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Delaware Tribe Regains Federal Recognition

Chief Jerry Douglas proudly announces, "Delaware Federal Recognition is restored."



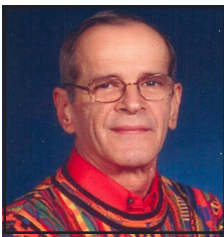
On Tuesday, August 11, 2009 the Delaware Tribe of Indians was published in the Federal Register list of Federally Recognized Tribes, once again restoring our rights as a federally recognized Indian tribe. This action came as a result of the Secretarial election held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in which our tribal members overwhelmingly voted to ratify the

Tribe's 1982 constitution as amended through November 1, 2008, subject to the October 24, 2008 Memorandum of Agreement between the Delaware Tribe and the Cherokee Nation. The election was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Tribe in accordance with Part 81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations. A memo from the Dept. of Interior received by the tribe on July 28, 2009 stated the election was carried out properly and the tribe's constitution was accepted by the Dept. of Interior, the memo further stated that the tribe will be included on the next list of recognized tribal entities. Copies of these may be printed from the tribe's official website:

www.delawaretribe.org.

Call To General Council Saturday November 14, 2009

Trust Board Chairman Raymond M. Cline and Chief Jerry Douglas jointly call for the Delaware Tribes Annual General Council to be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009. This



years meeting will be held from 1:00 p.m to 4 p.m. at the Delaware Tribal Community Center located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, OK. Both the Chief and the Chairman (or their designated spokespersons) will give the State of the Tribe & Trust Address. General Council allows tribal members

to give their elected leaders input and guidance for the upcoming year. Every tribal member counts! Please put this date on your calendar and make plans to be in attendance.

General Council Agenda

Call to Order
Roll Call - Trust / Council
Treasurer's Report
State of the Trust Address
State of the Tribe Address
Committee Reports
Old Business
New Business
Adjourn

Oklahoma Tribes Approved To Issue \$90 Million In Bonds

September 15, 2009 -- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has approved the plans of four Oklahoma Tribes to issue \$22.5 million apiece in tax-exempt bonds for economic development and infrastructure projects.

The projects proposed for the bond issues include projects for the Kaw Nation, the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma, the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Fort Sill Apache Tribe.

Earlier this year, as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the IRS

established a new tax-exempt Tribal Economic Development Bond (TEDB). The IRS set a \$2 billion cap on the total amount of amount of TEDBs that could be issued nationwide.

The maximum possible bond allocation a Tribe could receive was \$30 million.

"We are extremely excited," says Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe. "We have had this project in mind for a long time. When completed,

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Notice of Tribal Election Saturday November 7, 2009

Tribal members are hereby notified that elections for (3) Trust Board Member Positions and approval of the annual Trust Board budget for FY 2010 will be held by referendum and walk-in vote on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

Tribal members are encouraged to have a correct address with the Election committee as ballots will be mailed to all voting age tribal members Monday, October 5, 2009.

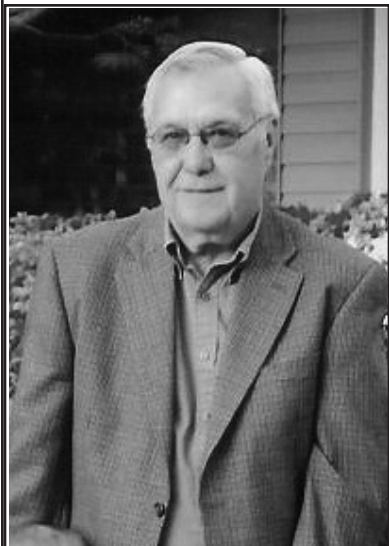
A polling place will be available for those wishing to place their ballots

in person at the Delaware Tribal Community Center from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The community center is located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, OK.

All mail in ballots must be received at the Delaware Tribe Election Committee Post Office box by noon delivery Saturday, November 7, 2009. Those ballots not received by that date will not be counted. Tribal members are urged to mail their ballots back as soon as possible.

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A message From Chief Jerry Douglas



Dear relatives, friends and tribal members: I am pleased and honored to announce that our FEDERAL RECOGNITION HAS BEEN RESTORED. Myself and others have worked diligently to accomplish this goal and see our great tribe returned to its rightful place among federally recognized tribes. We now must begin the momentous task of rebuilding our programs and completing our economic development projects that were put on hold while we were not recognized.

Our November tribal election to be held on Saturday, November 7 will require your vote to select three (3) trust board members. The tribal members selected by popular vote to fill these

positions should have the best interest of our tribe at heart. They should be fair, justice minded and willing to work in harmony with other members of the trust board and tribal council. I would also like to invite all tribal members to attend our annual general council to be held on Saturday, November 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The majority of our elected members are a good group of mature, level minded, fair and balanced tribal officials. The people we elect in November to serve will play a role in the future of our tribe and the successful accomplishment of our long range tribal goals. It is important the we elect tribal members that are

seasoned, grounded and proven. Choose your candidates wisely and choose those who are people that do not have an axe to grind and have a sincere desire to serve the Delaware people and advance our tribe both economically and culturally. Your help and your vote is needed to insure that our elected officials are a cohesive team rather than a family feuding in a burning house. As Chief I am supporting the re-election of Wayne Stull, and your choice of the Brooks family candidates and hope that you will too! Thank You and May God Bless and Keep You and Yours.
Chief Jerry Douglas

Attention: Minutes of both Tribal Council and Trust Board are posted monthly on the official Tribal Web site. Registration, Education and other information may also be found there.

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From the Desk of Assistant Chief Wayne Stull:

Well these are very busy times and there is so much going on that it is difficult to isolate all of the issues that I would like to share with you. So, I will start and hopefully bring you up to date without leaving out something important.

First and foremost, Congratulations! We are once again a member of a Federally Recognized Tribe. Chief Douglas and this administration have kept a campaign promise and on August 11, 2009 the Delaware Tribe of Indians was recorded in the federal register among the "Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs."

I humbly request your vote to continue serving our great tribe

as a member of our Trust Board. Presently, I am serving as the Vice-Chairman of the Trust Board and ask that you cast your vote for me so that I can continue to represent all of our tribal members in the responsible governance of our fiduciary matters.

There were several economic development projects that were halted at the time our federal recognition was withdrawn, and now is the time to start where we stopped. We are now seeking financing to move forward in the implementation of several projects and I need your support and vote so that I may continue the work that we have started. As you know economic development and the growth of our tribe through business and industrial development is a subject that is very serious to me. Currently, I serve as

your Assistant Chief, Vice-Chair of the Trust Board, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Chair of the Delaware Enterprises Corporation, Vice-President of Delaware Enterprise Authority and many other volunteer committees. My dedication and loyalty to the Delaware Tribe and goals for its growth and prosperity for all tribal members is evident. Now that we are federally recognized, we expect to announce major developments within our tribal economic development program that will be a benefit to all tribal members.

