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Twenty Eight Candidates file for UKB Office

Twenty eight candidates have filed to run for positions on the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Tribal Council. Four district representative incumbents remained unopposed including Canadian District Representative Eddie Sacks from Muskogee, Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor from Greasy, Saline District Representative Charles Smoke from Salina, and Sequoyah District Representative Barry Dotson from Sallisaw. (After the filing period deadline, one candidate for the Cooweescoowee District, E. Marie Locust-Brancheau withdrew her name from the slate.)

In the race for Chief, three candidates will compete to win the top tribal post including incumbent Chief George Wickliffe from Kenwood, Jerry Henson from Hulbert, and Dallas Proctor from Colcord. Running for the second or the Assistant Chief's position are incumbent Charles Locust from Stilwell and Albert Shade from Tahlequah. A trio of candidates filed to run for tribal secretary including incumbent Liz Littledave of Briggs, Adalene Smith from Colcord, and J. Kristine Scrapper from Tahlequah. Rounding out the tribal officers candidates list

for the position of tribal treasurer are incumbent Shelbi Doyeto Wofford from Claremore and Ella Mae Cooksey Worley from Stilwell.

For the Cooweescoowee District, four candidates filed for District Representative including incumbent Clifford Wofford from Claremore, Jo Ann Tidwell from Catoosa and Portia Wickliffe-Kelley from Claremore.

In the Delaware District, incumbent Jerry Hansen from Colcord will face off against Richard Fields from Twin Oaks. In the Goingsnake District, incumbent Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk from Stilwell will run against William (Willie) Christie from Kansas. In the Illinois District, incumbent district representative Barbara Girty from Vian will face off against Donald Adair from Vian. In the Tahlequah District, four candidates

will vie for the representative position including Kenneth (Toot) Hogner from Tahlequah, Betty Holcomb from Tahlequah, Katherine Neugin White from Hulbert and V. Matthew Walls from Tahlequah.

"I'm pleased with the election board staff and the professional way

they handled the filing process. Our polling locations are set, and after a background check on the candidates, we will begin printing the ballots and arranging for the voting machines to be delivered", said Election Board Chairman Leroy Adair.

"I encourage all registered tribal members to get out and vote." The Keetoowah Cherokee election will be held on Monday, November 3. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations:



Voting Locations by District

Canadian District

Muskogee, Oklahoma
Location: Civitan Park Building
Address: 3301 Gibson Street
Phone: 918-687-8973
Directions: Located on Gibson Street across from the Oklahoma School for the Blind.

Cooweescoowee District

Collinsville, Oklahoma
Location: First Baptist Church
Collinsville-Fellowship Hall
Address: 1301 W. Main
Phone: 918-371-2526

White Oak, Oklahoma.
Location: Carl Horner Gym,
Address: White Oak High School
Phone: 918-256-4484

Pryor, Oklahoma
Location: First Christian-
Presbyterian Church
Address: 301 N. E. 1st Street
Phone: 918-825-2396

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Smithsonian Institute Archaeologist Visits United Keetoowah Band

Smithsonian Institute Archaeologist Dorothy Lippert, Ph.D., visited with United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Thursday, August 21. Dorothy Lippert is a member of the Choctaw Nation and a case officer at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History's Repatriation Office. Dr. Lippert oversees the responsibilities of returning human remains and artifacts of cultural patrimony in the museum's collections to Native American tribes.

Dr. Lippert met with Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust; she was given a brief history of the Keetoowah Cherokees, viewing maps of Arkansas and of the Indian Territory which is now the state of Oklahoma. Assistant Chief Locust explained the Keetoowah migration from Arkansas to Indian Territory, describing our sovereignty, federal status and programs of our tribe. Chief Wickliffe presented Dr. Lippert a Cherokee language book printed with Sequoyah's original syllabary as well as the new version.

Dr. Lippert was given a tour of the UKB Tribal Complex property, new construction sites and celebration grounds. Tim Good Voice, Administrative Officer, showed the site chosen for the new John Hair Multi-Purpose Cultural/Museum Center. Good Voice also provided information on the programs housed in the Community Services Building and services provided for tribal

members.

Assistant Chief Locust informed how the Administration developed a system where assistance is provided for all UKB tribal members. "We assist our members by providing school vouchers and clothing vouchers for our youth, we provide assistance to the elders to help pay for their heating and electrical bills, but we saw a need to help the elders with other financial obligations, so we looked into our budget to see if we could allocate funding to help the elders 55 years and older. Now we provide financial assistances to our elders with \$200 checks twice a year," stated Assistant Chief Locust. "We also are in the planning stages of building a 20 to 24 unit elderly assisted living complex. We want to tie in our elders with our daycare. This is where we want our little kids to come visit with the elders, tell stories, and learn how to speak their Cherokee language," added Locust.

Dr. Lippert agreed saying, "It's good to have kids talk to the elders, when you are a kid you pick up languages really fast."

The group stopped and visited with Language, History and Culture Interim Director, Lisa Stopp and discussed several issues regarding culture and repatriation. A hand woven basket was presented to Dr. Lippert from UKB Tradition Keeper Cindy Hair.

The tour continued to the Henry Lee Doublehead Child Devel-



ASSISTANT CHIEF Charles Locust shows Archaeologist Dr. Dorothy Lippert some UKB historical and tribal photographs during her visit to the tribe.

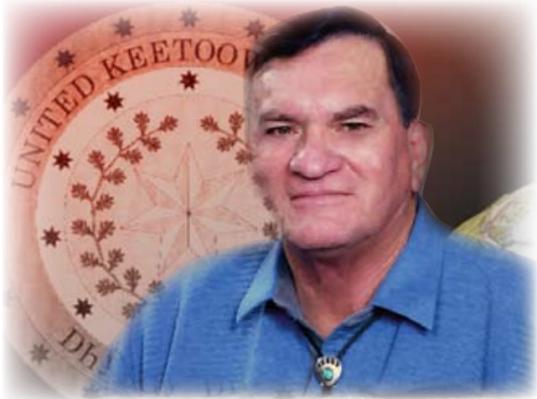
opment Center and the Celebration grounds and ended with a visit to Elias Boudinot's grave site.

"I'm so impressed with everything I've seen, it seems the United Keetoowah Band has so many wonderful projects going. Seems like the Keetoowahs care so much for their people, trying to do the best for

their tribal members, youth, elders, I'm really impressed. I really would like to come back and visit with the Keetoowahs and to contact people and listen to all of the knowledge they possess. So many tribal members know so many different things, basketry, stories, so much history," said Dr. Lippert.

Don't Miss the
58th Annual
Keetoowah
Cherokee
Celebration





A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe

TREATY WITH THE WESTERN CHEROKEE (1833, 1833, Feb. 14)

7 Stat. 414
Proclamation, Apt. 12, 1834

Articles of agreement and convention made and concluded at Fort Gibson, on the Arkansas river on the fourteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, by and between Monffort Stokes, Henry L. Ellsworth and John F. Schermerhorn duly appointed Commissioners on the part of the United States and the undersigned Chiefs and Head-men of the Cherokee nation of Indians west of the Mississippi, they being duly authorized and empowered by their nation.

Whereas articles of convention were concluded at the city of Washington, on the sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, between James Barbour Secretary of War, being specially authorized therefore by the President of the United States and the chiefs and head men of the Cherokee nation of Indians west of the Mississippi, which articles of convention were duly ratified. And whereas it was agreed by the second article of said convention as follows "That the United States agree to possess the Cherokees, and to guarantee it to them forever, and that guarantee is solemnly pledged, of seven millions of acres of land, said land to be bounded as follows; viz, commencing at a point on Arkansas river, where the eastern Choctaw boundary line strikes said river, and running thence with the western line of Arkansas Territory to the southwest corner of Missouri, and thence with the western boundary line of Missouri till it crosses the waters of Neasho, generally called Grand river, thence due west, to a point from which a due south course will strike the present northwest corner of Arkansas Territory, thence continuing due south on and with the present boundary line on the west of said Territory, to the main branch of Arkansas river, thence down said river to its junction with the Canadian, and thence up, and between said rivers Arkansas and Canadian to a point at which a line, running north and south, from river to river, will give

the aforesaid seven millions of acres, thus provided for and bounded. The United States further guarantee to the Cherokee nation a perpetual outlet west, and a free and unmolested use of all the country lying west of the Western boundary of the above-described limits; and as far west, as the sovereignty of the United States and their right of soil extend. And whereas there was to said articles of convention and agreement, the following proviso viz. Provided nevertheless, that said convention, shall not be so construed, as to extend the northern boundary of said perpetual outlet west, provided for and guaranteed in the second article of said convention, north of the thirty-sixth degree of north latitude, or so as to interfere with the lands assigned, or to be assigned, west of the Mississippi river, to the Creek Indians who have emigrated, or may emigrate, from the States of Georgia and Alabama, under the provision of any treaty, or treaties, heretofore concluded, between the United States, and the Creek tribe of Indians- and provided further, that nothing in said convention, shall be construed, to cede, or assign, to the Cherokees any lands heretofore ceded, or assigned, to any tribe, or tribes of Indians, by any treaty now existing and in force, with any such tribe or tribes."--And whereas, it appears from the Creek treaty, made with the United States, by the Creek nation, dated twenty-fourth day of January eighteen hundred and twenty-six, at the city of Washington; that they had the right to select, and did select, a part of the country described within the boundaries mentioned above in said Cherokee articles of agreement--and whereas, both the Cherokee and Creek nations of Indians west of the Mississippi, anxious to have their boundaries settled in an amicable manner, have met each other in council, and, after full deliberation mutually agreed upon the boundary lines between them--Now therefore, the United States on one part, and the chiefs and head-men of the Cherokee nation of Indians west of the Mississippi on the other part, agree as follows:

Article I. The United States agree to possess the Cherokees, and to guarantee it to them forever, and that guarantee, is hereby pledged, of seven millions of acres of land, to be bounded as follows viz: Beginning at a point on the old western territorial line of Arkansas Territory, being twenty-five miles north from the point, where the Territorial line crosses Arkansas river--thence running from said north point, south, on the said Territorial line, to the place where said Territorial line crosses the Verdigris river--thence down said Verdigris river, to the Arkansas river--thence down said

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Editor,

Like they say, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," that's what I think about our UKB Chief George Wickliffe. There is nothing broke there, so we don't need any changes.

I have talked to people and they agree, Chief George Wickliffe is the best Chief we have had, he does nothing but try and help our needs. If you see him in town he will stop and talk, even that makes a person feel special. The Chief recognizes his people.

So, Chief George Wickliffe, our votes are all for you. Like I said, all the people I have visited with have no complaints about our Chief, they all agree, we don't need a changes. He is doing a great job.

Chief George Wickliffe, we say, "Keep up the good work, you are greatly appreciated!"

That also goes for all the people that work for you in the offices, you are all a team.

Ruthie Crow

UKB Tribal Offices Closed for Keetoowah, Native American Days

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed Monday, October 6 in observance of Keetoowah Cherokee Day. The UKB tribal offices are traditionally closed on the first Monday after the Keetoowah Celebration. Tribal offices will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7.

For the second year, the tribe will also celebrate a new holiday. Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, October 13 for Native American Indian Day. The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma said "Good-bye Columbus" in a council meeting last year as the tribal council voted in Resolution 07-UKB-15 to "To Do Away With Columbus Day and Call It Native American Indian Day". Although the tribe never observed Columbus Day, Native American Indian Day has now become an official tribal holiday. Tribal offices will re-open on Tuesday, October 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Cooweescoowee District Meeting Set

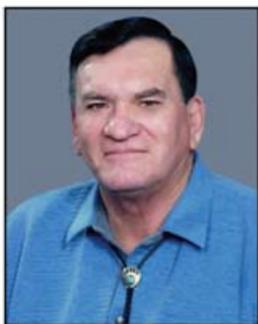
The Cooweescoowee District Community Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23 at 6 p.m. at the 1st Christian Church in Pryor. For more information, contact UKB Cooweescoowee District Representative Cliff Wofford at (918) 822-1953.

