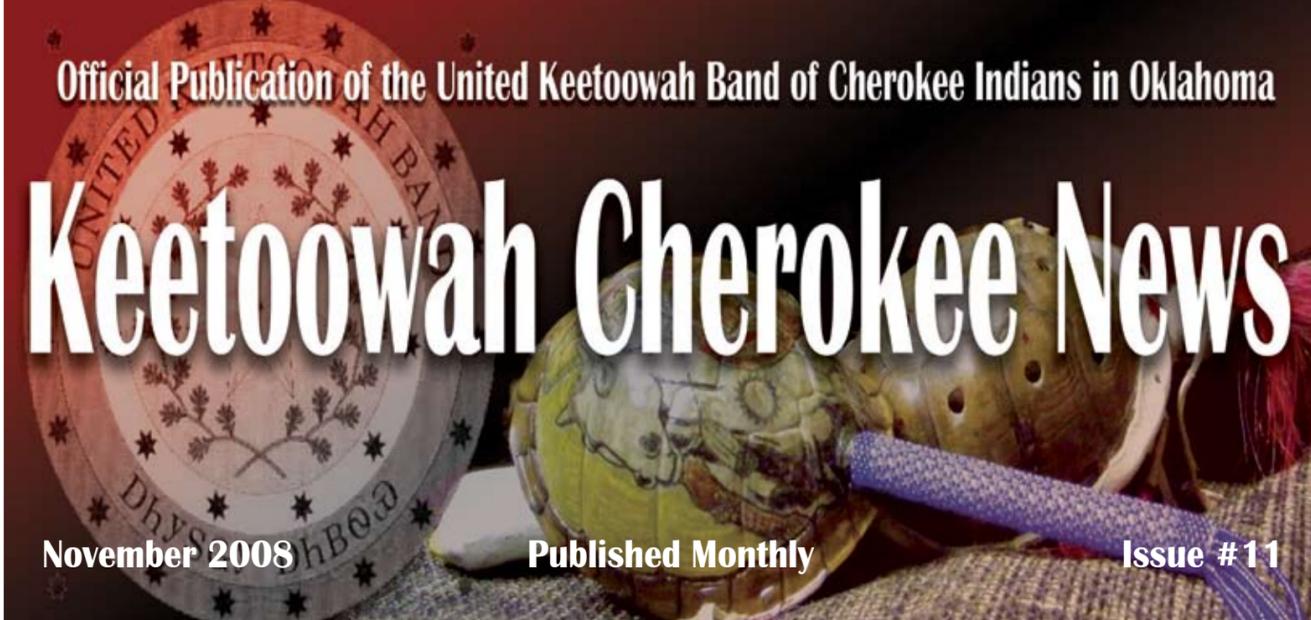


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# WICKLIFFE AND LOCUST RE-ELECTED

## Two Council Positions in Runoff

UKB voters re-elected Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust by an impressive 59.6% and 59% when they turned out at the polls on Monday, November 3. "Our re-election means the Elderly will continue receiving \$200 twice a year, Higher Education Scholarships will continue at \$3,000 per year and Emergency Assistance with no low income guidelines will be available to assist those, who may need help from time to time," stated Chief Wickliffe.

Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust have restored respectability and accountability back to the United Keetoowah Band tribe. They have introduced the UKB people throughout United States and in Washington, D.C. The most important accomplishment from this administration has been updating years of audits that were past due. Today, UKB's economic impact is \$192 million per year. The tribe will continue the lawsuits with the U.S. Department of Interior, with the Arkansas Riverbed, the casino case, the IHS lawsuit and the lawsuit to restore UKB Housing Funds.

"I want to thank everyone involved in our campaign for making this a successful night. We will continue to look into establishing a casino in Ft. Smith and looking at bringing job opportunities to our Keetoowah Cherokee people by constructing a new Education and Training facility on our newly acquired 40 acres of tribal land," stated Chief Wickliffe during his victory speech Monday evening. "Thank you and we will continue to work for you in the next four years," added Chief Wick-



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band Assistant Chief Charles Locust, left, Treasurer elect, Ella Mae Cooksey Worley, center; and Chief George Wickliffe celebrate victory at their Monday, Nov. 3 watch party. "I want to thank everyone who worked hard in our campaign to make this night a success," said Chief Wickliffe. Chief Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Locust won their bid for re-election and Worley was newly elected as UKB Treasurer.

liffe. us motivated during this election. We have a good team and we are going to have some exciting things

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## UKB Receives Twelve FEMA Trailers

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma received Twelve FEMA trailers to distribute to its tribal members. The trailers, originally destined for New Orleans, have been setting in Hope, Arkansas for the past several years. Originally, after it was determined that there were a surplus of trailers that could be set up in New Orleans, each tribe in the United States were given one trailer to accept or reject. Some tribes turned the trailers down, so the United Keetoowah Band received a dozen.

"Although there was originally some controversy surrounding the trailers, FEMA has assured us these twelve have been checked for formaldehyde and are safe to live in. The trailers are all brand new, eleven three bedroom and one four bedroom home," said UKB Administrative Officer Tim Good Voice.

The tribe was assisted by the Gaming Board to pay the fees to get the trailers delivered to Tahlequah, and then delivered to the site. The first trailer was delivered Wednesday, October 29 to Wynema Summerfield of Jay, Oklahoma.

Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charlie Locust wanted to insure that the trailers were distributed in the fairest way possible to the tribal members most in need, and they approved the criteria for selection. They did not select the recipients, however, that was done by committee.

A committee of UKB Family Service Counselors and members of the UKB Human Services Department made referrals for the families. People considered were elderly, disabled and

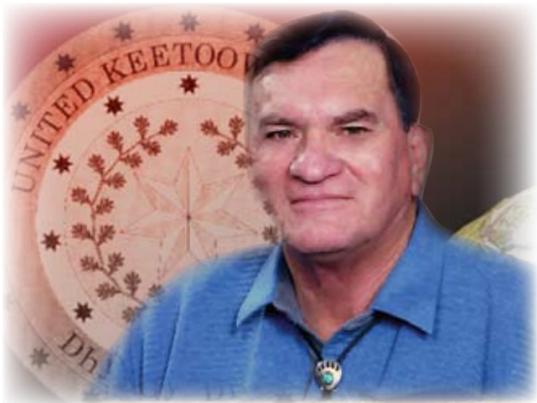
families with children. Advocates made home visits and photos were taken of the dwellings that needed replacing. Other stipulations were that the recipients had to own land, have water, sewer and electricity. All families have been notified of their selection, and they are responsible for preparing the site for the trailer to set on. All residents should be in place by the end of the year.

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AN AWARD Letter was presented to Wileena Summerfield from United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe awarding Summerfield one of twelve FEMA trailers delivered to the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe. Pictured left to right are; Maggie Ross, sister; Mary Ross, mother; Joey Ross, brother; Wileena Summerfield, UKB Chief George Wickliffe, UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Charles Smoke, UKB Saline District Representative; and Tim Good Voice, UKB Administration Officer.



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

July 10<sup>th</sup>, enclosed herewith is a true copy of the Judgment filed April 14, 1971, in Page No. 6219, in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma at Muskogee.

Appeals were made from this Judgment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and the result thereof is reported in 461 F. 2d 474. The State of Oklahoma and the corporate Defendants were later denied Certiorari by the Supreme Court wherein review was requested of that part of the Circuit Court decision affirming the District Court Judgment. Respecting the specific Choctaw-Chickasaw appeal from the holding in paragraph 2 of the Judgment, the Circuit Court determined that the Tribal Court a without jurisdiction to decide the controversy between the Tribes and suggested that they secure Congressional authorization for suit by one against the other. Certiorari was not requested on this point by either Tribe.

On December 20, 1973, the President approved H.R. 5089 of the First Session of the 91<sup>st</sup> Congress which authorized a three-Judge Federal Court to determine the ownership of the stretch of the Arkansas Riverbed in Oklahoma lying below the mouth of the Canadian River down to the Arkansas-Oklahoma State boundary. (87 Stat. 769) This new case between the Tribes, No. 73-332, Civil, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, has been briefed by both sides and is ready for oral argument. The Choctaws and Chickasaws contend for ownership of the entire bed within this southern stretch and the Cherokee assert ownership of the northern one-half of said bed.

Our basic case, of course, is reported in 397 U.S. 620 where it will be noted that the two separate appeals were consolidated and the issues initially raised by the Cherokee Nation against the State of Oklahoma and the corporate Defendants were decided by a divided Court, four to three. At the moment the case was before the Supreme Court, one vacancy existed, and Mr. Justice John N. Harlan after hearing the first argument elected to disqualify.

It is important, I think, to remember that as originally filed the suit was not, strictly speaking, an action to quiet the title. As Mr. Justice Marshall stated, the Cherokees commenced the action

against the State and various corporations seeking to recover the royalties derived from the leases and to prevent future interference with Cherokee property rights. Later the Choctaws and Chickasaws were permitted to intervene to present their claims for part of the riverbed.