If you cast your vote to re-elect me I promise responsible, fair and honest leadership that includes a vision of greatness for the future of our tribe. With your vote and support we will succeed. I am supporting the election



of Chester and Ian Brooks for Trust Board and I hope you will to!

May God Bless and keep you and yours. See you at General Council Saturday, November 14, 2009.

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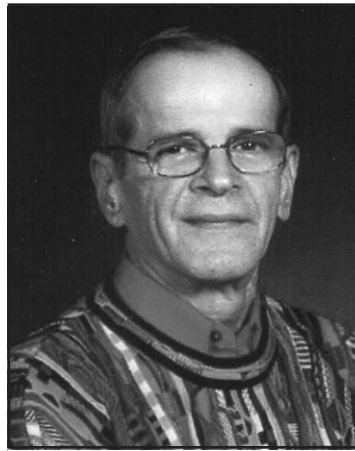
The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is February 15, 2010 for the March 2010 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the D.I.N. office or email to dtriberegistration@yahoo.com.

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From the desk of: Trust Board Chairman: Raymond M. Cline...

Greetings and Salutations to all my fellow Tribal Members, I hope this October 2009 issue of the Delaware Indian News finds all tribal members



well and my prayers are with those families who have loved ones serving in the military. As you know from the recent tribal mailing our **FEDERAL RECOGNITION HAS BEEN RESTORED**. This is the long awaited and exciting news we've been waiting for. I wish to express my THANKS to all who worked tirelessly to make this happen and to those tribal members who participated in the Secretarial Election. The Chief, Tribal Council, Trust Board, Attorneys and staff worked hard to get this accomplished. Now we must begin the journey to reestablish the many programs lost and apply for new and better services for our tribal members. With our restored recognition we can now pursue the needed funding to establish our economic development and growth. It is again election time for three positions on the Trust Board and to approve our annual Trust Budget for 2010. Our annual budget utilizes

the interest earned on our invested trust fund monies. By approving our annual budget the Trust Committees can continue to provide services to our tribal members. The Tribe and the Trust have received good audits for 2007, our 2008 is nearing completion and we are preparing for our 2009 audits, we expect nothing but good reports. Our annual budget includes Education, Land Management, Community Services, Economic Development, Cultural Preservation, Tribal Operations and Reinvestment. These committees provide many services to tribal members including, but not limited to, scholarships, school supplies, athletic and academic assistance, utility, rental, dental, medical, student & elder eyeglass assistance, prescription assistance for our elders and many cultural programs & festivities. The Economic Development committee explores economic ventures for tribal business possibilities, Land Management provides maintenance for our tribally owned properties, Reinvestment ensures that a portion of our money is reinvested and monies are allocated to provide for staff to ensure the programs are operated efficiently. ALL of these programs are available for the benefit of tribal members and the tribe as a whole. It is important that you examine your choices of candidates for office and choose those that will work to ensure your rights as tribal members and be a good steward for our trust monies. Elect officials who have a vision for the future and are willing to work in HARMONY to achieve those goals. We must insure that tribal members rights are protected regardless of where they live, choose your candidates wisely. We all have families that live

outside of the Bartlesville area or out of state and are not sometimes available to travel to our annual general council meeting (maybe we should consider having location roving General Councils to allow input from all tribal members), the fact remains they are DELAWARE tribal members, their ancestors are our ancestors! We should not exclude them just because the circumstances of their lives do not permit them to live here or the luxury of traveling here.

I know that to be a strong force the Trust Board and the Tribal Council must work together toward the goals set. By electing those persons that have similar interests in seeing the success of our economic development program, these goals can be accomplished. We as a tribe can then provide the much needed services, jobs and education opportunities to our tribal members regardless of where they live. I consider all our tribal elections important. It is a time for our tribal members, regardless of where they live, to choose the person or persons they feel will do the best job to ensure that our tribe continues looking forward and support our economic development projects currently being developed. That the candidate of their choice makes decisions that will ensure a harmonious, fair and well informed tribal government and makes decisions that will affect the future of our tribe wisely. WE must take care that those elected do not stall the growth of the tribe, choose your candidates wisely.

I wish all Tribal Members a wonderful upcoming Holiday season. Raymond M Cline

From the Desk of Thomas J. Peckham, Attorney



Thomas J. Peckham
Nordhaus Law Firm, LLP

Congratulations! I am ecstatic that the Tribe's separate federal recognition was restored through the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Election held on May 26. The day after, the overwhelming results of that election were certified by the BIA Regional Director, which lawfully restored the Tribe's recognition independent of the Cherokee Nation. May 27, 2009 is your independence day, at least with respect to the government-to-government relationship with the United States. It was a long four-and-a-half years, but it is over.

With the publication of the Tribe's name on the List of Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States on August 11, the last formal step was completed. I believe the Tribe will never have to confront this issue again and that the roller coaster ride of the last century is history. Because of a 1990s law, the BIA cannot do what it did to the Tribe in 1979. While separate recognition came with a cost--the Memorandum of Agreement with the Cherokee Nation--I am confident that the Tribe will find ways to prosper both governmentally and economically.

Much remains to be done to build that future, and your current and future tribal leaders will need your support, and your patience, as they turn to the task of rebuilding the Tribe's infrastructure and planning for the future. But for today, take a moment to celebrate the Tribe's restoration. It seemed like a long time, but compared to the even longer road

faced by most tribes, it was quite short. Congratulations.

Next Steps

With the restoration issue finally behind the Tribe, several other issues that I have written about over the past years await final resolution.

We will move forward with the settlement in the breach of trust case filed in the Court of Federal Claims ("CFC Action") in 2002. Resolution of that case became intertwined with the recognition issue because of the prospect of using the same piece of legislation to address both. That is no longer necessary.

Tribal Trust Funds

When we ran into obstacles in the Senate with the restoration legislation and Interior saw the need to shift the recognition issues to the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, it became apparent that it might be possible to receive some of the funds to which the Tribe's government is entitled under 25 U.S.C. § 164 more quickly through an administrative request. Under that statute, those funds come directly to the Tribe for tribal purposes. Those funds have not yet been released, and legislation might actually occur first, but much progress has been made.

Other funds to which the Tribe is entitled are embedded in the legislation that we will try to have passed by the end of the year. Congressman Sullivan remains very supportive of the Tribe, and there is hope that we will be able to move the legislation quickly (now that restoration of recognition is no longer a part of it). The total to which the Tribe is entitled is roughly \$1.4 million.

