPS WHITE RICE PEAS SALAD DESSERT	13 BREAKFAST SERVED AT 10:30
16 CALZONE ZUCCHINI/TOM. SALAD DESSERT	17 ENCHILADAS SPANISH RICE GUACAMOLE BEANS DESSERT	18 PUB BATTERED FISH GALLEY CHIPS HUSHUPPIES SLAW DESSERT	19 MARINATED CHICKEN BAKED POTATO SQUASH SALAD DESSERT	20 FISHING DAY AND HOTDOG ROAST AT THE RIVERPARK
23 INDIAN TACOS WITH FIXINS DESSERT	24 ROAST BEEF RED POTATOS CARROTS HOT ROLLS SALAD DESSERT	25 SPAGHETTI GARLIC TOAST GREEN BEANS SALAD DESSERT	26 CULTURAL FOODS DAY	27 CLOSED FOR CLEANING
30 FRENCH DIP POTATO CHIPS COLE SLAW DESSERT	31 HERB BAKED CHICKEN WILD RICE CORN SALAD DESSERT			

UKB August '07 Calendar of Council and Special Meetings

- August 4** UKB Regular Council Meeting, 10 a.m. Tahlequah Community Services Building
- August 9** Sequoyah District Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Old Gaming Office in Sallisaw
- August 9** Illinois District Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Vian UKB Satellite Office
- August 10** Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m. Keener Church, Lost City
- August 11** Canadian District Meeting, Noon Bacone College Campus, Lower Level

* No other meeting information available at press time.



Keetoowahs Announce 5th Annual Clothing & School Supply Program

The United Keetoowah Band Department of Health & Human Services is pleased to announce that the tribe will once again be assisting school age children with vouchers for school supplies and clothing. This is the fifth consecutive year for the program that provides assistance for eligible youth of the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribe.

To be eligible for assistance, the household must meet income guidelines. UKB income guidelines are comprised of 150% of federal guidelines. Children must be exclusive members of the UKB no later than July 1, 2007 to qualify.

“The UKB’s commitment to education and our children runs deep. The school supply and clothing program is just one more way that the UKB is looking out for our

members. We invest in our children in an effort to make a better life for all Keetoowah people. We are happy to continue this tradition by offering this program in its fifth year.” said Bryan Shade, Department of Health & Human Services Director for the United Keetoowah Band.

Children in grades K-8 will receive \$75 Wal-Mart vouchers for school supplies and clothing while high school students in grades 9-12 will receive \$100 Wal-Mart vouchers just as they have in previous years.

Because this is funded by the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino and not the JOM program, children who are assisted by the UKB are encouraged to also apply for the JOM program at their school.

For additional informa-

tion, contact Bryan Shade or Mary Girty, Assistant DHHS Director at 918-456-8698 or toll-free at 1-800-259-0093. Applications can be downloaded from the tribe’s website at www.unitedkeetoowahband.org.

Distribution dates and locations are as follows:

All locations will be open from 10:00 to 6:00 except in Muskogee, which will be open from 12:00 to 3:00 -pm on Saturday, July 28 during the Canadian District Monthly Community Meeting.

July 23 – Kenwood School Gym for Saline, Delaware, and Cooweescoowee Districts

July 24 – Stilwell UKB Office for Flint and Goingsnake Districts

July 25 – Tahlequah UKB Community Services Building for Tahlequah District,
July 26 – Sallisaw UKB Satellite Office for Sequoyah and Illinois Districts,
July 27 – Tahlequah Com-

munity Services Center for **ALL DISTRICTS,**
July 28 – Ataloa Lodge, Bacone College in Muskogee, OK for Canadian District (Noon – 3 PM)

CALLING ALL KEETOOWAH YOUNG LADIES

AGES 12-16 & 17-21



- ❖ Brush up on your knowledge of United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee culture, traditions, beliefs, practices, heritage, and history; past, present and future.
- ❖ Gather and learn about traditional clothing.
- ❖ Learn to tell traditional stories, sing songs, demonstrate crafts/dance &/or prepare to demonstrate a traditional talent.
- ❖ Prepare yourself to speak and perform in public.
- ❖ Prepare yourself to represent all the people of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees in Oklahoma.