NOTICE UKB CANDIDATES

NO CAMPAIGNING ON CELEBRATION GROUNDS

There will no campaigning allowed on UKB Tribal Property including the UKB Celebration Grounds, during the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. Please refrain from passing out buttons, flyers, or any other campaign materials.

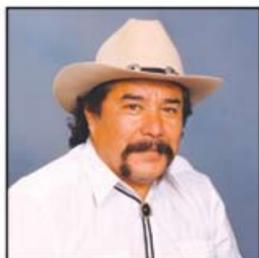
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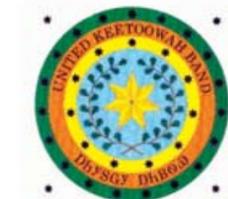
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Arkansas to a point, where a stone is placed opposite to the east or lower bank of Grand river at its junction with the Arkansas--thence running south, forty-four degrees west, one mile--thence in a straight line to a point four miles northerly from the mouth of the north fork of the Canadian--thence along the said four miles line to the Canadian--thence down the Canadian to the Arkansas--thence, down the Arkansas, to that point on the Arkansas, where the eastern Choctaw boundary strikes, said river; and running thence with the western line of Arkansas Territory as now defined, to the southwest corner of Missouri--thence along the western Missouri line, to the land assigned the Senecas; thence, on the south line of the Senecas to Grand river; thence, up said Grand river, as far as the south line of the Osage reservation, extended if necessary-- thence up and between said south Osage line, extended west if necessary and a line drawn due west, from the point of beginning, to a certain distance west, at which, a line running north and south, from said Osage line, to said due west line, will make seven millions of acres within the whole described boundaries. In addition to the seven millions of acres of land, thus provided for, and bounded, the United States, further guarantee to the Cherokee nation, a perpetual outlet west and a free and unmolested use of all the country lying west, of the western boundary of said seven millions of acres, as far west as the sovereignty of the United States and their right of soil extend--Provided however, that if the saline, or salt plain, on the great

western prairie, shall fall within said limits prescribed for said outlet, the right is reserved to the United States to permit other tribes of red men, to get salt on said plain in common with the Cherokees--and letters patent shall be issued by the United States as soon as practicable for the land hereby guaranteed.

Article II. The Cherokee nation hereby relinquish and quit claim to the United States all the right interest and title which the Cherokees have, or claim to have in and to all the land ceded, or claimed to have been ceded to said Cherokee nation by said treaty of sixth of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and not embraced within the limits or boundaries fixed in this present supplementary treaty or articles of convention and agreement.

Article III. The Cherokee nation, having particularly requested the United States to annul and cancel the sixth article of said treaty of sixth May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, the United States, agree to cancel the same, and the same is hereby annulled--Said sixth article referred to, is in the following words--"It is moreover agreed by the United States, when the Cherokees may desire it, to give them a plain set of laws, suited to their condition-- also when they may wish to lay off their lands and own them individually, a surveyor shall be sent to survey them at the expense of the United States.

Article IV. In consideration of the establishment of new boundaries in part, for the lands ceded to said Cherokee nation, and in view of the improvement of said nation, the United States will cause to be erected, on land now guaranteed to the said nation, four blacksmith shops, one wagon maker shop, one wheelwright shop, and necessary tools and implements furnished for the same; together with one ton of iron, and two hundred and fifty pounds of steel, for each of said blacksmith shops, to be worked up, for the benefit of the poorer class of red men, belonging to the Cherokee nation--And the United States, will employ four blacksmiths, one wagon-maker, and one wheelwright, to work in said shops respectively, for the benefit of said Cherokee nation; and said materials shall be furnished annually and said services continued, so long as the President may deem proper--And said United States, will cause to be erected on said lands, for the benefit of said Cherokees, eight patent railway corn mills, in lieu of the mills to be erected according to the stipulation of the fourth article of said treaty, of sixth of May, one thousand eight hundred twenty-eight, from the avails of the sale of the old agency.

Article V. These articles of agreement and convention are to be considered supplementary,

to the treaty before mentioned between the United States, and the Cherokee nation west of the Mississippi dated sixth of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and not to vary the rights of the parties to said treaty, any further, than said treaty is inconsistent with the provisions of this treaty, now concluded, or these articles of convention or agreement.

Article VI. It is further agreed by the Cherokee nation, that one mile square shall be reserved and set apart from the lands hereby guaranteed, for the accommodation of the Cherokee agency; and the location of the same shall be designated by the Cherokee nation, in conjunction with the agent of the Government of the United States.

Article VII. This treaty, or articles of convention, after the same have been ratified, by the President and Senate shall be obligatory on the United States and said Cherokee nation. In testimony whereof, the said Montfort Stokes, Henry L. Ellsworth, and John F. Schermerhorn, commissioners as aforesaid, and the chiefs and head men of the Cherokee nation aforesaid, have hereunto set their hands, at Fort Gibson on the Arkansas river, on the 14th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

Montfort Stokes,
Walter Weller,
Henry L. Ellsworth,

Principal chiefs:

J. F. Schermerhorn,
John Rogers, president commissioners,
John Jolly, his x mark
Glass, president council.
Black Coat, his x mark,

Signed, sealed, and delivered in our presence:

S. C. Stambaugh, secretary commissioners,
M. Arbuckle, colonel Seventh Infantry,
Geo. Vashon, agent Cherokees west,
Jno. Campbell, agent Creeks
Alexander Brown, his x mark,
Jno. Hambly, Interpreters,
Wilson Nesbitt,
Peter A. Carns,
N. Young, major U. S. Army
W. Seawell, lieutenant Seventh Infantry,
Wm. Thornton, clerk committee,
Charles Webber, clerk council.

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Delaware District

Jay, Oklahoma
Location: Jay Community Building
Phone 918-253-4277
Address: 102 N. 5th Street

Flint District

Stilwell, Oklahoma
Location: Stilwell Satellite Office
Address: On the Corner of Young and Section Line Road
Phone 918-696-7672

Goingsnake District

Stilwell, Oklahoma
Location: Maryetta Public School
Address: 100 Maryetta Rd
Phone 918-696-2285

Kansas, Oklahoma
Location: Kansas Satellite Office
Phone 918-868-2656
Directions: On the corner of Hwy 10 and Hwy 33, there is a service station and the Kansas office is the red brick office behind the service station.

Illinois District

Vian, Oklahoma
Location: Vian Satellite Office
Address: 207 W. Schley
Directions: Across the street from the Lifetime Tire Shop

Saline District

Salina, Oklahoma
Location: First Indian Baptist Church
Ph 918-434-2084
Address: 702 East Brewer St.

Sequoyah District

Sallisaw, Oklahoma
Location: Sallisaw Civic Center
Address: 111 N. Elm
Phone 918-775-6241

Tahlequah District

Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Location: VFW Post 3707 Building
Directions: Near the Intersection of Downing and Water Street
Phone 918-456-0595

Location: Lowery Public School Library
Address: 21132 East 640 Road
Phone 918-456-4053

UKB Representatives meet with IHS Director in Rockville, Maryland

Chief George Wickliffe, UKB Economic Development Authority Director and the Acting Director for UKB Health Programs Don Ade, along with UKB Federal Programs Director Bryan Shade recently met with top Indian Health Service Officials at IHS headquarters in Rockville, Maryland.

Through the Indian Health Care system, populations served include members of 562 federally recognized tribes, including 1.9 million American Indians and Alaskan Natives residing on or near reservations and over 600,000 American Indians in urban areas. Appropriations for FY 2007 was 3.2 billion dollars.

In a meeting last month with Director of Indian Health Service, Mr. Robert McSwain, UKB's Acting Director for UKB Health Programs Don Ade asked Mr. McSwain, "What can you do to help the UKB?"

McSwain announced that for funding purposes, the UKB would be classified by IHS as a "new tribe". IHS has special funds for newly recognized tribes. Normally, these are tribes that have been granted federal recognition during the last five years. UKB will be given new tribe status even though the tribe has been federally recognized since 1950. This was done by Mr. McSwain, in an effort to accommodate the UKB.

Ade said that hopefully, this action will result in a "self-determination" contract proposal

for Behavioral Health related to the Keetoowah Cherokee Drug Treatment Center in Tulsa, to be funded in time for FY2009, which begins October 1st. This in turn, will hopefully result in the Oklahoma State Health Care Authority partnering with the UKB on its Medicaid reimbursements. Don Ade said, "This partnering with the state for this purpose is, after all, our goal and objective of the contract proposal.

In further accommodating the UKB, the Director of IHS directed his subordinate managers during the meeting to take steps to include the UKB in the US President's Budget on a recurring basis beginning FY2010. In the meantime, the current contract proposal for behavioral health can be funded with non-recurring FY2009 funds, according to McSwain.

Seizing the moment of opportunity, Don Ade reminded Mr. McSwain that he has also submitted a grant proposal for a feasibility study for the 2009 calendar year funding. The study will explore what the specific health needs are for the Keetoowah Cherokee people and in turn, assist the UKB in determining which programs, functions, services, or activities of the IHS that the UKB would be willing or capable of assuming.

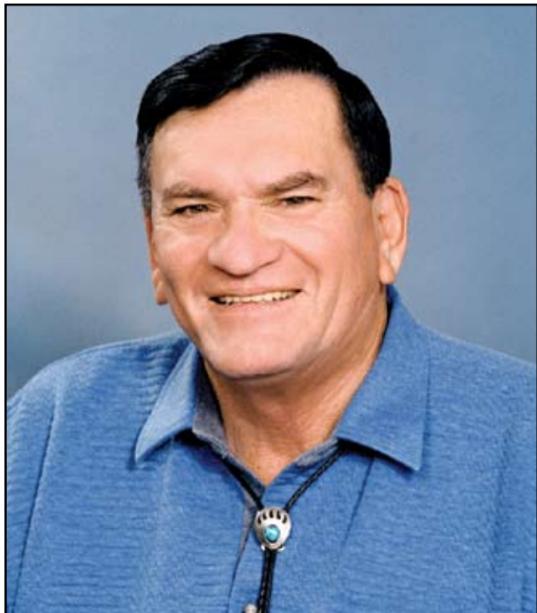
"Mr. McSwain's response was positive and he again stated that with "new tribe status", the UKB's chances of getting the feasibility study funded were improved.



UKB officials met at IHS Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. (l to r) Ron Demeray, Director of Tribal Affairs; Max Tuhsuda, OKC Area Tribal Affairs Officer; Don Ade, Acting Director for UKB Health Programs; Robert McSwain, Director of IHS; Chief George Wickliffe; Lindsay Naas, UKB Attorney, and Bryan Shade, UKB Federal Programs Director.

Chief Meet The Candidates

George Wickliffe



Thank you for electing me Chief in 2004. Much has been accomplished since my Administration took over the UKB leadership, with much work left to do to continue the positive progress.

In fact, I feel that most of the elected officials have done a good job. Because of this, I invited all of them, except one, to run as a team with me for re-election. I have never told anyone how to vote on any agenda item during all of my administrations of schools (superintendent) or this council, but I do recognize good work coming from people...

Running as a team did not mean that I was taking control of the council. It meant, "Let's continue the work together doing the right things for the UKB people..." Some have decided that all is not well and have drifted away from supporting our main goal for the UKB people. Yet, most of us are continuing the positive effort that has produced major results for you.