Per Capita Funds

Some of the money related to the CFC Action and the 1980 Delaware Judgment Funds Act will be (or has been) distributed directly to Tribal members as per capita payments. Please read the following very carefully to see if you are entitled to a payment and when you can reasonably expect that you might receive a payment.

First, only Tribal members who were enrolled in the Tribe as of August 1, 1980 and on the roll of Tribal members prepared by the Department

of the Interior pursuant to the 1980 Act will receive payments. If you were not enrolled on that date, you will not receive any payments.

Second, it is important to realize that there are two sources of payments, totaling roughly \$1.9 million.

The first source of per capita payments is related to a case filed in a federal court in Idaho in the 1980s that lay dormant for more than two decades until it was rediscovered in relation to the CFC Action. (The Tribe and its members are not parties, so we had no practical way to know about it.) It involves only Tribal members born on or after October 4, 1972 and on or before August 1, 1980 and who were on the 1980 Act roll. Many of those members have already received checks. We are also in the process of preparing another list of names and addresses for the court. (If you have contacted the Tribe or me since July 2008, your name and updated address will be included on that list.) If you meet the criteria mentioned above (born between those dates and on the 1980 roll) and you have not received a check or contacted the Tribe recently, please send your current information to the Tribe at dtriberegistration@yahoo.com or write 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006. These payments are in the \$900 range and account for about \$1.2 million of the \$1.9 million in total per capita payments.

The second source of per capita payments is tied into resolution of the CFC Action. At some point in

the future (but not now) the roughly 9,000 Tribal members on the 1980 roll should receive per capita payments of roughly \$85. But there are several steps that must occur first. One, either legislation must be passed by Congress or a separate settlement agreement through the Court must be put into place by a court order. (For reasons too complicated to address here, Congress may well be the faster approach.) Two, the 1980 Act roll must be updated with current addresses for as many of those 9,000 Tribal members as possible. Third, unless the settlement is part of legislation, federal law will likely require that the Tribe go through a lengthy process to establish a "use or distribution plan." That can take a year or more. In short, it could still be one or more years before any of the "second group" checks go out.

Please, keep your address current with the Tribe. It not only will make any per capita distribution easier when it is time, but it also is the only way to receive this newspaper and to make sure you are aware of Tribal activities, including elections.

Again, congratulations on the restoration of your separate Tribal recognition. It is an honor to work with the Tribe. You have a long and proud history in the face of tremendous adversity. Over the past years, I have seen the commitment and perseverance of your Tribal leaders and of many Tribal members. You have much to be proud of. Celebrate and honor your past and your future.

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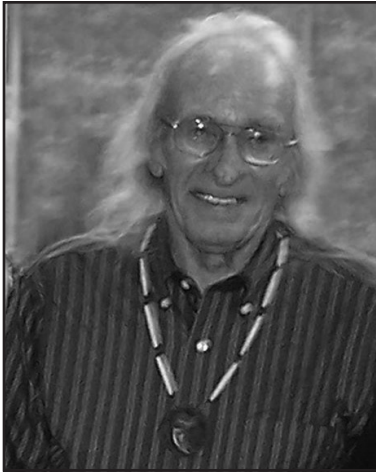
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Candidates for Trust Board Members



Chester "Chet" Brooks, Jr.

Delaware Friends and Relatives: OUR FEDERAL RECOGNITION HAS BEEN RESTORED UNDER THE OKLAHOMA INDIAN WELFARE ACT, just like our Chief, myself and most other Council and Trust Board Members said it would be, almost a year ago in last years election. All of our Tribal Leaders, both past and present, who have struggled with this problem for Thirty (30) years SHOULD BE HONORED. I personally saw this hiatus coming in the early 1970's upon first reading Weslager's book, "The Delaware Indians - A History." My thought then was that there was no way our people ever would have done what Weslager described in his closing chapters. About 10 years later - 1982 - after reading some of Richard C. Adams works I knew that our side of the picture was very different than some historians or court actions reported - this was 3 years after the BIA's illicit action of leaving us off the first ever published list of Federally Recognized Tribes in 1979.

Do you know that in 1988 I became convinced it was the fraud of our Kansas Agent, John G. Pratt, that had done our Tribe in during both 1866 and our so called April 8, 1867 Agreement. It was evident after personally traveling to Washington, DC, visiting the Bureau of Archives and obtaining microfilm copies of my Third Great Grandfather John Anderson Sarcoxie's and Capt. Falleaf's protest letters.

Do you know that in 1991 I personally traveled to the NCAI (National Congress of American

Indians) meeting in San Francisco at my own personal expense - our tribe then lacked the funds to send any Elected Officials. At the said NCAI meeting I was introduced to a Menominee Indian woman who was running for Congress in Wisconsin, Ada Deer. She wondered why an Oklahoma Indian would make a small political contribution to her political campaign in Wisconsin. I truthfully answered because I know you played a large part in your own Tribes restoration and if you are elected perhaps you can help my tribe in its restoration. She did not win her seat in Congress but little did I know then she would be appointed Assistant Secretary of Interior - BIA. She certainly did help.

Do you know that in 1994 I was the campaign stalwart and largest contributor to Lenape Candidates for Tribal Independence? We won 3 of 4 seats and within the week me and my third Son Ian were in Denver, Colorado, again at my own expense, trying to help get a resolution supporting our Tribal Recognition at NCAI. We were successful that year. Our Tribal Delegation had not been successful in that same regard the prior year.

Do you know that in 1995 I was in Washington, DC, again at my own expense, carrying a sign in an HONOR OUR TREATIES PARADE? The sign said, "FEDERAL RECOGNITION IS NOT A LIST - TWENTY - TWO TREATIES PROVE MY TRIBE EXISTS" Ada Deer, then Assistant Secretary of Interior - BIA and a Solicitor caught me on the Capital steps and wanted their picture taken beside me holding up the sign. A year later, after she had reinstated our recognition retroactive to 1979, she sent me a personal letter thanking me for my stalwart support in achieving our recognition. IMHO, it is her I and My Tribe should THANK. THANK YOU ADA DEER, I know you are proud of our recovery and restoration to federal recognition under OIWA. Thanks are also due to my oldest Son and third Son who are Trust Board candidates in this election. They both worked many years in several smoke shops, keeping them going while the above was accomplished. I have almost run my limit on space so I will let my two sons

continue our family history, where our Tribe has been and where we are going.

When elected I promise to uphold the Constitution and Trust Document and member rights nationwide, so long as the Great Spirit allows me to continue my walk on good green Mother Earth. Wanishi, Chet Brooks.