If you do all of this and are attending school or are a graduate with plans to further your education you are **eligible** to enter the Junior Miss & Miss Keetoowah Competition that will be held in late September at the Armory Municipal Auditorium in Tahlequah. **Deadline** for entry is **September 14, 2007**

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Eligibility Requirements

Income Guideline Chart: For family units with more than 8 members, add \$506.10 per month for each additional member. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as

Size of Family	Maximum Household Income
2	1650.00
3	2075.00
4	2500.00
5	2925.00
6	3350.00
7	3775.00
8	4200.00

To Qualify:

- Child must be an exclusive member of the UKB (Must present card) as of July 1, 2007.
- Parent/legal guardian must complete application for household.
- Child must be enrolled in grades K-12 and must provide proof of enrollment on school letterhead.
- Must meet household income guidelines. Proof of income must be submitted for all household members 18 years and older.
- No faxes will be allowed.
- Application must be made in person.
- Voucher sites are for specific districts. No voucher will be issued from a site for any district not associated with that site.
- Application must be complete. Incomplete applications will not be honored.
- No exceptions will be made to the above rules.

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Honoring our Ancestors!
Respect for our Elders!

Education Department Reminders

***2007 Graduation Bonuses - August 31 is the last day to apply for graduation bonuses.**

***UKB College Financial Aid Assistance -** The deadline to apply for the Fall 2007 semester is September 1st. To apply, bring the following documents: Completed application for academic year 07-08, copy of UKB membership card, copy of social security card, CDIB, university acceptance letter, class schedule, official transcript from previous semester, copy of financial aid award letter, copy of FAFSA application

*All Awards are contingent upon availability of funds



Congratulations Grads

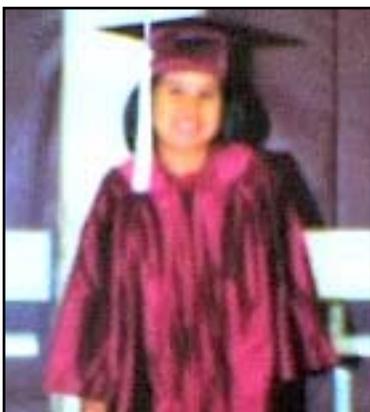


Missy Sacks



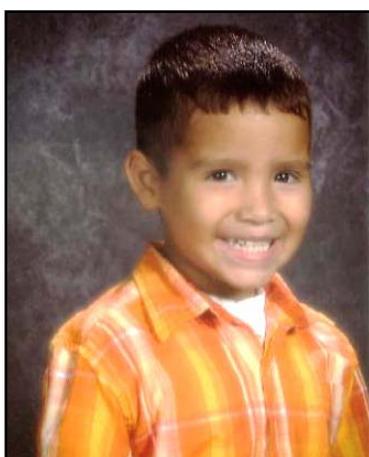
Missy Sacks, 4 graduated from Pre-K at the Muskogee Early Childhood Center. She is the daughter of UKB Canadian District Representative Eddie Sacks and his wife, Melissa. Her sister is five year old Cherokee Sacks. Her paternal grandparents are Charlie and Sharon Sacks and her maternal grandparents are Wallace and Verlain Gambler.

Marisa Barr



Marisa Barr graduated from Kindergarten at Oaks Mission School. She is the daughter of Leah Smith and Roger Barr. She is the sister of Brent, Shelbi and Raven, of the home. Marisa wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

Kialan Tyree Hair



Kialan Tyree Hair graduated from Kindergarten at Cherokee Elementary in Tahlequah. His parents are Matt Daniels and Kamisha Hair and he has one brother, Talon Kyle Daniels. His maternal grandparents are James and Cindy Hair and his paternal grandparents are Rick and Brenda Daniels, all of Tahlequah.

