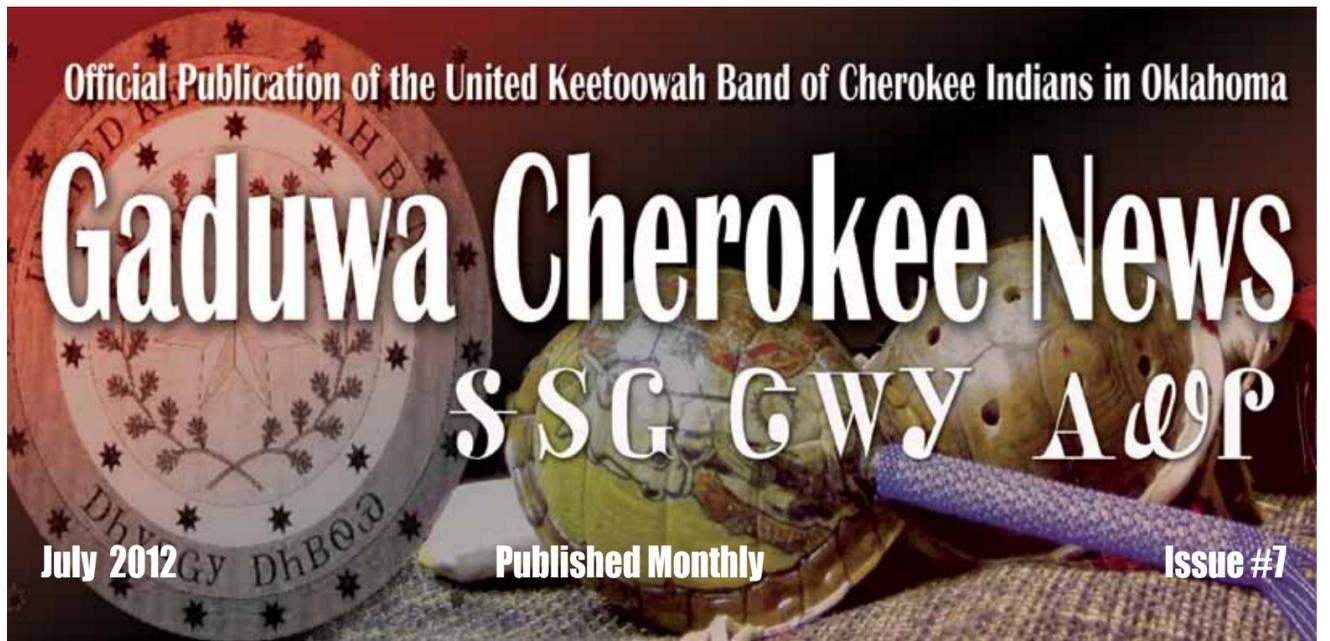


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## Nurses travel from Florida for health fair and cultural exchange

The United Keetoowah Band is partnering with Florida Atlantic University to sponsor a health fair and cultural exchange in July.

John Lowe— RN, PhD, FAAN and Wymer Distinguished Professor at FAU— said he designed the program as an option for nursing students to complete the requirements for nursing courses that require students to receive an experience in planning and implementing a community-based program in health promotion and disease prevention.

For the past six years, every semester Lowe has brought a group of registered nurses from Boca Raton, Fla. that is working on advanced degrees to work in rural schools and in Native American communities to teach health education and other cultures.

The nurses teach physical fitness, nutrition/diabetes awareness, alcohol/drug/tobacco abuse, first aid and safety and how to achieve a health career. Each block of instruction lasts approximately 45 minutes.

They, also, share their individual cultures with the participants to make them aware of the larger world outside of the local community.

This year, the multi-national group of 42 nurses is from Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil, Trinidad, Pakistan and the United States.

They are set up to be at Kenwood School in the cafeteria and gym July 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Stilwell satellite office July 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at the UKB Complex in Tahlequah at the pavilion July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Along with the nurses' curriculum, the



*Nursing students at Florida Atlantic University will be visiting UKB to share educational activities. Nurses from various countries around the world will be advocating physical fitness, first aid and safety along with various cultural traditions with UKB tribal youth and adults in July. Courtesy Photo*

UKB Culture, Language and History Department is going to demonstrate traditional Keetoowah Cherokee activities such as stickball to the nurses and participants.

The health fair and cultural exchange is open to children in Kindergarten through 12th grades, their parents and any interested parties.

"This will be an outstanding opportunity for UKB youth and interested adults to learn more about preventive health practices, health careers,

and other world cultures," said Gosnell. "We are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Lowe and the Florida Atlantic University nursing students spend time with our communities in July."

For more information, call Kathy White, executive assistant, at 918-458-6708.

*by M. Thomas Jordan  
GCN Special Writer*

## Cherokee Heritage Center presents – History Woven In Art exhibit Cherokee Baskets

*The world's tallest Cherokee basket, standing more than eight feet tall and with a base of 45 inches, will be on display throughout the Cherokee Baskets exhibition*

The Cherokee Heritage Center presents Cherokee Baskets – History Woven in Art from May 28-Aug. 19. The exhibit presents the history of Cherokee basket weaving and features numerous baskets including one that survived the Trail of Tears, as well as baskets of contemporary design.

"The art of Cherokee basket weaving is a critical connection to our Cherokee heritage and history," said Karen Cooper, executive director of the Cherokee Heritage Center. "Cherokee basket weaving also provides both functionality and a means to tell an authentic cultural story through the weaver's unique designs and patterns."

The world's tallest Cherokee basket by Cherokee National Treasure Rachel Dew and UKB tribal member Donnay Leach of Tahlequah will be a primary feature of the Cherokee Baskets – History Woven in Art exhibition. The artists began weaving the distinctive Cherokee basket on Jan. 26. The world's tallest Cherokee basket stands more than eight feet tall and has a base of 45 inches.

Although both artists have been making baskets for more than 30 years combined, they only began making flat reed baskets this past year. Using an over two, under two weaving method, the artists constructed the Cherokee basket using commercial smoked reed and commercial dyes. The basket is ringed with three distinct Cherokee cultural designs. The bottom design is called the "Double Chief's Daughter," the middle design is a combination of designs using the mountains, crosses and clover design, and the top design is the "bird's eye view of lightning."

"Baskets have always been an important part of our Cherokee culture. My ancestors were renowned for their basketry skills and I'm just doing my part to keep that part of the culture alive," said Dew, when asked about Cherokee culture and the experience of making the basket.

"My ancestors were excellent in basketry skills and that inspired me to do the same. I am



*Hand woven basket by 2005 "Keetoowah Tradition Keeper" Cindy Hair; will be on display at the Cherokee Heritage Center museum during the museum's Cherokee Baskets exhibition May 28 – Aug 19. Photo by Thomas Jordan*

just trying to make them proud," added Leach.

Following the exhibition, the world's tallest Cherokee basket will remain on display indefinitely at the Cherokee Heritage Center for guest photo opportunities and art discussions.

The exhibit will also feature baskets and information about several Cherokee master basket makers. One artist featured is Keetoowah Cherokee Cindy Hair.

At the 55th Annual Keetoowah Celebration in October of 2005, UKB tribal member and employee, Cindy Hair was named the first "Keetoowah Tradition Keeper".

The Keetoowah Cherokee Tradition Keepers award is designed to honor Keetoowah Cherokee craftspeople, artisans, and elders who are committed to education and cultural preservation. Primary emphasis is given to those crafts or arts produced in the traditional manner using native materials.

Cindy was awarded this honor primarily for her basket making skills, and for the ability to teach others this ancient skill. "I would like to thank the Creator for giving me the gift of making

baskets and I'd like to thank the council for recognizing my work. I have always loved to make baskets, but I never thought I'd receive any kind of award for this," Hair said upon receiving the honor.

Some of the other master basket makers featured in the exhibit include Mary Foreman, Eunice O'Field, Anna Huckaby, Thelma Forest, Lena Blackbird, Nadine Wilbourne, Betty Garner, Rosie Chewie, Bessie Russell, Katherine Kelley, Marie Proctor, Kathy Van Buskirk, Betty Frogg, and Shawna Cain.

Cherokee Heritage Center admission is \$8.50 per adult, \$7.50 per senior (55 and older) and students with proper identification, and \$5 per child. Admission price includes all attractions. Entry to the grounds and museum store are free.

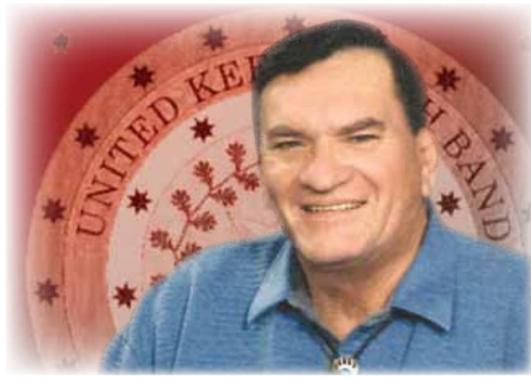
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# A Letter to the UKB People

## From Chief George Wickliffe



### The 1839 Constitution of the Cherokee Nation

#### English Translation

The Eastern and Western Cherokees having again re-united and become one body politic, under the style and title of the Cherokee Nation: Therefore, We, the people of the Cherokee Nation, in National Convention assembled, in order to establish justice, insure tranquility, promote the common welfare, and secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of freedom acknowledging, with humility and gratitude, the goodness of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe in permitting us so to do, and imploring His aid and guidance in its accomplishment do ordain and establish this Constitution for the government of the Cherokee Nation.

#### Article I.

Sec. 1. The boundary of the Cherokee Nation shall be that described in the Treaty of 1833 between the United States and Western Cherokees, subject to such extension as may be made in the adjustment of the unfinished business with the United States.

Sec. 2. The lands of the Cherokee Nation shall remain common property; but the improvements made thereon, and in the possession of the citizens of the Nation, are the exclusive and in indefeasible property of the citizens respectively who made, or may rightfully be in possession of them: Provided, That the citizens of the Nation possessing exclusive and indefeasible right to their improvements,

as expressed in this article, shall possess no right or power to dispose of their improvements, in any manner whatever, to the United States, individual States, or to individual citizens thereof; and that, whenever any citizen shall remove with his effects out of the limits of this Nation, and become a citizen of any other Government, all his rights and privileges as a citizen of this Nation shall cease: Provided, nevertheless, That the National Council shall have power to re-admit, by law, to all the rights of citizenship, any such person or persons who may, at any time, desire to return to the Nation, on memorializing the National Council for such readmission.

#### Article II.

Sec. 1. The power of the Government shall be divided into three distinct departments the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judicial.

Sec. 2. No person or persons belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any of the powers properly belonging to either of the others, except in the cases hereinafter expressly directed or permitted.

#### Article III.

Sec. 1. The Legislative power shall be vested in two distinct branches a National Committee, and Council; and the style of their acts shall be it enacted by the National Council.

Sec. 2. The National Council shall make provision, by law, for laying off the Cherokee Nation into eight (8) Districts; and if subsequently it would be deemed expedient, one or two may be added thereto.

Sec. 3. The National Committee shall consist of two members from each District, and the Council shall consist of three members from each District, to be chosen by the qualified electors in their respective Districts for two years; the election to be held in the respective Districts every two years, at such; times and place as may be directed by law.

The National Council shall, after the present year, be held annually, to be convened on the first Monday in October, at such place as may be designated by the National Council, or, in case of emergency, by the Principal Chief.

Sec. 4. Before the Districts shall be laid off, any

election which may take place shall be by GENERAL VOTE of the electors throughout the Nation for all offices to be elected.

The first election for all the officers of the government Chiefs, Executive Council, members of the National Council, Judges and Sheriffs shall be held at Tah-le-quah before the rising of this Convention; and the term of service of all officers elected previous to the first Monday in October 1839, shall be extended to embrace, in addition to the regular constitutional term, the time intervening from their election to the first Monday in October, 1839.

Sec. 5. No person shall be eligible to a seat in the National Council but a free Cherokee male citizen who shall have attained to the age of twenty-five (25) years.