At page 628 the Court stated:

“As we read the Cherokee treaties and the patent issued thereunder by the President, the Cherokee Nation was granted one undivided tract of land described merely by exterior metes and bounds. That portion of the Arkansas River between its junctions with Grand and Canadian Rivers lies completely within its metes and bounds, and all of the land inside those boundaries, including the riverbed, seems completely encompassed within the grant.”

Worthy of mention also is the Court’s Footnote 9 regarding navigability, where it is said:

“The District court took judicial notice of the navigability at all relevant times of those portions of the Arkansas River in question, and that issue is not dispute here. In the Brewer-Elliott case, this Court affirmed the finding of the District Court that ‘the head of navigation is and was the mouth of the Grand River,’ 260 U.S. at 86, 43 S.Ct. at 64.”

In regard to your first inquiry when we were in conference in Washington on July 10<sup>th</sup>, the Cherokee Nation, and I am certain all other parties and well, are settled on the basic import of paragraph 1 of the late Judge Langley’s Judgment. There it will be noted the Court vary carefully stated that the Cherokee Nation is the owner of the entire bed of the Arkansas River between the confluence of the Grand River and the confluence of the Canadian River, both with the Arkansas in Oklahoma, subject to the navigation rights of the United States and certain possible rights in others arising from avulsive change in this portion of the River. With respect to the latter point, it is my view that the Trustee should stand between the Cherokees and any possible riparian claimants in our stretch of the Riverbed. So far as I know as of this date, there are none.

The Cherokees also understand from our recent discussions with your office that Mr. Frank

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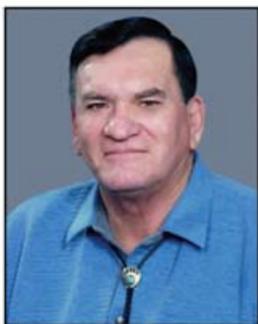
As history would have it, the original Cherokee Nation ceased to exist in 1906. Today Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma regards their tribe as the original Cherokee Nation, but history tells us that Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma did not re-organize during the 1936 Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act which would have made Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma an official Federal Recognized tribe. Because of Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma’s failure to re-organize they gave up their right to be federally recognized by Congress. For this reason the judgment for the Arkansas Riverbed Case handed down by the United States Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma named the plaintiff, the original Cherokee Nation not the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Because of this, it is mistaken that the ruling would be given to the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma which considers itself as the original Cherokee Nation. The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma who did re-organize during the 1936 Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act and are federally recognized and we do not recognize Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma as the original Cherokee Nation as written in the judgment handed down by the District Court. Below are copies of the July 12, 1974 letter to Martin Seneca from Earl Boyd Pierce and April 14, 1971 judgment presented by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

July 12, 1974

Honorable Martin Seneca:  
Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities  
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Dear Mr. Seneca:  
In accordance with our understanding of

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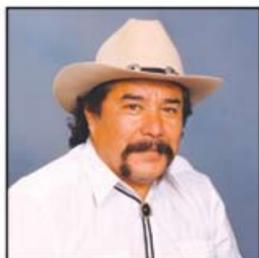
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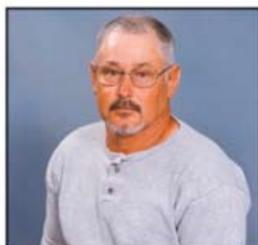
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the United Keetoowah Band,

I would like to thank the tribe for their donation when I went on a mission trip to South Dakota last month to do mission work. I was asked to teach a Bible Study for a week. When the Lord calls you on a mission, you need to respond and go. And do what God has called you to do.

I would like to especially thank Sister Joyce Fourkiller and Brother Woodrow Proctor for taking part in this mission work. You will greatly be blessed for being a part of this ministry. You are in my prayers Chief, Deputy Chief, and Council Members.

Thank you again,  
Levi Catron, Jr.

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## UKB Assistant Chief Speaks at American Indian Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Assistant Chief of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, Charles Locust, was the featured speaker for the month of October for the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma Eastern Chapter. Assistant Chief Locust spoke at the Chamber's luncheon in the Benjamin Wachoche Hall on the campus of Bacone College in Muskogee.

"We have been a federally recognized tribe since 1950. So our tribe does have a long history. The philosophy of the Keetoowah Cherokees has always been, you work for the community, you don't work for yourself," stated Assistant Chief Locust. Within the four years Locust has been in office, the tribe has seen positive changes in the tribe's finances as well as construction business within and outside the tribe.

Assistant Chief spoke of how the United Keetoowah Band has come a long way historically and moving in various directions with such programs as the development of Economic Development Authority (EDA), Keetoowah Construction Inc., Drug Treatment Center, located in Tulsa and a Realty Company under EDA.

Assistant Chief Locust has extensive experience in gaming and finances and has brought financial stability to the tribe during his four year tenure. He informed the audience that the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino revenue provides the main source of income for the tribe along with grants and Congressional allocations throughout the fiscal year. The Administration has doubled its revenue every year putting the tribe's money back into the tribe which actually calculates to 75% of the revenue from the Casino. This money goes back into tribal services and programs, back into the Elderly Assistance, District Representative's emergency assistance fund and is also allocated into the tribe's Education, General Assistance and Social Services.

The audience was also informed that United Keetoowah Band has health related and medical issues. "We do not have a lot of services from the Federal Government in regards to Indian Health Service, we just recently received our first contract with Indian Health Service," said Assistant Chief Locust. "Our tribe has made great strides in our relationship with Congressmen and Senators in Washington, D.C. I believe that's what has helped us out in being in the position to bring businesses that we want to bring into our tribe," added Locust.

Assistant Chief Locust shared his experience as being a past member



UNITED KEETOOWAH Band Assistant Chief Charles Locust speaks at the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma Eastern Chapter's luncheon at Bacone College in Muskogee.

of the Tulsa American Indian Chamber of Commerce and his involvement in meetings, travels and networking with others in gaming. Mr. Locust explained how beneficial networking can be and how the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe is developing new businesses, looking for all types of networking opportunities. Looking at other businesses that has the knowledge and experience the tribe is looking for and getting involved in joint ventures with these vendors.

"One thing that the Government likes for tribes to do is cost sharing with cities, counties and other entities. The United Keetoowah Band being a small tribe we do cost sharing with surrounding cities and counties to get the most use of all our funding as we can," added Assistant Chief Locust.

Assistant Chief Locust ended with a question and answer session and he thanked the Chamber for the opportunity to speak about the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

## UKB Offers Project for Mentoring Emerging Leaders Destiny

The United Keetoowah Band is pleased to announce a new project known as, Mentoring Emerging Leaders Destiny, "MELD", which is scheduled to begin in January 2009.

The project goal will be to train tribal members in business learning opportunities through on-the-job training, leadership workshops, and business/computer classes. The objective of the project will be to foster the potential leadership of our members into becoming more productive citizens through business learning opportunities.

The project is designed to take members who are underemployed college graduates, or unemployed with leadership potential, and enroll them in the modules designed by the tribe. Tribal leaders, elected officials and directors may act as mentors and will take part in the leadership trainings. The nine month project for each of the two groups will go through a series of 6 training modules designed to fit their potential that will include tribal departments and community partners. Each module will last 6 weeks. Participants could be placed in the community with a business designed to fit their needs as one of their modules.

The client will come out of the program with experiences he/she can take with them to the next level whether it be gainful employment or perhaps come and work for the tribe.

Applications will be available in mid November at the Federal Programs Building. Interviews will take place between November and December. The first training will select ten candidates and begin in January 2009. Interested candidates may call 918-456-8698 and ask for Gwen Goingsnake, Georgia Dick or Bryan Shade for information on the application process.

## UKB Flint District Meeting Set

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's Flint District will have a meeting on Saturday, November 22 from 1-5 p.m. at the Stilwell Satellite office. For more information, contact Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor at (918) 822-3811.

## UKB Tribal Offices Closed For November Holidays

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will be closed for several holidays in November. Beginning Monday, November 3, All UKB tribal offices will be closed for UKB Tribal Elections. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

UKB offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans' Day. Offices will re-open on Wednesday, November 12 at 8:30 a.m.

UKB tribal offices will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 26, 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving Holidays. (possible election closing on December 1<sup>st</sup>)

## UKB Tribal Offices Closed for December 1 Run Off Election

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 1 for UKB Runoff Elections. Tribal offices will open the following morning, on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 8:30 a.m.

## Two Council Positions in Runoff

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happen within the UKB tribe," said Assistant Chief Locust.

Two positions on the council race will go to a runoff vote on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, since winning candidates must get at least 50% plus one vote. Incumbent Tribal Secretary Liz Littledave, who got 48.51% of the votes in the three-way race, will face J. Kristine Scaper, the runner up in the election who garnered 27.99% of the votes. The third place candidate, Adalene Smith got 23.51% of the vote. The other run-off election will be held in the Tahlequah District where Betty Holcomb got 37.78%, while Kathy Neugin White had 29.47.

In the only upset of the current UKB Council, Ella Mae Cooksey Worley defeated incumbent Tribal Treasurer Shelbi Doyeto Wofford 59.58% to 40.42%. Both Littledave and Worley were endorsed by the Wickliffe-Locust Campaign.