Ian Nathaniel Brooks

To All My Lenape - Delaware Relatives:

My Brother has given you the first 6 generations. The 7th generation was our 4th Great Grandfather John Anderson Sarcoxie (Lenape for Tall), born in 1784 on the Upper Sandusky River-Ohio Country. His Father was Kick-Tha-We-Nund, aka William Anderson. He was born c. 1750 at Beaver Creek (20 - 30 miles West of Ft. Pitt). His Mother was Daughter to John Killbuck, our 7th GGF. He marked that first U.S. Treaty in 1778 along with Capt. Pipe and White Eyes. Our 8th GGF was Netawatwes aka Newcomer. Netawatwes retired to the spirit world on Oct. 31, 1776 while at the second U.S. verbal treaty meeting- where the revolutionaries asked us to convince as many tribes as possible to remain neutral in the revolution. There would never have been a U.S. if we had not done so. Netawatwes Mother (our 9th GGM) was the Daughter of Tammanend or Tammany that made a Treaty with William Penn in 1683. Many years latter, the men of George Washington's Army dubbed Tammany "Americas Patron Saint," as they celebrated survival of their hungry winter at Valley Forge on Mayday, aka "St. Tammany Day." Relatives - Twelve generations back to the Lenape Indian Tammany. All Delaware's have similar genealogy. A "SAINT'S"

Grandchildren have the privilege to be LENAPE and obligation to continue support of our Tribe, as our ancestors did.

I was born January 23, 1981 at the Claremore, OK Indian Hospital. My Dad entered the Indian Tobacco business when I was less than 3 years old and I have been involved with our Tribe all of my almost 29 years. My Dad and older Brother were very busy founding and managing nine Indian Smoke Shops and doing the things for our Tribe that my dad describes well and truthfully in his BIO. Because of these reasons my younger Brother Lee and Sister Chimalus and myself were home schooled until I was 13 years old. Lee and myself then went to the Elliot Academy for further education and my only Sister Chimalus decided she wanted to attend High School and started public schooling in 9th grade, graduated from Charles Page High School, Sand Springs, OK and is now in her third year at University of Oklahoma studying foreign languages. Her higher education was possible, because of a Gates Millennium Scholarship, which she could qualify for, only if she had a CDIB Card showing the blood of a "Federally Recognized Tribe." In 1999, I became the Owner of the only Indian Smoke Shop, Oklahoma City - City limits. Of nine smoke shops our family started, it was the only one that did not make substantial money. In fact, we still owe a relative a substantial sum of money he loaned me, guaranteed by my dad. I have personally experienced both the 8 successes and 1 failure in the Indian Tobacco Business. Because of this, I know our Tribe must preserve and grow our Trust Funds. I also know our Tribes hope for our future rest in economic development and the willingness and effort of our youth to advance. I agree with my Dad when he says "SUCCESS IS JUST A MEASURE OF HOW FAR WE BOUNCE, AFTER WE HIT BOTTOM." As a Tribe, we have recently been bottom, since before my birth, when we lost our Fed. Recognition in 1979. As youthful candidates for the Office of Trust Board

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Member both my Brother, myself and our Elder Father seek permission and the vote from our Elders to be on the Trust Board. We also seek the vote and youthful efforts of all Tribal Members in the forthcoming Election and more participation in all of the business of our Tribe.



Robert E. (Reb) Brooks.

Lenape Brothers, Sisters and All of my Delaware Relatives:

I am a candidate for Trust Board for reasons to be explained shortly. My Brother and I are the 10th Great Grandsons of and the twelfth Generation following the Great Lenape Chief Tammany, who marked the Treaty - Land Deed with William Penn in 1683. Our Father is Chester (Chet) Brooks, A/K/A "Achi."- A Lenape nickname. We are the Grandsons of the late Helen Louise (Camp) Brooks. Our Great Grandmother was Mary Sarcoxie, Dawes Roll #31323. Our 2nd Great Grandfather was Little John Sarcoxie, Roll #119D (the D means he was a registered Delaware that had come here from Kansas and that he was still living when Dawes Roll was taken). Our 3rd Great Grandfather was Ta-mun-do-a-wa (killed on a buffalo hunt when Little John was a small boy so Little John was raised by his Grandfather). That's six generations back and I will let my brother pick it up with the six generations that preceded them.

I was born in Yreka, Calif. 1963 - my dad was a forestry student and working for the US Forest Service. We then lived in Eureka, Calif. For

6 months where my dad attended Humboldt State University. The next three years were spent in Stillwater, OK while my dad finished his degree. After that, we moved to Ok. City for 2 years and Greensboro, NC for 2 years while my dad worked for Southern Pine Association. We then moved to Shreveport, LA for 4-½ years where my Dad was top-salesman for a large wood preserving Corp. While there my Dad bought a sailboat when he received his \$1,300 + "Delaware Indian Money." He was also a leader in our Cub Scout Pack. We then moved to Washington, DC for 2 years where my Dad was Exec. Vice President of a Wood Treating Association. While in DC, I really enjoyed several trips to the Smithsonian Museum and sailing on the Potomac River. I know my Father developed his ability to find old documents at the Bureau of Archives while there. As I write this campaign bio my Dad is preparing to travel to Delaware Water Gap, PA to respectfully help rebury the remains of 101 of our Lenape Ancestors - again he is traveling on his own very limited money but this time it will be reimbursed by a Smithsonian Grant within a couple of weeks. In 1976, we moved to Tulsa and my dad became a Lumber Broker. The Lumber business was not very good monetarily to our family but while my Dad struggled to make a living, I attended East Central High School.

In 1984, My Uncle Larry Joe Brooks and my Dad started the first Native American Tobacco Store within the City Limits of Tulsa, OK. My Uncle had been the Manager at the first & 2nd Indian Smoke Shops in Oklahoma starting in 1978. The State of Oklahoma filed criminal charges against my Uncle and Dad after they had been open less than three weeks. My relatives went to Tulsa County State Criminal Court and the Court correctly found them "NOT GUILTY." The State of Okla. Appealed these charges through the State Court of Criminal Appeals, The Federal 10th Circuit Ct. of Appeals and finally to the U.S. Supreme Court where we won. I say, "WE WON" because I went to work at that first Tulsa Smoke Shop

in 1985 and spent over 11 years as the Manager at one Smoke Shop while my Dad did the things for our Tribe he describes in his article in this issue of DIN. Actually, it was all 39 of the Tribes in Oklahoma who won because of this type of Court action. Since I am out of space, I will let my Brother Ian conclude.

