

# Cherokee and Creek wannebes - Murv and Debbie

September 28, 2006

Dear D.E. Smoot,

I have just read your article on Murv Jacob and Debbie Duvall and I am appalled. Nothing against your ability to write, but you have done a great disservice to the Cherokee people and to the history of the Muskogee Phoenix.

Murv Jacob and Debbie Duvall are both ethnic frauds. Neither of them are members of the Cherokee or Creek tribes and neither of them can prove they have Cherokee or Creek ancestry. In fact, the Muskogee Phoenix, at great risk, exposed Murv Jacob as an ethnic fraud, along with dozens of other fakes claiming to be Cherokee back in 1990-91. Your fellow journalist Donna Hales, at great personal risk to her own reputation and safety worked long and hard to expose the very fraud you and the Muskogee Phoenix are now promoting. What a tragic irony.

I beg you, in the future, please demand proof from these people before you write. An authentic Cherokee Indian will have proof of ancestry connected by blood to the Cherokee people. If you are not able to discern these things for yourself, keep my e-mail address and ask, I am a Cherokee genealogist and historian with the knowledge and expertise to help you, so that you will no longer hurt the innocent Cherokee people with this fraud.

And yes, I'm sure that Murv has become a member of some state recognized group calling themselves a Cherokee tribe, band, nation or confederacy. They, like

Jacob and Duvall, are fakes. Now there is a story worth writing. Tell the Muskogee Phoenix readers about the 200 or more groups calling themselves Cherokee tribes, bands, nations and confederacies who are nothing more than clubs made up of non-Indians trying to cash in on their perceived windfall of federal funds or casinos.

The Muskogee Phoenix and Donna Hales did one of the greatest things that could have been done for the Cherokees by exposing the ethnic fraud and ethnic identity theft rampant in the Indian art market and now threatening many other areas of Cherokee/Indian life. Their stories helped to gain passage of the 1990 Indian Arts and Crafts Act which prohibits people like Jacob and Duvall from passing themselves off as Indians. It is a sad fact that since the Acts passage in December of 1990, it has been enforced only two times. Politics and stories such as yours have caused us to be unable to get enforcement. Your article will now become a part of Jacob's portfolio of fraud where he will claim that he is recognized by the "community" as an Indian.

I am extremely disappointed in your work and I hope that in the future, when you write about Cherokees, you will seek out real Cherokees to learn the truth. Thank you for your time and again, please feel free to contact me regarding Cherokee issues.

David Cornsilk

## (UKB) tribal members will vote on Monday

November 6, 2006.

United Keetoowah Band (UKB) tribal members will vote on Monday to elect seven of the nine district representatives of the tribal council.

Marilyn Craig, UKB publicity person, said that, according to UKB Resolution 06-ukb-93, no voting machines will be placed in districts where a candidate is uncontested. Both Canadian District Rep. Eddie Sacks and Delaware District Rep. Jerry Hanson were uncontested.

All polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Craig said.

To be eligible to vote, tribal members must be at least 21 years of age by Nov. 1, be an exclusive member of the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe for at least six months, and must have resided in their district for the past six months.

Voters must present their UKB membership card. For more information about voting locations, contact the Keetoowah Election Board at (918) 772-3773. For questions about voter eligibility, call UKB Enrollment at (918) 453-9375.

Following at the UKB voting places. \*

# Sequoyah District - Sallisaw Civic Center, contact person is Kim at (918) 775-6241

# Flint District - Greasy Community Building located next to the Greasy fire Department, contact person is Sue Wolf at (918) 696-4365

# Illinois District - Cookson Hills Center Methodist Mission, Contact person is Donna Carol at (918) 457-5181

# Cooweescoowee District - First Christian Church Gymnasium, 301 N.E. 1st Street Pryor, contact person is Karen Dryden at (918) 825-2396

# Goingsnake District - Maryetta Public School, 100 Maryetta Rd., Stilwell, contact person is Edith at (918) 696-2285, FAX number is (918) 696-6747

# Saline District - First Indian Baptist Church, 702 East Brewer St., Salina, contact person is Junior Chuculate at (918) 434-2084

# Tahlequah District - Veterans of Foreign Wars Building on Water Street, contact person is Bill Taylor at (918) 456-0595

Due to the election the UKB tribal offices will be closed on Monday. Offices will re-open at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The UKB tribal offices will also be closed Nov. 10 for Veteran's Day. Offices will re-open at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 13, 2006.