A.J. "Dutch" Jones



A.J. "Dutch" Jones, 6 graduated from Kindergarten at Dahlongah School. Dutch resides in Stilwell with his mom and dad, Reba and Bob Jones and his sister, Angel.

Marco Medoza, Jr.



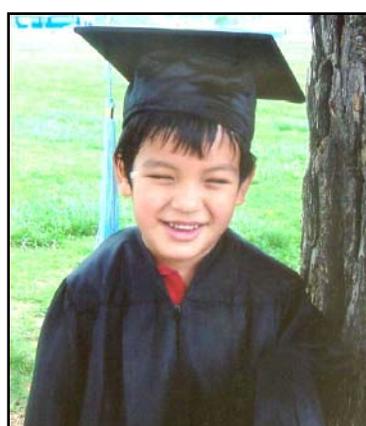
Marco Medoza, Jr., 5 graduated from Kindergarten at Dahlongah School. Marco resides in Stilwell with his parents Amanda Jones and Marco Mendoza. His siblings are Alyssia Jones, Chavio Jones, Adriana Jones, Evalyn Silva, Karleigh Silva and Julisa Silva.

James Pacheco



James Pacheco, 5 recently graduated from Kindergarten at Woodall Schools. James is the son of Longino and Delila Pacheco, of Tahlequah. He has two sisters; Feather and Floriberta Pacheco. His grandparents are Ronnie and Lizzie Jones of Tahlequah and Floriberta Pacheco of Mexico.

Jacob Allen Sam



Jacob Allen Sam graduated from Kindergarten at Maryetta School. Jacob is the son of Frankie Hair of Stilwell and John Sam of Stilwell. He has one sister, Maleeyah Sam. His grandparents are James and Cindy Hair. His hobbies include playing with his sister, riding bikes, coloring and playing cards and games.

Lakotah Tiger



Lakotah Tiger graduated from Kindergarten at Wickliffe Schools. He is the son of Sally Tiger. His grandparents are Nan Budder and Dave Budder. His hobbies include fishing, playing outside and watching TV.

Ashlynn Watie



Ashlynn Watie graduated from the 5th grade at Jay Elementary School. Her mother is Torina Smith and her grandparents are Adalene and the late DeWayne Smith.

James David Wilson



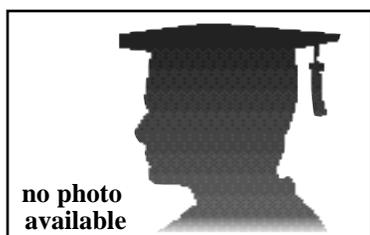
James David "J.J." Wilson graduated from Eighth grade at Spavinaw Schools. He is the son of Cara Hawley of Spavinaw and James Wilson of Shreveport. His grandparents are Richard and Betty Blackbear of Spavinaw and Jim and Doris Wilson of Shreveport. J.J. hopes to become a game warden some day.



Congratulations Grads



George Anno



George Anno graduated from Tahlequah High School. He is the son of Marquita Cheater and Mitchell Anno. His grandparents are William and Emma Cheater and Jessie and Deanna Anno and Mary Ann Whitmore. He plans to attend Indian Capital Technology Center in the fall.

Joshua Daniel Bluebird



Joshua Daniel Bluebird graduated from Sequoyah High School and he also completed the auto mechanics program at Indian Capital Technology Center in Tahlequah. He is the son of Dennis Bluebird and Ronnita McLemore-Bluebird of Tahlequah. His siblings are Thomas McLemore and Jessica Bluebird. His maternal grandparents are the late Ronald McLemore and the late Juanita Drywater McLemore. His paternal grandparents are the late Dennis Bluebird and Edna Bluebird of Tahlequah.

Shawn Budder



Shawn Budder graduated from Sequoyah High School. He is the son of Rickey and Sallie Budder. His grandparents are Mozelle Turner of Tahlequah, Johnnie Lee Budder of Kenwood, and Betty Proctor of Tahlequah. His brothers are Chubby, Thomas, Aaron, and Bailey. He plans to attend Connors State College in Warner and major in physical education.