When I ran for Chief in 2004, my platform was to clean up the mess that was created by the previous administration. A lot of bad publicity was printed in the newspaper. That was destroying UKB trust, accountability, and also respect.

Yes, when my administration took office, there was a mess, with four incomplete audits and incomplete federal grants annual reports. These had our federal grants under sanctions which meant non-payments to the tribe because of the lack of reporting on time. All of this has been fixed; all audits have been completed without fail. We have an excellent financial system that tracks all money for you.

...The UKB has become a multi-million dollar operation rising from \$3 million economic impact for years ago to \$96 million during this administration.

Now, since we have control of our finances, we can continue our progress. The elders will continue receiving \$200 twice each year. Our college students will continue to receive \$3,000 scholarships. All UKB members will get emergency assistance, even those who cannot meet the federal income guidelines.

The UKB is elderly-and children led.

George Wickliffe

Jerry W. Henson



Jerry W. Henson is a man of character and strength. Henson, 58, of Lost City, has the Keetoowah people at heart, first and foremost. He is casting his bid for Chief of the United Keetoowah Band. Henson and his running mate, Albert Shade ask for your vote on November 3.

Fluent in the Keetoowah language, Henson plans to restore unity and trust with improved services and employment opportunities. He plans to restore the housing program and seek additional revenue. "There are untapped resources through federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency," he said.

With plans to help the elderly, young married couples with children, students and those struggling to make ends meet, Henson's administration will better utilize the monies, programs and services.

"We will make efforts to assure equality among our people by ensuring they are informed of all resources and services," Henson said.

"We've heard questions concerning the elderly program, housing and jobs. We believe our monies could be better spent by focusing on job opportunities right here and helping our people with housing needs and services," Henson said.

Under his administration, Henson plans to instill equal opportunity and job advancement for all Keetoowah employees.

"We strongly need an unbiased grievance committee to hear all employment-related issues and policies prohibiting nepotism," Henson said.

Henson, who volunteers for the Cherokee Nation Home Health Hospice Program, plans to work on health care and health-related issues.

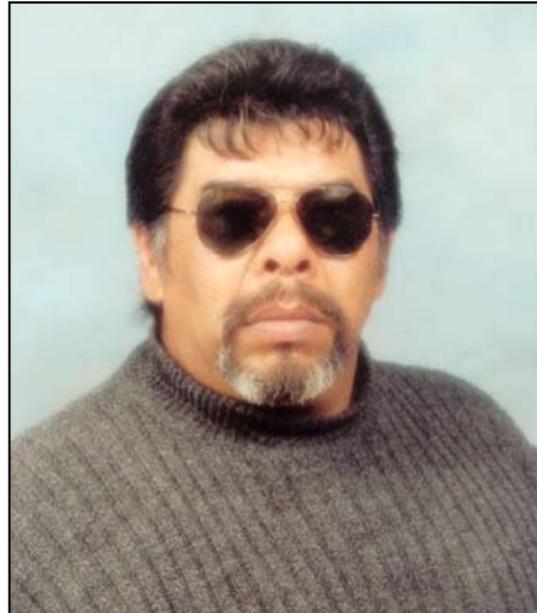
"Our administration will pursue trust land and resources which rightfully belong to the Keetoowah people. We will introduce the 'Freedom of Information Act' for an open door and an open records policy," Henson said.

Henson served on both the UKB Gaming Commission and the Housing Board before running for office. He has also served as a certified drug and alcohol abuse counselor.

A retired ironworker, his work provided a good living, and taught him the value of hard work.

"Much of my decision to run for Chief is spiritual," he said. "I've shed tears for our Keetoowah people and believe we can do so much better for them."

Dallas Proctor



Osiyo Keetoowah Voters,

I'm Dallas Proctor, born a full-blood Keetoowah and have been on the Keetoowah Roll since 1980. I became an exclusive member in 1984.

In 2000, it was a great honor to have been elected your Chief. We issued our first Keetoowah tags for members. We re-opened the Bingo Hall to provide jobs and started generating monies for our tribal services.

We went to Washington, D.C. to apply for 638 Federal Programs. From that trip we started our Human Services, Housing, Education, Child Welfare, Domestic Violence and later our own tribal burial program.

Through grants that we applied for, we built our Federal Programs Building on our 80 acre site. On another grant, we were able to build the Wellness Center to accommodate an exercise facility and to have a Diabetic Prevention Center.

We received grants for our Tribal Lighthorse Police Department and were able to send our tribal police to trainings to receive their CLEET certificates. We also received grants for a Child Care program in assisting our tribal families for the care of their children while they worked or attended school.

There were other things that were just as important that we were working on, like the Riverbed case and our Land Base situation.

If elected, I will continue to work on the needs of our Keetoowah people and to assist our elderly and our youth. I will work with the council to help in creating new jobs and to look into new business ventures. This is very important for the growth and welfare of our Keetoowah people.

On November 3, 2008, I ask for your vote to lead our Keetoowah people to a better tomorrow. We have a bright future ahead of us. I have the experience and qualifications for the position of Chief.

I promise only to work hard to the best of my abilities if elected.

Wado.

Dallas Proctor

Vote Monday, November 3rd

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Election

Assist. Chief Meet The Candidates

Charles Locust

My name is Charles Locust, Assistant Chief. I want to, "Thank You" for allowing me to serve in this honored position.

It's already been four years and the tribal elections will be here on November 3rd. So, today I want to ask you for your vote and support toward keeping the tribe moving in this positive direction. The last four years have proved beneficial by placing the tribe in a positive position to manage tribal operations and its future growth. We must continue this growth by having this current Administration take us in this positive direction.



My experience and qualifications for holding this office includes over twenty years in three (3) tribal governments. During that time I served as, Tribal Executive Director, Tribal Administrator, Executive Director of Housing Authority, Director of Social Services, Financial Analyst, Budget Analyst, President of Gaming Division, General Manager of Gaming Division, and Executive Director of Gaming Commission.

I currently serve as a Board Member on the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission until 2010, appointed by Governor Henry. I'm also serving my second term as Vice President Alternate, for Eastern Region of Oklahoma with the National Congress of American Indians. Currently I serve as Chairman of the Budget/Finance Committee, Secretary of the Economic Development Board, and Chairman of the Gaming Board.

I live in Stilwell, with my wife Brenda and daughter Rozlyn, who attends Sequoyah High School. I am a graduate of Sequoyah High School, and I have a Bachelor's Degree of Social Science, with emphasis in Business Administration, and also have completed 12 hours toward the MBA Program at Northeastern State University.

So, when you decide your vote, make sure they have the experience and knowledge required to do the job. The future of the tribe, elders, our children and all other members, depend on the leadership we select. So, assist me with your vote and together we will insure our children, grandchildren and the tribe continues toward a positive future.

Wado,
Charles Locust

Albert Shade

Albert Shade, two-term Tahlequah District Councilman, declares his bid for Assistant Chief of the United Keetoowah Band with running-mate Jerry W. Henson, chief candidate. Albert asks for your vote on November 3.

Shade said with the people behind them, Henson and he will work toward promoting a positive change "which is sorely needed" to restore unity and trust in the United Keetoowah Band.

During his terms, Shade supported programs and services to provide assistance for the elderly, educational programs to benefit students and addressed concerns from employees and issues of unfair employment practices.

"I have a heart for the employees. We need an unbiased appeals board to oversee all personnel-related matters," Shade said.

Shade supports policies against nepotism and is considering the four-day work week to help employees with the rising costs of fuel.

Shade said he has always voted his conscience. Shade says he did not support yearly stipend increases for the council and officers or pay raises for the administration. However, he supports raises for the employees and elders.

Shade was instrumental in passing the resolution to allow the elders to receive their elderly assistance noting there was an offer on the table to reduce the present amount.

"I argued for more. If we can spend millions on attorney fees, we can put more monies into serving our elderly and as well as other programs," he said.

Shade has served on the Budget and Finance Committee, the UKB Housing Board and the UKB Enrollment Committee.

An ironworker who appreciates the value of hard work, Shade gives credit to his dad, the late Leonard Shade. "My dad was referred to as the chief in our community. He enjoyed helping others. When I was growing up, I wondered why dad would do so much for people sometimes giving all he had. Looking back, I understand that we should help when we can. Now that he's gone, I understand the kind of person he was and the kind of person I hope to be," Shade said.

"He told me many times 'I'm sure proud of how you're helping the people.'"



Tribal Secretary Meet The Candidates



Liz Littledave

I'm Liz Littledave. My parents were Dick and Hester Guess. My maternal grandfather was the Reverend Jim Chair. I have been married to Hominy Littledave for 26 years. I have two children, Mary and David McCarter. I graduated from NSU with a teacher's degree in 1970. I taught at Briggs School, served as Lead Residential Coordinator for Talking Leaves Job Corps, and worked at the Oaks Indian Center as Assistant Director, where I served as a court advocate for children and their families. I was coordinator for Keetoowah Human Services Department and for the past three and a half years have served as Tribal Secretary. My working history of 40 years with only five jobs reflects my reliability, accountability, and dependability.

After I was elected Tribal Secretary, I came into a department that was very much disorganized. Membership records were in disarray, my staff and I worked very hard getting records organized into a more efficient data base and making records more easily accessible. The Enrollment department is so vital to all of our members.

As tribal secretary, I am responsible for all council business; minutes of the meetings, filling council request, maintaining all official documents, and searching for information to assist the Chief, Assistant Chief, and our attorneys in tribal battles.

When I came into office, enrollment showed a membership of 9,500. Today, the membership is more than 13,000. This growth reflects a lot of hard work and dedication on the part of the enrollment staff, as well reflecting the success of our council and administration. I am a person that goes by the rules and policies of the organization I am working for. I do not act on my own, my actions are decided by decisions of the council or by legal opinion.

I have improved the records, have a working knowledge of what is still needed, and I have plans for accomplishing these goals. I know today's records will be a solid foundation for tribe's future. My experience, knowledge, and job performance, makes me the best candidate for UKB Secretary.

Wado,
Liz Littledave



Kristene Scrapper

OSIYO!

I am Kristene Scrapper, a native of Tahlequah and have been an exclusive United Keetoowah Band tribal member since childhood. As a past employee of the UKB, I know what it is like to work in a highly charged political environment. I understand the change that needs to occur in order to make it a better place for everyone.

I am a recent Magna Cum Laude graduate of Bacone College earning a Bachelor's degree in Business

Administration. I encourage anyone who may be thinking about pursuing higher education once in the workplace to rise to the challenge and meet it head on. The challenges of raising a family, working full time and attending college I find are achievable having three daughters: Heather, Darcie and Sherniece; all of Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

As your tribal secretary-elect, I will strive to work closely with the council to ensure accurate minutes of all council meetings while maintaining digitally preserved resolutions on file. As your secretary, I would work diligently to further clean up the enrollment records and the voter's registration list.

Furthermore, it is my intention to support legislation to implement the Freedom of Information Act. This would allow tribal members to be able to view the records of all board, committee, and council meeting minutes and resolutions so that you are more informed.

As your Secretary, I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Keetoowah Band. I will listen and work for the tribal members and present their issues to the council in a professional manner to promote change. I will help give resources to tribal members to better themselves and work with whomever is elected in office to make sure we have continuity and unity within our tribal administration.

Today I am asking for your support in this effort to bring about change and ensure the continuation of a more informed working tribal council.

Wa-Do!