## Keetoowah Cherokees Pay Tribute to Veterans on November 9

News Release  
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Tahlequah, Okla. – Tribal Veterans are invited to attend a special Veteran's luncheon and program as the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma pays tribute to Veterans on Thursday, November 9, at the UKB Wellness Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Wellness Center is located next to the UKB Community Service Complex in Tahlequah.

All veterans attending will receive an appreciation gift. Keetoowah Cherokee veterans will receive a Keetoowah Veteran's jacket. We appreciate your contributions to our tribe and to our country. For more information, please call Jeff Wacoche at (918) 456-8698.

## Official won't recant comments about Cherokee business losses

By Donna Hales- Phoenix Staff Writer

The financial officer for a Cherokee corporation refused this week to recant comments made earlier about \$6.3 million in tribal business losses. Tom Reynolds, the new chief financial officer for Cherokee Nation Industries, Inc., spoke candidly July 27 to council committee members investigating CNI's purchase of stock in Global Energy Group that led to the spiraling losses.

Reynolds' quotes were published the following day in the Phoenix. One of Reynolds' three communications sent Monday to CNI officials, states:

"I will not be a party to rewriting the Muskogee Phoenix article, as directed by our Chairman, David Ballew, or possibly even the Chief. I stand by what I said 100 percent."

Reynolds went on to write he would not have made the investment in Global Energy Group because of what a former employer told him:

"Never deal with venture capitalist. Never buy anything unless you buy 100 percent. Never buy start-up deals."

Reynolds wrote his opinion wasn't hindsight, but very objective, adding he was there "to try and clean this mess up! But I will not hide documents, and I will not lie."

"You decide if you want professional help (20 years with a Fortune 500 Company at the top level ...) and the truth, or if you want to stick your heads in the sand and hide from the truth! Just let me know! I was retired when I took this job, and I can be again!"

Reynolds declined comment Thursday, saying he was on his way to a hospital because of bleeding ulcers and had been instructed all statements to the media should go through Mike Miller.

Miller is the spokesman for the tribal administration and Cherokee Nation Businesses.

One of Reynolds' Monday communications mentioned he had a Monday

phone conversation with Ballew. But Miller said Ballew said in an e-mail he was on vacation and didn't speak with Reynolds on Monday. Ballew said CNI's interim CEO, Bryan Collins, did speak with Reynolds.

"No one was asked to change their personal opinion, but certainly we wanted to make sure that everything reported in the paper was accurate," Ballew told Miller.

Ballew said the communications group noticed two spelling errors in the July 28 article and urged CNI to let them know if there were any factual errors regarding CNI in the article. Ballew noted that was pretty standard procedure — to make sure internal facts are true.

Reynolds' Monday communications indicate statements attributed to him were true.

Reynolds wrote CNI officials he hadn't said anything about Global Energy Group that its CPA hadn't put in Security and Exchange Commission reports and added a SEC investigation into the matter was far from over.

"I am getting really tired of screwing with these people and this deal," Reynolds wrote. "The facts are they bilked the Cherokees out of millions of dollars."

Reynolds wrote that CNI needed to quit delaying and making advisory board members (three tribal Councilors) go through the Freedom of Information Act to get information.

Reynolds wrote he did not believe FOIA applies "unless you can get an attorney to give me an opinion otherwise. I don't plan on playing hide and seek again. It's utter nonsense."

Ballew told Miller on Thursday the information requested by an advisory board member (Councilor Linda O'Leary) has been supplied to her.

Reach reporter Donna Hales at 684-2923 or dhales@muskogee phoenix.com.

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