The descendants of Cherokee men by free women except the African race, whose parents may have been living together as man and wife, according to the customs and laws of this Nation, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this Nation, as well as the posterity of Cherokee women by all free men. No person who is of negro or mulatto parentage, either by the father or mother's side, shall be eligible to hold any office of profit, honor, or trust under this Government.

Sec. 6. The electors and members of the National Council shall in all cases, except those of treason, felony, or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at elections, and at the National Council, in going to and returning.

Sec. 7. In all elections by the PEOPLE, the electors shall vote viva voce. [word of mouth]

All free male citizens, who shall have attained to the age of eighteen (18) years shall be equally entitled to vote at all public elections.

Sec. 8. Each branch of the National Council shall judge of the qualifications and returns of its own members; and determine the rules of its proceedings; punish a member for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3), expel a member; but not a second time for the same offense.

Sec. 9. Each branch of the National Council, when assembled, shall choose its own officers; a majority of each shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalty as each branch may prescribe.

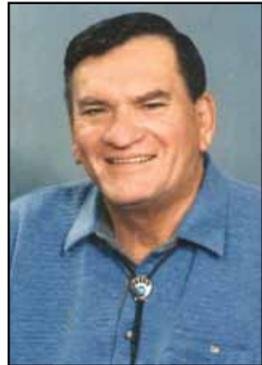
Sec. 10. The members of the National Council, shall each receive from the public Treasurer a compensation for their services which shall be three dollars per day during their attendance at the National Council; and the members of the Council shall each receive three dollars per day for their services during their attendance at the National Council, provided that the same may be increased or diminished by law, but no alteration shall take effect during the period of service of the members of the National Council by whom such alteration may have been made.

Sec. 11. The National Council shall regulate by law by whom and in what manner, writs of elections shall be issued to fill the vacancies which may happen in either branch thereof.

Sec. 12. Each member of the National Council, before he takes his seat, shall take the following oath, or affirmation: I, A. B. do solemnly swear

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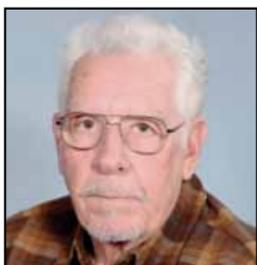
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## All Tribal Elders Welcome at Monthly UKB Elder Committee Meetings

United Keetoowah Band Elders are invited to attend the monthly UKB Elder Committee meetings, held on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the UKB Community Services Building Conference Room in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

The UKB Elder Committee formed in May 2007 as an Advisory Committee to the Chief to find ways to strengthen UKB. The purpose of the elder committee is to inform, to recommend and/or advise the council of elder issues and concerns.

The Elder committee consists of six members and two alternates. Two members are tribal council members. The Chairman is Former Chief John Hair; Vice Chairman is Eddie Sacks, tribal councilor from the Canadian District; Secretary Lois Fuller; Betty Holcomb, tribal councilor from the Tahlequah District; Dora Grayson, and Robert Whitekiller. The two alternates are Juanita McCarter and Dorothy Ice.

## UKB July 2012 Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

<b>July 3</b>	<b>UKB Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</b> UKB Community Services Building
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Illinois District Meeting, 6 p.m.</b> Vian Satellite Office
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.</b> UKB Elder Nutrition Center
<b>July 21</b>	<b>UKB Elder Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.</b> UKB Community Services Building

## The 1839 Constitution of the Cherokee Nation

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(or affirm, as the case may be,) that I have not obtained my election by bribery, treats, or any undue and unlawful means used by myself or others by my desire or approbation for that purpose; that I consider myself constitutionally qualified as a member of, and that on all questions and measures which may come before me I will so give my vote and so conduct myself as in my judgment shall appear most conducive to the interest and prosperity of this Nation, and I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and to the utmost of my ability and power observe, conform to, support and defend the Constitution thereof.

Sec. 13. No person who may be convicted of felony shall be eligible to any office or appointment of honor, profit, or trust within this Nation.

Sec. 14. The National Council shall have the power to make all laws and regulations which they shall deem necessary and proper for the good of the Nation, which shall not be contrary to this Constitution.

Sec. 15. It shall be the duty of the National Council to pass such laws as may be necessary and proper decide differences by arbitration, to be appointed by the parties, who may choose that summary mode of adjustment.

Sec. 16. No power of suspending the laws of this Nation shall be exercised, unless by the National Council or its authority.

Sec. 17. No retrospective law, nor any law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be passed.

Sec. 18. The National Council shall have power to make laws for laying and collecting taxes, for the purpose of raising a revenue.

Sec. 19. All bills making appropriations shall originate in the National Committee, but the Council may propose amendments or reject the same; all other bills may originate in either branch, subject to the concurrence or rejection of the other.

Sec. 20. All acknowledged treaties shall be the Supreme laws of the land, and the National Council shall have the sole power of deciding on the construction of all Treaty stipulations.

Sec. 21. The Council shall have the sole power of impeaching. All impeachments shall be tried by the National Committee. When setting for that purpose the member shall be upon oath or affirmation; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

Sec. 22. The Principal Chief, assistant Principal Chief, and all Civil officers shall be liable to impeachment for misdemeanor in office; but judgment in such cases shall not be extended further than removal from office and disqualification to hold an office of honor, trust, or profit under the Government of this Nation.

The Party, whether convicted or acquitted, shall nevertheless, be liable to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment according to law.

### Article IV.

Sec. 1. The Supreme Executive Power of this Nation shall be vested in a Principal Chief, who shall be styled the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

The Principal Chief shall hold his office for the term of four (4) years; and shall be elected by the qualified electors on the same day and at the places where they shall respectively vote for members of the National Council.

The returns of the election for Principal Chief shall be sealed up and directed to the President of the National Committee, who shall open and publish them in the presence of the National Council assembled. The person having the highest number of votes shall be Principal Chief; but if two or more shall be equal and highest in votes, one of them shall be chosen by joint vote of both branches of

the Council. The manner of determining contested elections shall be directed by law.

Sec. 2. No person except a natural born citizen shall be eligible to the office of Principal Chief; neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained the age of thirty-five (35) years.

Sec. 3. There shall also be chosen at the same time by the qualified electors in the same manner for four years, an assistant Principal Chief, who shall have attained to the age of Thirty-Five (35) years.

Sec. 4. In case of the removal of the Principal Chief from office, or of his death or resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the assistant Principal Chief until the disability be removed or the vacancy filled by the National Council.

Sec. 5. The National Council may by law provide for the case of removal, death, resignation, or disability of both the Principal Chief and assistant Principal Chief, declaring what officer shall then act as Principal Chief until disability be removed or a Principal Chief shall be elected.

Sec. 6. The Principal Chief and assistant Principal Chief shall, at stated times, receive for their services a compensation which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which they shall have been elected; and they shall not receive within that period any other emolument for the Cherokee Nation or any other Government.

Sec. 7. Before the Principal Chief enters on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will faithfully execute the duties of Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation."

Sec. 8. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the National Council at the seat of Government.

Sec. 9. He shall from time to time, give to the National Council information of the state of the government, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he may deem expedient.

Sec. 10. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

Sec. 11. It shall be his duty to visit the different districts at least once in two years, to inform himself of the general condition of the country.

Sec. 12. The Assistant Principal Chief shall, by virtue of his office, aid and advise the Principal Chief in the administration of the Government at all times during his continuance in office.

Sec. 13. Vacancies that may occur in offices, the appointment of which is vested in the National Council, shall be filled by the Principal Chief during the recess of the National Council by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of the next session thereof.

Sec. 14. Every bill which shall pass both branches of the National Council shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Principal Chief; if he approves, he shall sign it; but if not, he shall return it, with his objections to that branch in which it may have originated, who shall enter the objections at large on their journals and proceed to reconsider it; if, after such reconsideration, two-thirds (2/3) of that branch, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other branch, by which it shall like-wise be reconsidered, and, if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of that branch, it shall become a law. If any bill shall not be returned by the Principal Chief within five (5) days (Sundays excepted) after the same has been presented to him, it shall become a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the National Council, by their adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall be a law, unless sent back with in three (3) days after their next meeting.

Sec. 15. Members of the National Council, and all officers, executive and judicial, shall be bound

by oath to support the Constitution of this Nation, and to perform the duties of their perspective offices with fidelity.

Sec. 16. In case of disagreement between the two branches of the National Council with respect to the time of adjournment, the Principal Chief shall have power to adjourn the same to such time as he may deem proper; provided, it be not a period beyond the next constitutional meeting thereof.

Sec. 17. The Principal Chief shall, during the session of the National Council, attend at the seat of Government.

Sec. 18. There shall be a council composed of five persons, to be appointed by the National Council, whom the Principal Chief shall have full power at his discretion to assemble; he, together with the Assistant Principal Chief and the counselors, or a majority of them, may, from time to time, hold and keep a council for ordering and directing the affairs of the Nation according to law; provided, the National Council shall have power to reduce the number, if deemed expedient, after the first term of service, to a number not less than three.

Sec. 19. The members or the executive council shall be chosen for the term of two years.

Sec. 20. The resolutions and advice of the council shall be recorded in a register, and signed by the members agreeing thereto, which may be called for by either branch of the National Council for the term of four years.

Sec. 21. The Treasurer of the Cherokee Nation shall be chosen by a joint vote of both branches of the National Council for the term of four years.

Sec. 22. The Treasurer shall, before entering on the duties of his office, give bond to the Nation, with sureties, to the satisfaction of the National Council, for the faithful discharge of his trust.

Sec. 23. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but by warrant from the Principal Chief, and in consequence of appropriations made by law.

Sec. 24. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all public moneys, and to make a regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of all public moneys at the annual session of the National Council.

### Article V.

Sec. 1. The judicial powers shall be vested in a Supreme Court and such circuit and inferior courts as the National Council may, from time to time, ordain and establish.

Sec. 2. The Judges of the Supreme and circuit courts shall hold their commissions for the term of four years, but any of them may be removed from office on the address of two-thirds (2/3) of each branch of the National Council to the Principal Chief for that purpose.

Sec. 3. The Judges of the Supreme and Circuit courts shall, at stated times receive a compensation which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office, but they shall receive no fees or perquisites of office, nor hold any other office of profit or trust under the government of this Nation, or any other power.

Sec. 4. No person shall be appointed a judge of any of the courts until he shall have attained the age of thirty years. Elected by the National Council, and there shall be appointed in each district.

Sec. 5. The Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts shall be as many Justices of the Peace as it may be deemed expedient for the Public good, whose powers, duties, and duration in office shall be clearly designated by law.

Sec. 6. The Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Circuit courts shall have complete criminal jurisdiction in such cases, and in such manner as may be pointed by law.

Sec. 7. No Judge shall sit on trial of any cause when the parties are connected [with him] by affinity or consanguinity, except by consent of the parties. In case all the Judges of the Supreme Court shall be interested in the issue of any case, or related to all or either of the parties, the Nation-

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## Former Tribal Members may Request Reinstatement

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is giving former tribal members a one-time opportunity to be reinstated into the tribe.

As the UKB Membership Ordinance does not have a provision for relinquished members to come back to the tribe, this is a one-time chance to come back.

Chief Wickliffe said some members were coerced into relinquishing from the tribe to receive medical care or job opportunities that were not available to them while they remained members of the UKB and now they have one chance to return to the tribe.

The idea for reinstatement was discussed in council for at least the last seven years. The council took formal action in the January council meeting by appointing a five-member ad hoc committee to process reinstatement requests for approval by the full council.

Requests can be up to one page handwritten or half a page typed.

The requests should state why the former member relinquished and why they want to be reinstated with the UKB. The former member must provide a good reason for being reinstated and must have a good attitude.

The actual requests must be turned in at the enrollment office in the UKB Community Services Building at the tribal complex or mailed to the enrollment office.

Former members can, also, request that a reinstatement form be mailed to them.

Mail reinstatement requests to C/O UKB Enrollment Department P.O. Box 746 Tahlequah, OK 74465.

For more information, call the enrollment department at 918-453-9375.

## UKB receives federal grant for museum expansion

The United Keetoowah Band is one of 14 tribes in Oklahoma to receive an Indian Community Development Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2012.