In other races, the incumbent candidates had a clean sweep, with incumbent Cliff Wofford winning as Cooweescoowee District Representative; incumbent Jerry Hansen winning the Delaware District; incumbent Joyce Fourkiller Hawk winning the Goingsnake District; and incumbent Illinois District Representative Barbara Girty winning the Illinois District Representative slot. Unopposed in the election were Canadian District Representative Eddie Sacks, Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor, Saline District Representative Charles Smoke and Sequoyah District Representative Barry Dotson.

The runoff election will be held on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> where all polling locations will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for voters to decide in the Tribal Secretary's runoff election. In the Tahlequah District, voters will also decide who the Tahlequah District Representative will be.

## Keetoowah Cherokee Father, Sons killed in DUI crash on Hwy. 82

Three people died and another was seriously injured on Monday, October 27 in a crash involving two pickup trucks on State Highway 82, north of Tahlequah. Alcohol played a role in the crash that killed Rudy Gourd, 52, and his sons – Eli Gourd, 20, and Russell Gourd, 29. The Gourds, who are Locust Grove residents, were in a 1994 Chevrolet pickup.

The driver of the other vehicle, Anthony Whitney, 30, of Wellsville, Kan., was listed in serious condition at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa with head, arm and leg injuries. Oklahoma Highway Patrol reports state Whitney's ability to operate his 1995 GMC pickup was impaired by alcohol.

Whitney was southbound on S.H. 82 when his pickup went off the road to the left, overcorrected back to the right, and struck the northbound Gourd vehicle head-on.

Whitney was ejected 15 feet from the point of rest. OHP reports state the Gourds were pinned for 1-1/2 hours before being extricated by Tahlequah firefighters.

S.H. 82 near the scene had to be shut down, and traffic was diverted around the site for more than four hours while emergency services personnel worked the scene and troopers commenced their investigation.

Gideon Fire Chief Marty Kimble and fellow Gideon firefighters responded along with Tahlequah firefighters, Tahlequah City Hospital and Cherokee Nation EMS squads, Cherokee County sheriff's deputies, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers, including the agency's fatality crash team.

OHP Lt. Jason Holt investigated the crash, which was reported at 1:45 p.m.

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written by BOB GIBBINS*

# A Letter to the UKB People

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Sokolik, Area Realty Officer, Mr. Jack Chaney, Acting Director of the Arkansas Riverbed Project, and Mr. Fred Randolph, Associate at Muskogee, will prepare to proceed immediately to Washington with three full sets of the survey and appraisal reports of the Cherokee stretch of the Arkansas River above the Canadian and will work with all of you in the effort to reach satisfactory conclusions sufficient to justify the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of Interior in properly combining forces with the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and its Attorneys as a important step in submitting our damages for approval by the Congress.

In addition to the comprehensive survey of he stretch of the Riverbed in question the appraisal reports include the following: land, \$2,329,000; dam site, \$3,113,106; sand, gravel and mixed material, \$8, 453,818.88; remnant similar material, \$1,373,737.67; gas, \$40,581.30; recreation, \$163,350; and fish and wildlife, \$116,600, or a total for these features of \$15,590,193.85.

Also there will be submitted to your office the report and evaluation involving electric power. You will note the variables mentioned in said report. The Cherokees have elected and we think we can justify so doing, the sum of \$3,715,000 as the value of such energy. Mr. Harold Ranquist, Senior Attorney in the Solicitor's Office, on the previous day, July 9<sup>th</sup>, inquired of our attitude on the question of the Cherokees retaining the annual net income derived from electric power generated at the Webbers Falls Dam within our stretch of the River for use of the Cherokees in the future. It is the opinion of the Cherokee Attorneys that Mr. Ranquist's suggestion is not only proper, but should be completely acceptable to Cherokee authorities. A copy of this letter is being mailed to our Principal Chief and should he for any reason whatever be unwilling to agree with the suggestion, I am quite certain I will hear from him shortly, and I will phone you immediately. In my opinion, it is in this particular area where all of us should expect to encounter the greatest difficulty, both with the Corps of Engineers and the Congress.

However, in view of the action of Congress in authorizing the evaluations, surveys, etc. which have been made, as well as the fact that the Cherokee Nation had no part or agency whatever in this election of the imminent contractors who have produced the reports, it is our feeling, as I expressed to you recently, the Cherokees should not look for reason to quarrel with the reports and, as stated, we have accepted them as official acts of the Government of the United States.

Mr. Sokolik and Mr. Chaney of BIA and our General Counsel, Mr. Ross Swimmer, join in my thanks to you and to Mr. Ranquist and Mr. Bill Veeder and to Mr. Corke, who was with us on July 9<sup>th</sup>, for your kindness and courtesy extended to us in our mutual discussions of this Cherokee problem. I have confidence that your office will supply the needed direction and assistance necessary to accomplish this suggested measure of justice due the Cherokee people.

Sincerely yours,  
EARL BOYD PIERCE

EBP: lmw

- cc: Honorable W. W. Keeler
- Honorable Harold Ranquist
- Honorable William H. Veeder
- Honorable Jack Ellison
- Mr. Andrew C. Wilcoxon
- Mr. Paul M. Niebell
- Mr. Mike Yaroschuk
- Mr. Ross Swimmer

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

CHEROKEE NATION OR TRIBE OF INDIANS,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff	)	
	)	NO. 6219
v.	)	
	)	
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, et al.,	)	FILED
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Defendants,	)	Charles N. Haskell
	)	Clerk, U. S. District Court
	)	By _____
CHOCTAW NATION and the	)	Deputy Clerk
CHICKASAW NATION,	)	
	)	
Intervenors.	)	

### JUDGMENT

In accordance with the mandate of the United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, and the pretrial orders heretofore entered in this case under dates of August 19, 1970, January 12, 1971, and April 14, 1971, determining all issues herein involved,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. The plaintiff, the Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, is the owner of the entire bed of the Arkansas River between its high water banks from its confluence with the Grand River to its confluence with the Canadian River, subject only to the right of the United States of America to restore, maintain, and exercise dominion and control over navigation and to any rights that may now exist in others as a result of avulsive change in this portion of the river since distribution of the Cherokee lands to individuals.

2. From the confluence of the Canadian River with the Arkansas River to the Eastern Oklahoma line that part of the bed of the Arkansas River between its high water banks which lies north of the main channel is owned by the Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians and that part which lies south of the main channel is owned by the intervenors, the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, subject only to the rights of the United States of America heretofore stated with respect o navigation and the rights which may have accrued to others by reason of avulsive changes, if any, since the allotment of tribal lands.

3. The defendant the State of Oklahoma has no right, title, or interest in or to any portion of the Arkansas River between its high water banks from its confluence with the Grand River to the Eastern Boundary of Oklahoma.

4. The remaining defendants have no right, title or interest by reason of any leasehold or other agreement with the State of Oklahoma to any such portion of said river.

5. Neither the plaintiff nor the intervenors, the Cherokee Nation and the Choctaw-Chickasaw Nations, is entitled to an accounting for any oil, gas, or other minerals, including sand and gravel, or any

interest therein, except lease rentals, bonus, and royalty payments, taken or acquired by any of the defendants under or by reason of lease agreements with the State of Oklahoma, and said defendants are not entitled to the return of any money paid to the State of Oklahoma, and said defendants are not entitled to the return of any money paid to the State of Oklahoma for or in connection with the leases.

6. The defendant State of Oklahoma is required to account to the court for all money at any time received pursuant to or under such leases or agreements, and to deposit such sums received or owing in the registry of the court within ninety days. Similarly, all other defendants are required to account for and deposit in the registry of the court all money held in suspense or owing by them under such leases or other agreements with the State of Oklahoma.

7. All leases and other agreements between the State of Oklahoma and the other defendants herein on and covering the property here involved which have not expired are hereby cancelled, set aside and held for naught.

8. When the accounting herein required has been made and approved, and the money deposited, the Clerk of this Court is authorized and directed to issue checks distributing one-half to the Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians and one-half to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and deliver them to the respective counsel of record for such Nations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no costs be awarded to the plaintiff or intervenors.

The court is of the opinion that since this order disposes of all issues in the case (except those that may arise by reason of the accounting herein required), and involves controlling questions of law as to which there is substantial ground for difference of opinion, an immediate appeal from the order may materially advance the ultimate termination of the litigation. Accordingly,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event of appeal proceedings in the case be stayed in this court pending disposition on appeal.

(Sgd) Eldwin Langley  
DISTRICT JUDGE

## Indian Health Services Contracts UKB, at KC Treatment Center

What could be better than state-of-the-art substance abuse treatment? State-of-the-art substance abuse treatment that does not cost anything.

Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services (KCTS) is now approved to accept Medicaid reimbursement for outpatient substance abuse treatment as of last week . September 30, 2008 the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees (UKB) contracted with Indian Health Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to provide behavioral health services for Medicaid reimbursement. "Last week we got the number to use for billing for those services," reported Joe Jenkins, Clinical Supervisor, KCTS. Medicaid eligible adults from both Native and non-Native people can now access KCTS services without any cost to them.

