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District 8 Councilman Sweat'n Bullets

has always been in question, Roger Peacock, a resident of Anglin's district, has made allegations that Anglin is not a CNO member by blood, which is a requirement to serve on the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Council. Peacock alleged that Anglin is in fact a Shawnee Indian without a drop of Cherokee blood.

Peacock stated, "The Constitution is clear that service on the Tribal Council shall be only those members of the Cherokee Nation who are by blood, not adoption."

The Constitution of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma shows the following requirement to be a member of the Council:

ARTICLE V. Legislative Section 3. The Council shall consist of fifteen (15) members, who are members by blood of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

"The Shawnees, Delawareans and Freedmen are members of the Cherokee Nation by adoption," Peacock said. "The framers of the Cherokee Constitution made sure that the Cherokee Nation would be directed by Cherokee Indians and not by any of the adopted classes of citizens." Peacock added that he does not necessarily believe that is how it should be, "but its what the law says, and we must go by the law until we change it." Peacock said if the investigation by the HUD IG doesn't get rid of Anglin, "I will file a lawsuit in the Cherokee courts to show he is not qualified to hold the seat and ask that the seat be declared vacant."

Anglin was unavailable for comment on this story, as his phone was busy all day long. Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma officials have not commented on the investigation, instead directing media inquiries to the Mike Miller, spokesman for the Smith administration. The Office of the Inspector General of HUD refused comment pending the results of the ongoing investigation.

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UKB Tribal Council Banishes Chad Smith

Smith continued to state in press releases that he had done nothing against the tribe and said he was "being banished because the Keetoowahs don't like me". But Former Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Deputy Chief Hastings Shade stated, "that Smith made comments early into their term that Smith would like to see the UKB shut down and vowed that he would do so." Shade served as Smith's Deputy Chief during Smith's first term.

In Smith's letter dated August 30, 2005 to Chief Wickliffe he accused the UKB of suing to take away CNO's Arkansas Riverbed settlement. The Arkansas Riverbed Case now being pursued by UKB is a separate action provided to the UKB by the United States Congress at the same time that Congress appropriated funds for the CNO Settlement. None of Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma's Riverbed Settlement is subject to being re-distributed to the UKB.

Wickliffe went on to say, "Contrary to Smith's letter, UKB's lawsuit with the State of Oklahoma, is being pursued by the Oklahoma Attorney General and does not seek to legitimize but instead to recognize the legality of the UKB Gaming Operation. Furthermore, the UKB's Trust Application has no legal prohibition and no consent from Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is required."

UKB Officials say that the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma no longer has to demonstrate a double standard when he requires employees and program applicants to be an

Article submitted by the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees in Oklahoma

NOTE: How did this happen to Chad Smith? He earned it!



MY Thought's: What does TREASON really mean?

By Franklin "8-90" McLain

So it is important that we as a civilized people understand what the real meaning of **these illegal and criminal actions**.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines; **treason** (trɛˈzɔːn) *n.* **1. Violation of allegiance toward one's country or sovereign**, especially the betrayal of one's country by waging war against it or by consciously and **purposely acting to aid its enemies. 2. A betrayal of trust or confidence.** [Middle English, from Anglo-Norman *treason*, from Latin *trās diti*, *trās diti*, a handing over. See TRADITION.]

So, when the Chief, Deputy Chief, and tribal council members go against the Cherokee Constitution or vote down law that would be good for the Cherokee people or not vote a chief's veto that is good law for the Cherokee people, their acts may be "TREASON".

The Cherokee people need not to let these "TREASONS ACTS" go by. It appears some think they are above the Law and they just need to do what the Chief says. Well, if they do that, then they fall under "A betrayal of trust or confidence" as does the Chief & Deputy Chief.

So, is this a serious thing, YES it is. So who can change it? We the Cherokee People can, the power are in the people and they (the treasonous ones) don't want the Cherokee to come together as had been done in the past. Why is that, well when they ran for re-election? **They LOST!** So, now is the time for the Cherokee people need to get together and talk about making changes again. Remember no one has to make any thing up on these guys, just look at their voting records and the good ACTS they voted against and the chief's veto's of good ACTS they let go.

As I have said all my life, "Their actions speak louder than their words."

They keep forgetting who they work for, we the Cherokee people that is who. The employees of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and all our Businesses work for the Cherokee People. They do not own the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and all our Businesses . . . as many seem to act like they own it. The money they are giving away or paying themselves with high bonuses plus large salaries, belong the Cherokee people, not them.

We are watching all of them now! We Cherokees are fighters and we will not go into the night, being beat down, we will rise and fight.... So, POWER TO THE CHEROKEE PEOPLE! The real Cherokee Phoenix is rising!

Make no mistake we the Cherokee people will remove you, each and everyone of you who act "A betrayal of trust or confidence" in Treason!

They better wake up, NOW! WHO? The rubber stamp tribal councilors, that's WHO!

DO WE, THE CHEROKEE PEOPLE HAVE A CONSTITUTION?

The Cherokee people need to wake up and get involved. Help stop these kinds of illegal actions.