Kristi Bunch



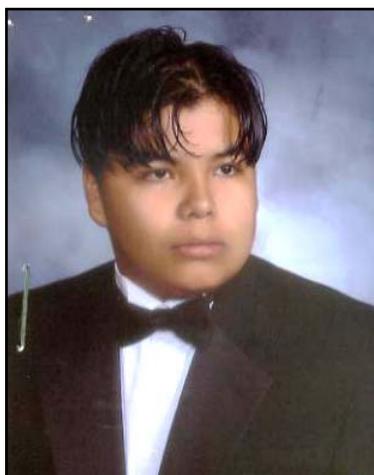
Kristi Bunch graduated from Keys High School. She is the daughter of Katherine Bunch. She has one sister, Crystal Bunch. She plans to attend NSU in the fall to begin her basic courses, and will then transfer to TCCU to become a dental hygienist.

Dustin Wayne Bush



Dustin Wayne Bush graduated from Sallisaw High School. He is the son of Benny and Victoria Bush and has two brothers, Cody and Samuel. He is the grandson of the late Dewayne Sam and the late Cordelia Nan Thomas and the late Isaac Bush and Lucille Randolph.

James Bush



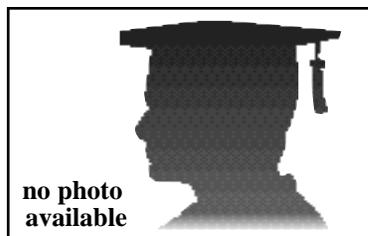
James Bush graduated from Vian High School. He is the son of Barbara Pettit and Troy Pettit. His grandparents are Rider Bush and Joe and Carrie Locust. James plans to attend college in the fall.

Talika Roshelle Buzzard



Talika Roshelle Buzzard is the daughter of Frances and Darren Cantwell and Ricky Buzzard. She is the granddaughter of Betty and the late Leroy Sixkiller and Wanda and the late Fallen Buzzard. Talika has attended Oaks Mission School for four years. During this time, she has participated in basketball, fast-pitch softball, drama, the National Honor Society, Student Council and FCCLA. She would like to thank her mom for always providing her with everything she ever needed and Darren for never giving up on her. Levi for always making her laugh, smile, and have fun. And she also thanks her family for always being there for her. She plans to attend Nursing School at Rogers State College.

Joseph Neil Chewy



Joseph Neil Chewy graduated from Jay High School. He is the son of Cora Joella Myers.

William "Zack" Christie



William "Zack" Christie graduated from Kansas High School. He is the son of Willie Christie and D'Ann Glass. His grandparents are Dale and Wilma Linn and Nina Faddis. He plans to attend NEO A&M in Miami, Oklahoma to become a game warden.

Samuel Whitaker Deere



Samuel Whitaker Deere, 18 graduated from Tahlequah High School. He is the son of Lena Deere.





Congratulations Grads



Todd Allen Downing, Jr



Todd Allen Downing, Jr. from Hulbert, graduated from Tahlequah High School. He is the son of Michelle and Todd Downing. His grandparent is Vonnny Downing. His future plans include going to college and playing golf.

Marissa LeNelle Feeling



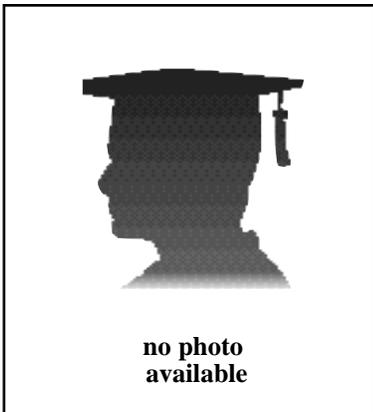
Marissa LeNelle Feeling graduated from Salina High School. Her parents are Jess and Teresa Feeling. She plans to take a year off and then attend Haskell Indian College.