According to a May 1 press release from HUD, the ICDBG program allows tribes to develop viable communities including rehabilitating housing or building new homes or to purchase land to support new housing construction. The funding can also be used to build infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer facilities. To stimulate economic development and job growth, recipients use the grants to establish commercial, industrial and agricultural projects. Recipients also use the funding to build community and health centers, or to start businesses to support the community including shopping centers, manufacturing plants, restaurants or convenience stores and gas stations.

The UKB is using its \$800,000 grant to expand the John Hair Museum and Culture Center, which was built with an ICDBG grant from 2007.

In the press release, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan said: "These grants are a step forward in forging solutions to improve the housing and economic conditions for some of our country's most culturally rich neighborhoods. I'm impressed at the energy and creativity in how these communities are leveraging public funds to create lasting solutions for countless families."

With the grant awarded, the UKB is moving forward with the project.

by M. Thomas Jordan  
GCN Special Writer

## United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma School Clothing Voucher Program Starts July 23, 2012

The school clothing voucher program is for UKB children who are attending school in grades Kindergarten to 12th grade. Photo ID and proof of school attendance (or last year's report card) must accompany each child in order to pick up the voucher.

Tribal enrollment is pre-verified. If UKB enrollment is not active, parents must turn in all missing documents to enrollment before a voucher will be given.

Listed below are the distribution sites for each district:

### Flint and Goingsnake Districts

July 23, 2012 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Stilwell Satellite office

Contact: 918-696-7672

### Cooweescoowee, Saline, Delaware Districts

July 24, 2012 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Kenwood Community Building

Contact: 918-457-7264

Contact: 918-775-0920

### Tahlequah District

July 25, 2012 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

UKB Wellness Center

Contact: 918-457-7264

### Illinois and Sequoyah Districts

July 26, 2012 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sallisaw Satellite Office

Contact: 918-775-0920

### Canadian

July 27, 2012 10 a.m. -12:30 pm

Civitan Park, Muskogee OK

Contact: 918-775-0920

### Flint, Saline, Delaware

July 30, 2012 10:00am -2:00pm

Kansas Sub-office

All others who miss district dates or need to finish enrollment process may come in on August 1, 2012 to the UKB Wellness Center to pick up vouchers.

Along with vouchers, the Child Care Development Fund will be distributing backpacks with school supplies to children four to twelve years of age.

## Attention UKB Candidates for the November 2012 Election

In the October issue of the Gaduwa Cherokee News, each candidate running for council in the upcoming Nov. 5, 2012 election is allowed the opportunity to run biographical and platform information with a photo. You may submit an article of up to 200 words along with photo. Please include your return address if you would like the photo back. The deadline to submit the information for the newspaper is Sept. 12 at noon. Any information submitted after that date will not be accepted.

Candidates should refrain from writing negative information. The Gaduwa Cherokee News editor reserves the right to edit negative comments from the candidate's bio if needed. Information may be emailed to [ukbnews@unitedkeetoowah-band.org](mailto:ukbnews@unitedkeetoowah-band.org), or the information may be dropped by the Gaduwa Cherokee News Office, located in the UKB Administration Offices, which is next door to the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino.

Candidates may purchase ads for the Gaduwa Cherokee News if they would like. Ads must be paid in advance in cash or money order at the following rates: full page - \$700; half page - \$400; quarter page - \$275; and business card ad - \$150. Ads must be in good taste. The deadline to purchase an ad is the second Friday of the month prior to the next issue. The Gaduwa Cherokee News reserves the right to refuse to sell ads that are negative and inappropriate.

For more information, call the UKB media office at (918) 431-1818.

Sincerely,  
Sammy L. Still, Editor  
Gaduwa Cherokee News

## Filing dates set for UKB Officer and District Representative Candidates

The UKB Election Board will be accepting applications from tribal members wishing to file for candidacy for UKB Officer or District Representative on the UKB Tribal Council. Filing opens Wednesday, August 1 at 9 a.m. and closes on Tuesday, August 14 at 6 p.m. All candidates should file in person at the UKB Election Board office, located at 20525 Jules Valdez Road in Tahlequah.

The UKB Tribal Council is made up of four officers; Chief, Assistant Chief, Tribal Sec-

retary, and Tribal Treasurer and nine district representatives from the Canadian, Cooweescoowee, Delaware, Flint, Goingsnake, Illinois, Saline, Sequoyah, and Tahlequah districts. Terms of office are four years for officers, and two years for district representative. Filing fees are as follows: Chief - \$500; Assistant Chief, Secretary and Treasurer - \$400; and District Representative - \$250.

For more information, call the Election Board at 918-456-8421.

and serving God without distinction, shall forever be enjoyed within the limits of this Nation; provided, that this liberty of conscience shall not be so construed with the peace or safety of this Nation.

Sec. 3. When the National Council shall determine the expediency of appointing delegates, or other public agents, for the purpose of transacting business with the government of the United States, the Principal Chief shall recommend, and by the advice and consent of the National Committee, appoint and commission such delegates or public agents accordingly. On all matters of interest, touching the rights of the citizens of this Nation, which may require the attention of the United States government, the Principal Chief shall keep up a friendly correspondence with that government through the medium of its proper officers.

Sec. 4. All commissions shall be "In the Name and by the Authority of the Cherokee Nation," and be sealed with the seal of the Nation, and signed by the Principal Chief. The Principal Chief shall make use of his private seal until a National Seal shall be provided.

Sec. 5. A sheriff shall be elected in each district by the qualified electors thereof, who shall hold his office two years, unless sooner removed. Should a vacancy occur subsequent to an election, it shall be filled by the Principal Chief, as in other cases, and the person so appointed shall continue in office until the next regular election.

Sec. 6. No person shall, for the same offense, be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall the property of any person be taken and applied to public use without a just and fair compensation; provided, that nothing in this clause shall be so construed as to impair the right and power of the National Council to lay and collect taxes.

Sec. 7. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate, and every person, for injury sustained in person, property, or reputation, shall have remedy by due course of law.

Sec. 8. The appointment of all officers, not otherwise directed by this Constitution, shall be vested in the National Council.

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al Council may provide by law for the selection of a suitable number of persons of good character and knowledge, for the determination thereof, and who shall be specially commissioned for the adjudication of such cases by the Principal Chief.

Sec. 8. All writs and other process shall run "In the Name of the Cherokee Nation," and bear test and be signed by the respective clerks.

Sec. 9. Indictments shall conclude—"Against the Peace and Dignity of the Cherokee Nation."

Sec. 10. The Supreme Court shall, after the present year, hold its session annually at the seat of government, to be convened on the first Monday of October in each year.

Sec. 11. In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have the right of being heard; of demanding the nature and cause of the accusation; of meeting the witnesses face to face; of having compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his or their favor; and in prosecutions by indictment or information, a speedy public trial, by an impartial jury of the vicinage; nor shall the accused be compelled to give evidence against himself.

Sec. 12. The people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and possessions from unreasonable seizures and searches, and no warrant to search any place, or to seize any person or thing, shall issue, without describing them as nearly as may be, nor without good cause, supported by oath or affirmation.

Sec. 13. All persons shall be bailable by sufficient securities, unless for capital offenses, where the proof is evident or presumption great.

### Article VI.

Sec. 1. No person who denies the being of a God or future state of reward and punishment, shall hold any office in the civil department in this Nation.

Sec. 2. The free exercise of religious worship,

## UKB Tribal Employee Health Fair

On May 31, a health fair was held for tribal employees of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. The event was located in the community services conference room at the UKB tribal complex.

There were several booths set up where employees could get their blood pressure checked, get a blood sugar reading, Hastings dental health booth, a Zumba fitness booth and Marilyn's Optical, a local optometrist, handed out information and products for eye care. Employees of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Diabetes Prevention project were on hand to distribute educational brochures, pedometers, other giveaway items and answer questions.

One thing participants of the health fair learned is that, "What you don't know can hurt you."

The event was a dual effort of UKB Health and Human Services Director Carrie Haney and UKB Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Charles Gosnell, his Executive Assistant Katherine White, and James Locust, Keetoowah Health Services Assistant, as well as the Health and Human Services staff helped with the event.

"I wanted to do something for Employee Health Awareness. We get so busy in our day-to-day lives; we don't always take time to take care of ourselves. We need to be more aware of what is going on with our bodies. Lots of times, people find out they are diabetic or have high blood pressure through these types of screenings," said Haney.

Ms. Haney is a registered nurse and has been for the past fourteen years. "We all need to be pro-active with our health. I want to thank the Health and Human Services Department, as well as James Locust, and Federal Programs Director Pat Reese for their help and support."

The Zumba Fitness booth was set up by tribal member and employee Jessica Macdonald. Macdonald has been offering free Zumba and Turbo Jam classes during the lunch hour for tribal employees for the past three months. She is also a distributor for "It Works" products, which include body wraps, skin care products, and nutritional supplements.

Products address more youthful skin, dealing with stretch marks, skin tightening and firming, superior nutrition, detox, weight loss, and superior nutrition. For more information on the fitness classes or these products, contact Macdonald at 918-822-7261.

There were several nice door prizes given away, including a blood pressure monitor, Chero-



Tonia Trejo, Carter Home Health, performs a hypertension check on Toni Workman, UKB Transportation Specialist at the UKB Health and Wellness Fair. Photo by Thomas Jordan

## Tribe names Gosnell as chief medical officer

Dr. Charles Gosnell was recently named the chief medical officer for the United Keetoowah Band and is playing a more prominent role in the health of the tribe.

Gosnell has already helped guide the health efforts of the tribe by serving on the Health Committee for the past 2 1/2 years and being the committee chairperson for the past one-half year. He serves on the board of the Claremore Indian Hospital and is the UKB representative on the Northeastern State University search committee for hiring of a new provost/vice president of academic affairs (ongoing/future).

Gosnell started his medical career studying pre-med at NSU in 1960. He received his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Oklahoma in 1967. He, then, interned at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa.

After his internship at St. Johns Hospital in Tulsa, Gosnell served two years as a medical officer with the United States Marine Corps and is a Vietnam veteran earning the Vietnam Service Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the National Defense Service Ribbon.

Following his service to our country, Gosnell became the director of Emergency Services at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa and headed up the group of physicians with the first contract for Emergency Services at St. Francis Hospital.

kee baskets, a pedometer, and the grand prize was a Health-O-Meter scale that not only measured weight, but also measured body mass index, hydration level, and bone mass.

The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma's Diabetes Prevention Program had a plastic item that showed what five pounds of fat looked like. It was a large, yellow ugly mass that looked a lot like fat in the body must look like. It certainly drove the point home that it was beneficial to get rid of the useless mass that makes it harder for your body to function, especially if an individual had a lot of excess weight. Excess weight taxes your body's joints, and makes the heart do extra work to operate.

The program, funded by the Indians Competitive Grant Program since 2004, caters to American Indians age 18 and older with pre-diabetes who receive medical care at a Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma clinic or hospital.

Pre-diabetes is marked by high blood glucose (sugar) levels that are not high enough to be diagnosed with diabetes but are at risk of developing it over time.

One of the handouts they gave away was "We have the Power to prevent Diabetes" which included 7 powerful steps you can take to get started today:

1. Move more - get up, get out, get moving.
2. Make healthy food choices - Focus on eating less. Eat more fruits and vegetables, choose whole grain foods, cut down on fatty and fried foods, and choose water to drink.
3. Take off some weight - by losing just 10 pounds, you can cut your chances of getting diabetes.
4. Set goals you can meet- start by making small changes. Try being active 15 minutes a day, then gradually add minutes, until you are up to 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Try to cut 100 calories out of your diet each day (that's one can of soda!)
5. Record your progress - write down all the things you eat and drink and the number of minutes you are active. Keeping a diary is one of the best ways to stay focused and reach your goals.
6. Seek help - Ask your family and friends to support you in your efforts, and involve them in your activities. You can help each other move more, eat less, and live a healthy life.
7. Keep at it - Making even small changes is hard in the beginning. Try to add one new change a week. If you get off track, start again and keep at it.

To contact the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma's Diabetes Prevention Program, call Tonya Giger at 918-453-5776.