"While our fees are quite low, " Jenkins reports, "finances are often a barrier to accessing treatment. We are working on getting an Access To Recovery grant to further remove financial barriers. .. But the fact remains that treatment costs a lot less than addiction – to the individual addict, to their families, and to tax payers." Jenkins states that the UKB's emphasis on helping people translates to KCTS's policy of working with people to get them the help that they need. "Don't judge whether you can 'afford' treatment or not until you have talked to us," advised Jenkins. "We may know of resources available to help you."

"We use evidence-based best practices that are proven to get the best outcomes," assures Jenkins. "We take a bio-psych-social approach addressing the needs of the whole person. We do this with the dignity and respect of tribal tradition. Marrying the technological advances of modern culture with the ancient perspective of Native people provides us with a unique treatment environment that many prefer."

KCTS is an outpatient substance abuse treatment center located at 2727 E Admiral Place in Tulsa, just west of the Delaware exit on the north side of I-244. While they treat all forms of substance abuse disorders, involving drugs and alcohol, they specialize in treating methamphetamine and opioid addiction. In 2001 Oklahoma led the nation in methamphetamine addiction. In March, 2008 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced that Oklahoma leads the nation in painkiller, or prescription opioids, addiction. Interested parties can find out more at [www.kctxs.com](http://www.kctxs.com) or call 918-835-3017.

Jenkins , "KCTS is highly involved in initiatives to address both of these addictions that have plagued Oklahomans and the nation. This contract helps us help many people who otherwise would not have the money to access treatment. Medicaid eligible people will have no out-of-pocket costs to be treated at KCTS."



# UKB Regular September Council Meeting Minutes

## UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting

At UKB Community Services Building

September 06, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 12:38 a.m.

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

### II. Invocation: Shelbi Wofford

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

- Hansen and Smoke absent at Roll Call

### IV. Chief's Address

- Referred to a news release of yesterday which was made available to each Council member in reference to the current acting Assistant to the Interior, following instructions left by the previous Assistant Secretary, Carl Artman, whereas; it was recommended the UKB receive 76 acres in Trust but Jeanette Hannah refused to approve such recommendation. Immediately upon Hannah's denial, UKB appealed her decision. This appeal asked that the Secretary if the Interior assume jurisdiction in September 2008.

(Hansen and Smoke arrived at 10:06 AM)

- Washington is not to be denied but Hannah chose to do so. The UKB are pleased with the Assistant Secretary of the Interior taking over the authority of this appeal of the UKB. We expect a decision on this appeal very soon

- Our lawyers are continuously working for us.

- Our Oklahoma lawyer is handling this appeal on the 76 acres.

- Our lawyer in Washington is handling our Arkansas Riverbed Case and negotiations continue on this case.

- The first phase of the settlement conference on the Arkansas Riverbed is the 76 acres project. There should be a resolution on this Trust situation very soon.

- The letter from the office of Secretary of the Interior informs a letter was also sent to CNO. CNO will probably be allowed to comment on this situation.

- An appeal process is not easy. Our elders began this work and without them we would not be as far along as we are today. All our actions must have facts to prove why certain decisions must be made in favor of the UKB.

- There is not tribe, other than UKB, that has the research and supporting documents to prove UKB claims. This includes the Eastern Band of Cherokees and CNO.

- There are three phases to our current actions; Trust Land Status, Successor in Interest in the Arkansas Riverbed and a monetary settlement.

- Recently the Cobell case was spoken of, which refers to Indian Tribes being cheated out of billions of dollars. The government has been involved in negotiations over this and we have filed a land claim, trust law suit, in this. This case has been sent to Washington from the Muskogee office.

- Information about the Band's involvements such as the Artman letter to Hannah about our Trust Land can be found on our website. UKB allows information to anyone on the internet.

- It seems CNO receives UKB information at the same time as does the UKB.

- Our lawyers are always working. There is no way one lawyer can do what is needed for the UKB. The UKB would not be in our current positive position without many lawyers working together.

- Our information is made public. Our lawyers read and approve all information or they prepare the release before information goes out to the public.

- The information letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior will be read by Indian tribes all over the United States either over the internet or in newspapers.

- Some people are saying the UKB

administration lies or are secretive but we are not. When we can release news then it is released. This administration has been accused of spending excessive money on lawyers. Our lawyers were here when we came into office. When we came into office, the casino was threatened to be closed but our lawyers worked and the casino continues to operate today. If the casino had closed, we would have kept the government going because it would be necessary. It has been 58 years since the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees has become federally recognized. It has been a long battle but we have kept our history and beliefs alive and we are seeing results now.

- CNO's use of the symbol of a star, for gambling advertisement, which belongs to the original Cherokee people, is not a real star but is a symbol of religion. This is how little CNO knows about our history. CNO's use of the symbol of the star is an embarrassment. This emblem is a religious image. Even though God had not yet sent His Son here, the Keetoowah knew He was there and was a supreme being. We honored Him. We recognized His power and that He would provide our needs. CNO is desecrating our symbol by using the star as they are doing. Their action is worse than "burning a cross."

- The UKB has been dragged around for many years. Washington had to be educated on Keetoowah Cherokee history. Washington only knew what they had been told by CNO.

- There were many problems when this administration came into office. It was discovered we were behind in four audits. There was not a budget for the FY 05. People came to us offering assistance, we listened but we were careful about being involved with such offers. Business of the UKB is a 24 hour business. There must be people working who are qualified and know what they are doing. At the beginning of our term things were in a mess. FBI investigations were going on, housing was doomed but this was not talked about by current administration because action was already in progress and this current administration had nothing to do with any reason for investigations. Accountability of finances was a problem but this problem came out of the previous administration. That previous administration now claims all improvements by the current administration was their idea. Federal Programs were in trouble because of non-compliance with reports.

- We recently learned of a "new law" which, if we were aware of such law, Lost City school probably could have been saved. We could have entered and operated the school for 2 years as a target school. Language had been inserted into this law which allowed tribes to operate such a school.

- Situations involving investigations by the FBI should make some people very uncomfortable. This type of situation does not exist in the current administration.

- Washington was not surprised at Jeanette Hannah's decision relating to the Trust Land Application. Our lawyers were prepared for Hannah's action.

- We feel we are in good position with pending decisions on "Trust Land" being with Washington.

### V. Approval of the minutes for the month of August 2008

1. MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on August 02, 2008; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

### VI. Presentations -

1. Charles Locust: spoke in representing the Gaming Board, whereas; there were many requests from employees for assistance. Gas cards had been discussed about 4 or 5 months ago but Chief suggested to first use option of 4 day work weeks at 10 hours each to aid in cutting personal expenses. Some workers did take up the option but there continued to be a hardship for gasoline purchase for workers receiving

minimum wage. The Chief asked the Gaming Board to discuss the issue of Gas Cards again. The Gaming Board determined Gas Cards could be provided one more time. Today it is presented for Council's approval; to distribute Gas Cards in the amount of \$150 to all employees.

- Albert Shade: stated how he was in favor of allowing Gas Cards to all employees but not to members of Council. He then made the motion to allow \$150 Gas Cards to employees only. Motion was seconded by Barry Dotson.

#### - DISCUSSION:

- Cost to District Representatives in performance of their job is equal to employees cost.

- Money could be used for needs of the people in districts.

- Council has received three raises since coming into office and only employees should receive cards.

- When serving on the Council, Council should be last to be served and employees first.

- Raises received by Council have been justified and Council works hard to see to the needs of the people but maybe in the future when things are better in the budget maybe we can talk about a raise for the Council at that time. Council should be last to be served.

- Charles Locust amended his presentation if such was approved by the Gaming Board members (who were present) that Gas Cards will be allowed for only employees.

- Restated previous motion: MOTION by Albert Shade to allow Gas Cards to employees in the amount of \$150.00 each and not to include members of Council; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 10 Yes, 2 No (Hansen & Smoke), 0 Abstentions.

2. Shelbi Wofford: inquired if there were plans for the Keetoowahs to be a part of the Celebration of the Eastern Band of Cherokees, that is, to attend or not attend.

- Woodrow Proctor: stated he had recently visited with an Eastern Band Council member and had talked of the Eastern Band's plans for the future. Woodrow then stated he also wished to acknowledge how four members of CNO Council had voted against CNO's take over of Hastings Hospital at a Special Meeting just last Thursday. Those CNO Council members were Tina Glory, Bill John Baker, Joe Crittenden and Jodi Fishinghawk. Woodrow then spoke again of his conversation with the Eastern Band Council member, wherein; that Council member stated they had taken over Indian Health Service and it doesn't make money. It hurts people. This member said the tribe was required to contribute 3 or more million dollars per year to keep the services for the people. Woodrow stated how the 4 CNO Council members who voted against the hospital take over knew this take over would cost the tribe millions of dollars. Woodrow said, CNO was only after 8 million dollars of Indirect Cost and to do away with the "middle man." Woodrow also stated he had spoke of this take over with Hastings CEO Ed McLemore where Mr. McLemore had agreed the dollars were the incentive and 8 million dollars would help "our" I.H.S. McLemore stated how there were no plans to add more doctors to the hospital staff and there were no plans to improve hospital services with the additional dollars. Mr. McLemore stated hospital cost would be put back on the people. Woodrow cautioned be aware I.H.S. is going to be a corporate business. The UKB has been saying this same thing all along. Woodrow referred to battles people are having with utility bills or needs to replace appliances and needs in education. Rural schools are being attacked. CNO is preparing to take over Rural Schools. The new "surprise" law will allow rural schools to be closed. State Representative, Jim Wilson, says he can do nothing about this rural school situation and that the state superintendent was in charge of this school situation. Mr. Wilson said the state has lost focus on education and is more concerned with bridges

and roads. Woodrow stated a need for a special budget with focus on education needs and he encouraged to be aware of how the state will be coming down on rural schools.