When elected to the Trust Board I promise to uphold the Delaware Constitution & to protect the rights of Tribal Members, nationwide. I respectfully ask your votes for my Father, my Brother and myself.
Wanishita Robert E. (Reb) Brooks.



Kenneth (Kenny) Brown

He, I Kenneth (Kenny) Brown declare my candidacy for the Delaware Tribal Trust Board. My wife, Vicky, and I were married over thirty-nine (39) years ago and live in Catoosa, OK. I have three (3) children Kenneth D. Brown, Rusty Creed Brown, and Carri Hope Brown-Hosey. My wife and I also have one (1) grandchild Alyssa Quay Hosey. My mother is Dorothy Wilson-Jackson; whom grew up on her father's allotment near Delaware, OK. My grandparents are Anderson Wilson and Lillie Parker-Wilson. My great-grandparents were born on our last reservation and moved to Indian Territory in the late 1860's when our tribe was removed from Kansas.

I grew up mostly in Tulsa; however, spent much time with my grandparents and family in Delaware, Nowata, and Chelsea. I graduated from McLain High School in Tulsa. Upon graduation, I entered the United States Army and proudly served six (6) years. I also proudly served in the Air National Guard for one (1)

year and am a Vietnam era veteran. I am a structural steel draftsman and have worked for Mid-West Detailing Co. for almost thirty (30) years. My primary job is checking shop fabrication drawings for accuracy. Like my grandfather Anderson Wilson and my Uncle Isaac "Ike" Secondine before me, both who went to Washington D.C. in the 1920's to fight for our treaty rights regarding the Kansas Reservation Land Payment, I too am devoted to the preservation of our tribal culture and traditions. I am an active member of the Lenape Gourd society and Lenape Veterans colorgaurd. I participate in our traditional Lenape dances and I also enjoy participating in powwows; I am a southern straight dancer. My Lenape name is Oka-SHEE-heluk, bestowed on me by Ceremonial Chief Leonard Thompson in a traditional Lenape Ceremony. Since our tribe has been restored as a federally recognized tribe, which I voted for, I feel it is crucial that our trust monies be accurately maintained and wisely spent. I believe, for the unity of our tribe and for the advancement of our tribal programs, we must adhere to the Tribal Trust Document guidelines.

I thank you for your support in this election and am excited about serving all our tribal members on the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board.

Wanishi, Kenny Brown



Rusty Creed Brown

My name is Rusty Creed Brown and I am running for a seat on the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board. I was born in Tulsa, OK on April 21, 1973 and grew up in Catoosa, OK.

My parents are Kenny Brown

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Canidates for Trust Board Members, continued

Brown

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and Vicky Baker-Brown. I have one older half-brother Ken D. Brown and a younger sister, Carrie Hope Brown-Hosey. My Delaware grandmother is Dorothy Wilson-Jackson. My Delaware great-grandparents are Anderson Wilson and Lillie Parker-Wilson. My Delaware great-great-grandparents are, Adam Wilson, Amanda Bascomb-Wilson, George Parker, and Mary Bigfield-Parker

While at the Univeristy of Alaska, I studied Natural Sciences, and received my B.S. in December 1998. Once I finished my undergraduate degree I moved back to Tulsa. Shortly thereafter, I applied to the University of Tulsa and was accepted into both law school and graduate school. While at law school I focused my studies on Federal Indian Law and Environmental and Natural Resource Law. At graduate school, I continued my studies of Geology. I am currently a candidate for an LL.M., a Master of Laws. My course of study is Native American and Indigenous Peoples Law.

I have spent most of my professional career working for and with tribal nations. In 2004, I was hired by the Osage Nation as its Natural Resources Specialist. While working for the Osage their Principal Chief recruited me to be the Director of the Child Support Services program. I accepted and wrote the departments policies, procedures, and codes; ultimately getting the department funded and working child support cases.

In 2007, I become the Policy Analyst for the Sac and Fox Nation, where I advised the Principal Chief and the Business Committee on various types of policies ranging from internal Human Resource policies to federal legislative matters, which may affect the Sac and Fox Nation. Currently, I serve the Sac and Fox Nation as its Tribal Administrator and oversee approximately 250 employees and all federal and tribal programs.

I have also had the pleasure and the honor to serve our people for two years as an Associate Judge on the Delaware Tribal Court. During

this time I learned many things and I want to continue serving our people.

With the current federal restoration of our tribe, now is not the time for stagnation, but rather it is a time for new creative thought, which will help us move forward. Now is a time to listen to our elders, listen to our people, and listen to our children; knowing that we are working for the preservation of our culture and our heritage, and following the path of our ancestors as strong and proud Lenape people.

I have the qualities, education, and experience to help our people and look forward to serving. I ask for your support as a candidate for the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board.

Wanishi, Rusty

Please contact me with any questions, rusty.creed@gmail.com or 918.519.6063.



Greg Carpenter

Summary of Qualifications and Declaration of Canidacy

My name is Greg Carpenter and I am declaring my candidacy for the role of Trust Board Member with the Delaware Tribe. While history and tradition are the most important aspects in the lives of the Delaware, I feel we need to develop a forward-looking approach to tribal management. Regaining Federal recognition is our chance to legitimize ourselves and will allow us the tools we need to become a strong tribe. The strength we need to succeed lies in our past, though we need to use that strength into the future.

While the Delaware tribe is trying to reestablish itself here in Oklahoma, I feel we need to build a presence nationally and strengthen our ties with other tribes and the government. We need to the other tribes to maintain stability and sustainability of traditions and customs and we need

the government to provide us with infrastructure and to educate our youth. As I am still in college at Oklahoma State, I realize how fast the world is changing and how hard college can be if you are unable to afford tuition, books, and the basic essentials in life. Meaningful careers and tribal business are important for sustaining the tribe, especially careers are businesses that keep the money in our community. I believe that small businesses owned by Delaware tribal members that employ other tribal members are the major key to economic success in the tribe. I would support any measure to create and expand business on tribal land. I will strive hard to make sure that growth in the strength, knowledge, and economy of the Delaware tribe is on the front of the agenda. I think that transparency in how we go about this is not only important, but very crucial, to how our tribe develops over the next few years. I know that by making me one of your Trust Board members, the tribe can succeed. Thank you very much.