Marilyn's Optical gave away contact lens solution, glasses cases, glasses spray cleaner, etc. They can fill all lens prescriptions, frame repair, alignments, lens tinting, progressive and transition lens, sunglasses and contacts. Eye exams are available by appointment. They accept UKB vouchers, Sooner Care and most insurance. For more information, call (918) 456-1133.

Hastings Dental Health booth gave out tooth brushes, tooth paste, dental floss and other items. They gave out several handouts including how to get the most from your home care routine, what you should know about oral piercings, pregnancy and oral health, dry mouth and its connection to tooth decay, tooth extraction information, periodontal disease, tobacco use and health, and methamphetamine and oral health, and a healthy mouth for your baby.

Tips on getting the most from your home dental care routine:

1. Proper brushing helps remove plaque from the outer, inner and chewing surfaces of your teeth. It is recommended that you brush after every meal, but if you can't do that, you should brush your



James "Booter" Locust, tribal employee, has his hemoglobin checked by Sharon Benoit-Mock, R.N. at the UKB Health and Wellness Fair.

Photo by Thomas Jordan

teeth at least twice per day - in the morning and before you go to bed.

2. Flossing thoroughly helps remove plaque and debris from between the teeth, especially in hard-to-reach areas at and slightly under the gum line.
3. Between office visits, use fluoride toothpaste that reduces tartar formation and protects against cavities.
4. It is essential to have a routine professional cleaning for the removal of calculus (tartar) forming below the gum line.

Several of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma health clinics and hospitals have dental departments. To find out which clinics have dental departments, call 918-456-0671.

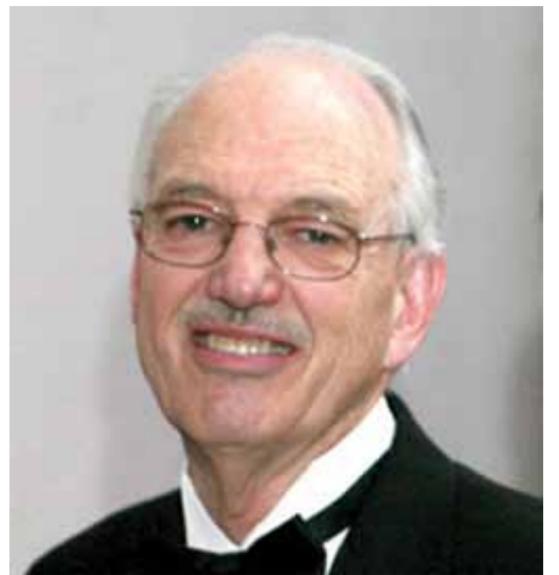
Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, heart failure or kidney failure. The only way to tell if you have high blood pressure is to have your blood pressure checked. According to recent estimates, one in four U.S. adults has high blood pressure, but because there are no symptoms, nearly one-third of these people don't know they have it. This is why high blood pressure is often called the "silent killer."

If you have high blood pressure, you can do a lot to reduce it. First, work with your doctor to determine the best treatment for you. It may include a low-fat and low-salt diet. You may be advised to lose weight and become more physically active. You also could be told to reduce your alcohol intake.

Many medicines also can help reduce and control high blood pressure. Your doctor will decide whether you need drug treatment in addition to dietary and lifestyle changes. For more information, visit [americanheart.org](http://americanheart.org) or call 800-242-8721.

Plans are being made to present a Health Fair for Elders at the UKB Wellness Center on later this summer. For more information, contact the Health and Human Services Department at 918-456-8698.

By Marilyn Craig  
UKB Media Specialist



Dr. Charles R. Gosnell

## Kenwood Fitness Center Open to Community

The Kenwood Fitness Center is open for use by individuals in the community according to UKB Saline District Representative Charles Smoke. The fitness center is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, contact Rodney Sapp at 918-434-6119.

by M. Thomas Jordan  
GCN Special Writer

# UKB Honors Fallen Soldiers with Laying of the Wreath Ceremony

The United Keetoowah Band honored fallen service members of all the nation's military branches on Memorial Day.

The tribe hosted a wreath laying ceremony at 12:30 p.m. in front of the flag poles at the UKB complex entry in homage of the more than 1,346,000 people who have died fighting for the United States beginning with the Revolutionary War.

Approximately 30 observers were joined by the Post 15 American Legion Riders. The 35 motorcycles were escorted from the Fort Gibson National Cemetery, where they met up, by two Lighthouse vehicles to Tahlequah.

The mostly denim- and leather-clad bikers travelled mainly from Muskogee and the surrounding areas, but one rode from Harrison, Ark., his second year to do so. They rode Harleys, Victories,

Can-am Spyders, perhaps a few other makes. One old tryke pulled a trailer flying the American flag and the Army, Marine Corp., Navy and Air Force flags.

They were followed in by an American Legion escort vehicle and the American Legion Post 15 rifle squad.

Jacob Littledave, UKB Honor Guard member and five-time Purple Heart recipient, welcomed and thanked those who came to pay their respects.

Jr. Miss Keetoowah Rachel Hays signed the "Lord's Prayer."

Norman "Hominy" Littledave, UKB Honor Guard adjutant, and the Stout brothers, American Legion Post 15, laid wreaths at the entry stone before stepping back to salute.

The rifle squad fired three volleys and Lee Griffin, American Legion Post 15 bugler, played "Taps."

This effectively ended the UKB ceremony, but not the duties of the Honor Guard and the rifle squad. They headed to the Fort Gibson National Cemetery to team up with the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Color Guard for a 2 p.m. ceremony.

"I personally want to thank everyone for taking their time away from their families to pay tribute this Memorial Day to all the veterans," said Norman Littledave. "It was a moving event here at the tribal grounds and at Fort Gibson National Cemetery, with the public coming out and supporting our fallen veterans. Some have loved ones and friends, and men and women we have never met. This meant a lot to us as Native American Indian veterans and to the Original United Keetoowah Veteran Honor Guards. Thanks go out to the media and the friends and families."



American Legion Post 15 rifle squad stands at attention as UKB Honor Guard member Jacob Littledave welcomes attendees who came to honor the fallen heroes. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Daniel Houston Jr. and Spade Welch, members of the UKB Honor Guard and veterans of foreign wars joined Post 15 American Legion rifle squad as they fired three volleys honoring fallen comrades during a special memorial ceremony at the National Cemetery in Fort Gibson. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Husband and wife, J.C. Wilson and Debra American Horse Wilson, both United States Marine veterans and members of the UKB Honor Guard, retire the colors at the close of the special memorial ceremony at the National Cemetery in Fort Gibson. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Norman "Hominy" Littledave, UKB Honor Guard adjutant, and the Stout brothers, American Legion Post 15, laid wreaths and saluted their fallen comrades. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Lee Griffin, American Legion Post 15 bugler, played "Taps," during a special memorial service honoring veterans at Fort Gibson National Cemetery. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Members of the Post 15 American Legion Riders salute the colors as the UKB Honor Guard presents the flags. Photo by Thomas Jordan

Rachel Hays, Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, attended the laying of the wreath ceremony held on the grounds of the United Keetoowah Band complex. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Tears of remembrance were wept as the UKB Honor guard posted the colors at the National Cemetery in Fort Gibson honoring fallen war veterans. Photo by Thomas Jordan



The United States flag and colors were presented by the UKB Honor Guard and Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Color Guard at a memorial ceremony held at the National Cemetery in Fort Gibson. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Thirty-five motorcyclists (left) from Post 15 American Legion Riders arrived on the grounds of the Keetoowah Cherokee complex to honor fallen American soldiers. Photo by Thomas Jordan

## Title VI thanks Delila Pacheco

The Title VI staff sends a special thanks to Delila Pacheco for her cash donation to buy a birthday cake for the monthly elder birthdays. "It was a great donation; we don't get that here at our center at all! She is the first one to do that and we appreciate it very much," said Rebecca Dreafwater, Title VI Coordinator.

## Cherokee Basket exhibit

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The Cherokee Heritage Center is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week from May 6 to Sept. 3. It is closed during January and on Sundays from Feb. 1 to April 29 and Sept. 4 to Dec. 31.

The Cherokee Heritage Center is located at 21192 S. Keeler Drive, Park Hill, OK 74451. For information on the 2012 season and programs, please contact the Cherokee Heritage Center at (888) 999-6007, email at info@cherokeeheritage.org or visit <http://www.CherokeeHeritage.org>.

Following the exhibition, the world's tallest Cherokee basket will remain on display indefinitely at the Cherokee Heritage Center for guest photo opportunities and art discussions.

By Marilyn Craig  
UKB Media Specialist

## United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu July 2012

Title VI Jim Proctor Elder Nutrition Center—Native American 55+ (UKB or CDIB Card) Spouses & or Volunteers							
Sun		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Cheesy Tatar Tot Casserole, Corn Fried Zucchini Breadstick Salad & Dessert	3 Pepperoni Pizza w/ Marina or Ranch Sauce, Mac/Cheese Grilled Veggies Salad & Fresh Fruit	4 Tribal Offices Closed Holiday	5 Tribal Offices Closed Holiday	6 Tribal Offices Closed Holiday	7	
8	9 BBQ Smokies Potato Salad Green Beans Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	10 Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers Fried Yellow Squash Broccoli Salad Watermelon	11 Beef Taco w/ fixings, Tortilla Spanish Rice Chile Beans Dessert	12 Liver & Onions in Brown Gravy, Whole Potatoes Corn, Hot Roll Salad & Dessert	13 "Brunch" 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	14	
15	16 Sauerkraut & Weenies, Grilled Veggies, Carrots Breadstick Salad & Dessert	17 Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes w/ Gravy, Broccoli Potato, Wheat Roll Salad & Fresh Fruit	18 Cheeseburgers w/ Fixing on Bun Potato Wedge Pork & Beans Dessert	19 Catfish w/Tatar Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Hushpuppies Coleslaw Dessert	20 "Fishing Day" UKB River Park 11:30-?	21	
22	23 Ground Beef Vegetable Stew Hominy, Cheese Stk Biscuit Salad & Dessert	24 Roast Turkey w/ Gravy, Dressing Candied Sweet Potato, Wheat Roll Salad & Fresh Fruit	25 BBQ Bologna Corn on Cob Mac & Tomatoes Texas Toast Salad & Dessert	26 Traditional Cultural Foods July Birthdays	27 Kitchen Closed for Cleaning	28	
29	30 Sirloin Tips w/ Onion Gravy, Rice Fried Okra Wheat Roll Salad & Dessert	31 Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potato/Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuit Salad & Fresh Fruit			Menus are subject to change without notice. For more info call: 918-772-4350 or 918-772-4378		Milk, Tea, Coffee & Water Served Daily During Lunch

Nutrition Analysis Includes 2% Milk. Each Meal Meets 1/3 of The Recommended RDA Requirements

# UKB Regular May Council Meeting Minutes

## UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At the UKB Community Services Building May 05, 2012 10:04 a.m. – 12:38 p.m.

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

### II. Invocation: Cliff Wofford

**III. Roll Call:** \*\*Chief Wickliffe: stated that after the April Council Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM the business of the meeting was posted on the web at approximately 1:45 PM the same day; therefore, for that reason and other reasons, the business of the tribe should not be posted on the web at a later time of the same day of the meeting. Since the present administration there were settlement conferences to meet about the casino which was at Muskogee. In order to clear the security you were told to go through standard check for anything suspicious and that's why we obtain video of the meetings. The minutes are posted in the monthly newspaper of the UKB. Rumors are circulating to breakdown the tribe. There are angry people and misunderstandings out there. If Dora Grayson was here in attendance, which she is not at this time, here are some things she might say. She has shared these comments with me in the past: "When Council was going to conduct business they would ask the females to go outside while conducting meetings." I do not have anything against female participation, and the females were given a right to vote by the constitution of the United States. The UKB Keetoowah Society, when we organized under the Indian Welfare Act, opened the doors for a lot of people, but the UKB had never adopted the "open meeting" laws that Oklahoma has. They could but we have a procedure and it went through the Council. We did have public forum to allow members to participate with limited time to present topic to Council. Recently media from a local newspaper attempted to photograph Council while meeting was in process and I asked the media to leave. The meetings are to conduct Keetoowah Cherokee Indian business not to come to gripe. District meetings are conducted monthly. If you have issues then they should be addressed at that time. During my years as an administrator in public schools, the meetings were conducted and public forum was an item but they were to be given a topic prior to the meeting and it's for their own protection. Because if you come in to a public meeting and are not a board member then you will not be able to voice your topic and mention a name you may be sued. A judge for CNO stated at one time cannot sue the tribe and that statement also applies to the UKB, but a member of the Council can be sued. We are not immune from law suits. We are governed by the U.S. Constitution.