#### - DISCUSSION:

- Education/Rural School closing

- Involvement of other tribes including UKB

- Placement of tribal representation on school boards

- CNO is playing with the term "jurisdiction"

- CNO words laws to eliminate UKB involvement but don't really pay real attention to other tribes.

- The "new law" wording pertaining to schools was hidden in a "Charter School Bill" when this bill was first passed the wording was changed after a few months when "our neighbor down South" put an amendment to this bill which had nothing to do with "Chartered Schools." All it did was to allow a tribe to take over. CNO uses "jurisdiction" as their authority.

- Seems CNO is trying to become self sufficient and to cut out the federal government. It seems there is a conspiracy between the federal government and CNO. CNO is working to have the authority to turn UKB members away from any services. CNO has 7 or 8 casinos and lack of federal money wouldn't hurt them.

- The "new law/bill" is titled; State Bill #2100, Governmental "Four Claim Act."

- CNO is not going to spend casino income to help people. They use money for building power.

- A.G. Bellmard said according to the language within this "new land" the process for gaining control of the school system. (1) Meeting of the school district and administrators which would include the UKB, (2) Provide information to the State Board of Education and allowance for take over would be only for two years. Any contest of a take over could be contested in the local District Court and this law provides the four claims act. A take over without following the process would be availing themselves to state law so there would probably be no immunity from being sued.

- Chief Wickliffe: stated CNO is misrepresenting themselves when they claim to be the Cherokee Nation. Cherokee Nation was dissolved when Oklahoma became a state.

- Charles Locust: said this "new law/bill" allows CNO to establish lower grades/classifications for Sequoyah High School while allowing the state to close small schools. The state could then contract these schools out to CNO. CNO's plan is to allow Sandy Garrett the authority to close schools and then have a source like CNO to come in and subsidize and contract the schools. Then Sequoyah could have an elementary school because this is under the "new law/bill." UKB must watch the state government as well as the federal government.

- Chief Wickliffe: said there could be a door opened for Lost City because this "law" had been passed before Lost City School was closed but we were not made aware of the changes in the initial passing of the "law/bill."

- Woodrow Proctor: said be aware, CNO wants to take over and have all the power for everything but their approach will come back to haunt them.

- Discussion returned to original inquiry from Shelbi Wofford, RE: UKB attending Eastern Band Celebration. Shelbi stated she just asked if there were plans for UKB to attend and she was not asking for approval on this inquiry.

3. Don Ade: I.H.S. 638; he spoke of his trip to Rockville, Maryland, wherein; he, Chief Wickliffe, and Federal Programs Director, Bryan Shade visited with I.H.S. Director, Bob McSwain and 14 other people from I.H.S. Chief Wickliffe presented UKB's history and the UKB vision.

- CNO has contracted with I.H.S. for 38 years.

- In less than one year we have succeeded in coming up with a contract

which should be finalized in the next few hours with Indian Health Service.

- A funding agreement will be finalized at the same time as the contract agreement

- The point of this contract with Indian Health Service was not based on a large funding amount. We needed to develop a legal relationship with the Indian Health Service.

- This contract agreement will get our foot in the front door of I.H.S. This involves Behavioral Health and the UKB Tulsa Drug Treatment Center.

- This contract will allow us to bill and collect Medicaid from the State of Oklahoma which we think will bring in some real money.

- Asked everyone to start thinking about taking over our share of the O.E.H. Program from I.H.S.

- This contract with I.H.S. is virtually hours away from being signed.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

- Woodrow Proctor: complimented Don Ade on his work on I.H.S. issues. He stated he would like Don to create a Health Board sometime in the future and he (Woodrow) stated he would like to be a part of that board.

- Chief Wickliffe: said CNO plans a "take over" of the I.H.S. Hospital in Tahlequah on October 1, 2008 but that is not going to happen. As soon as I.H.S. makes such a move, we can file an injunction because I.H.S. has not consulted with the Keetoowahs and this is the law. At the right time we will file an injunction.

- Don Ade: "But I say, let's get this (contract for Tulsa Drug Treatment Center) signed first."

- Barry Dotson: introduced UKB member, Maudene Vann. Previously the court clerk of Sequoyah County. Ms. Vann thanked the Keetoowah tribe for giving her assistance in financial areas of need in her political side of her election. She informed she had lost in her bid for being elected but she was thankful to the Keetoowahs for their support of her.

**VII. Reports to Council**

1. Enrollment Report: Liz Litledave

**DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve/accept 55 new members into tribal enrollment (NOTE: this includes 5 C.D.I.B. cards issued to children 0-3 years of age); SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks unavailable at vote).

MOTION by Jerry Hansen to acknowledge and honor the relinquishment of 12 UKB members; SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks unavailable at vote).

**2. GENERAL:**

- Woodrow Proctor: stated there was a need for an individual to have final say on request for service. He stated it seemed clients were confused about the procedure.

- Tim Good Voice responded: Council passed a resolution where anyone who requested assistance automatically comes through the Human Services department. The Council also passed a resolution to allow Bryan Shade (Federal Programs Director) to use discretion on requested assistance. Bryan can if he deems it necessary, refer a situation to the administration office and

a final decision on the request will be made.

- Charles Locust: said this type of concerns/problems will be eliminated when the new software is set up. This software will immediately speed up the process because the assistance history will be pulled up on the computer and a decision on the requested assistance can be immediate.

- Barry Dotson: said people have problems with transportation to Tahlequah to complete paperwork in requesting assistance. Barry was informed paperwork could be completed at Satellite Offices and that office will fax paperwork to the Human Service office in Tahlequah and request will receive attention. In cases where the client is disabled or an elder who cannot travel, etc., Human Services staff will go to the client's home and complete paperwork or will take the application by phone.

- Joyce (Fourkiller) Hawk: inquired of the status of a Field Worker who had in the past been assigned to making home visits for completing paperwork for clients. She stated how requiring Human Services staff to home visits slowed up their own office paperwork.

- Barry Dotson: inquired of assistance for emergency medical transport and about authority anyone could have about when an individual should not be living alone.

- Woodrow Proctor: inquired of the F.E.M.A. trailers.

- Bryan Shade responded: the contractor out of Texarkana will be moving the trailers in Tuesday but rains delayed this. Instead he will visit the proposed sited for each trailer.

• It seems it might be economical to get the trailers here and then use a local person from Cherokee Home Sales to actually set the trailers. We are currently working on an agreement with Cherokee Home Sales for setting up the trailers on sites.

• We will set up sites for parking the trailers while waiting for moving them to home sites.

- Woodrow Proctor: asked if there is a policy in place to decide who gets a trailer.

- Bryan Shade: said priority for a trailer home is given to the elderly and those with small children in the home. There is procedure to follow.

- Woodrow Proctor: asked who set up this policy for deciding who receives a trailer.

- Bryan Shade: there is a 7 member committee who reviews the applicants. Referrals come from the Housing list who were waiting on a home and Human Services also makes referrals. Human Services makes recommendations and the committee reviews and arrange in order.

- Woodrow Proctor: stated he wished to see this policy regarding the F.E.M.A. trailer issuance.

- Bryan Shade: criteria for receiving a trailer require individual must own the land to put the trailer on. If individual is able to prep the site then they are responsible for preparing the site. If the individually is disabled and cannot prepare home site there are preparations in place to assist such individual. All requested trailers have been released to the UKB and will be brought to a holding area. The home owner signs an agreement that they are responsible for preparing the home site and that doesn't mean go to a UKB department to get the site prepared. Their responsibility includes preparing water, gas, electric, etc.

hook up.

- Chief Wickliffe: "asked if the F.E.M.A. trailer project should be halted." There should not be a hassle about assigning a trailer home. There are procedures but if this project is going to be a controversy then let us just call a halt, call a special meeting of Council and Council decides what will be done with the F.E.M.A. trailers.

- Charles Locust: F.E.M.A. contacted us about 1 1/2 years ago. During that time we have been doing needs assessments. The administration has taken ourselves out of the decision making and placed the decision with a committee. Administration does not serve on this committee. There is not enough trailers to give to everyone and people will be mad when they don't get a trailer but there is a priority list based on a situation. Priorities are elders and homes with children. When a primary decision is made people are sent out to visit the applicant and evaluate the needs a file is set up with pictures of the residence of the applicant. People are not just picked out. Needs are looked at for priority. Initially we will receive 12 trailers and later more will be received.