Kristene Scrapper

Tribal Secretary Meet The Candidates



Adalene Smith

Adalene Smith was born in the Bull Hollow Community in Delaware County of Northeast Oklahoma. She graduated from Little Kansas High School. She is the daughter of the late Daniel and Lucille (Bark) Proctor. She is the mother of two daughters Tishaleta and Torina; and son Tim. She has 11+ grandchildren. She is a graduate of Indian Capital Technology Center and has attended college at Bacone and NSU. She has worked as Assistant Coordinator of the UKB Human Services Department, and is currently employed with Country Style Home Health Agency out of Wilburton in their Jay office.

Adalene has served four terms on the council in the past; her latest term was as the Saline District Representative from 2004 to 2006 along with another term in the Saline District and also served as Delaware District Representative for two terms.

“My folks were lifetime community leaders - church pastors, so I grew up with my family helping others. I have always strived to follow in their footsteps. I stand for what is best for the UKB people always. I am Keetoowah born, and born to serve Keetoowahs,” said Smith.

I am Adalene Smith and I would appreciate your vote for Tribal Secretary on November 3.

Tribal Treasurer Meet The Candidates



Shelbi (Doyeto) Wofford

Hello, I am your current Treasurer, elected in 2004, beginning office in Jan. 2005. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the United Keetoowah Band membership. Before being elected, there were always questions on where the money was being spent. Ever since being elected, I have made it my personal promise to stamp out those questions in the minds of our people. I have two words of promise for the people and they are “full disclosure”.

That means there are no secrets, no hiding places and no information as obtained through the general, state and federal funds financial reports generated to the council. This is a monthly report that also contains a check register of the checks written from the general fund, our largest bank account. This report is generated but does not include the monies made by and paid out from the tribes Casino/Gaming operation.

Currently I am working in what today is with my third Keetoowah Chief. This all began just shortly after obtaining my Bachelor’s degree in Finance from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK. I have the strong support of my dad and mom, Durbin and Chris (Eagle) Feeling and family especially my husband Cliff and children Ryan, Eric and Tiger. My oldest is attending his Junior year at Oral Roberts University and Eric is at Tahlequah High School with Tiger in Woodall.

I am excited about this election in particular because it represents the second election using electronic voting ballot equipment. You can be a part of a continued effort to keep the financial records in “full disclosure” by casting your vote. I appreciate this newspaper and the staff that continues to maintain the integrity of the tribe.

I ask for your vote on November 3rd.

Shelbi (Doyeto) Wofford



Ella Mae Cooksey Worley

O-Si-Yo,

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Ella Mae Cooksey Worley “Meli” and am running for the office of Treasurer. I speak, read and write the Cherokee language. I have 3 daughters; 6 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and I am raising 2 great-nieces due to our loss of their mother from a car accident in 2007. I live in the Rocky Mountain Community where my 4 brothers and 1 sister were raised by our mother Katie Cooksey “Gedi”.

Our mother was known as the “Grandmother of Rocky Mountain” as she cared for and helped many children who had no place to go, and provided meals, clothing, and a place to sleep for weeks, sometimes months at a time. Therefore; I would be honored to continue her legacy of caring for and helping people to the best of my abilities.

I have been in education for 29 years; 10 years at Stilwell High School, 8 years in Alaska, 1/2 a year at both Hartford, Arkansas and Sequoyah High School, and I am beginning my 10th year at Rocky Mountain School. I earned my Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education, a Masters in Counseling K-12, a Secondary Social Studies Degree with a Special Interest in Indian Studies from Northeastern State University. I chose not to utilize my Principal’s Certificate because I enjoy counseling and teaching which allows me to closely interact with the students.

The present Administration has made great improvements in many areas of the UKB Programs. Their work ethics and professionalism is outstanding and they truly want what is best for the UKB members. I believe that things will only get better with the re-election of the present Chief and Assistant Chief. Therefore, with your help I would like the opportunity to be a part of improving the success of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees. I am announcing my candidacy, and asking for your vote on November 3, 2008 as your next UKB Tribal Treasurer.

My commitment as your elected treasurer is to “work for you” be accountable and help improve UKB programs.

Wa-do.,
Ella Mae Cooksey Worley

Cooweescoowee Dist. Representative Meet The Candidates



Cliff W. Wofford

O-si-o!

Dear United Keetoowah Band Cooweescoowee Brothers and Sisters,

As a full blooded (4 / 4) full blood Keetoowah candidate, I am honored to have this opportunity to serve our people. I am descendant of the Old Settlers Roll. My platform will always be a vote for reform, education, and constitutional and financial accountability. I will always vote to take care of the youth and elders. As a full blood 4/4 I understand the way of the Keetoowahs.

I will continue to keep the Keetoowah spirit alive the way our ancestors fought to keep our Keetoowah Nation alive. This will be a way of honoring our ancestors. I have 23 years of Native American Gaming and Native American/ Tribal Government Administration experience. I attended Haskell Indian Junior College , and obtained a Bachelor’s of Science Degree at NSU.

I have served on the UKB Budget and Finance Committee, the UKB Housing Authority Board, the UKB Personnel Committee, the UKB Enterprise Board and have served as the UKB Casino Gaming Commissioner. I have held the positions of Executive Director and Assistant to the Chief, Casino General Manager and have held Casino Senior Management positions for other tribes.

I have also been re-appointed to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) County Committee, and am serving my second term. I am proud to be the first 4/4 Full Blood Native American to be appointed to this USDA Committee. I also served on the Board of Directors for Claremore Indian Health Service.

I invite you to call me or stop by for a visit to discuss concerns or issues that can be brought before the council for resolve. I will be available every hour of the day to serve my Keetoowah Cooweescoowee brothers and sisters. As a **4/4 Full Blood Keetoowah** , I understand the way of the **Keetoowah**. My heart is sincere toward you and this request for your vote November 3, 2008.

KEEP THE KEETOOWAH SPIRIT ALIVE and **RE-ELECT me a FULL BLOOD KEETOOWAH** to honor your ancestors and represent you .

May God Bless you and your Family,

Wa-do !! Cliff W. Wofford

**Cooweescoowee
Dist. Representative**

Meet The Candidates



JoAnn Tidwell

JoAnn Tidwell, one of the first women to graduate in the field of Avionic Electronics, is actively involved in the government of the United Keetoowah Band since returning to her roots over a decade ago. Tidwell announces her bid for the council post in Cooweescoowee District.

Tidwell, a professional business woman who owns a family business hopes the Keetoowah people in Cooweescoowee District will get out and vote for positive change Nov 3.

"I took a strong interest in the United Keetoowah Band and began attending council meetings in 2001," Tidwell said.

"I am familiar with the major issues that concern our Keetoowah people. Originating from Goingsnake District, the daughter of Jack Tidwell and Rita Sanders. My grandfather, Millard Tidwell, came before me as the Flint District Councilor in the '60s. He and other elders instilled in me the importance the assured significance of traditional Keetoowah values."

"Elected, I promise to be a strong voice and make sure the people's needs are met both tribally and nationally. It is important to get your voice out there and I will do my utmost best for them. I want the Keetoowah people to know they can communicate with me. I believe tribal council representatives must serve a purposeful role and function for the job they are elected to do. I will vote according to what I believe is going to benefit our people the most."

Tidwell has served on the UKB Budget & Finance Committee, the UKB Housing Board and has spent numerous hours and personal resources to help a cause she believed in to help Keetoowah people in need.

In 1987, Tidwell graduated with an Avionic Electronics Degree breaking a barrier and leading the way as the first woman ever to work for a major airline as a mechanic in Denver, Colo. For eight years, she has run a successful business and is qualified to meet the needs of the people.

"Our nation as well as our tribal government is in need of change. I hope in November, the Keetoowah people will allow me to make a difference in Cooweescoowee District."



Portia Wickliffe Kelley

My name is Portia Wickliffe Kelley and I am running for Tribal Council Representative in the Cooweescoowee District. I live in Claremore and I am the proud parent of two daughters, Jennifer and Shannon Kelley. My parents are George and Maxine Wickliffe of Kenwood. As a child I attended school in Claremore, Foyil, Adair, and White Oak. After graduating high school at

White Oak, I attended Rogers State University and Northeastern State University. I obtained a Masters' Degree in Counseling Psychology and have worked in the service of Native American people for more than twenty years at Claremore Indian Hospital.

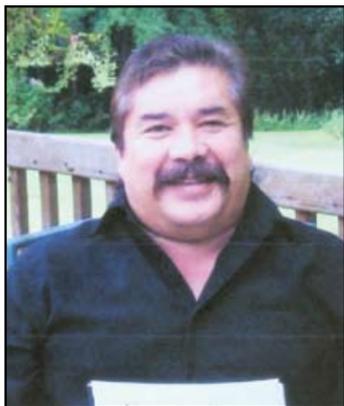
Are you aware that the United Keetoowah Band has a \$3,000 assistance program for college students? Or did you know that the Elder Assistance Program gives elders \$200 twice each year? As the Council Representative for the Cooweescoowee District, I will be available to keep you informed of programs and services available to you. I will also work hard to increase funding to these and other programs. The membership is growing and it is time to get involved. I will make arrangements in various communities throughout the district to get to know the people I'm representing. I feel it is my responsibility to identify needs and work on addressing the concerns in our area. Our children's education, opening up job and training opportunities, and supporting our elders are the some of the most important issues I'll be working on. We are a strong community of Keetoowah Cherokee people united in moving our tribe forward and we can succeed by all working together.

Please feel free to contact me at (918)341-6595 to talk or give suggestions. With faith and guidance from our Creator and the wisdom of our elders, we can continue our progress and achieve an even greater level of providing for our people.

Portia Wickliffe Kelley

**Delaware Dist.
Representative**

Meet The Candidates



Jerry Hansen

Hi!

My name is Jerry Hansen. I am a full blood Keetoowah Cherokee from the Deer Clan. I want to say "Thank You" to all that voted for me four years ago. I am asking once again for your vote.

I feel that we must have "continuity" in our Tribal Government in order to build a strong government that can stand against forces that try to knock it down. Through courtroom challenges, other governments

that seek to destroy any governments to gain more control over your lives and well being by using hi-tech propaganda and outright lies. These forces come from within and without. All the way from the BIA, Washington, D.C. and right next door.

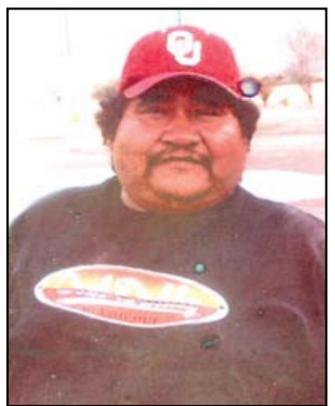
Everyone in the tribe has the opportunity to be heard at your district council meetings. When a person doesn't attend, they choose to stay unformed and powerless about opportunities, as well as issues facing the tribe. This is right where our enemies want us. In today's world, more and more issues are arising and becoming better informed will help you personally and your tribe to better meet these issues.

Having said that, I ask that you consider these quotes of Bible scriptures: Proverbs 29:18, Matthew 7:15-20, Luke 16:15. The long and short term solutions to problems within our personal lives and for the Keetoowahs as a whole are found in the Bible. For you that read the Bible, look it up and ponder your candidates and consider how far this tribe has come in such a short time.

There is much more to be done that can be done. We don't need to tear the house down and start over. If nothing else, pray continually for our tribal leaders as they battle the forces that would love to see "Keetoowah" disappear.

Thank you for your support and prayers; no matter who you choose.

Sincerely,
Jerry Hansen



Richard Fields

Osiyo,

My name is Richard Fields; I'm running for Council in the Delaware District. I am a father of five children and I also have a grandson. I was raised in Catoosa, Oklahoma until my senior year. I now live in Kansas, Oklahoma, and a member of the Long Prairie Church.