Ashley Renae Flute



Ashley Renae Flute is from Bunch, OK and graduated from Cave Springs High School. She is the daughter of Archie and Frances Flute. Her grandparents are Arch and Fayola Flute and Mary Waterdown and Steve Littledeer. She plans to attend college at Carl Albert in the fall.

Benjamin Flores



Benjamin Flores from Tahlequah graduated from Thunderbird Academy. He is the son of Jimmy Lee and Lisa Flores and Ann Gourd and Eli Sequichie. He plans to work and attend vocational school in the fall.

Jerrid Ruben Foreman



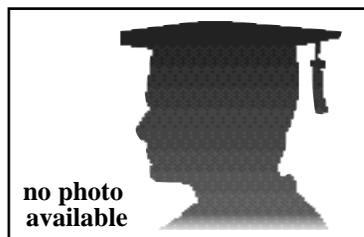
Jerrid Ruben Foreman graduated High School at Oaks Mission School. He is the son of Travis and Felicia Foreman. His grandparents are Joann Foreman, Mosella Turner and the late Roy Turner. He plans to work and attend college.

Kristi Gonzales



Kristi Gonzales from Welling, Oklahoma graduated from Sequoyah High School. Her parents are Herbert and Shirlene Gonzales. She has two sisters, Kayli, 11 and Keli, 16. Her grandparents are Junior and Edna Scrapper of Welling and John and Kathy Gonzales of Bunch. Kristi plans to work this summer and attend college this fall. She plans to eventually attend nursing school.

Nick Hair



Nick Hair graduated from Kansas High School. Nick is the son of Woodward and Brenda Hair. His grandparents are Nick and Molly Hair and Joe and Julie Scott. He plans to attend college in the fall.

Felicia Jones



Felicia Jones, 18 graduated from Sequoyah High School. She is from Stilwell and her parents are Reba and Bob Jones. Her siblings are Verlita Waitie, Rodney Jones, Charlene Jones, and A.J. Jones. She is the reigning Miss Keetoowah and plans to attend college in Ft. Collins, Colorado in the fall.

Ronald Holden



Ronald Holden, graduated from Sequoyah High School. Holden was named All-District in football as a result of his contributions to the 2006 Sequoyah Indians football team.

Holden played cornerback and had six interceptions, one of which resulted in him running one hundred yards for a touchdown. He also played varsity baseball. Holden is the son of Joni Wacoche and Ronald Holden. He has two brothers, Coby Thompson and Alex Wacochee and one sister Gaydawn Thompson. His grandparents are Katie Wacoche and Johnson Wacoche. Ronald plans to attend NSU and play football for the NSU Riverhawks. He plans to major in physical education and become a football coach.





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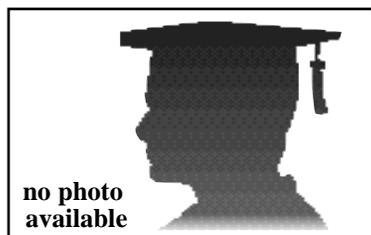


Echota Killsknight



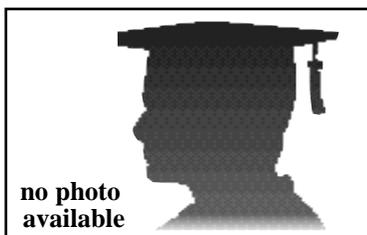
Echota Killsknight graduated from Tahlequah Night School. He is the son of Anthony and Betty Killsknight. He is a member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma and a Northern Arapaho Tribe. His maternal grand parents are Mildred and Leonard Pumpkin Raper of the Bull Hollow Community. His paternal grandparents are James and Regina KillNight of Lame Deer, Motanna. His favorite hobby is skateboarding. He also loves basketball and track. He plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in the fall.

Jeffery Charles King



Jeffery Charles King of Kenwood graduated from Sequoyah High School. Jeffery received an award for outstanding performance in Biology II. He is the son of Annette and Jeffery King. His grandparents are Clarence and Emma King and Gladys and Charles King. He plans to attend OSU in the fall.