Since 1889 we have stated when we did amendments we should recognize the U.S. Constitution as the superior law of the land. We repealed that again when we got our By-Laws in 1950. From day one after taking office we stated we were going to do everything possible to get a land base, create jobs and get the tribe in working order. Land base has a maturity date and it's almost over. We have only one step left, which has gone through administrative process. The amendment to the 2006 Trust Application was passed by Council to use under the Corporate Charter. It's been a struggle but there's not anything I wouldn't do differently to get our land in trust. I am going to seek to run again for Chief. I see still a lot of things to get done; therefore, my evaluation of my position will be evaluated in November. I would like to continue to have the Council work together through it all for the tribe. The minutes are recorded each month and become available after the approval of Council and then are entered in the monthly UKB paper. I presented a letter to each Council member and to the administration which later was noted on Facebook. I do care about our people of the tribe. Hopefully those of you that are here today and because of the reasons why I have stated what we have done because of all these rumors. Resolutions support everything that has been done by approval of Council. So if we are going to ask to turn in cell phones or other devices it has to be done due to the fact we do not have an open meeting law. (Oklahoma) Well that's my address at this time. Continue with the agenda and let's take roll.

Dotson: May I say something at this time? I can't understand this letter. For 7 ½ half years we have been at liberty to make a motion and now it stops?

Chief Wickliffe: Only the Chief can do that and I have just tolerated it to this point. It is in our books.

Holcomb: I have a question. I am confused on an earlier statement on your membership of the years as a member.

Chief Wickliffe: I was a member and my family is UKB. Misunderstanding of statements, which made a small discussion but was stopped and continue on with the agenda.

Hawk: Good morning everyone. Before I take roll could everyone please turn in cell phones and/or other devices to Lighthorse? We would appreciate it at this time.

Public Audience Member: What law does that refer to?

Chief Wickliffe: We are not entertaining you. Lighthorse would you please escort that audience member out of Council chambers?

Public Audience Member: You cannot do that!

Chief Wickliffe: You missed earlier comments I stated as you entered late.

Public Audience Member: Just asking what law this is coming from?

Chief Wickliffe: You are staying?

Public Audience Member: Yes! I am a tribal member.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION

Roll Call: 12 + Chief answered Roll Call

### IV. Chief's Address

Given before "Roll Call"

### V. Approval of the minutes for the month of April 2012

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to approve the Council minutes of April 2012; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 9 Yes, 3 No (Dotson, Worley, Holcomb), 0 Abstentions.

### VI. Presentations

1. Dotson: a request from a softball team in his district that consisted of both Adair and Sequoyah County members was received. They asked that we help them purchase equipment for the team. Continued reading the letter to Council, but the main point of the letter is requesting assistance for the purchase of equipment. May I ask if this team will be helped or not helped and which direction do I go to present this letter?

- Chief Wickliffe: Yes they will be helped. Affiliation doesn't matter.

- Dotson: Thank you. I will notify them they will receive assistance.

2. Holcomb: Clothing vouchers

Was there a chance to get an increase in the amount? Clothing prices increase every year. I did ask this about 2 months ago.

Bryan Shade: The issue was discussed in a Budget & Finance meeting and Ella Worley chairs the committee. Numbers were thrown around to see if the budget could support an increase once the Budget & Finance agree if it's capable of an increase.

Holcomb: Thank you. I hope it does get to increase in amount.

3. Ken Bellmard: Presented Craig Legner, Stanfield & O'Dell Auditor

Craig Legner: Good morning Council. First I would like to go through the results of the audit and then talk about auditor responsibilities and management responsibilities.

- Financial statements
- Funds controlled by Council
- Scope of audit
- Controls within the tribal as well as the casino is audited
- Increases in both tribe and casino had a great impact on the funds.
- Governmental statement is a very complicated statement and at this time no findings or weaknesses on the internal controls which gives the tribe a great audit.

These statements by the auditor state once again this is the best report you can receive.

Dotson: Mr. Legner when you do the audit do you take the comptroller's word or do you look into situations?

Craig Legner: We look into all records under what we call controls and justify findings, if any at that time.

Worley: With all due respect, you said there were no findings, but I sat in on the preliminary and there were findings, one which was "payroll advance."

Craig Legner: No, there is significant differences and material weaknesses. Minor items can be taken care of before it will be reported and become a major issue and will be noted in the next audit. This finding was taken care of by the time it is even known as a finding.

Locust: Usually those policies are taken care of by the committee then brought before Council for approval.

Girty: Is it always good to have a good report? I understand it is good to have a great report/audit, but I would like to understand when there is a finding that we Council are able to understand how that finding was fixed.

Craig Legner: Summarized the procedure of the steps to following of policy-either follow policy or amend the policy by change of language or just follow through the policy. Policy defines what to do.

Holcomb: Why can't we get those books "audit report" in advance?

Chief Wickliffe: We can have one (1) copy in the Secretary's office to have available for Council to review and also understand not to submit it all over is because it's also the business of the tribe and we have trade secrets in the audit.

Craig Legner: on behalf of the Council, I would be happy to come and meet with Council and explain audit.

Worley: I do recall the Chief say "it is fixed," well it isn't until the advances are paid back therefore it isn't fixed.

Chief Wickliffe: I paid money out of pocket to help members, economic conditions are bad and we have feelings so we help our members.

Girty: If we could hear the recommendations and know it wasn't perfect but know what findings we need to work on to fix it.

Ken Bellmard: Let's just entertain to have a motion to have a meeting just to discuss, instead of repeat the audit at every meeting. Policy can be changed and discussion of a change in policy would be stated before Council after meeting with auditor.

Locust: There were exit interviews and opportunities given to ask questions if someone did not understand any reports. No questions were asked, so when do you ask the questions? During the Council meeting?

Worley: I did ask but no answers were given. I asked 1 ½ years ago because I started having concerns.

Ken Bellmard: Let's set up a meeting with this gentleman to discuss the summary of audit.

Girty: I have one question. I have only been here on Council for 2 years so I have questions. It's good that we have good audits. If the Chief says it's fixed then it's good. I think policies may need to be tweaked here and there, then we know we can change them under the recommendation of legal aspect to where we work on change of policy to fit the funding. A meeting would work great with the auditor to have a more in depth knowledge of how these are noted as findings and what they mean.

Hansen: I feel like more or less we are asking Mr. Legner how to set policy for us, but that's out of your scope. We appreciate the hard work and information. If our audit withstands the B.I.A. and getting past CNO then I say leave the audit alone. It's getting great reviews and keeping us progressing forward.

Craig Legner: You have been awarded self-governance, one reason we received it was because of your clean audits. Financial reports are very, very good and 3 levels of reports, because any issue we find, management can fix it and by policy they are fixed.

Chief Wickliffe: Okay, Council will have the opportunity to come in and review the audit in the Secretary's office. Council thank you for the report of audit.

### VII. Reports to Council

#### 1. Enrollment Report: Joyce Hawk

There are 6 requests for new enrollment and 9 requests for relinquishments. The Ad-Hoc report states 4 applications to re-join the UKB were presented to the committee. The committee accepted 3 and denied 1. We bring our recommendations to Council for approval and the individual that was denied could approach Council to appeal the denial, but I do not see the individual present at this time; therefore, I ask for approval of my reports.

Holcomb: What is "N/A" on the blood quantum column of the print out?

Amanda Stopp: Our software is being updated and did not enter on the column but the files do have blood degrees. We have no control over the software, we just install it.

MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to accept and approve 6 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No (Dotson), 0 Abstentions. MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to honor and acknowledge 9 relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No (Dotson), 0 Abstentions.

Hawk: announced the Elder Assistance Program will begin May 8-June 15, 2012.

### VIII. Public Forum - NONE

### IX. Unfinished Business - NONE

### X. New Business

1. MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve the submission of a FY 2012 grant application through the Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration Tribal Transit Program for services to tribal members; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

2. MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve Election Ordinance of 2012; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Early Candidacy, Section 508 has been eliminated. 18 vs. 21 voting age – Under tribal law 21 is the voting age

Absentee voting is NOT allowed in our voting process

No ruling against campaigning early

Ken Bellmard: Request for Executive Session regarding Gaming Compact.

3. MOTION by Willie Christie to enter into Executive Session with legal present; TIME – 11:22 AM; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 1 No (Holcomb), 0 Abstentions.

4. MOTION by Willie Christie to exit from Executive Session and return to Regular Council Session; TIME – 12:25 PM; SECONDED by Tom Duncan; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

5. MOTION by Cliff Wofford to reauthorize the submission of a Gaming Compact; SECONDED by Eddie Sacks; VOTE: 9 Yes, 2 No (Dotson, Worley), 1 Abstentions (Holcomb).

### XI. Announcements –

Bryan Shade: will notify Council on the Tri-Council Meeting that is to be held July 9-13, 2012

Robert Whitekiller: Sequoyah Softball won state! There were many pictures taken and will be presenting some at a later time. Contact Sammy Still or myself and we will get your pictures.

Worley: Thank you Robert for the photos of my granddaughter. They are really neat photos.

Hawk: Council it has been brought to my attention that at 6 PM at Sequoyah High School Chief George Wickliffe will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Congratulations Chief Wickliffe.

### XII. Benediction: Tom Duncan

### XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Eddie Sacks; SECONDED by Willie Christie; Approve by affirmation: 12:38 PM

## The 1839 Constitution of the Cherokee Nation

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Sec. 9. Religion, mortality and knowledge being necessary to good government, the preservation of liberty, and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged in this Nation.

Sec. 10. The National Council may propose such amendments to this Constitution as two-thirds of each branch may deem expedient, and the Principal Chief shall issue a proclamation, directing all civil officers of the several districts to promulgate the same as extensively as possible within their respective districts at least six months previous to the next general election. And if, at the first session of the National Council, after such general election, two-thirds (2/3) of each branch shall, by ayes and noes, ratify such proposed amendments, they shall be valid to all intent and purposes, as parts of this Constitution; provided, that such proposed amendments shall be read on three several days in each branch, as well when the same are proposed, as when they are ratified.

Done in Convention at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, this sixth day of September, 1839

GEORGE LOWREY, President of the National Convention

Written by William Shorey Coodey

# 2012 UKB Graduates



## EIGHTH GRADE

### Lakota Doublehead

Lakota Doublehead graduated 8th grade from Zion School, where he has received many awards, including the "Award of Excellence" and is a three time recipient of a Citizenship award. He made the Superintendent's Honor Roll every quarter until he was in the 7th grade, then he became a regular member of the Principal's Honor Roll. He loves to read and loves history. Lakota is also an athlete who competes in softball, basketball and football.



Lakota Doublehead

He is the son of Mark and Loretta Doublehead. His siblings are Marissa Doublehead, 9; Skylar Doublehead, 19; Tiffany Doublehead, 22; and Cecia Caughman, 20. He also has two nieces and a nephew. His grandparents are Fred and Josephine Delay and the late Hiner Doublehead; the late Reverend Willie Pritchett; Gene Bird and the late Shirley Bird.

Lakota plans to attend Sequoyah High School this fall.

### Karra Shalayne Fourkiller

Karra Shalayne Fourkiller, 14, graduated 8th grade from Maryetta School, where she was in the service and leadership club and participated in basketball and softball. She is the daughter of Joyce Fourkiller Hawk and Kenneth Hawk. Her siblings are Kaycee and Coby Fourkiller and Starla, Jason, and Chris Hawk. She has one nephew, Hawk Walker.



Karra Shalayne Fourkiller

She plans to attend Tahlequah High School in the fall.