I'm running for council in hopes that I can meet the needs of all the UKB people in the Delaware District and also help the United Keetoowah Band take a step further into the future. I also think that the old traditions should be kept alive, because that is our strength.

I am a man that believes we can do things that can help ourselves grow and keep the blood quantum. If elected I will take Delaware District's voice to the council meetings.

I think the people should be your voice. Our people should be first and taken care of, also take care of internal problems within the Band. I will my best if elected as your Representative for the Delaware District.

Wado.
Richard Fields

NOTICE

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

Call the UKB toll free at 1-877-431-1818

Goingsnake Dist.
Representative

Meet The Candidates



Joyce Fourkiller Hawk

My name is Joyce Fourkiller Hawk. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Goingsnake District Representative for the past four years. As you know, I am always willing to help my members in any way I can. I appreciate the support of the tribal members in the Goingsnake District.

I was raised by Grover and Polly Fourkiller. My grandparents were Felix and Flora Fourkiller and Eli and Marie Wilson. My great grandfather was Judge Fourkiller. I am married to Kenneth Hawk. I have three children; Colby 18, Kayce 13, and Karra 10. My family and I reside in the Fairfield community, northeast of Stilwell. I was formerly employed by Oxford Healthcare as a Personal Care Aide. I worked in the health care field for more than five years.

In 2003, I became a family caregiver and nurse to my mother and father. My mother passed away two years ago, and I now care for my father. I believe there is nothing more important than family.

As a people, the Keetoowah Cherokee have always taken care of their own. I am very committed to our youth and our elders. For the past four years, I have served as the Goingsnake District Representative, as well as serving on the education committee, this past year as chairperson, a tax commissioner, and as secretary to the gaming board.

If elected, I will continue to do the best I can for my members. I have a large district, but I always try and help as many members as possible and I will be your voice on the UKB tribal council.

Everything I have done during the past four years would not have been possible without prayer. With my Dad being a deacon, I learned that you have to pray everyday to guide you through. I would appreciate your vote on November 3, 2008.

Joyce Fourkiller Hawk



William "Willie" Christie

Hello, my name is Willie Christie, and I am running for the Goingsnake District Council. I have lived in Kansas, Oklahoma for 9 1/2 years, and was raised in Colcord, Oklahoma. My wife Rene and I have six children, Zach, Blade, Jake, Ashley, Courtney, and Hannah.

For the last five years, I have worked for the United Keetoowah Band Natural Resources Department. In 2003, I attended the BIA's Water Resource Technician Training program and was placed with the United Keetoowah Band. In these five year, I have worked on five water monitoring projects, several illegal dumpsite cleanup projects, and with the Agriculture Department. Before I came to work for the Tribe, I worked for Gates in Siloam Springs for 9 years.

I went to High School in Colcord, Oklahoma and graduated in 1984. I have numerous certifications through federal agencies, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Geological Survey, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Interior. I also attended a class to become a certified home inspector.

It has always been a goal of mine to represent my district in the Tribal Council, and to assist the tribe's future progress. I believe that elders and children must come first, and education should be a priority. I will assist tribal members in any way possible, and will actively search for outside assistance if necessary.

Willie Christie

Illinois Dist.
Representative

Meet The Candidates



Barbara Girty

My name is Barbara Girty and I have been your Illinois District Representative for the past two years. I'm proud of my district and the support tribal members have given me. Together, we have been able to accomplish goals that we set out to accomplish. We had a math and science camp for the Illinois District youth this summer. We have gathered and sold thousands of dollars of wild onions for the

past two springs, and have had a lot of fun and fellowship.

For each meeting, we always have a meal provided by different members who are paid out of my stipend to prepare it. Everyone especially loves the Christmas meeting, with great food and cash door prizes. We have had four cultural demonstrations in basket making, blow guns and two sessions on shackle making.

I have never missed a council meeting, nor have I ever failed to hold a monthly district meeting. I have served on three key committees, which I call the three E's - Education, Enrollment and Elders. I care and value our elders and have loved the opportunity to learn from them. My greatest concern is for the children and their education. Keeping them in school, and providing incentive for them to continue their education, which is vital for their future. I'd like to see us start working with our kids by the eighth grade to get them prepared for college.

If I receive the opportunity to serve another term on the United Keetoowah Band Council my number one goal is to continue to represent the members of the Illinois district. I will bring your concerns, issues and ideas to the leaders of our tribe, leaders that can make a positive difference in the lives of our Keetoowah people. I know that my 15 years of experience in preserving and promoting Cherokee history and culture can contribute in promoting the general welfare and advance the standard of living for the people of the United Keetoowah Band.

I ask for your support by voting on November 3 for Barbara Girty, Illinois District.

Barbara Girty



Donald Adair

Donald Adair's major accomplishments during his term on the council in 2004 was being a strong voice for the Keetoowah people and serving as an advocate for Keetoowah veterans. Adair, 52, of Vian, hopes to regain that seat in Illinois District and asks for the people's support on Nov. 3.

A retired veteran, Adair was instrumental in providing tribal tags and hosting an annual appreciation dinner and recognition ceremony to honor soldiers from past and present wars. He also listened to the people and spoke on their behalf and was instrumental in voting on issues which benefited education, human services and the elderly.

Adair, who has been an active and vocal member of the United Keetoowah Band for many years, was appointed in 2005 to the Executive Board of Directors of the Genocide Museum in Houston, Texas. He speaks the Keetoowah Language fluently and enjoys softball games and other sports, spending time with family and listening to stories and laughing with Keetoowah people.

He and his wife, Lynn, have four sons and six grandchildren. He is the son of Katie Adair of Sallisaw and the late John Adair.

"Being a council representative is a very important part of the Keetoowah government and I don't take that lightly," Adair said. "We need council representatives who are not afraid to stand up for the people or their government regardless of the cost. I hope the people in Illinois District will give me the opportunity to be that kind of councilman," Adair said. "I promise to bring strength and dedication to the table and make decisions which will be most beneficial for the Keetoowah people."

Check out our website at: www.ukb-nsn.gov

*Tahlequah Dist.
Representative*

Meet The Candidates



Kenneth "Toot" Hogner

Hello, my name is Kenneth "Toot" Hogner. I have been a resident of Tahlequah most of my life. I attended school at Briggs and Tahlequah. I've been a member of the Keetoowah Band since 1980. I've worked as a truck driver for almost 26 years.

As far as a platform goes, if you have a concern or a problem, I believe if we work together we'll find the answers. I'm not a politician, I'm a country boy with common sense, If elected I will do the job to the best of my ability. I will standup for what is right for the people in the Tahlequah District and for what is right for the tribe.

Kenneth Hogner



Betty Holcomb

I, Betty Holcomb am a full blood Keetoowah Cherokee born and raised in the Tailholt Community along with nine siblings. My parents are Johnson and Eliza Pigeon Holcomb. I was raised in a traditional home where Keetoowah Cherokee was the first language. I am a member of the Stokes Ceremonial Stomp Ground.

After graduating 8th grade from a country school, I was enrolled at Sequoyah High School. At that time, it was known as Sequoyah Vocational School. I lived in the dorm and graduated in 1962.

In 1964, I married Russell Jumper. We had five daughters, who are all UKB members and Stokes Ceremonial Ground members. Due to the passing of Russell at a young age, I was left to raise my daughters on my own. I have spent all my life providing for my family and continued to provide and support my daughters and grand children. My Hobbies are quilting and making traditional clothing including tear dresses, ribbon shirts, etc.

In 2001-2004, I was elected as Tahlequah District Representative on the UKB Tribal Council. I fought very hard for what was right for my constituents. After 17 years of service at Sequoyah High School as Cafeteria Supervisor. I retired as of June 6th. After retiring, my plans were to run for the UKB Council Seat in the Tahlequah District.

If elected for Tahlequah District Council member, my plans will be to have my community meetings in various places in the district. If some of my constituents do not have transportation, I will provide transportation to and from Hastings Indian Hospital for their appointments. Most of all, I will be available to listen to Tahlequah District members concerns and needs.

Betty Holcomb



Matthew Walls

I was born in Tahlequah to John and Bernice (Whitekiller) Walls and was raised in the Hulbert area. I am the 37 year old grandson of Willie and Linda Whitekiller and have been a member of the UKB for eight years. Melissa, my wife of 18 years, and I have two children, Dillon and Alyssa. Because I feel strongly about the education of my children and others in the community, I currently serve as Vice President of the Hulbert Board of Education. During my term, I have worked tirelessly to bring

accountability to the Board and improve the overall educational performance of the school. I believe that the only way anyone can effectively bring about change is by voicing an honest opinion. I have demonstrated this repeatedly during my term on the school board, supporting only the actions that directly benefit the education of the children. I am not afraid to stand alone in voicing an honest opinion.

These characteristics will carry over to my role as the UKB Tahlequah District Representative as I listen to my constituents, learn their concerns and work with them to resolve their issues. My highest priority as your district representative will be continuing and increasing support for the elders. Because the elderly are sometimes forgotten, I believe that it is our obligation to ensure that the elderly are never forgotten and are well provided for. Knowing that today's youth will be tomorrow's leaders, I also realize the importance of investing in the education of our young people to ensure a stronger Keetoowah tribe. I will support economic development that will result in the growth of the UKB and provide opportunities for the Keetoowah people both individually and as a whole. As a leader of the Keetoowah people, I will honor the proud heritage and promote the future success of the UKB.

As the next Tahlequah District Representative, I will make myself available to anyone at anytime. I truly appreciate your support and ask for our vote on November 3rd.

Matthew Walls



Katherine Neugin White

Katherine Neugin White has declared her bid for Representative in the Tahlequah District. Katherine "Kathy" has always been involved in the community; she was instrumental in starting the head Start Program at Lost City with the help of the community elders. Some form of this program lasted for 30 years. This past year she jumped in again to assist the community

to try to save the Lost City School, volunteering over 30 hours per week for the school by attending meetings, traveling to Oklahoma City to meet with state board members and with local dignitaries to seek monetary assistance for the school. Although, Lost City patrons lost their school, they continue, by organizing a committee and raising funds, Kathy is a part of this.

For the past four years, Kathy has followed Sequoyah High School football and baseball teams watching her grandson Hunter Cunningham play. Her other three grandsons also play sports and can't wait to play for Sequoyah and wear the #6 jersey.

Katherine currently works for the Cardiovascular Surgical Specialist Corporation in Tahlequah. She sees many Native Americans come through the office and is aware of the problems they face trying to get good health care. "As your representative, I will work diligently to address our Health Care Issues."

Katherine worked for the Fort Howard Corporation (currently Georgia Pacific) in Muskogee for 24 years. During that time she trained employees, gave meetings, supervised employees, wrote manuals, went to Quality College in Deerfield, Ill and trained at management level. Mostly, she was called a trouble shooter; someone who came in "assessed the situation, took appropriate steps and resolved the issue."

"As your Representative, I will take all issues and work through the... I want our people to continue to grow and thrive. I'll be the first to tell you, I don't know what all is required of a district representative, I am willing to learn and I will be the people's representative. I plan on being available not just by phone but in person."