Christine LeAnn Luper



Christine LeAnn Luper graduated from Jay High School. She is the daughter of Chris Luper of Jay. Her grandparents are Arthur Luper and Iwana January Luper of Eagle Rock, Missouri and her great grandmother is Bertha Weeley Wolf. She is currently attending Kansas VoTech to get her Certified Nurse's Aide License. She plans to attend college to become a registered nurse, and would like to work in the emergency room at a hospital.

Leon Mouse



Leon Mouse graduated from Oaks High School. He is the son of John Mouse and Janet Wolf. His siblings are Kyle Mouse and Keisha Mouse. His grandparents are Elizabeth Wolf and Rosie Mouse.

Joshua James O'Field



Joshua James O'Field graduated from Salina High School. He is the son of Phillip and Felicia O'Field. His grandparents are Edward and Eunice O'Field and Roy Daniels and Doris Stopp. He plans to attend college at Haskell Indian College to obtain a degree as a coach or teacher.

Tahmra L. O'Field



Tahmra L. O'Field graduated from Jay High School. She is the daughter of Thomas and Norma O'Field. Her grandparents are the late Leland and late Maxine Stick and the late James and Mildred O'Field. She plans to attend Rogers State University in Claremore this fall to study Elementary Education.

Eric Scott Olivares



Eric Scott Olivares is the son of Aaron and Jalene Olivares from Hulbert and Joseph and Barbara Dilorio of Ft. Gibson. Eric graduated from Ft. Gibson High School with a 3.8 GPA and is currently enlisted in the National Guard. He plans to go back to Ft. Benning, Georgia in July and finish his basic training at AIT. Upon completion of AIT in August, he will return to Oklahoma where he has been accepted to Northeastern State University in Tahlequah where his will major in Political Science and work toward a degree to become a U.S. Marshall.

Dana Dawn Richards



Dana Dawn Richards graduated from Jay High School. She is the daughter of Marilyn J. Richards.

Shalissa Dawn Ross



Shalissa Dawn Ross, from Bunch, Oklahoma graduated from Sequoyah High School. She is the daughter of Arthur and Adriane Ross. Her grandparents are Juanita and the late Woodrow Teehee and Frank and the late Emma Swimmer. Her plans for the future include attending Coffeyville Community College. She plans to major in Early Childhood Development or Nursing.

Amanda Celeste Ruben



Amanda Celeste Ruben, 19 graduated from Stilwell High School. She is the daughter of Donna Ruben, and the granddaughter of the late Emma Mink and the late Barbara Ruben and Carol Ruben. She plans to attend college at Carl Albert State College in the fall.



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Go Back Sanders



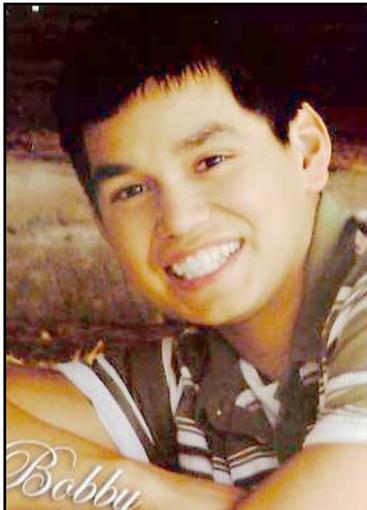
Go Back Sanders, UKB tribal elder and Keetoowah Cherokee Casino employee, was presented a high school diploma from Locust Grove High School. Marsh Whalen, the alternative education teacher and principal at Locust Grove High School organized the effort to get diplomas for veterans who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Sanders served in the Vietnam War.

Corey Edward Smith



Corey Edward Smith graduated from Vian High School. He recently won 4th place in a carpentry competition that was held statewide. He was a student at the Sallisaw Technology Center and also received a National Technology Honor Society Award. He plans to continue his education at OSU-Okmulgee in Construction Technology this fall. Corey is the son of Karen Remer of Vian.