### Jakkie Wright

Jakkie Wright graduated 8th grade from Zion School, where she participated in basketball, softball, and track. Her favorite subjects were English, Algebra and Life Skills.



Jakkie Wright

She is the daughter of Verlita Watie and Jack Wright. Her sisters are Nikiyah Wright and Nichole Wright. Her grandparents are Dora Watie and the late Delman Watie and the late Ernie Shade and Elizabeth Shade.

Jakkie plans to attend Sequoyah High School this fall.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Caitlyn Allen

Caitlyn Allen graduated from Jay High School. She is the daughter of Greg and Polly Allen. Her siblings are J.T., Branden and Crisanna Allen.



Caitlyn Allen

Her hobbies include shopping with friends, fishing, and playing softball.

Caitlyn plans to attend Northeastern State University majoring in chemistry, and then to continue her education to become a pharmacist.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Deacon Hinzo

Deacon Hinzo graduated from Kansas High School. He also completed the automotive program at Northeast Technology Center.



Deacon Hinzo

His parents are Patricia and Victor Lackey and the late Seffie Hinzo. His siblings are Justine, Sequoyah, and Phillip. His nephew is Zyren Lemo.

His future plans include attending O.T.C. in Tulsa. He also hopes to own a mechanic shop and take care of his girlfriend, Maria and a son, Christopher, who will be born in July.

### Brittany King

Brittany King graduated from Jay High School. She will be attending Northeast Technology Center in Kansas, Oklahoma. She plans to train to be a licensed practical nurse.



Brittany King

### Faith O'Field

Faith O'Field graduated from Kansas High School. She is the daughter of Philip and Felicia O'Field. Her brother is Joshua O'Field. Her grandparents are Eunice and Edward O'Field and Dorris Stopp and Roy Daniels.



Faith O'Field

Her hobbies include beading with her mom and hanging out with friends.

She plans to attend Northeastern State University and major in psychology.

### Shalesah Myers

Shalesah Myers graduated from Jay High School. She is the daughter of Cora Jo Myers. Her siblings are Cody and Joseph Chewey. Her grandparents are Franklin and Beulah Chewey.



Shalesah Myers

Her hobbies include basketball, reading, bicycling, playing volleyball and watching movies.

She plans to attend college at NEO A&M in Miami, Oklahoma and work toward a degree in Physical Therapy.

### Nicholas Wacoche

Nicholas Wacoche graduated from Sequoyah High School, 15th in his class.

Nicholas is the son of Jeff & Jennifer Wacoche and the brother of Britanie, Edwin, & Jennica. He will be attending OU in the fall. His family says, "Good Luck Nick! We are proud of you."



Nicholas Wacoche

## VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

### Justin Fourkiller

Justin Fourkiller received certification in the HVAC Refrigeration program at Indian Capital Technology Center. He is also EPA certified.



Justin Fourkiller

He is the son of Mary Fourkiller and the late Nick Fourkiller. His grandparents are the late Jim and Geneva Proctor and Nick Fourkiller, Sr. and Joanna Fourkiller.

His hobbies include hunting and fishing. He plans to get a job in the heating and air field.

### Charles Ryan Proctor

Charles Ryan Proctor completed coursework at the Indian Capital Technology Center in Sallisaw. He is EPA and HVAC certified.



Charles Ryan Proctor

He is the son of Charles and Janice Proctor. He is the grandson of Felix and Louella Proctor and Arthur and Peggy Williams. He hopes to work in the heating and air conditioning industry.

### Cherlye L. Foreman

Cherlye L. Foreman graduated from NEO A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma with an Associate Degree in Computer Science.



Cherlye L. Foreman

She is the daughter of Bud and Marie Foreman of Colcord, Oklahoma. Her siblings are Janet, Issac, Jeffrey, Summer, Freddie, Kristi, Kimberly, Toby, Bunn and Nicole. Her grandparents are the late Homer and Rosa Buck of Kenwood, Oklahoma, and the late Wickley and Sadie Foreman of Colcord.

Cherlye's hobbies include beadwork, crafting, wood working, tinkering on computers, and driving on beautiful days enjoying nature. Her future plans include taking life one day at a time. She also wants to continue raising her daughter Chelsea and help her to pursue her dreams.

She plans to attend Rogers State University in the fall.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE

### Kasandra Sultzer

Kasandra Sultzer graduated from NEO A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma with an Associate Degree in Applied Science, Nursing.



Kasandra Sultzer

Along with her degree, Kasandra also received a leadership award.

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[www.unitedkeetoowahband.org](http://www.unitedkeetoowahband.org)

# 2012 UKB Graduates



## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

### Lindsey Elaine Bark

Lindsey Elaine Bark graduated from Northeastern State University with a degree in Mass Communication-Journalism/Broadcasting. She is the daughter of Robert and Sandra Bark and her brother is Kyle Bark. She is the granddaughter of the late Henry and Lila Bark.



Lindsey Elaine Bark

### Dustin Bush

Dustin Bush graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology/General Studies. His parents are Benny Bush and Victoria Bush. His siblings are Ben and Samuel Bush. His grandparents are the late Cordelia Nan Thomas, the late Dewayne Sam, the late Isaac Bush and Lucille Randolph.

Dustin plans to attend graduate school.



Dustin Bush

## VA Continues Long-Term Study on Gulf War Era Veterans

Third Health Survey since 1995 to Take Place

WASHINGTON – For the third time since the 1990-1991 Gulf War, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) researchers will contact Gulf War-era Veterans as a part of a long-term study of their health.

“Our message to our Gulf War Veterans is clear: We are not forgetting you, we are listening to you, and we are acting,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “This Gulf War follow-up study provides an important long-term look at how Gulf War Veterans are faring, and will provide essential data to guide the care of these Veterans.”

For the “Follow-up Study of a National Cohort of Gulf War and Gulf Era Veterans,” researchers want to learn about how the health of these Veterans has changed over time, and about the natural history of long-term conditions like unexplained multi-symptom illnesses. Researchers will begin contacting participants at the end of May 2012. Veterans were previously contacted for a baseline survey in 1995 and a follow-up survey in 2005.

This continuing VA effort studies a group of approximately 15,000 Gulf War Veterans and 15,000 Veterans who served elsewhere during the Gulf War. The study group includes all branches of service, representing active, Reserve, and National Guard members. Women are being oversampled to make sure they are represented, making up 20 percent of the study sample. Veterans will respond via a paper or online survey, and researchers will also review medical records from a sample of study participants.

Veterans will be asked about health issues that affect them, including chronic medical conditions such as cancer, neurological, respiratory and immunological conditions, as well as general health perceptions, functional status, chronic fatigue syndrome-like illness, unexplained multi-symptom illness and women’s health. Veterans will be queried about their level of physical activity and their use of alcohol and tobacco. They also will be asked about their use of VA health care and satisfaction with their care.

More than a dozen scientific articles have been published from the two earlier surveys in the study. This work has investigated multi-symptom illnesses, chronic diseases, and environmental exposures associated with military deployment. For example, a recent scientific article showed that Gulf War Veterans’ health has worsened over time compared to the health of Gulf War Era Veterans who served elsewhere. Gulf War Veterans reported higher rates of ongoing unexplained multi-symptom illness, post-traumatic stress disorder, and chronic fatigue syndrome-like illness, along with higher health care utilization, including frequent clinic visits and recurrent hospitalization. These findings, other ongoing studies, and future research efforts will help VA to better understand the health consequences of deployment and guide care delivery.

VA is funding the new study by a team from the Post-Deployment Health Epidemiology Program, Office of Public Health. VA is working towards improving care, services, and benefits for Veterans of all eras. Additional information about this study can be found at <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/epidemiology/studies/gulf-war-follow-up.asp>.

For more information on this or other veteran’s questions, contact UKB Veteran’s Representative Jacob Littledave toll free at 1-800-259-0093 or call 918-456-8698 or call his cell at 918-453-3562.

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

### Robyn A. Wilson

Robyn A. Wilson, 23, from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. Her mother is Angela

Wilson and her father is Harold Hooper. She has two half-sisters, Cassie, 21, and Kayla, 11; one half-brother Tyler, 17; and two nephews Jordan, 3, and Traevin, 3 weeks, and niece Shyann, 2.

After graduation, she accepted a job with the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resource Conservation Services as a Soil Conservationist in Carroll, Iowa.



Robyn A. Wilson

### William Zachary Christie

William Zachary Christie graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Environmental, Health and Safety Management. He is the son of Willie Christie and D’Aunn Glass. His grandparents are Buck Christie, Christine Linn, and Bob Steen. His siblings are Blade Christie, Daris Glass, and Jessica Wells.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, outdoors, and spending time with his family and his daughter Maloree.

His future plans include getting a job and making a lot of money.



William Zachary Christie

## Women Veterans Task Force Draft Plan Released

VA Seeks Public Comment on Strategies

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs is releasing for public comment a draft of its strategic report to address key issues facing women Veterans. The plan outlines steps for improvements to care and services for women Veterans that are sustainable, accountable and a part of the department’s culture and operations.

“Expanding care and services to women Veterans is too important to limit ourselves solely to the views within the department, so we are seeking feedback from all stakeholders, most importantly women Veterans themselves,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “The VA must be visionary and agile enough to anticipate and adjust not only to the coming increase in women Veterans, but also to the complexity and longevity of treatment needs.”

Shinseki formed a task force to develop an action plan to address women Veterans’ issues. Since then, the group has conducted a broad survey of department experts to identify those issues and organize them by priority. The draft report is an interim step prior to VA finalizing its overall plan.

The report comes at an important juncture in VA’s history that demands a review of the quality, quantity, and types of services and programs it provides to women Veterans. The number of women Veterans using VA has increased 83 percent in the past decade, from about 160,000 to over 292,000 between fiscal years 2000 and 2009, compared with a 50 percent increase in men.

Women are now the fastest growing cohort

within the Veteran community. In 2011, about 1.8 million or 8 percent of the 22.2 million Veterans were women. The male Veteran population is projected to decrease from 20.2 million men in 2010 to 16.7 million by 2020. In contrast, the number of women Veterans will increase from 1.8 million in 2011 to 2 million in 2020, at which time women will make up 10.7 percent of the total Veteran population.

VA is training providers in basic and advanced topics in women’s health through mini-residencies, and over 1200 providers have currently received training. Comprehensive women’s health care can be provided within three different models of care, including comprehensive women’s clinics; separate, but shared, space women’s clinics; or integrated primary care clinics. All of these clinic models ensure that women receive all of their primary health care (prevention, medical, and routine gynecologic care) by a single primary care provider. A network of medical directors and program managers who coordinate care for women Veterans now encompasses all 153 medical centers in the VA Health Care System.

The public notice and instructions for how to submit comments will be posted at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). The draft written report will be open for comment for 30 days, and responders will have a number of options to provide both electronic and written feedback.

For more information on this or other veteran’s questions, contact UKB Veteran’s Representative Jacob Littledave toll free at 1-800-259-0093 or call 918-456-8698 or call his cell at 918-453-3562.

## UKB Tribal Veterans Rep Jacob Littledave speaks at Chilocco Reunion

Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Veterans Representative and Veteran Marine Jacob Littledave was the featured speaker at the Chilocco National Alumni Reunion breakfast for veterans. Littledave talked about claims and benefits available to veterans and their spouses and explained how to file the claims.

The breakfast was held in honor of all Chilocco Alumni Veterans who have served their country. Each veteran received a medallion and a plaque in appreciation for serving in the Armed Forces.

The Chilocco National Alumni Association expressed their heartfelt thanks to Littledave for the briefing he presented. There were many attendees who expressed their appreciation.



Jacob Littledave, Keetoowah Tribal Veterans Representative, was invited as a special guest to speak at attending Chilocco alumni at their annual Chilocco reunion. Photo by Norman “Hominy” Littledave

## Robert Smith —Keetoowah Elder

His week days are filled with chores like cutting wood and mowing lawns. His weekends are filled with traveling to local communities and taking part in one of his favorite past times, pitching horseshoes. This is the retired life of Robert Smith, Keetoowah elder. At 80 years old, many may wonder how, at this age, he still throws forty feet with two pieces of metal that weigh about two pounds each. But with years of experience, it comes with ease.