*Four Incumbent District
Representatives draw no
opponents in election*

*Canadian Dist. Rep.
Eddie Sacks*



*Flint Dist. Rep.
Woodrow Proctor*



*Saline Dist. Rep.
Charles Smoke*



*Sequoyah Dist. Rep.
Barry Dotson*



Tribal Member Appreciates Keetoowah Cherokee Generosity

Keetoowah Cherokee tribal member Billy Heath, UKB Gaming Commission board member, was attending a business trip when he received a phone call informing him that his home had been destroyed by an early morning explosion August 3. Mr. Heath's home was located in the Stick Ross Community just southwest of Tahlequah; no one was home at the time of the accident. "My wife and I had decided not to drive home that night, it was about a four-hour drive back and I wasn't feeling well, I had just ran out of medication and we decided to stay the night and rest," said Heath. "The next morning we began getting phone calls telling us our home had burned down." It was determined by the Tahlequah Fire Department that the explosion was caused due to leakage of gas flumes from small pinholes in a gas flex hose just behind a stove in the home. The home and all of the contents were destroyed.

During the August 3 Council meeting, several council members and administrators received calls that Mr. Heath's home had been destroyed. Without hesitation the council and administrators stepped in to provide aid to Mr. Heath and his family. "I talked to him this morning, all we know at this time is that his house exploded, we have some people out there this morning to look over the damage. We are working with him, trying to find out what he needs," stated Charles Locust, UKB Assistant Chief. Tahlequah District Representative, Albert Shade asked the council to provide emergency assistance for the family and to help them locate some type of housing until they could get their home rebuilt. Chief George Wickliffe also stated, "We need to step in and help the family."

"It really didn't hit home until my wife and I returned and saw our burned out home. It was hard, you get back and you see everything, all your kid's photos, all your grand children's photos, it's all gone. The only clothes we had were the ones we had on. All my medication burned up in the explosion, it's the weekend, me being disabled, and you don't have much money. What are you going to do? Who do you turn to?" stated Heath. "If it wasn't for the UKB Administration, Council and tribe, we wouldn't have had anything. Before we returned home, the tribe had already assessed the damages and by that afternoon we had a place to stay, food and my medicine, thanks to the tribe," said Heath.

The tribe provided the Heaths with a



BILLY HEATH watches as his burned out home is being torn down by the Keetoowah Construction Inc. "You look at the trailer, and it's still emotional," said Heath.

place to stay; they stayed in a motel until they could find other accommodations, provided them with food, some money to purchase some clothing and also made arrangements to supply medication for the weekend for Mr. Heath until he could have his medications refilled. The Chief and Assistant Chief looked into the tribe's Human Services program to provide assistance for the family's needs. "This is what we do for our Keetoowah Cherokees, we are here to take care of our people, we help everyone," said Chief Wickliffe.

The funds that were used to aid Mr. Heath were reimbursed by his insurance company. These funds have been replaced for availability in case of such another emergency.

"Keetoowah people, you should be proud and hold your head up high for your Administration, Council and tribe. There have been Council members who have called me and they want to help anyway they can. You feel like a big world is on your shoulders when something like this happens, but it gives you a warm feeling in your heart when the tribe is there to help you carry that world," said Heath. Mr. Heath expressed his appreciation for the tribe's help, expressing his appreciation with heartfelt emotion. Mr. Heath expressed that saying "Thank you," wasn't enough for what the Administration and the tribe had done for his family. "The Chief said it best, 'Thank God that you and your wife and your grandbabies weren't there.' I think God that we weren't there too," added Heath.

UKB Objects to Desecration of Sacred Symbol

Recently, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) implemented an advertising campaign centered around the seven-pointed star which originates in the historic governmental Cherokee Nation seal, as well as that of the present-day government of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

The historic seal of the Cherokee Nation was approved by Council in 1871, during the administration of Chief Lewis Downing. According to the Oklahoma Historical Society's Chronicles of Oklahoma, "This seal was imprinted on all documents until the dissolution of the Cherokee Nation at Oklahoma Statehood."

Comically, when one reads the recent proud editorial appearing in the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma's casino magazine, CNE marketing staff wrote that the seven-pointed star represents the seven original clans of the Cherokee, and the seven characters of the Syllabary. First, it should be noted that originally, there were at least 14, possibly 15, clans of the Keetoowah Cherokee people, although today, seven remain. In addition, there are 85 characters in the Syllabary, although seven of them appear on the seal that the star is taken from.

Keetoowah Cherokee elders tell us that this is not a star at all, that it represents the Sacred Fire, given at the beginning of time by the Creator himself. In addition, the star in the historic seal of 1871, and in the current seal of the United Keetoowah Band, the star is balanced on two points. You'll note that since the inception of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma in the 1970's, the seal that organization uses is 'trying' to balance on one point. This is ironically similar to the different meanings between an upright pentagram and an inverted pentagram (both 5 pointed stars).

Just as Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is not the historic Cherokee Nation, the seal they use is not the historical version signed into law by Lewis Downing.

Whether the reader's persuasion is to fancy it as a 'star' or the 'Sacred Fire,' the symbol is sacred, and as such, it's use as an advertising slogan (Star Treatment, All Points Lead to the Star, etc.) is sacrilege. The star represents a people, not a 'brand' as Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma's enterprise has suggested. As many outside groups have used to 'brand' Cherokee to market everything from clothing to cars, now a group calling themselves "Cherokee" is branding our sacred symbol.

OSU Certified Nurse's Aide Training Offered this Fall in Tahlequah

OSU Certified Nurse's Aide training will be ongoing this fall at Grace Living Center, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. For more information, call the OKC-CNA Training Program at (800) 560-4099 x615. The instructor for the class is UKB tribal member Dru (Welch) Pratt. Ms. Pratt recently transferred to the Tahlequah Grace Living Center from the Jenks Grace Living Center, which is another training site.

United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu September 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 closed	2 Chicken Nuggets Taco Lb Trix Green Beans Texas Toast Salad Dessert	3 Southwest Tuna Casserole Tomato Zucchini Crench Bread Sticks Salad Dessert	4 Texas Chili Jalapeno Cornbread Salad Dessert	5 Breakfast Served All 10-30 a.m.
8 Brown Beans w/ Ham Mixed Greens Jalapeno Cornbread Salad Dessert	9 Beef Stroganoff Broccoli Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	10 Marinated Chicken Wild Rice Grilled Vegetables Crench Breadsticks Salad Dessert	11 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Texas Toast Salad Dessert	12 Breakfast Served All 10-30 a.m.
15 Salisbury Steak Red Potatoes Carrots Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	16 Supreme Pizza Pasta Alfredo Casser Salad Dessert	17 Mac & Cheese with Jalapeno Smokies Black eye Peas Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	18 Catfish Galley Chips Beans Coke Maw Dessert	19 Fishing Day And Hotdog Roast At the River park
22 Taco Salad Beans and Rice Dessert	23 Polish Sausage Soup Knorr Cauliflower Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	24 Corn dogs Later Ents Macaroni Salad Dessert	25 Cultural Foods Day September Birthdays	26 Closed for cleaning
28 Ham Chowder Turnip Greens Cornbread Salad Dessert	30 Grilled Salmon Wild Rice Yellow Squash Salad Dessert			

UKB Regular July Council Meeting Minutes

UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting At UKB Community Services Building July 12, 2008 10:03 a.m. – 11:52 a.m.

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Leroy Adair

III. Roll Call: 10 + Chief answered Roll Call. Quorum declared.
- Proctor absent at Roll Call
- Sacks absent at Roll Call

IV. Chief's Address (10:07 AM – 10:25 AM)

- Inquiries when voters names and addresses would be released to candidates for November election. Election Board President informed such data would be made available to candidates at their official filing for office. (Chief's question was due to inquiries of voters who had already received campaign letters.)

- Negotiations on Arkansas River Bed continue. All other pending lawsuits such as housing are on-going.

- UKB Administration stays abreast of all legal activities involving the UKB.

- Believes it is appropriate to inform; by August 10th/15th there will be reason to plan a celebration. This will be a celebration before our annual celebration. We are expecting good news.

(Proctor arrived at 10:13 AM)

- Has been two months since the last attack by CNO. They are not giving mention of the UKB.

- There has been great progress made for the UKB people and progress continues and it appears there is no end to Keetoowah's progress.

- Currently the UKB has competed audits which were delinquent at the beginning of the present administration.

- Next month the Council will discuss approval of the audit which was recently completed on schedule. With completion of this most recent audit we will qualify for self-governance and proper paper work will be prepared and filed for self-governance.

- The Keetoowah people did not come on the Trail of Tears but those who did came and joined the Keetoowah Society. Keetoowahs came to Arkansas as "Old Settlers" in 1817.

- 1828 we came across the river from Ft. Smith into Indian Territory. The Keetoowahs were here ten (10) years before the original Cherokee Nation came into the territory. They came in by force but the Keetoowahs came in voluntarily. The Keetoowahs came in under a treaty which gave us 700,000 acres which extended to Ft. Gibson. In 1833 we were known as the Western Cherokee. While we were in Arkansas we were known as "The Old Settlers."

- We just recently were in a meeting with people in Muskogee (BIA) and told them it had been too long since we came into 700,000 acres, yet "we have no land," and something is terribly wrong somewhere. It is be-

lieved we have come to a resolution about this and it is believed this is the reason CNO has been so quiet as of late.

- CNO has a huge problem and it pertains to the Treaty of 1866, which gave citizenship to everyone who lived within the original Cherokee Nation which was composed of nine (9) districts. At this time the land was called Indian Territory. There was no state of Oklahoma. The Freedmen received citizenship under the 1866 treaty. The Civil War had just ended which freed them. The Cherokee Nation was forced to sign the treaty. The Freedmen Issue is the problem CNO is facing today.

- The Progress made by the UKB has never been as great as within the last 3 ½ years.

- If for any reason the Keetoowahs do not receive favorable decision in furthering UKB progress, it will be the biggest disappointment I" will have witnessed in my whole life because in my opinion we are there.

- The battle for Keetoowahs winning favorable decisions has been expensive but we have very good lawyers, here in Oklahoma and in Washington. The Keetoowahs have been pushed to the brink. Lets celebrate.

- Reliable sources keep the UKB informed on legal issues. Land base is almost a certainty.

- When a land base is reality there will be a Council meeting called and then an announcement will be made.

- Very optimistic that a favorable decision will be made on a land base for Keetoowahs.

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

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on June 7, 2008; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

VI. Presentations -

1. Sammy Still: Media Publications
- Each member of Council received a Memo, RE: news stories, press releases of meeting announcements.

- This document was presented in an effort to inform readers of the Keetoowah News of planned/scheduled events.

- Forms were presented for submitting such information.

- Deadline for submitting said item is the second Friday of any given month, in order for information to be included in next month's newspaper issue.

- This information can also be released to other newspapers, radio stations, etc.

2. Don Ade:

- RE: "Tribal Management Grant"

- This application is not reviewed by IHS but reviewed by non-government people.

- This is a relatively small grant it would be nice if we got this grant but we should not be disappointed if we do not. The main objective in this, is

to: put and keep the UKB on "the radar" of IHS.

- We are also in the process of executing a contract proposal to IHS. This has to do with Tulsa Drug Treatment Center.

- There is a meeting scheduled with the Area Director, Wednesday of next week at 9:00 AM to negotiate the contract proposal relating to the Tulsa Treatment Center.

DISCUSSION:

- CNO has submitted a letter of intent to take over Hastings Hospital.

- IHS seems to be receptive and supportive of CNO's intention.

- CNO is already beginning to act as if they are already running the hospital. CNO is directing hospital employees to do this and that, go here and go there.

- The hospital union president has been spoken to. She seemed very reluctant to take a stand. She stated the union agreement is not with the tribe but is with IHS.

- I (Don) asked the Union President to contact their attorney in Denver, CO and point out the fact that Public Law 93-638 does require a resolution from any other residing tribe and that does include the United Keetoowah Band. CNO has not received such a resolution from the UKB. The Union President was told, it is alleged IHS and CNO would be in violation if IHS contracts/compacts with CNO without a resolution from the Keetoowahs.