Robert Allen Tehee, Jr.



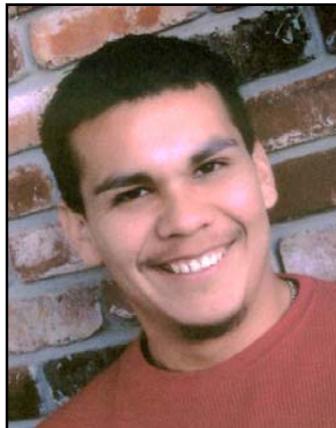
Robert Allen Tehee, Jr. graduated from Watts High School. He was ranked fourth in his graduating class, as well as being a member of the Honor Society. He was also named Athlete of the Year. Robert is the son of Robert and Velma Tehee. His grandparents are Lavonne and Bob Tehee and Louella and John Tehee. He plans to attend NSU in Tahlequah in the fall.

Raveen Lynn Vann



Raveen Lynn Vann graduated from Stilwell High School. Her dad is Leonard Vann.

Bryan Vann



Bryan Vann of Woodall graduated from Sequoyah High School. He is a three time state champion and a three time All State Cross Country athlete. He is the son of Rick and Cora Vann. His maternal grandparents are the late Nancy and Mike Mouse and his paternal grandparents are the late Mike Vann and Lucinda Robbins. His goals for the future include completing the Heating and Air Conditioning program at Indian Capital Technology Center. Bryan would like to give a special thank you to his brother, Richard Vann, for supporting him through everything, especially high school.

Andrea Wolfe



Andrea Wolfe graduated from Sequoyah High School. Her mother is Rhonda Monnroy and her grandmother is Cora Vann. Andrea will attend EMT classes this summer.

Suzette Vann



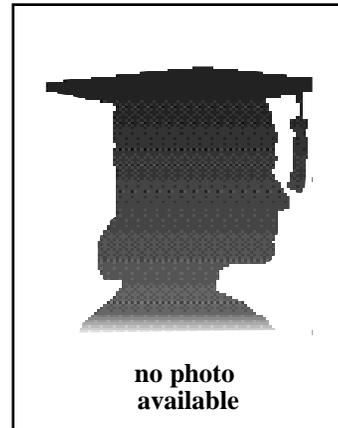
Suzette Vann graduated from Sallisaw High School. She is the daughter of Maudeen Vann of Sallisaw and D.J. Vann of Roland. She has been active in track and field and varsity basketball and a member of the varsity cheerleader squad. She plans to attend school at NEO and pursue a career in the medical field in the fall.

Amber Wadlow



Amber Wadlow graduated from Salina High School. Her mother is Valerie Wadlow and she has three brothers. She loves to spend time with her daughter Lexidale and her daddy Rex. Her future plans include going to Nursing School.

Terrie Gail Tarin



Terrie Gail Tarin of Kansas, Oklahoma graduated from NTC with a vocational certificate in Business Management/Administration.

Elizabeth Daughtery



Elizabeth Daughtery completed intermediate EMT Training. She is married to Steven Daughtery and they have two daughters, Jorden and Alyssia. Her mother is the late Lucille Still and her grandmother is the late Lizzie Proctor Gonzales. Elizabeth said her mother was her greatest influence in continuing her education and she hopes to be the same kind of inspiration for her daughters. She would like to thank her husband for his support and her instructor Bobby Cothren, who kept after her to learn to be the best medic she could be.



Congratulations Grads



Angela Hummingbird



Angela Hummingbird received an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. She is the daughter of Becky Hawkins and Johnny Hummingbird, Jr. Her siblings include Kendal Hummingbird, also attending Haskell; and little sister, Felicia Hummingbird. They all reside in Stilwell. Her paternal grandparents are Susie and Johnny Hummingbird of Peavine and her maternal grandparents are Lana Sue Hawkins and the late Jim Hawkins of Stilwell.