Wayne Stull

Hello to all Tribal members, my name is Wayne Stull and as you know I have been serving our great tribe since 2002 when I was appointed to fill vacated terms on the Tribal Council and Trust Board. I have been very honored to serve the tribe and its members. I am a very Proud Delaware Indian and I would appreciate your continued vote of confidence in allowing me to continue serving you. Currently, I serve as your Assistant Chief, Vice-Chair of the Trust Board, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Chair of the Delaware Enterprises

Corporation, Vice-President of Delaware Enterprise Authority and many other volunteer committees. My dedication and loyalty to the Delaware Tribe and goals for its growth and prosperity for all tribal members is evident. I would like to see our many economic development projects come to fruition. These projects have been in a holding pattern while we were not recognized. Several projects are going to put our tribe in the forefront of technology and are unique to Indian Country businesses, I would like the opportunity to see these business successfully off the ground, as they will be part of the positive legacy left for our children's and grandchildren's future.

I am Proud to say that I was a part of the team that was successful in the RESTORATION OF OUR FEDERAL RECOGNITION and want to say Thank You tribal members for your support. I am looking forward to being able to ensure that our tribe is once again a leader among tribes. I want the tribe to be a trendsetter in its business ventures and services provided to all tribal members. I ask for your support to let me continue in these endeavors so that our economic development program can achieve the goals set.

Now a little about myself, I am a successful semi-retired businessman, owning several smoke shops, mail order and ebay businesses, I am able to devote much time and energy to tribal activities. I served in the Army Reserves and understand issues facing our veteran's today. I grew up in the Bartlesville - Dewey area and have lived here most of my life. I have been married to my wife Joyce who is also from this area for more than 36 years. I have one stepson and a granddaughter. My parents were the late A.E. "Gene" and Bonita "Winn" Stull. My grandfather is the late Clem Winn. I attended both OSU and NSU. I am a member of the North Eastern Oklahoma Better Business Bureau, Native American Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President of the Tobacco Retailers Alliance of Oklahoma and NATO the National

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Association of Tobacco Outlets. I have always been a long time advocate of Native American rights and tribal sovereignty. I am an elder, a parent and a grandparent, I have a vision of greatness for our grand tribe and feel that we must leave our children a positive legacy and self-sufficiency. We must be stewards of our culture, ensuring that the generations to come understand our history.

I will offer you continued leadership with harmony, honesty and integrity. I am available to all tribal members and welcome your ideas and suggestions. I THANK YOU for your support in allowing me to continue serving you as Trust Board member.

John W. Sumpter

Candidate information not available at press time.

Editor

Attention: All candidate information is printed as submitted by the candidates.

Bonds

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the project will benefit Kay County and surrounding communities.”

The bond applications were prepared and submitted with the help of attorneys Ken Bellmard and Valerie Devol from Rubenstein McCormick and Pitts in Edmond, Oklahoma.

“Tribes have long needed easier access to the capital markets to finance economic development and infrastructure projects,” Bellmard says. “Our hope is that this stimulus program will help demonstrate that investments in Tribal projects are safe and profitable.”

Devol agrees. “Many people have been hesitant to invest in Tribal projects in the past without realizing the tremendous opportunities and advantages Tribes have to offer. Through this bond program, we can now promote these benefits to a wider audience.”

Tribes that receive bond allocations have until December 31, 2010, to actually issue the bonds.

<http://www.okcommerce.gov>

**2010 Trust Board Budget
Justification (below) &
Sample Ballot (right)**

Our annual budget utilizes the interest earned on our invested trust fund monies. By approving our annual budget the Trust Committees can continue to provide services to our tribal members. The Tribe and the Trust have received good audits for 2007, our 2008 is nearing completion and we are preparing for our 2009 audits, we expect nothing but good reports. Our annual budget includes Education, Land Management, Community Services, Economic Development, Cultural Preservation, Tribal Operations and Reinvestment. These committees provide many services to tribal members including, but not limited to, scholarships, school supplies, athletic and academic assistance, utility, rental, dental, medical, student & elder eyeglass assistance, prescription assistance for our elders and many cultural programs & festivities. The Economic Development committee explores economic ventures for tribal business possibilities, Land Management provides maintenance for our tribally owned properties, Reinvestment ensures that a portion of our money is reinvested and monies are allocated to provide for staff to ensure the programs are operated efficiently. ALL of these programs are available for the benefit of tribal members and the tribe as a whole.

**Exercise
Your Rights,
Vote!!!!**

OFFICIAL BALLOT
DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
GENERAL ELECTION
Bartlesville, Oklahoma
November 7, 2009



This is your secret ballot.
Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.
DO NOT ERASE
TO VOTE: USE A #2 PENCIL (NO INK)
Complete the arrow(s) ← → ←
pointing to your choice(s), like this ←

TRUST BOARD MEMBER

(select (3) three only)

CHESTER L. BROOKS, JR. ←

IAN NATHANIEL BROOKS ←

ROBERT EDWARD BROOKS ←

KENNETH ANDERSON BROWN ←

RUSTY CREED BROWN ←

GREGORY ERIC CARPENTER, JR. ←

WAYNE E. STULL ←

JOHN W. SUMPTER ←

**TRUST BOARD
BUDGETABLE INCOME
CALCULATIONS
2010 BUDGET**

The total amount to budget is \$119,505.

Reinvestment's 10% of total	\$11,951
Cultural Preservation's 5% of total	\$5,975
Land Management's 5% of total	\$5,975
Economic Development's 25% of total	\$29,876
Community Service's 25% of total	\$29,876
Education's 20% of total	\$23,901
Tribal Operation's 10% of total	\$11,951
	\$119,505

I am hereby voting on the proposed FY-2010 Annual Budget for the Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians shown above.

ADOPT THE BUDGET YES ←

DO NOT ADOPT THE BUDGET NO ←

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Delawares in the News

Dear Delaware Indian News:

I'm a member of the tribe, and I love getting the newspaper! Here is a copy of my newest book, *Godless*. It has a wonderful Foreword by Richard Dawkins and blurbs from other well-known scientists and thinkers.

I know the subject matter is controversial, but although I'm sure most Delaware Indians are now Christian, we do not all think the same. After all, Christianity was the European (via middle-eastern) religion that was forced on our tribe after our traditional beliefs and history were wiped out.

My great-grandmother, Elizabeth Wolf, was a granddaughter of Chief Ketchum in Kansas. She married Jack Curtis Barker in a Delaware ceremony in Oklahoma. In my new book, I mention the Delaware (Lenape) Tribe a number of times, as a Delaware child growing up in Indian Territory in northern Oklahoma.

On page 325 I mention a conversation with a Navajo. Where I tell him that I am a proud Delaware (Lenape).

I think this would be a nice mention in the "Delawares in the News" section of DIN.

Dan Barker
dbarker@ffrf.org

Just a note to thank you and the Council for all your work in restoring our Federal Recognition. You can take pride in knowing that future generations will enjoy membership in the Delaware Tribe as a result of your efforts. This is your legacy for the Lenape People and everyone of us owes you a debt of gratitude.