Smith was born to Sam and Emma Smith on April 2, 1932 in Locust Grove, and he has one sister, Mabel. He went to school at



Robert Smith

Ballou, outside of Locust Grove, before moving to Strang. At Strang, he only went up to the fourth grade before quitting school at age 15.

"I learned English a little bit, and thought I was smart," said Smith

He and his family moved to Spavinaw, his current home, at age 15. He met his wife Wilma Hazel and they were married when she was 17 and he was 19. Sixty years and three children later, they are still going strong.

Smith said as a child he liked to play basketball, football and Indian marbles. He did not learn to play horseshoes until he was in his 60's, with his good friend Sam Allen. He traveled with Allen and another friend to Crane, Mo. to pitch in his first tournament. Smith said before he pitched, all pitchers had to be placed in a certain class, ranging from A to F. He told them to put him in the last class because it was his first tournament. He said he beat everyone in his class except the only woman, because she got to throw from 35 feet and men had to throw from 40 feet.

"She beat me, but she didn't skunk me," said Smith.

From there, he was hooked on horseshoes. Smith said he will play whenever someone calls him and tells him there is a tournament somewhere. Crane, Mo. is the farthest he has ever been to pitch. Everywhere else has been local such as Spavinaw, Kenwood, Stilwell and Tahlequah. He said he used to go just about every weekend, but he has slowed down a little.

Smith has a preference on the type of horseshoe he likes to throw. His first horseshoes were Deadeye. Later on, his friend Allen gave him another pair of Deadeye. So if anyone can guess, he likes to throw Deadeye. But he said he would like a pair of Mustangs, the same that fellow pitcher Robert Bark throws. It is a brand that is popular among many horseshoe pitchers.

Smith has a pitching style that baffles other horseshoe pitchers. Some styles that are thrown include the backward flip and the clockwise turn. Smith throws his horseshoes counter-clockwise and many do not understand how he does it. When they ask, he says that is just how he throws.

His winnings over the years include trophies, which he said are collecting dust, some money and plenty of t-shirts. After years of wear, he took all of his t-shirts and had them made into a quilt.

Smith said horseshoe pitching is a little different today than when he first started. Back then, pitchers took turns throwing. He would pitch one shoe, the opponent would pitch one, then he would pitch his second shoe and then his opponent would pitch the second shoe. Now, whoever scores last gets to throw both horseshoes first. Also, the scoring has changed a bit. But horseshoe pitching has different rules in all of the different communities where it is played.

Some of Smith's other past times include cutting wood and fixing lawn mowers. He said he goes out and cuts grass for others when they call and ask him to do so, and he likes to help them out.

Smith retired in the 1980's. Some of the jobs he had up until his retirement included roadwork at various places, working for Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma in Bull Hollow, and then working for the state doing maintenance work for parks and recreational areas. Since he retired, he has been pitching horseshoes, cutting wood, fixing lawn mowers and fishing when he can.

He said if younger people want to learn to pitch horseshoes, he would show them how if they asked. He would tell them where to stand, how far the stakes should be, and how to keep score. He would tell them not to get mad if they get beat, just have fun. Smith enjoys watching his grandchildren play at family gatherings.

"I enjoy playing just anywhere," said Smith. "I like playing just to play, meet new people and have fun. I know a lot of people now that I didn't know then."

By GCN Reporter Lindsey Bark

## Deadline Approaching for Miss & Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Pageant

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is accepting applications for the Miss, and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee. The application deadline is Friday, August 31, 2012. The pageant will be held on Thursday, September 13th, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center, 100 North Water Street, Tahlequah, OK.

Miss and Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee will represent the tribe as a good-will ambassador during her reign. Education Scholarships will be awarded to the winner, first, second and third runners up of \$2,000, \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 for Miss Keetoowah Cherokee and \$300, \$200, and \$100 for Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee.

The theme for the 62nd Annual United Keetoowah Band Celebration will be "One Tribe, One Family, Rising Together". Contestants must

be between the age of 13 and 17 years old by September 13, 2012 to compete for Jr. Miss, and 18 to 21 by September 13, 2012 to compete for Miss Keetoowah Cherokee. Contestants must be an exclusive UKB Tribal Member and present a copy of Tribal enrollment, show proof of school enrollment, provide two references, must not have been married or cohabitated, no children, and never convicted of a felony.

Pageant applications may be downloaded from the UKB Tribal website at [www.unit-edkeetoowahband.org](http://www.unit-edkeetoowahband.org) beginning August 1st or picked up at the UKB Community Services building. For any questions on the competition, categories or if assistance is needed, please call Verlita Watie or Georgia Dick at (918) 456-8698 or 1-800-259-0093.

## Birth Announcement

Felicia and Tony Hadley, of Hulbert, announce the birth of their twins, girl Journey Dawn and boy Liam Max, born at Tahlequah City Hospital May 8, 2012. Journey was born at 8:17 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. Liam was born at 8:20 a.m., weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. The twins were welcomed home by big brother David "Sonny Boy" Hadley.

Maternal grandparent is Delpha Two Bulls of Pine Ridge, S. D. Paternal grandparents are Robert Hadley of Vinita and Janet Hagle of Park Hill. Felicia works for UKB as procurement of-



ficer in the housing department.

## Keetoowah Youth Honored with Student of Today Award

Keetoowah Cherokee youth, Serena Jones was honored, along with other outstanding Cherokee County students at an awards banquet on April 25, 2012. The pretty, eleven year old fifth grader was chosen by Briggs School administrators as the outstanding girl in the 5 and 6th grade to be awarded the "Student of Today" certificate. The award recognized excellence in academics, leadership, and scholarship.

Serena also stepped up to be a part of the state 7th and 8th grade girls track team, even though she was only a fifth grader at the time. She took 4th Place in the 1600m Relay.

In addition to track, Serena also participates in Cross Country and Basketball. She was also on the 5th and 6th grade cheerleader squad. These young ladies cheered for the Briggs Braves and Maidens at the ORES State Championship Playoffs. The Maidens won the Division 1 Championship title.

Serena is the daughter of Vanessa Hansen and Rodney Jones.

Her brother is Jay Jones. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Pat Reese and Jerry and Janet Hansen.

Serena will attend Briggs School in Tahlequah this fall, where she will be in the 6th grade.



## Jenni Lingor—38th Annual Missouri State University Athletics Hall of Fame Inductee

Growing up in Tahlequah, many may have seen it as inevitable for a young Native American to become a sports success. Most children like to play sports and see themselves as professional athletes when they get older. The story of Jenni Lingor falls along that path.

In the fifth grade, Lingor began her journey. She started playing basketball but said she did not start taking it seriously until she was in the seventh grade at Cherokee Elementary. Her love of basketball was carried over into her years in high school at Tahlequah.

There, Lingor went All-State her senior year, Indian All-State and was on the Oil Bowl team, where she was on a team of a group of seniors from Oklahoma that played and beat a senior team from Texas. This was just the beginning of her accomplishments in her basketball career.

"My grandma was an all-state basketball player at Hulbert" said Lingor. "I made it a goal to be an all-state player because she was."

Graduating from high school in 2001, Lingor said she did not care where she went to college, she just wanted to play basketball and earn a scholarship. And that is what happened.

While playing summer tournaments for the Amateur Athletic Union, Missouri State University coaches took notice for the first time of Lingor's athletic ability. They eventually recruited her to play for them. The United Keetoowah Band was sponsoring her during her time with the AAU and gave her a scholarship for her freshman year at MSU. Lingor said without the AAU and help from the UKB, she may not have been recruited to play for MSU.

Lingor's basketball career took off once she entered the court of MSU. She was a four-year starting guard on four straight postseason tournaments. She led the Lady Bears to wins over schools such as SMU, Gonzaga and Texas A&M. She was named tournament MVP of the 2005 Women's National Invitation Tournament. She led MSU twice in scoring and three times in rebounds, and three times she was named to the Missouri Valley Conference all-league first team. She was named MVC Freshman of the Year and MVC Player of the Year when she was a senior. Still, there was more she accomplished.

Lingor currently ranks in the Lady Bears' career top ten for games played, scoring average, rebounds, assists, field goals, FG attempts, free throws, FT attempts, and steals. She is second all-time in three-point field goals and fifth in points scored.

Aside from basketball, Lingor majored in private and commercial business and minored in marketing at MSU, graduating in 2005. Yet, Lingor's basketball career was far from over.

"I was drafted to the Detroit Shock after my senior year," said Lingor. "It was a great experience that allowed me to keep playing. When I was younger it wasn't a goal, but once I got into college



Jenni Lingor was recently inducted into the 38th Annual Missouri State University's Athletics Hall of Fame. Special photo

it became something I wanted to do."

Lingor was also given the opportunity to play on professional teams in other countries. Her professional career lasted from 2005 to 2008.

"Playing basketball has given me the opportunity to live and play in Sweden, New Zealand and Estonia," said Lingor. "It was amazing meeting new people and experiencing different cultures."

After she was done playing ball, Lingor's basketball career was not forgotten as she was inducted into the 38th Annual Missouri State University's Athletics Hall of Fame in January.

"I found out I was getting inducted in November," said Lingor. "I was shocked. It was something that never crossed my mind. I am completely honored Missouri State inducted me."

Lingor said it was her parents and grandparents who inspired her to strive to become everything she is today.

"My parents, Steve and Lisa Lingor, showed me how to work hard for everything and helped me learn nothing is going to be handed to me," said Lingor. "They also supported me in anything I wanted to do. My grandparents, Danny and Ellen Whitekiller were the same."

Lingor now works for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Marshal Service in Tahlequah; she has been there for two and a half years. She chose the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service because she wanted to work for Cherokees and other Native Americans.

She will always have fond memories of her years dribbling that ball down the court. From getting a college scholarship to playing in front of 8,000 fans every home game, she said her greatest moments were playing for MSU, her coaches and her teammates.

By GCN Reporter Lindsey Bark

# Gaduwa Cherokee News Church Listings

As an added service to its readership, The Gaduwa Cherokee News is adding a church listing to its monthly newspaper.

“The churches are an integral part of the Keetoowah Cherokee community,” said Sammy Still, GCN editor in chief. “We just want to make sure all of our members are served by being aware of the church services in their area, so we’re asking that the churches contact us to help them promote their church.”

Each listing should include the full name of the church, the pastor, service times, the address and phone number of the church.

Anyone who wants their church spotlighted in the newspaper needs to call Thomas Jordan, communications officer, at 918-456-6533 or email him at [mjordan@unitedkeetoowahband.org](mailto:mjordan@unitedkeetoowahband.org).

Also, any church that is sponsoring a singing or special event can contact the newspaper by the 15th of each month for additional coverage.

## ASSEMBLY of GOD

Amazing Grace Chapel  
Langley 918-782-3490  
Pastor Allen Byrd

Faith Assembly of God ~ Wyandotte  
Hwy 60 & Main 918- 678-2830  
Rev. John Merriman  
Sunday School - 10 a.m. Services 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. Wed. night 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God  
Hwy 10 E. 29080 S 637 Lane, Grove 918-786-8788  
Pastor Tony Wisdom  
Sunday School- 9:30 Services-10:30 a.m.  
Sunday evening- 6 p.m.  
Wednesday-7 p.m.

Turkey Ford Assembly of God  
Wyandotte 918-786-3374  
Pastor Don Law  
Sunday School- 9:30 a.m. Services-10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday-7 p.m.

Topsy Assembly of God  
40867 S 510 Rd, Eucha 918-253-8450  
Pastor Gayle Miles

## BAPTIST

All Nations Indian Baptist Church  
301 Center St. (Intersection of Hwy 59 & Center) Grove  
918-786-9326  
Pastor Russ Simpson  
Sunday Services-10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Bar-None Cowboy Church  
55100 Hwy 59 Flying Cow Arena Afton  
918-540-4772  
Sunday Service-10 a.m.  
Wednesday-6:30 p.m.