Renia J. Marlin



Renia J. Marlin from Pryor, Oklahoma graduated from Rogers State University with an Associate's Degree in Social Services and Psychology. Her mother is Ruth Girdner and her grandparents are Rosco and Cleo Wayne. She plans to continue her education in Nursing School.

Adriane Kay Ross



Adriane Kay Ross of Bunch, Oklahoma graduated from Carl Albert State College with an Associate's Degree in Allied Health. She is the daughter of Juanita and the late Woodrow Teehee. Her grandparents are Charlie and Liz Fourkiller and Troy Teehee and Inez Livers. Adriane plans to further her education in Nursing.

Eddie Sacks



Eddie Sacks recently graduated from NSU in Tahlequah with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Eddie is a UKB Tribal Councilor representing the Canadian District currently fulfilling his fourth term in office. He resides in Muskogee with his wife, Melissa and two daughters Cherokee and Melissa. His parents are Charlie and Sharon Sacks.

Lisa Stopp



Lisa Stopp graduated from a two year distance learning program from Blackstone Legal Program as a Paralegal. Her training included units and workshops in Indian Law and Tribal Court Lay Advocacy from Oklahoma City University. Graduation from the program reflects 915 classroom hours and qualifies her to sit for the Certified Paralegal exam. Lisa is currently the Acting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. Stopp is a tribal member and resides in Tahlequah. She is the mother of Spencer J. Snedden, Kansas City, who is currently a student at the University of Missouri.



Billie Webster



Billie Webster earned an Associate's Degree in Applied Science (pre-vet) from Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kansas. Billie graduated in the Top 10 of his graduating class with a 3.9 GPA. He was on the President's Honor Roll, the Dean's Honor Roll, and received a Certificate of Achievement from the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency. He is currently enrolled at Kansas State University and will start classes in the fall of 2007.

Billie has one daughter, Mrs. Brity Jo Martinez of Qatar. He is the son of William and Betty Webster and the grandson of the late Maggie Vann. Billie says he is proud to be a United Keetoowah Band member and appreciates all the tribe has done to help him in achieving his higher education degree.

Michael Wayne Hooper



Michael Wayne Hooper, 18 graduated from Sequoyah High School. He is state certified in welding. His parents are Michael and Linda Hooper of Stilwell. His sisters are Jr. Miss Keetoowah Kaheya Hooper, 15; Mariah Hooper, 11; and Kiana Hooper, 8. He plans to attend OU in fall studying Mechanical Engineering.

Bryan Shade



Bryan Shade graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration. Bryan is employed by the UKB as the Federal Programs Director. He and his wife Jennifer and daughter MaKayla reside in Tahlequah. His parents are Loy and Dedie Shade of Tahlequah. His grandparents are Leonard and Christine Shade of Lost City.



Elders Thank the United Keetoowah Band for their Support



Nancy Soup, 77

"I think it's very good that they help the elders."



Jimmy Pritchett, 56

"The UKB is doing a good job – they really help their people out."



Leroy Adair, 57

"I think the assistance program is a good one. It is also nice that it is twice a year. Some think it should be more but we all need to be thankful that it is available."

Clifford and Nellie Loftis, 73 & 73
"This program helps out, very much. We are very satisfied."



Henry and Grace Carey 78, and 56

The UKB "Elderly Assistance Program sure helps out a lot! We love it! Very glad the Administration is taking care of the elders."



Earl Davis, 59

"I feel like Elderly Assistance is a needed program for all the people when times are rough and all needed money is hard to come by. I wish to thank all the council and the Chief. Wa do!"



Virginia Jones, 80

"The elderly assistance program is really something, it sure helps. When we are on a limited income, it helps buy medications and pay to go to the Dr."



Janice Taylor, 62

"The most helpful thing the tribe has done for the elderly. On a limited income, it helps out very much. More power to the administration!"



Norman Carey, 60

"The elderly assistance program is a big help and I appreciate it very much. I appreciate what the administration is doing for elders."



Ann Gourd, 82

"The UKB Elderly Assistance Program is very good. Helpful. I'm very proud of the administration. Wa do!"

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