I understand the anger and animosity that our people feel towards the Cherokee Nation. However, I have been employed by the Nation for many years and the Cherokee People have always been good to me.

My hope and prayer is that we can close this chapter and move forward with a vision for the future. A vision that includes not only economic development and social services for our people, but preservation of language

and tradition; I believe that these are what define and ensure the survival of a tribe and its people. Without it we are only a social club.

Thanks again, and please let me know if I can help.

Chris Randall

Congratulations on the passage of our Constitution and Bylaws...paving the way for the reestablishment of the Delaware Nation as a recognized tribe by the U. S. Government.

Your leadership and perseverance won the battle for us. Thank you for keeping the faith and doing what was and is right for the Delawares.

Sincerely
Roxie Cofer



Who am I?

Remember to cast your vote for Trust Board Members and the Trust Budget. Without the budget approval Committees can not provide services such as Education, Community Services or Cultural projects.



Traffic Stopping Mona Lisa Brings Classics to the Country

From Chelsea Reporter

It's certainly not what you'd expect to see on a Sunday afternoon drive in the country.

The haunting face of a stunning replica of the Mona Lisa masterpiece mystically smiling from a rural country barn.

But, if you drive out on 28 about two miles southeast of Chelsea, that's exactly what you'll find.

The beautiful painting, drawn by Roger Westenhaver, can be seen behind the home of his mother, longtime Chelsea area resident Joyce Westenhaver.

Mrs Westenhaver said her son now 48, was very young when she first recognized his artistic abilities.

She said her son has had a few classes, but she feels most of his talent is from natural ability.

"My mother, Juanita Moore, had a talent for drawing and his uncle, Chief Jerry Douglas is also a talented artist."

She said her son is a perfectionist. She has found many of his drawings in the trash, which of course she retrieved, because they were very good, although he felt not up to his standards.



Roger Westenhaver

Roger currently lives in Denver Colorado and often plans his vacation to come to Chelsea to lend his mother a helping hand around her rural property.

On his last visit, he told her the barn needed to be painted and he had an idea.

Mrs. Westenhaver laughed as she recalled telling her son, "Well, lets discuss this, because I have to live here, what do you have in mind?"

To see exactly what he had in mind just hop in the car and drive past the Westenhaver home. The sight of the beautiful Mona Lisa, painted on both sides of the barn, will surely take your breath away. The painting was completed in about two days.



If you find mistakes in this publication consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes.



Kenneth DeWayne "Whimp" Adair

August 7, 2009 Kenneth DeWayne "Whimp" Adair passed from this life. Whimp was the son of Eldridge and Fern (Ketchum) Adair. He was born August 23, 1933 in Chelsea. Kenneth attended Alluwe school and went on to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. May 28, 1978, Kenneth married Colleen Marlin in Las Vegas, NV. Kenneth worked for the Chelsea Fire Department and the Chelsea Post Office as a letter carrier. He retired in 1990 and then went to work for Samco Publishing. Kenneth enjoyed fishing, metal detecting and coin collecting. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Colleen of the home; son Rick Adair and wife Shirley of Chelsea; daughters; Lisa Park and husband Daryl and Gina Adair of Chelsea; stepdaughter Deb Ortner and husband Danny of Bartlesville; brother Bill Adair and wife Rosa of Chelsea; sisters Lois Joseph of McKinney TX and Mary Hanna of Princeton, TX; sister in law Joyce Adair of Coffeyville KS; grandchildren Jordan and Monica Lewis and Jennifer Greene; great grandchildren; Mason Greene, Makayla Moore and Lillian Lewis; step grandson James Clements and Beloved Molly. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother Ellis 'Cotton' Adair and great granddaughter Madison.

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Herbert O. Adams

Herbert O. Adams of Nowata passed away at his home on Sunday, April 19, 2009. Herbert was born on August 16, 1922 in Hogshooter, Oklahoma to William O and Annie (Marshall) Adams. Herbert was a member of the Childers Full Gospel Church. He married Pearl May Sandburg on January 14, 1944. Herbert joined the Army and served in WWII where he was awarded the Purple Heart and achieved the rank of Sergeant before his honorable discharge. Herbert drove a semi-truck for several years; it was a wonderful time in his life. He later owned and operated a sanitation business in Phoenix Arizona until his retirement in 1963. He loved to take road trips, walks and enjoyed the outdoors. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great granddaughter.

Herbert is survived by his 3 children Herbert T Adams and his wife Gretchen, Cathy Bryant and her husband Michael and Tim Adams and his wife Kelly, 6 grandchildren Herman Miller, Gene Miller and his wife Misty, Ted Miller and his wife Tonya, Shelly Carly and her husband Scott, Marvin Hershiser and his wife Kathy, and Brent Adams; 15 great grandchildren Lacy Brown and her husband Anthony, Ricky Adams, Kacy Adams, Noah Carly, Gracie Carly, Megan Hershiser, Jason Hershiser, Katy Hershiser, Gunner Miller, Stormy Miller, Teddy Miller, Clifford and his wife Amanda Miller, Jessica Adams, Nicky Adams and Sarah Miller and one great-great granddaughter MaShayla Louanna Brown, special friends Dorthy Jean Tatum and John Lakely, numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family members and friends such as Jimmie Denman and his wife Lori.

He was preceded in death by his wife Pearl Sandburg Adams, his parents William and Annie Adams, one daughter Virginia Hershiser and one granddaughter Mackenzie Pearl Adams.

Delbert Brock

Anchorage resident Delbert Allen Brock, 69, died at Alaska Native Medical Center March 23, 2008, from natural causes.

Visitation was March 27 with a service following. The Revs. Jerry Prevo, Lynn Wyckoff and Tom Hoffman officiated. Pallbearers were Tom Cobaugh, Richard Hoffacker, Tim Volstad, Wayne Edmonds, Eddie Bowden and David Duncan. Honorary pallbearers were Harold Lewis, Robert Morelar, Jim Lawler and David Buchanan. Burial was at Fort Richardson National Cemetery.

Brock was born in Cleveland, Okla., Dec. 10, 1938, to Delbert A. and Hazel C. Brock. He attended Eastern New Mexico University and received a Ph.D. from Dallas Christian College in 1972. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 to 1960. He started numerous Christian schools throughout the United States. In 1971, he was one of the founders of Anchorage Christian Schools and worked there until his retirement in 2002. He lived in Roswell, N.M., before moving to Alaska in June 1958, living in Fairbanks, Palmer and Anchorage.