- Bryan Shade: every tribe was approved for 12 trailers regardless of size of the tribe.

**VIII. Public Forum - None**

**IX. Unfinished Business**

1. Lisa Stopp requested all 7 items under Unfinished Business be tabled until a time after Keetoowah Celebration weekend.

MOTION by Albert Shade to approve table all 7 agenda items under Unfinished Business until after the Keetoowah Celebration; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Locust unavailable at vote).

**X. New Business**

1. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve to allow utilization of 2% of current of IRR funds for the purpose of planning and to include one additional personnel and the purchase of a new vehicle; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Locust, C. Wofford unavailable at vote).

2. MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the submission of an application to the B.I.S. for a 638 IRR Contract which will include one additional personnel and purchase of a vehicle; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

3. Detailed explanation presented with discussion

MOTION by Albert Shade to approve to adopt S.O.R.N.A. (Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act) Guidelines; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

4. MOTION by Shelbi Wofford to approve placement of Mary Stiglets on the UKB Election Board in filling the vacancy created at the resignation of Ella Mae Worley; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

5. MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve authorization to the United Keetoowah band Economic Development Authority to apply for a \$1,000,000.00 donation from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community; SECONDED by Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

**XI. Announcements**

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor (due to the Keetoowah Celebration scheduled for the first weekend in October) to schedule the Regular October Council meeting for October 11, 2008; SECONDED by Albert Shade; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

**XII. Benediction:** Jerry Hansen

**XIII. Adjourn:** MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; Approved by affirma-

## Keetoowah Cherokees to be Honored at Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will pay tribute to their veterans on Friday, November 7 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the UKB Jim Proctor Elder Care Facility in Tahlequah. Keetoowah Cherokee veterans will be honored at a Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon and Program.

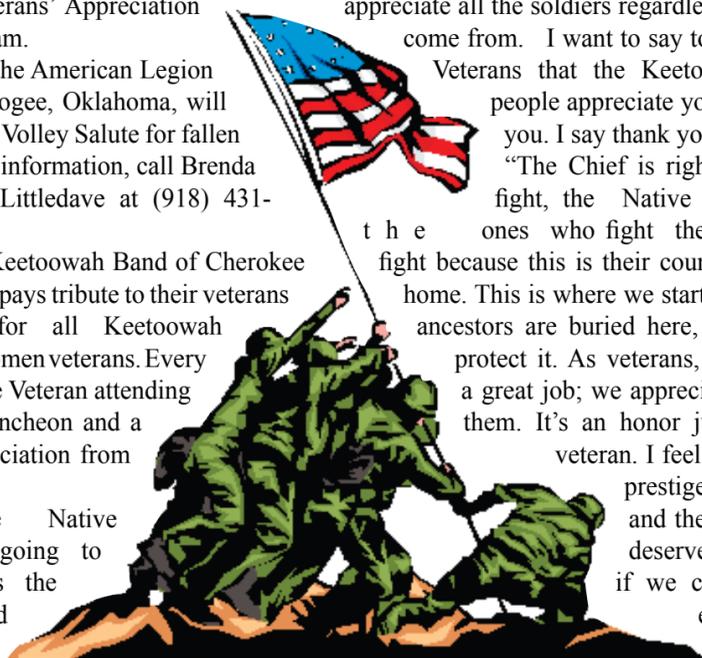
Members of the American Legion Post 115 from Muskogee, Oklahoma, will play Taps and fire a 3 Volley Salute for fallen comrades. For more information, call Brenda Locust or Hominy LittleDave at (918) 431-1818.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma pays tribute to their veterans every November for all Keetoowah Cherokee men and women veterans. Every Keetoowah Cherokee Veteran attending is honored with a luncheon and a small token of appreciation from the UKB tribe.

"If you're Native American, you're going to fight harder. That's the kind of track record the Keetoowah Cherokee veterans have," said UKB Chief George Wickliffe. "They fought harder because this is our country, and people should never forget how hard our Native

Americans fight in wars. What we must do is support our soldiers that defend our country. We've had good soldiers; we've had brave soldiers because of who they are. They are Native Americans and we appreciate them, we appreciate all of them. We appreciate all the soldiers regardless of where they come from. I want to say to the Keetoowah Veterans that the Keetoowah Cherokee people appreciate you, and we honor you. I say thank you."

"The Chief is right, whenever we fight, the Native Americans are the ones who fight the hardest, they fight because this is their country, this is their home. This is where we started from and our ancestors are buried here, this is why we protect it. As veterans, they have done a great job; we appreciate it and honor them. It's an honor just to talk to a veteran. I feel I don't have the prestige that they have and the honor that they deserve. I don't know if we can ever bestow enough honor on them, because I think as veterans, they are truly great people for serving your country," stated UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust.



## UKB Gets Grant to Track Sex Offenders

Last Spring, the United Keetoowah Band Lighthorse Tribal Police Department was awarded the Adam Walsh Grant. This grant is governed by the Department of Justice, and is also referred to as the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act or S.O.R.N.A. The grant will enable the Lighthorse Tribal Police Department to register, track, and maintain a data-base of sex offenders that are members of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians.

The Director of the UKB Lighthorse Department, David McCarter and UKB Grant writer Georgia Dick have worked together to prepare the necessary documents to make the grant possible for the Lighthorse Department.

The grant contains a number of stringent registration guidelines set by the Department of Justice. These guidelines include: obtaining the offender's name, aliases, and all other personal information, internet handles and identifiers; employment information, school information, vehicle(s) registered to the offender and vehicles driven while at work, travel plans, a detailed physical description, photographs, fingerprints, DNA sample, detailed criminal history, and a website that can be accessed by the public containing information regarding sex offenders. These are only a few of the most basic sex offender registry requirements.

The offender is required to register with their local law enforcement agency and/or their tribe within a specific time frame depending on the individual agency. The Department of Justice describes legal consequences for an offender who fails to comply with registry requirements. As before mentioned in the registry guidelines, a website that is accessible for public viewing containing information about registered sex offenders will be available as a hyperlink from the United Keetoowah Band's current website by April 27, 2009. It is the responsibility of the Lighthorse Investigator, to comply with all of the guidelines set by the Department of Justice and to implement the program by no later than April 27, 2009.

In addition to the implementation of the program, the Keetoowah Cherokee Lighthorse Department is working to create a good line of communication and working relationships with all surrounding local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. This will enable both the Lighthorse Department and surrounding agencies a more efficient method of registering, tracking, and apprehending sex offenders in the area.

The Lighthorse Tribal Police Department is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead, and are confident the sex offender program will be a success and a direct reflection of the work ethic and pride of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians.

\*For additional information regarding sex offender registration, or information regarding the sex offender program, contact the Lighthorse Tribal Police Department at (918)-453-9961 Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Keetoowah Cherokee Elder Assistance for December 2008

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will begin taking applications for the December 2008 Elder Assistance Program. The UKB Elder Assistance Program provides all tribal elders over 55 years of age semi-annual financial assistance in the amount of \$200 for each period. This is to assist Keetoowah Cherokee elders with funding they can utilize at their discretion. The tribe will be taking applications from November 4 through noon on November 25<sup>th</sup>. The applications will also be accepted for two weeks in December. The last day for accepting applications is by noon on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Checks will be issued on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Eligible elders must be an exclusive member. All required documents for exclusive membership must be on file in the enrollment office. Elders under age 65 must be exclusive members for one year at the time of assistance application. Exclusive members 65 and over immediately qualify for assistance after council approval of the enrollee. All eligible members in a household will receive the Elderly Assistance.

Applications may be picked up at any tribal or satellite office. Completed applications must be turned in by fax, mail, or direct delivery to the Tribal Enrollment Office located at 2450 S. Muskogee Avenue in Tahlequah. The fax number is (918) 453-9345.

Assistance checks for November applicants will be issued on December 3<sup>rd</sup> between 3 and 5 p.m. at the UKB Wellness Center located on West Willis Road South of Tahlequah, North of the Tribal Community Services Building. December applicants checks will be issued on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> between 3-5 p.m. at the Accounting office at 2386 South Muskogee Ave. in Tahlequah. December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008, will be the last day for check disbursement this winter

## Denise Whitekiller-Rooster Inducted into National Honor Society

On October 27, 2008 Denise Whitekiller-Rooster, a Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal member, was inducted into The Gamma Zeta Chapter class of Phi Upsilon Omicron, a national honor society in family and consumer sciences that recognizes and encourages achieved excellence in scholarship, leadership and service.



Denise Whitekiller-Rooster, a Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal member

Human and Family Sciences students who are in the top 35 percent of their class are invited to membership in Phi Upsilon Omicron. This Society was established in 1909. Denise is also a member of Northeastern State Government Association and a senate representative for the Human and Family Science Association. She will be graduating in December 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Human and Family Sciences. I would like to give a special Wa-Do to Chief Wickliffe, Della Wolfe, Bryan Shade, Stephanie Wickliffe and Tonya Bryant for all your support and encouragement to continue with my education, this would not have been possible with you.