It is time again in our Cherokee History to rise up and protect the Cherokee Nation from corrupt elected officials.

They are taking the funds that belong to the Cherokee People and using the money against us. They are not using their money.

POWER TO THE CHEROKEE PEOPLE!

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma

September 2, 2005

Keetoowah Chiefs Meet in Unity

Tahlequah, Okla. -- United Keetoowah Band's Chief George Wickliffe and Assistant Chief Charles Locust held a prayer breakfast meeting hosting UKB former chiefs and leaders. Attending were Former Chief Jim Henson, Former Chief John Hair, Former Chief Dallas Proctor, and Flint District Tribal Councilor Woodrow Proctor. Former Chief Jim Henson led the men in prayer and in a song of prayer.

The Keetoowah leadership, past and present met in a demonstration of unity and support for the future of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. Although many of the men present has run in opposition of other individuals present, they all came together on Friday. "If you're heart is in the right place, you'll work toward resolution on any issue," said Assistant Chief Locust. "There's a unity that exists among the traditional Cherokee, that supercedes

Former Councilor speaks out

The following was sent to all of the area news outlets in Cherokee country.

August 24, 2005

Letter To The Editor

Former CNO Councilwoman Speaks Out on Political Vengeance.

The current headlines of "Nation Granted Judgment" on former Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Councilors should have read, "District Judge Issues Political Vengeance".

District Judge John Cripps issued the following order on April 6, 2005, for the alleged civil charges of fraud and conspiracy on three former Cherokee Councilors which stated:

1. The Court determines there is substantial question of fact remaining to be tried, with evidence and testimony presented, as to the legislative history, intent, and prior interpretation(s) of the Code Section as ultimately cited by the Plaintiff and the Resolutions of the Tribal Council being numbered 25-97 and 26-97 as cited by the Defendants. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment is hereby denied.

2. The parties are directed to communicate with each other and submit an agreed Scheduling Order...allowing for the settling of this matter on the next trial docket presumptively set for September, 2005.

Cripps changed his mind and granted CNO's Motion for Summary Judgment only a week later on April 15th? What happened to a fair trial, oops, there is no trial at all, and never mind the right to a jury trial, was never waived.

As Cripps stated in his first order, there were substantial questions of facts to be tried. An appeal will be filed in the CNO JAT on Cripps turnaround decision. This is truly a question about the authority and separation of governing powers. The executive branch of CNO is second guessing the CNO Council, interfering in a political question of what a legislature can and can't do.

More than two years ago Chad Smith began his campaign of political vengeance and harassment of those who dared to stand up and speak out on irregularities and fraud. His message is clear, if you don't agree and you challenge him, he will seek to silence you by any and all means. As a former councilwoman I

brought forth HUD violations, misuse of federal funds on unallowable training costs, misuse of tribal tag money, tribal money spent on Smith's children from outside his marriage to attend and receive spending money on Cherokee Youth Choir trips, and then the election irregularities and fraud. I needed to be silenced. All of us, former councilors, have went on with our lives; but all the while being dragged back into court while going through the death of a spouse, uprooting and moving families to find work, and while continuing to care for grandchildren and ailing family members.

The injustice is clear; the CNO Justice Department approved the legislative expenditures, the CNO comptroller approved, and Chad Smith signed the check. Now the same appointed Justice Department head, Dianne Hammonds, which approved the expenditures, is the same Dianne Hammonds prosecuting an alleged crime she approved. Can you spell "conflict of interest"?

Now fed up with the heartless vengeance and even harassment of my children, I relinquished my membership in the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma on April 4, 2005. It was a true day of joy to no longer be a member of a government that only wants to silence those that challenged injustice and to no longer be a member of a government that caters to those who just woke up last week and decided to be Cherokee. As I filled out my papers on that Friday afternoon with my children a young woman was there with her three small blond-haired children. Our replacements had arrived.

Still the injustice has continued. CNO Judge Bart Fite issued a bench warrant for my arrest on failure to appear for jury trial (which moved to Nov.) and granted a cash bond of \$10,500 on August 8, 2005. The warrant violates their own statute because it is discriminatory, violates their constitutional bill of rights, and my rights under the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968. Just yesterday, CNO marshals followed my 15 year old daughter at her high school then followed her home in an attempt to arrest me.

Just as my great-grandfather, Charlie Wickliffe, a hundred years ago stood up against injustice and for the old ways, I stand in his shoes today with my children as the marshals just pass me by. Where will you stand?

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Former Chief Jim Henson, Chief George Wickliffe, Former Chief John Hair, Former Chief Dallas Proctor, and Flint District Tribal Councilor Woodrow Proctor

tribal politics and affiliation. We are all Cherokee, and the traditional people stand together," said Chief George Wickliffe.

The breakfast was the perfect inaugural event to begin festivities that

will culminate on the first weekend in October as the 55th Annual Keetoowah Celebration. The theme for this year's celebration is "Honoring our Elders, our Ancestors and our Leaders". The three former chiefs, Hair, Henson and Proctor will serve as parade marshals for the festival.