- The Union President did agree to contact their Denver attorneys on this matter. Presently there has been no contact with UKB about this situation.

DISCUSSION:

- Charles Locust: would an injunction be recommended in reference to IHS situation?

- Don Ade: believed an injunction to stop IHS situation should be litigated.

- AG Bellmard: first exhaust UKB administrative process then ask for an injunction. An injunction should be considered and to involve attorney Lindsey Hass. Must receive something on a decision by IHS favoring CNO before there would be an actual case.

- Don Ade: it appears NCO is willing to advance on this IHS issue without a resolution from Council.

- It is hopeful the interim/acting IHS Director, Hickory Starr, will direct hospital registration to designate UKB members as patients at the hospital.

- If the tribal management grant is received, Don Ade will be in charge with possible use of volunteers for a feasibility study.

- All health related business is to be directed to Don Ade.

- Don Ade: the grant for Tribal Management RE: IHS could be up to \$70,000.00 but this grant is open to many applications.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the authorization to submit an

application to the Indian Health Service for a Tribal Management Grant up to \$70,000.00; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Littlelaved

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve/accept 21 new membership applicants into tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent; S. Wofford not available at vote).

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 6 UKB members; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent; S. Wofford not available at vote).

- Jerry Hansen: asked if CNO is using HUD money for enticing UKB members to return to CNO citizenship.

- AG Bellmard: CNO probably has a priority list for serving their citizens first and then service is given to members of other tribes. He stated anyone returning to CNO citizenship for purposes of receiving a house needs to get copies of every document they signed with CNO and present this to UKB. Then we will know which regulation is being used by CNO for issuing houses.

VIII. Public Forum - None

(DISCUSSION: Emergency Assistance, RE: Propane Purchase, See attached)

1. Jerry Hansen

- Spoke of and complimented the Realty Officer, Francine Rozell, on the job being done in the Realty Department. He stated he didn't understand how she could not be over whelmed in her work load. He stated Realty is a good program and he asked the Council to give thought to increasing the budget for Realty which could include the hiring of a part-time assistant to assist in the workings of the department and would also be providing training for the time when Mrs. Rozell retired. He said he hoped she would never retire but everyone does eventually but with training someone new the department would be prepared for keeping the Realty Department active. He concluded the Realty Department is important and is just a wonderful program.

IX. Unfinished Business

Presentation by Election Board members Leroy Adair, Norma Rock and Norma Jimerson

- Handout material of suggested additional polling sites was presented to each Council member.

- Lengthy discussion in reference to explanation as to how additional polling sites were selected and how a tribal membership photo I.D. was required in order to vote.

MOTION by Charles Locust to accept Election Board recommendations of additional Polling Sites for Cooweescoowee, Tahlequah and Goingsnake with no additions in Delaware district; SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 9 Yes, 1 No (Shade), 1 Abstentions (Dotson) (Sacks absent).

UKB Regular July Council Meeting Minutes cont.

– Election Board Chairman, Leroy Adair, informed the Election Board wished to place Norma Rock (member of the Election Board) in the position of Board Secretary. Mr. Adair presented this information to Council because he wished the Council to be aware of such data. (No resolution is required for a designated position within the Election Board)

X. New Business

1. Bryan Shade informed agenda item number 1 referred to a bank account for funds of a transit grant through Federal Highways Administration which allows for two buses and a bus barn. This project would provide transportation for tribal members in keeping medical ap-

pointments, etc. The agenda item is renaming the program account. This program would be similar to KATS. (Note: when UKB was awarded this grant, CNO decided they would apply for the same. CNO received ½ of the grant amount as did the UKB)

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the closing of Bank of Cherokee County Education Account (XXXXX54092), an inactive account, to open under the same number and restyling it to read Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration for the new funding the tribe received and in fulfillment of the contract requirements; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

XI. Announcements

1. Liz Littledave announced the Enrollment Audit has been completed. The independent auditor agreed with UKB enrollment information. This data is required in determining Motor Fuels Funding and is required in some grant applications.

– Charles Locust: asked if our enrollment audit could be used to justify members within IHS.

– Response: yes, it should be, when documents are presented in reference to grants an enrollment number is entered.

– Jerry Hansen: requested the decision wherein a Tribal Membership

Photo I.D. was required for voting should be published in newspapers in surrounding areas.

– Chief Wickliffe: need to mail notifications to all those on the voter's list of the requirement of presenting their membership Photo I.D. when they go to vote. The requirement of the Photo I.D. for voting was the conclusion of the earlier discussion on reference to said requirements.

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; Approved by affirmation. Conclusion: 11:52 PM

Bradley Wayne Jones Plays for the Riverhawks

Bradley Wayne Jones, a senior at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, is playing his final season as defensive tackle for the Riverhawks this fall. Brad is a Keetoowah Cherokee from Stilwell, Oklahoma. He is the son of Kenneth and Teresa (Green) Jones. He is the grandson of Kenneth Wayne and Harlene (Kirk) Green and the late Richard and Elisabeth (Squirrel) Jones.

Brad is a third generation NSU student. His grandfather, Kenneth, graduated with a Masters in Administration; his grandmother, Harlene, graduated with a Masters in Administration; his father, Kenneth, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education; his mother Teresa, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education; his brother, Kris, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and his younger brother, Ryan is presently pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

Brad attended Stilwell High School where he participated in football, wrestling, basketball and baseball. He won many awards, especially in wrestling, which he started when he was 6 years old. He was 6X Junior Nationals Champion, 6X US Jr. Open Champion, and 6X Oklahoma Kids State Champion. In 9th grade he won the Junior High All State Championship in wrestling. In high school, he was a 2X State Runner-up in wrestling and in Stilwell's 100 year history, he is the only two sport All State recipient, in football and wrestling. Brad had many offers from colleges to play football and wrestle but chose to stay close to home because he has eleven relatives, so far, who are NSU Alumni.

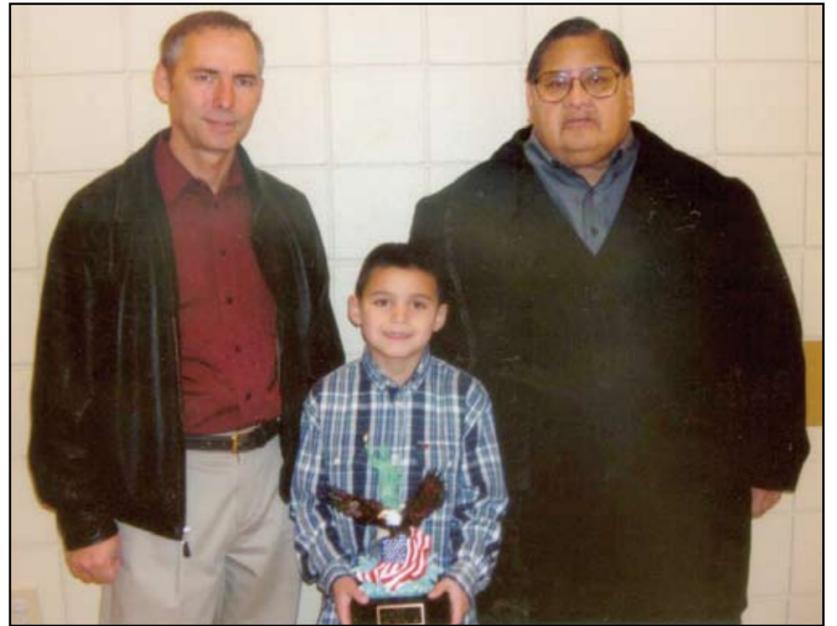
"I chose to attend NSU because I come from a very close family and I wanted my friends and family to be able to enjoy my football career with me. I would like to thank Chief George Wickliffe, Assistant Chief Charlie Locust, Della Wolfe, and the UKB council for helping me in my pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. I would also like to extend an invitation to all of my fellow tribesmen to come and support me and the Riverhawks this year," said Jones.



Michael Adair has Successful Wrestling Season

Congratulations goes to Michael Scott Adair, on success in his first year of wrestling. The son of Michael and Brandi Adair, Michael is 7 years old and in the second grade at Woodall Elementary.

His wrestling record was 29 wins and 6 losses, and he won first place in four tournaments. He is coached by Ken and Booker of High Tech Wrestling. He is the grandson of Leroy and Beverly Adair and State Representative Mike Brown (D-Tahlequah) and his wife, Tammy. Great Grandparents are Jimmy and Mary Taylor of Ft. Gibson and Willis and Bonnie Brown.



Michael Scott Adair poses with his Wrestling trophy and his grandfathers, Mike Brown and Leroy Adair.

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Tribal member Heather Stapleton married Jeremy Smith on August 16.

The wedding party was (l to r) Amelia Blackbear, Angela Loftis, Marissa Hawley, Emily Stapleton, Richard Blackbear, Heather Smith, Jeremy Smith, Esau McCarter, Sean Smith, Kevin Loftis, Damien Cogan, Kahnen Smith, Raini Smith.



2008 Graduates

Reilly James Sevenstar

Reilly James Sevenstar graduated from the 8th grade at Dahlenegah School. He is the son of Brenda Vann and the grandson of the late Dutch and Edith Vann. He was president of the student council, and a member of the basketball, track and football team. He currently holds the new state record in the mile in Cross Country. He will attend Sequoyah High School this fall.



Tiffany Roberts

Tiffany Roberts graduated from Colcord High School. Her parents are Mark and Marilyn Roberts. Her grandparents are Rosie and the late Clarence Roberts, Jr. She plans to pursue a degree in English and Education and become a secondary teacher.



Kyle Springwater

Kyle Springwater graduated from Stilwell High School. His parents are Ron and Diana Caddick and Stephen Springwater. His grandmother is Nadine Jarvis. He plans to attend ITT Tech to take classes in Justice and become a bounty hunter.



Miccah Johnson

Miccah Johnson completed training in Heating and Air Conditioning from Indian Capital Technology Center in Muskogee. He is from Tahlequah and is the son of Tom and Ida Johnson. He plans to use his training to become employed in the Heating and Air Conditioning Field.



Lacey Janelle Ummerteskee

Lacey Janelle Ummerteskee from Tahlequah, Oklahoma graduated with an Associate's of Arts/Liberal Arts Degree from Haskell Indian Nations University. She is the daughter of the late Debra Ummerteskee. She is the granddaughter of the late John and Mary Ummerteskee.



She plans to continue to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in American Indian Studies.

The Keetoowah News wants YOU!

If your son or daughter, niece, nephew, or extended family members are students either attending K-12, vo-tech, college or a university, and are doing exceedingly well or showing strong leadership abilities or talents through their academic performance, sports, art, music, chorus and/or in other areas of interest, please contact the media department at (918) 456-6533. We would like to feature your student in an upcoming Keetoowah News Article!

Shelly Proctor

Shelly Proctor from Stilwell, Oklahoma graduated from Stilwell High School. She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian students, the Key Club, the Spanish Club, the Indian Heritage Club, served as the Senior Class Reporter among other honors. Her parents are Croley and Cara Proctor. Her grandparents are the late Jim and Geneva Proctor, Sr. and Lennie Adair. She plans to attend college and further her education in computers. *(No photo available)*

Dustin Wayne Sanders

Dustin Wayne Sanders graduated from Tahlequah High School. His mother is Rowena Pecos. His grandparents are Viola Glass Fourkiller and the Late Clifford Fourkiller. He plans to go to college and go into Physical Education. *(No photo available)*

Are you a Keetoowah Cherokee with traditional skills??

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

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



Title VI seeking volunteers!