## UKB Coowescoowee District Meeting Set

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's Coowescoowee District will have a meeting on Thursday, November 13, at 6 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Pryor. For more information, contact Coowescoowee District Representative Cliff Wofford at (918) 822-1953.



United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu November 2008				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 CLOSED Election Day	4 Texas Chili Jalapeño Cornbread Crackers Salad Dessert	5 Pepper Steak White Rice Grilled Vegetables Salad Dessert	6 Acapulco Chicken Spanish Rice Beans Hot Tortillas	7 Closed
10 Beef Stew Cornbread Salad Dessert	11 Closed Veteran's Day	12 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	13 Baked Fish White Rice Catalina Vegetables Salad Dessert	14 Breakfast Served at 10:30 a.m.
17 Brown Beans Jalapeño Cornbread Salad Dessert	18 Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Potato Salad	19 Herb Baked Chicken Wild Rice Yellow Squash	20 Shepherd's Pie English Peas Hot Rolls Salad Dessert	21 Breakfast Served at 10:30 a.m.
24 Potatoe Soup Oyster Crackers Salad Dessert	25 Hot Ham-n-Cheese Galley Chips Salad Dessert	26 Cultural Foods Day November Birthdays	27 Closed Happy Thanksgiving	28 Closed

## Keetoowah Cherokee Youth Performs in First Ballet Performance

Five-year-old Keetoowah Cherokee member, Samantha Russell, from Tahlequah, performs in her first ballet performance in the "Nutcracker" November 29 at the Tahlequah High School's Center of Performing Arts. Samantha is a first year member of the "On Your Toes Dance Studio" in Tahlequah, she will be a BonBon in this year's performance. Performances for the "Nutcracker" will be November 29 at 7 p.m., November 30, 7 p.m. and for schools only on December 16, 9 a.m.

Samantha is a proud member of the United Keetoowah Tribe of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma and attends Grand View School. Her parents are Tonya and Tim Russell of Tahlequah.

The Tahlequah Ballet Company will also be having a Silent Auction on Friday, November 7, to help raise money for the "On Your Toes Dance Studio", a nonprofit organization. The Auction will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m., all donations will be appreciated.



*SAMANTHA RUSSELL will be performing in her first ballet performance on Nov.29 in this year's performance of the "Nutcracker".*

## Keetoowah Cherokee Author Releases New Children's Book

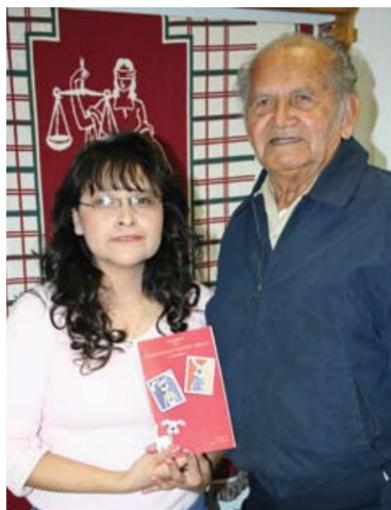
Tahlequah Author and United Keetoowah Band tribal member, Renee Catron, has recently published her first children's book, "The Dustbunny's Family Album". Catron is the daughter of Tahlequah residents Henry and Grace (deceased) Carey. A resident of Tahlequah, Renee is the oldest of five siblings and has one son, Monte; she is employed with Tahlequah Wal-Mart.

"I got interested in children's books when I saw my son reading them; I thought to myself, it would be fun to write a children's book. So watching my son reading is what inspired me," said Catron. "I was cleaning house one day when I got the idea to write "The Dustbunny's Family Album." I created the characters, Jennifer, Nicholas and Dusty Pup." It is about a story of Nicholas and Jennifer Dustbunny taking a wonderful journey through their family album! Your child will have fun laughing and learning with the Dustbunny children.

Catron has been writing all of her life, her favorite subject in school was English. She began later in life to become a serious writer. She didn't know how to go about having her books published so she did research on the internet and located some publishers and began sending her first manuscript, hoping to have her manuscript published. Catron's first manuscript was

"Shanook Can't Cook". She received a letter from the publisher stating that her manuscript was great, but the publishing company had already reached its budget limit for that year, but they would keep her story on file for future consideration.

Her next manuscript was "The Dustbunny's Family Album" which she sent to Dorrance Publishing Company. Within weeks she received word that her manuscript was accepted and that the company would publish her book. "The Dustbunny's Family Album" is the first of eight in a series, the others to be published later. Her book will be featured in the New York Times and her publication is now available for purchase on the internet. Her publication will be available in local and national bookstores and libraries soon.



*KEETOOWAH CHEROKEE Author, Renee Catron, left; stands along side her proud father, Henry Carey as she displays her first published book entitled; "The Dustbunny's Family Album".*

Catron has just recently finished another children's book, "When Pigs Fly" which she sent to Disney Publishing three weeks ago. "I hope to hear from them soon and have it published as well," added Catron.

Catron envisions her future as becoming a well known author, making a living writing books. She requests support from the United Keetoowah Band, her family and her friends from work.

"She wrote a book I got a kick out of called, 'Shanook Can't Cook', said Renee's father, Henry. "It's a comical book, about a cat that can't cook and ran off the whole neighborhood with the cat's cooking," laughed Carey.

Catron's Father, brothers and sisters are all proud of her accomplishments and wish her well. "My mother has been deceased for over a year now, but she was able to see the cover and finished story of 'The Dustbunny's Family Album' before she died, I was thankful for that," said Catron.

"The Dustbunny's Family Album" by Renee Catron can be purchased for \$9.00 plus tax by logging on to [www.dorrancepublishing.com](http://www.dorrancepublishing.com) or [www.dorrancebookstore.com](http://www.dorrancebookstore.com); you can also call 1-800-788-7654 and order by credit card.



## Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Member Two-Time Golden Glove Boxer

Two-time Golden Glove boxer, Ben Arneecher, a United Keetoowah Band tribal member was raised in the Ballou Community near Salina, Oklahoma. Arneecher is one of six sons of Joe (deceased) and Evelyn (Canoe) Arneecher from Okmulgee, Oklahoma. He attended Bacone College and Okmulgee Technical School and then two years at Haskell Institute.

Arneecher was sent to Whittaker State Children's Home in Pryor, by his parents when he was in the sixth grade. Whittaker State Children's Home is now known as the Thunderbird Youth Academy in Pryor, Oklahoma.

"When I was there in Whittaker, all the boys would rough house or cut up. During my stay, other kids would fight and wrestle around; one of the instructors saw that. So one evening they asked if anyone wanted to go to boxing practice we could go to the gym after supper," said Arneecher. Ben decided to go to the gym to watch and began running laps with the other boys. "I didn't know what I was doing," said Arneecher. "I was just running with the other kids." Arneecher and 15 of his school mates would go to the gym, run laps and would work out on the punching bags and speed bags. He enjoyed putting tape on his hands and putting on the boxing gloves. Ben remarked that he didn't like running the laps and couldn't get the hang of hitting the speed bag.

Arneecher's favorite boxing hero was Cassius Clay, who later changed his name to Mohammad Ali. "I remember listening to him on the radio, his first fight. He fought Sonny Liston.," added Arneecher.

The boxing team started going to small tournaments, the first tournament was in a small town where Arneecher fought two brothers. He fought the first brother and won, then turned around and fought the other brother. He won both fights. He would fight three one-minute rounds. If Ben won his fight he would continue to the next fight, sometimes he would fight three or four fights in one night. "One night I fought three fights and I won this trophy. I thought to myself, man this is really good," said Ben. The team would travel to Eufaula and Cushing for boxing tournaments where Arneecher won most of his fights.

One day the boxing director at Whittaker, Coach Melvin Wilson had decided to take three or four boys to Miami, Oklahoma to Northeastern A&M College to watch the Golden Glove tournament. "After the matches, Coach Wilson told us that when we get back to Pryor that they would work out with some of us, and that someday we would come back to Miami and enter one or two of us in the tournament. We began sparring and showing off to the coaches, but we could never get that running down," laughed Arneecher.



Ben Arneecher

The day came when Coach Wilson took Arneecher and a couple of other boys to fight in the Golden Glove tournament in Miami. "I remember having to go up on the stage with boxing shorts on, a robe and old tennis shoes. I had to weigh in, I weighed in the 118 weight division. I fought that night and made the finals. In the final match I fought this guy, and got TKO'd (Technical Knockout) in the second round. We left Miami and I thought to myself, I'll have to work harder," said Arneecher. Then Coach Wilson asked Arneecher and another teammate if they wanted to go to Joplin and fight in the Golden Glove tournament. Both boys agreed to go. Arneecher fought three fights and on the last night of the finals, the boxing committee told Arneecher there were no opponents that weighed 118 pounds, that if he wanted to fight in the finals he would have to fight this guy who weighed 126 pounds. Ben's coach advised against this, but Arneecher decided to fight. Ben won his match by a TKO and the Golden Glove title in his division. Later that night he was called into the ring and was named the "Outstanding Boxer of the Tournament" and received the "Most Valuable Player" trophy.