Bernice Baptist Church  
Hwy 85A Afton  
918-256-2910  
Pastor Butch Miller

Bible Baptist Church of Grove  
1 mile east, 1 mile north of downtown Grove  
918-786-3466  
Rev. Guy Morrow

Brush Creek Baptist  
Jay 918-253-4055  
Rev. Sanders McLemore

Butler Baptist  
Jay 918-787-5020  
Pastor Charles Smith

Carr Baptist  
68501 E. 280 Rd. Grove  
918-787-6784  
Pastor John Redfearn  
Sunday School-10 a.m. Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening-6 p.m.

Cleora Baptist Church  
1 1/2mi south of 85/85A Jct. Afton  
918- 256-3745  
Pastor David Pifer

Crosswired Cowboy Church  
3659 Hwy 59N (Old Country Cousins Theatre)  
Grove 918-787-5219  
Pastor Clint Sinclair

Deaf Fellowship Church  
501 E 13th St. Grove  
Sunday Fellowship-10-10:30 a.m.  
Worship-10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
918-786-4419  
Pastor Bobby J. Graff

Delaware Baptist Church  
5 mi. South of Grove – Hwy 59  
918-786-3504  
Pastor Gary Bishop

Elk River Baptist  
1/4 mile south of Elk River Bridge  
918-786-8818  
Sunday Bible Study-9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service-10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening- 6 p.m.  
Wednesday-6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Ed Glasgow

First Baptist Church of Jay  
504 N. 4th St., Jay 918-253-4858  
Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Service-11 a.m.  
Wednesday-6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Johnnie Faught

First Baptist Church of Kansas  
360 N. Kansas St., Kansas 918-868-2239  
Pastor Larry Combs

Foundation Free Will Baptist Church  
2 miles N. of Sailboat Bridge on Hwy 59, Grove  
918-787-8950  
Sunday School-9:30-10:15 a.m., Morning Service-10:30-noon  
Sunday Evening-6-7 p.m.  
Wednesday-7-8 p.m.  
Pastor Sam Smith

Grand Lake Baptist  
Hwy 59 & 98th St., Grove 918-786-6322  
Sunday Worship-10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Larry Moore

Grove’s First Baptist  
501 E. 13th St., Grove  
Sunday Bible Study-9 a.m., Fellowship-10 a.m.,  
Morning Worship-10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening-6 p.m.  
Tuesday Salt Shakers Women’s Bible Study-9:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Meals in MPR-5-5:45 p.m.,  
Bible Study-6 p.m.  
Thursday Women & More Bible Study-10 a.m.,  
Christian Medical Clinic in MPR-3-8 p.m.  
(918) 786-4419

Independent Baptist  
11th & Grand, Grove 918-786-9529  
Sunday School-9:45 a.m., Morning Worship-10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening-1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Supper and Fellowship-5:30 p.m.,  
Teens and Kids Ministry-6:30 p.m.,  
Wednesday Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study-6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Marty Hughes

Immanuel Baptist  
228 H St. SE, Miami 918-542-4241  
Sunday School-9:30 a.m., Worship Service-10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening-6 p.m.  
Wednesday Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study-7-8 p.m.  
Interim Pastor Jeremiah Morris

Lake Center Baptist  
29020 S. Hwy 125, Monkey Island 918-257-5202  
Sunday School-9:45 a.m., Worship Service-11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening-6:20 p.m.  
Monday Men’s Breakfast at Lorene’s in Fairland-8 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study-6:30 p.m.,  
Youth and Team Kids-6:30 p.m.  
Rev. Kim Hays

New Hope Baptist Church  
3 mi. N. of Jay on Hwy 59 918-253-3985  
Sunday School-9:45 a.m., Morning Worship-11 a.m.  
Wednesday-6:30 p.m.  
Pastor James Cox

Zena Baptist  
5 1/2 mi. South, 5 mi. West of Grove  
36191 S 575 Rd., Jay 918-786-5688

## CATHOLIC

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church  
N. Hwy 59 & 113th, Grove 918-786-9312  
Wednesday Mass-5:15 p.m.  
Friday Mass-9 a.m.  
Saturday Mass-5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass-11 a.m.  
Reconciliation Saturday-4:55-5:15  
Rev. Alex Kennedy

St. Frances of Rome Parish  
Next to Lakeview Supper Club, Langley  
918-782-2248  
Saturday Vigil-6:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass-8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Mass-6 p.m.  
Thursday Mass-9 a.m.  
Rev. Patrick J. Gaalaas

## CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church  
4th & Grand, Grove 918-786-2822  
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Services-8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday-Youth 6-8 p.m., Children 7-8 p.m.  
and Adult 7-8 p.m.  
Minister Dr. Wayne Shaw

## CHURCH of CHRIST

Adair Church of Christ  
Hwy 69, Adair 918-253-4011 or 918-253-4897  
Sunday Morning Worship-11 a.m.  
Evangelists Frank Hopkins and Ryan Kepke

Church of Christ  
1001. S. Grand, Grove 918-786-2495  
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship-10:45 a.m. and 5 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship-7 p.m.  
Minister Doug Rainbolt

## Tahlequah Church Listings

Antioch Baptist  
Mission & Chickasaw  
PO Box 1519, Tahlequah, 456-9461

Church of Christ  
410 S. College Ave., Tahlequah, 456-3414

Cornerstone  
718 Pendleton St., Tahlequah, 456-4901

First Baptist Church  
Bertha Parker Bypass, Tahlequah, 456-0668

First Lutheran Church  
2111 Mahaney Ave., Tahlequah, 456-5070

First United Methodist  
300 W. Delaware, Tahlequah, 456-6141

Light of Christ Comm.  
22 Summit Ridge Dr., Tahlequah, 456-3421

N.E. Christian Church  
312 N. Maple Ave., Tahlequah,

New Life Worship  
P.O. Box 1771, Tahlequah, 456-8500

St. Brigid Catholic  
807 Crafton, Tahlequah, 456-8388

St. Basils Episcopal Church  
814 N. Vinita Ave., Tahlequah, 456-3649

Unitarian Universalist  
104 S. College Ave., Tahlequah, 456-7900 431-1941

Blessed Hope Baptist  
P.O. Box 1062, Tahlequah, 456-5010

Boudinot Baptist  
SH 51 East of City, Tahlequah, 456-0473

Calvary Assembly of God  
P.O. Box 1887, Tahlequah, 458-9373

Calvary Indian Baptist  
104 Louellen Street, 456-2367

Carter Baptist  
SH 82 South of City, Tahlequah, 457-5988

Central Church of Christ, 456-2004

Church of Christ Student Center  
201 Crafton Street, Tahlequah, 456-8241

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
110 Southridge Dr., Tahlequah, 456-6356

Church of God 7th Day  
325 E. Ward Street, Tahlequah, 458-9482

Church of the Nazarene  
US 62 East of City, Tahlequah, 456-2866

Community Bible Fellowship  
17200 W. Grandview Road, Tahlequah, 207-1272

Community Christian Fellowship, 453-9510

Cookson Baptist  
SH 82 South of City, Tahlequah, 457-4122

Come and Dine Church  
Rt. 2 Box 78, Tahlequah, 458-3010

Faith Baptist Church, 456-0282

Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church of God  
12091 Hwy. 82A, Tahlequah, 456-1112

First Assembly of God  
US 62 South, Tahlequah, 456-0910

# 2012 JOURNEY TO FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

Most Cherokees are reminded of the past their ancestors endured on the long walk to Indian Territory, known as the Trail of Tears. Through this journey, Cherokee people were forced to walk in pain and suffering to a place of isolation and start life anew. Their old lives were tossed away like leaves in the wind, never to be recovered. But the Cherokee people were not so quick to be forgotten, for now they are three tribal entities who thrive at life for the sake of their people.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, for the first time, have come together to promote forgiveness and healing for past suffering, presently honor those who suffered, and work toward creating a unity for the future.

On May 20, the Journey to Forgiveness and Healing took place on the UKB grounds. Members of the UKB, EBCI, and CNO were present to begin the journey and close the circle that has long been broken. The UKB Honor Guard began the ceremony by posting the colors of all three tribes. Jim Henson, former UKB chief, gave an opening prayer to bless the beginning journey and acknowledge Brenda Locust, Diana Turtle and Patty Grant, who helped plan and prepare this event.

"Our creator is happy that this is happening, that this is coming about and it's been a long time coming," said Henson.

After the blessing, there was a welcome by UKB Chief Wickliffe, UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust, and CNO Principal Chief Bill John Baker.

"This is the first thing we should do, is

have a healing conference for all of us to know how to help each other, how to share our information, and how to gather that information and be able to provide for others," said Locust. "We need that healing. We need that circle completed."

Chief Wickliffe gave a brief history of how the Keetoowah people came to Arkansas, were moved to Oklahoma, and how the Old Settlers treaty was broken when 7 million acres of promised land was never received by the Keetoowah people.

"We've been here a long time," said Wickliffe. "The thing that has happened now and I can see that it is going to bring the Cherokee people back together; the Eastern Band, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. There is a planned tri-council meeting in July. So this is exactly what should have happened all through the years."

A thank you from the EBCI was extended from Patty Grant, a member of the Healing and Wellness coalition, for the hospitality of the UKB. Gifts were presented by the EBCI to Wickliffe and Baker. They gave gourds of soil from the mother village, Cherokee-made pottery, and a print of the removal from the Athens News Extra. Wickliffe was also given a special painting that depicts Cherokee people upon a mountain overlooking Kituwah and saying farewell before they began their journey.

A letter from EBCI Chief Michell Hicks was read, extending his apologies for not being able to attend the event and welcomed both Oklahoma Cherokee tribes to North Carolina for the homecoming celebration that took place May 25.

Rachel Hays, Jr. Miss Keetoowah 2011-

12, proceeded to grace the audience by signing the Lord's Prayer. Then a song, prayer and devotion were given by Henson. He shared thoughts from elders about the past, the present, and the future.

"They always relied on our creator, they always relied on prayer, and they always relied on songs," said Henson. "They always said learn your songs, learn your traditions, learn your history, but most of all learn your language because it's the language that makes you who you are."

Grant gave an overview of how the Journey to Forgiveness and Healing event came about. She said the Healing and Wellness Coalition dreamt of it for some time, but first wanted to receive the blessings of the UKB and the CNO before foregoing with the idea.

"The vision of the journey to forgiveness, one of our goals was to reconnect with the UKB and the western Cherokee Nation," said Grant. "We wanted to learn about our brothers and sisters. We wanted to know what life is like here in Oklahoma."

The rest of the day's activities included presentations, lunch, cultural activities, and a traditional hog fry. The night ended with a stomp dance on the UKB stomp grounds.

This event was something that began in the hearts and minds of those who wanted to bring all three Cherokee tribes together and begin a unity.

"The journey to forgiveness must begin inside," Grant. "It must be an internal action. It must begin with the forgiveness of ourselves."

By Lindsey Bark  
GCN Reporter



UKB Chief Wickliffe gave a brief history of the Keetoowah Cherokees as he addressed the Eastern Band delegation and other Cherokee tribal members during the Forgiveness Journey event. Photo by Sammy Still



Chief Wickliffe accepted a gourd filled with soil from the mother village given as a gift from the Eastern Band Cherokee elders. Photo by Thomas Jordan



Charles Locust, UKB Assistant Chief, welcomes members of the Eastern Band Cherokees and guests as the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe host the Journey to Forgiveness and Healing ceremonies. Photo by Sammy Still



Patty Grant, Eastern Band Cherokee, provides an overview of Journey to Forgiveness and Healing during the day long event. Photo by Sammy Still



The youth delegation from Eastern Band greeted UKB Chief Wickliffe and former UKB Chief Jim Henson as they shared their gratitude to Chief Wickliffe's involvement against Duke Energy. Photo by Sammy Still



Patty Grant, left, Journey to Forgiveness and Healing Coalition, poses for a photograph with Jim Henson, former UKB Chief; Rachel Hays, Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee; and Dora Grayson, UKB elder. Photo by Sammy Still



Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Rachel Hays performs the Lord's Prayer in sign language during opening ceremonies for the Journey to Forgiveness and Healing event. Photo by Thomas Jordan



J. C. Wilson, member of the UKB Honor Guard, prepares to post the United States flag during the Journey to Forgiveness and Healing day long event on the UKB Celebration grounds. Photo by Thomas Jordan