The UKB Title VI Nutrition Program is looking for volunteers to help our elders do Cultural Arts & Crafts at the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center. If you can sew, knit, crochet, make baskets, finger weave, do beadwork, paint or any other art, we need you.

For more information, contact Rebecca Whiterock, Title VI Nutrition Program Caregiver Coordinator or Title VI Nutrition Program Kitchen Manager David Harrison at (918) 456-8698

or email: rwhiterock@unitedkeetoowahband.org

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58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Features Many Events for Kids

Children attending the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration will surely have a good time beginning with the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Parade in downtown Tahlequah Saturday morning where children will be given freebies such as trinkets, water bottles, and candy.

Early birds and their parents may want to arrive as early as 7 a.m. for the Kid's Fishing Derby to be held out at the Keetoowah Complex grounds located at Keetoowah Circle off West Willis Road. The event will be for kids 12 and under and will feature two fishing times, one for the younger kids and another for the older kids. The event will be over by 9 a.m. to allow the kids and their par-

ents to go downtown for the parade.

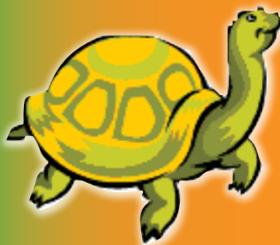
Following Chief George Wickliffe's State of the Nation Address, kids will be treated to inflatable games such as the obstacle course, rock climbing wall, and caterpillar. There will also be free snow cones and face painting for kids of all ages.

Always a favorite event for the children, the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration Turtle Races will begin at 2 p.m. Kids should bring their own land turtles – box, terrapin or tortoise. The first 75 kids will get a free Turtle Race t-shirt.

Also beginning at 2 p.m., children will have the opportunity to meet some Keetoowah Cherokee artisans and elders, and participate in

make and take crafts including basket weaving, corn husk dolls and ket weaving, mini stickball sticks, finger weaving, key chains.

Get out the Turtle Wax! UKB 7th Annual Turtle Races



The 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration will be holding their 7th Annual Turtle Races at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4th, 2008. Registration will begin at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. There will be three age divisions: 2-4; 5-6; and 7-8. Prizes will be awarded and there will be a limited number of t-shirts this year. Parents must register their child and sign the permission form. Children should bring their own turtles (tortoise or box shell only) this year as the UKB will have a limited number available. Further information is available by calling Georgia or Debb at 918-456-8698.

Attention Kids: 1st Annual UKB Children's Art Show

You are cordially invited to participate in the United Keetoowah Band's Children's Art Show. This year's exhibit will be held on Oct. 3rd and 4th in conjunction with the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration at the Celebration Grounds off West Willis Rd, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

The theme for the children's art show is: "WHAT BEING KEETOOWAH MEANS TO ME".

The divisions are :

1) Kindergarten - 2nd grade and 2) 3rd grade through -6th grade.

Categories:

1. PAINTING - to include acrylic, water color, oils, etc., any painting using single (one) medium.
2. DRAWING – to include pastels, pencil, charcoal, color pencils, etc.

Awards in each category are:

1. First place Winner receives - Fifty (\$50) Dollars, T-shirt, and UKB Water Bottle.
2. Second Place Winner receives - Thirty (\$30) Dollars, T-shirt, and UKB Water Bottle
3. Third Place Winner receives- Twenty (\$20) Dollars, T-shirt, and UKB Water Bottle

There will also be a \$75 Award will be given out for "BEST OF SHOW"

General Rules:

1. Artwork must be original (no kits), and must be total work of the child, not the parent, The show committee reserves the right to refuse any entry that is inappropriate for family viewing.
2. Please label your work on the back of each piece with name, and contact information. Two-dimensional artwork "must be framed, matted, and wired ready for installation upon delivery". No names or info on front of artwork please.
3. Artists must have a parental consent signed, and must possess a United Keetoowah Band Membership and provide a copy of UKB Membership card, when artwork is submitted for judging.
4. Artists must sign and turn in the release form when the artwork is delivered to the show.
5. Artwork WILL NOT be accepted after 5 p.m. on September 26, this is the deadline for all entries, and no exceptions will be made after this date

3 on 3 INDIAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT October 3 & 4 , 2008

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will present several athletic competitions as part of the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. Beginning Friday, October 3 and running through Saturday, October 4, the tribe will host a 3 on 3 basketball competition.

The Divisions offered for a 5 person team includes: Adult Men & Women; 17-18 Girls & Boys; 15-16 Girls & Boys; 13-14 Girls & Boys and 11-12 Girls & Boys. Proof of age is required for 18 and under.

The Entry fee for Adult Men & Women is \$50per team. The entry fee for 18 & under girls & boys is \$35 per team (CDIB required) One Non-Indian player allowed per team. The entry fee and roster deadline is Wednesday, October 1 at 5 p.m.

The Keetoowah Cherokee 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Site is the UKB Community Services Building parking lot, located at 18263 W. Keetoowah Circle, Tahlequah, Okla. Off South Muskogee Avenue, turn west on Willis Rd. (by Finish Line Convenience Store). The tournament will be held at the same location as last year; so be sure to bring a lawn chair.

The game times are Friday, Oct 3rd at approximately 6:00 pm and Saturday, Oct 4th from 12:15 p.m. - ? There will be a coaches meeting before the tournament. For more information, call Amanda Stopp 918-453-9375 or 918-822-3586.

and time.

6. The submission of artwork to this show constitutes the artist's permission for general publicity.

Delivery & Pick -Up of Artwork:

1. Artwork must be delivered to Bryan Shade Federal Programs Director or Bobbi Hammons at the United Keetoowah Band Tribal Complex at 18263 W. Keetoowah Circle, or mailed to P.O. Box 746, Tahlequah, OK. 74465, Phone number is 1-918-456-8698
2. Artwork WILL NOT be accepted after 5 p.m. on September 26th, and may be picked up between the 7th and the 10th of Oct. at the United Keetoowah Tribal Complex
3. The United Keetoowah Band or chairpersons will not be responsible for any art remaining from this show after Oct. 10th.



STICKBALL, Marbles, Cornstalk Shoot and Blowgun competitions will be part of the tradional games played at the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration.

Keetoowah Cherokee's Host 5K and 2K Fun Run

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will host a 5K and 2K Fun Run on Saturday, October 4 as part of the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. The run will be held in downtown Tahlequah.

Registration for the run begins at 6:15 a.m. through 6:45 a.m. and will be held at the NSU Track parking lot. Start time is 7 a.m. and the entry fee is \$12. Medallions made by Cherokee Artist Robert Lewis will be awarded to the top three runners in the men's and women's categories age 14 and older. A medallion will also be awarded to the youngest and the oldest first place finisher. For more information, contact Tim Good Voice at (918) 431-1818.



NOTICE UKB CANDIDATES NO CAMPAIGNING ON CELEBRATION GROUNDS

There will no campaigning allowed on UKB Tribal Property including the UKB Celebration Grounds, during the Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. Please refrain from passing out buttons, flyers, or any other campaign materials.

Don't miss the 58th Annual Keetoowah Celebration Parade Saturday, October, 4th, 10 a.m. *Downtown Tahlequah*

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is pleased to announce its 4th Annual Parade as a part of the 58th Annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. The Keetoowah Cherokee tribe honors their ancestors by commemorating the signing of the UKB constitution at this special festival. The theme for this year's celebration is "Rich in Tradition, Strength for the Future."

"Tahlequah has always loved parades, and we expect good participation from the community, as well as from surrounding communities. We would like to invite your organization to be a part this special event. We invite organizations and school groups with floats, walking groups, groups or individuals riding in cars or trucks to be a part of this event," said Sonya Cochran, Parade Coordinator. For more information, contact Cochran or Lois Fuller at (918) 456-9200.



Hey Kids, lots of candy and
goodies will be given away
at the Parade!!!



\$10,000 CASH GIVEAWAY!

Drawing on Saturday, October 4th at 5 pm at the Celebration Grounds

- Five (5) \$1,000 Prize Drawings / Tickets \$1.00
- One (1) \$2,000 Prize Drawing / Tickets \$2.00
- One (1) \$3,000 Prize Drawing / Tickets \$2.00

Ticket locations:
Keetoowah Cherokee Casino
& Keetoowah Cherokee Gift Shop

You Do Not Need To Be Present To Win!

**KEETOOWAH
CHEROKEE
CASINO**

(918) 456-6131
www.KeetoowahGaming.com

Must be 18 years or older to participate • Photo ID and SS Card required to claim prize
Prize is non-transferable • UKB tribal and casino employees and their families are eligible to win
Multiple win is possible • Winner is responsible for any taxes incurred

THIRD ANNUAL KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE POW WOW

October 4, 2008

Keetoowah Celebration Grounds,
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

HEAD STAFF

Head Man Dancer: Phillip Bread, Cherokee/Kiowa, Tahlequah OK
Head Lady Dancer: Holly Warrior, Tonkawa, Ponca City, OK
Master of Ceremonies: Rob Daugherty, Cherokee, Jay OK
Arena Directors: RG Harris, Sac n Fox, Stroud, OK
 Joseph Byrd, Cherokee/Osage/Quapaw, Tahlequah, OK
 Walter Buffalomeat, Keetoowah Cherokee/S Cheyenne, Pryor, OK

Northern Drum: White Lodge, N.D.
Host Southern Drum: Yellow Spotted Horse, OK

CONTEST CATEGORIES & PRIZE MONEY!

Men	Women	Junior Boys	Junior Girls
Traditional	Buckskin	Traditional	Buckskin
Grass	Cloth	Grass	Cloth
Straight	Jingle	Straight	Jingle
Fancy	Fancy	Fancy	Fancy
1st - \$500, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$200		1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100	
Adults: 17 & over		Junior: 11 - 16	

Tiny Tot: (10 & Under) - Day Money

GRAND ENTRY 3 PM

Schedule of Events:
 Registration Begins Saturday Noon - 3 pm
 Grand Entry 3 pm
 Tiny Tot, Juniors and Adult Dance
 Supper Break 5 pm
 Adult Dance Continues

If not 3 in each category, reserve the right to combine categories.
 All decisions of the committee are final.
 No alcohol or drugs allowed.

58th Annual
Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration
October 3-4, 2008
918-431-1818 or 1-877-431-1818

Directions: 1.5 miles South of Wal-Mart on HWY 62 in Tahlequah; turn right on Willis Rd.

58th Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration



RICH IN TRADITION, STRENGTH FOR THE FUTURE



October 3-4, 2008

Friday, October 3

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

Saturday, October 4

7 AM 5K Run/Walk and 2K Fun Run
 7-9 AM Kid's Fishing Derby
 8-9 AM Dignitaries Breakfast
 10 AM Keetoowah Celebration Parade
 11 AM-8 PM Keetoowah History & Family History Exhibit
 UKB Departments Displays
 Merchandise Booth
 Arts & Crafts Vendors
 11:45 AM State of the Nation Address
 Introduce Tradition Keepers,
 Miss & Jr. Miss Keetoowah Cherokee

NOON Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Choir, & Music
 12:15 PM Children's Activities
 Three on Three Basketball
 1 PM Marbles
 Volleyball Tournament
 Traditional Indian Meal
 1:30 PM Cornstalk Shoot
 2 PM Children's Turtle Races
 Cultural Demonstrations &
 Make and Take Crafts
 Men's Horseshoe Tournament
 Women's Horseshoe Tournament
 Blowgun Competition
 2PM- 12AM 3rd Annual Keetoowah Cherokee
 Pow Wow (Dance registration @ noon)
 3:30-5 PM Free Bingo
 4 PM Stickball Game Ages 12 and up
 5 PM \$10,000 GIVEAWAY