After the tournament, Coach Wilson was confronted by Benny Thornton, a big boxing promoter from Joplin, MO. He wanted to take Arneecher and teammate Steve Dell, from Pitcher, OK, to Kansas City to fight in the National Golden Glove tournament. If Arneecher and Dell won there they could go to Chicago and fight. Thornton told Coach Wilson that rooms, meals and entry fees would all be paid by Mr. Thornton. Coach asked Arneecher and Dell if they would like to go to Kansas City, both were excited and agreed to fight in Kansas City. "I fought up there and won in my division. I won a trophy and a medal; I kept the medal on my jacket. I thought, man, I've been to Kansas City and won the Golden Glove and won a Golden Glove in Miami. Not bad for a kid who originally just showed up to watch. Mr. Arneecher, a two-time Golden Glove Champion now resides in Tahlequah.

## 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



# Attention UKB Voters:

**You Must Have a UKB Photo ID to Vote in the election on December 1st.**

If you are a United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma tribal member and wish to vote in the election in November, you must have a UKB Photo ID. The United Keetoowah Band's tribal council approved Election Ordinance by Resolution # 08-UKB-20 earlier this year.

According to the ordinance, under section 402 - A, to be eligible to vote in an election, an individual must:

1) be not less than 21 years of age as of the date of the election

2) have been an exclusive member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma for a period of not less than six (6) months prior to election

3) have been a resident of, or affiliated with a particular district for at least six (6) months prior to the election;

4) be listed on the official voter list for the district in which the voter seeks to vote.

Instructions to voters were given under section 304 describing the manner of casting one's vote. Instructions will be posted outside each polling place and inside each voting booth by the Election Board. It also states that a ballot shall be issued to a voter, only after the voter presents a proper photographic tribal identification card, and signs the voting list or polling register.

Fees will be waived for the photo ID cards, which are normally issued free of charge, with a fee of \$5.00 to replace a lost ID. Cards are issued in the Tribal Enrollment Office, located in the front of the Administration Building, which is located next door to the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino. For more information, contact the enrollment office at (918) 453-9375.

**If you have moved in the last six months, you must vote in your old district (the same district you voted in November.**



## GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - NOVEMBER 3, 2008

(I) Denotes Incumbent. WINNER RUN-OFF (DEC. 1)

	Canadian	Coo.	Del.	Flint	Going	Illinois	Saline	Seq.	Tah.	Total	Percent	
<b>CHIEF</b>												
(I) George Wickliffe	16	47	101	174	75	14	114	13	216	770	59.6	
Jerry Henson	4	12	21	32	13	17	8	25	149	281	21.75	
Dallas Proctor	2	28	72	17	48	4	28	4	38	241	18.65	
<b>ASSISTANT CHIEF</b>												
(I) Charles Locust	16	46	117	169	88	11	111	13	181	752	59	
Albert Shade	5	40	71	47	48	24	37	28	222	522	41	
<b>SECRETARY</b>												
(I) Liz Littledave	15	35	85	110	67	12	86	8	199	617	48.51	
J. Kristine Scrapper	6	39	26	60	28	14	21	18	144	356	27.99	
Adelene Smith	1	12	83	43	41	8	40	15	56	299	23.51	
<b>TREASURER</b>												
(I) Shelbi (Doyeto)Wofford	8	48	67	73	54	15	53	14	172	504	40.42	
Ella Mae (Cooksey)Worley	12	38	120	143	80	19	88	25	218	743	59.58	
<b>COOWEESCOOWEE DISTRICT REP.</b>											Total	Percent
(I) Clifford Wofford										47	54.02	
Jo Ann Tidwell										23	26.44	
Portia Wickliffe-Kelly										17	19.54	
<b>DELAWARE DISTRICT REP.</b>											Total	Percent
(I) Jerry Hanson										123	64.4	
Richard Fields										68	35.6	
<b>GOINGSNAKE DISTRICT REP.</b>											Total	Percent
(I) Joyce Fourkiller-Hawk										73	52.9	
William "Willie" Christie										65	47.10	
<b>ILLINOIS DISTRICT REP.</b>											Total	Percent
(I) Barbara Girty										23	65.71	
Donald Adair										12	34.29	
<b>TAHLEQUAH DISTRICT REP.</b>											Total	Percent
Betty Holcomb										150	37.78	
Kenneth "Toot" Hogner										53	13.35	
V. Matthew Walls										77	19.40	
Kathy Neugin White										117	29.47	
<b>CANADIAN DISTRICT REP.</b>											Total	Percent
(I) Eddie Sacks (Unopposed)										N/A	0	
<b>FLINT DISTRICT REP.</b>											Total	Percent
(I) Woodrow Proctor (Unopposed)										N/A	0	
<b>SALINE DISTRICT REP.</b>											Total	Percent
(I) Charles Smoke (Unopposed)										N/A	0	
<b>SEQUOYAH DISTRICT REP.</b>											Total	Percent
(I) Barry Dotson (Unopposed)										N/A	0	

## Voting locations for the December 1st election

### Keetoowah Cherokee Run Off Election Set For December 1st

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will have a Run Off Election on Monday, December 1 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All polling locations will be open. All tribal members will be voting for Tribal Secretary and in the Tahlequah District, members will also be voting for the Tahlequah District Representative.

Tribal members must have a UKB photo ID to vote. If you do not have a photo ID, you may get yours through the UKB Enrollment office. The enrollment office will waive the fee for a new photo ID card. The Enrollment Office is located next door to the Casino and the office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tribal Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans' Day and on November 26, 27, and 28 for Thanksgiving Holidays. For more information, contact the Enrollment Office at (918)453-9375.

#### 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

#### 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

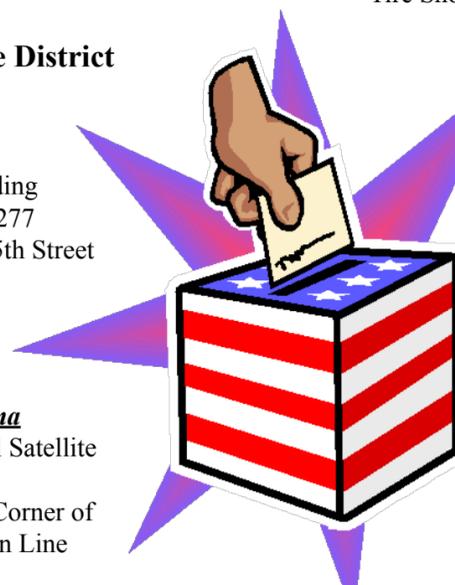
Location: Sallisaw Civic Center  
Address: 111 N. Elm  
Phone 918-775-6241

#### 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



# Tribal Secretary

# Meet The Candidates



## Liz LittleDave

I'm Liz LittleDave and I would like to thank you for your vote on November 3rd and to let you know that I need your vote again in the Run Off Election on December 1st. Even though I received the most votes (48.51%), our UKB Election Ordinance states that a candidate must receive 50% plus one vote to win the election. My candidacy is endorsed by Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust..

For those of you who are unfamiliar with me, 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. My working history of 40 years with only five jobs reflects my reliability, accountability, and dependability.

After I was elected as Tribal Secretary, in January 2005, 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.

For those of you who were unable to vote on the November 3, you are still eligible to vote on December 1st. I would appreciate your vote on December 1st.

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 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, Darci and Sherniec; 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. I encourage all tribal member to vote in the December 1 runoff election. Wa-Do!

Kristene Scrapper  
Your Candidate for UKB Secretary  
Tahlequah, OK

# Tahlequah Dist. Representative

# Meet The Candidates



## Betty Holcomb

Betty Holcomb, who served on the United Keetoowah Band Council from 2001 to 2004 is seeking to regain her seat after garnering the most votes on Nov. 3rd for the run-off election slated for Dec. 1. Holcomb, who represented the Tahlequah District during the two terms she served, is a full-blood Keetoowah who resides in Tahlequah.

Holcomb is best described as a "true" council representative members can turn to in a time of crisis with strength and determination, loyal to her people. "My goal will be to serve the tribal members at all times because I am retired and am prepared to devote as much time as possible to taking care of the people," Holcomb said.

Holcomb said elders are her main priorities. However, as a single mother of five with several grandchildren, she understands the hardships families face and plans to do her "best" for all Keetoowahs.

Holcomb, who is fluent with the Keetoowah Constitution and By-laws, said she is ready to take on the responsibilities as an elected official and address issues of concern to the Keetoowah people.

During her two previous terms, Holcomb voted to increase educational assistance for students, voted to assist elders, supported economic development, and is pro-hiring of Keetoowah tribal members.

"I believe we have capable Keetoowahs who are educated and need the employment opportunities we can provide. I am not afraid to speak up when I have to when it comes to the Keetoowah people," she said.

Holcomb has worked for Sequoyah Schools for 17 years retiring this year "ready" to devote her full time to serving the Keetoowah people. I ask for another opportunity to serve the people on Dec. 1st," Holcomb said.

*I would appreciate your vote on December 1st to regain my council seat.*



## Katherine Neugin White

Katherine Neugin White is asking for your VOTE in the run-off election for the Tahlequah District Representative on December 1st, 2008.

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 the issues and work through them. 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."