Brock was a member of the Anchorage Baptist Temple and Valley Baptist Tabernacle. He enjoyed flying, four-wheeling, hunting, fishing, boating and spending time with his family.

His family wrote, "Delbert was a faithful husband, father and a servant of God. He never knew a stranger. He was a people person that loved to help and give to others. His life verse was Roman 8:28, because he believed that all things work together for good. He dedicated his life to serve the Lord at the age of 8 and continued faithfully until his death. He touched many lives at Anchorage Christian Schools and he loved the students and their families. His deepest love was for his family and his Lord Jesus Christ. His love for his family was evident by his love, compassion, tenderness, wisdom and gentle spirit. He will be greatly missed by all."

Brock is survived by his wife of 49 years, Virginia Brock of Anchorage; daughter, Carol (Tracy) Olson of Wasilla; sons, Michael (Terry) Brock of Wasilla and Daryl (Annie) Hunter of Anchorage; grandchildren, Jennifer and Jonathan Ingram, Brittany Olson, Benjamin Olson, Jacob Olson, Brandon Olson, Jonathan Olson, Joseph Olson, Brianna Olson, Michael Brock II, Matthew Brock, Miles Brock, Jacqueline Brock and Taylor Hunter; and extended family, Scott and Gina Stucky, Robert and Ruth Moreland, Jennifer Brock, Norma McDonald, Harold and Nita Lewis, David and Marilyn Buchanan, Mark and Lori Runkle, and Jim and Ruth Lawler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Jimmie L. Schrock and niece Kathy Moyer.



Carmen V Burrows

CV 'Spud' Burrows 87 of Borger, TX died Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at Borger Health Care Center.

Spud was born May 12, 1921, in Copan, Oklahoma the son of Wesley and Pearl (Wilson) Burrows.

Spud was always proud of his Delaware Indian heritage on his mothers' side and his membership in the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma.

He married Beatrice Gilliland on January 26, 1942 in Dewey Oklahoma. Spud retired from Phillips Petroleum Company in 1983. Spud was a carpenter for 34 years.

Spud was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Bea in

2007, his father Wesley Burrows, his mother Pearl Wilson Burrows, his brother James Burrows and two sisters, Lehoma Yard and Treva Kerr.

Survivors include a son, Jo Dean Burrows and wife Judy of Borger, three grandchildren Barry Burrows of Borger, Sherri Marsh and husband Jerod of Elko, Nevada and Kevin Burrows and wife Michelle of Lefores, Texas; seven great grandchildren and a sister Clea Coddling of Mustang, Oklahoma and several nieces and nephews.

Chaplin Darrell Burton of Hospice of the Southwest officiated and interment was in the Westlawn Cemetery in Borger Texas.



Leonard Crawford

Leonard M. Crawford retired from this life April 16, 2009. Leonard was born on October 22, 1940 at Granny Jessie Tyner's home (Grandfather Leonard P. Tyner's Cherokee allotment) in Ochelata, Oklahoma on their Cherokee allotment. His parents were Fred Melton and LaVonne Phyliss (Tyner) Crawford Kleier. Leonard is the husband of Delaware Councilwoman Verna Crawford.

Leonard's early years were spent in Ochelata with Granny Jessie and his mother. He received most of his education in Owasso schools and finished in Inola, Oklahoma. He received his degree in drafting from University of Tulsa while working at St. Johns Hospital in Tulsa.

Following graduation he worked at Flint Steel Company for 15 years. The next 15 years he worked from home through contracts from AT&T.

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He worked for John Shields Company in Tulsa from early in 1994 til present. Leonard worked with many people connected with John Shields that were his co-workers and friends from Flint. He made many new friends at Shields Company.

Leonard was a member of Nowata Indian Activities Committee and helped with the Nowata Powwow. He volunteered at many community events over the years.

He enjoyed his family and the annual gatherings held at Thanksgiving, Christmas, the 4th of July in Branson and any other time they could get together. He especially loved working on projects with his children.

Leonard married Verna (Stout) Chase on March 21, 1981 in Nowata, Oklahoma. They raised three of their five children, Katrina, William and Jimmy in Nowata. They shared parenting of the two oldest sons, Tony and Gary with their mother, Joline Vaughn, (Leonard's first wife and good friend to both he and Verna).

Leonard has always been proud of his Cherokee History. His Great Grandfather Ruben Tyner came to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears. He was named for his grandfather Leonard P. Tyner.

He is survived by his wife Verna of the home; Tony and wife Laura of Tulsa and son's Evan and Jack, Gary Len and wife Leesa of Terrellton Gary's children Zandy Crawford, Lesile and Josh Evans and Jessie and Josh Fortney; William and wife Jane, children Brandon and Desiree, Jimmy and wife Tammy, children Jady and Jacob of Kansas City MO.; Katrina Crawford, children Kyle and Allison Jenkins of Albuquerque NM, son-in-law Glenn Jenkins of Henderson NV; sister Linda and Bill Bailey, sons Ron and Heath of Claremore; brother C. Gene and Mary Kleier of Henderson NV; sisters-in-law Mary Huddleston, Tomye and Frank Sawyer; brothers-in-law Robert Paul Stout of Avant, John Thomas and Brenda Malone of Collinsville. Cousin Jack and Nemia Steinmets of Stillwell OK; five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Bernard Trent "Andy" Davis

1930 - 2009

Bernard Trent "Andy" Davis was born on February 7, 1930 in the rural Dewey community. He was the son of the late Conrad and Anna (Anderson) Davis. He was reared and received his education in the Dewey community. During his junior year as a student at the Dewey High School in 1947 Andy was quarterback for the Dewey High School State Championship football team. He was a student at the Central States University in Edmond OK. He was enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Korean conflict. Following his Honorable Discharge he returned to his education at Central State University and graduated with his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business. He was employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company for thirty five years and following his retirement Andy provided a great community service as he was a member of the New Hope Indian Methodist Church, a member of the Dewey Masonic Lodge #466 A.F. & A.M. of which he was a past Worshipful Master for several terms. He was a member of the Washington County Historical Society and was the recipient of the Examiner-Enterprise Historian of the Year; a member of the Friends of Frank Phillips Foundation; president of the Dewey Jaycees; past Boy Scout Master for Troop 18 of Dewey; a member of the Dewey Chapter #312 Order of Eastern Star; a longtime Commander of the Dewey VFW Post #989. Andy served the Delaware Tribe as a past Tribal Council and Trust Board member and as most recently as a Tribal Judge.

Surviving are his wife of fifty-seven years, Barbara Ray (Haugh) Davis of the home; two sons David Lance Davis of Dewey and John Alan Davis and wife Catherine of rural Copan; five grandchildren, Debra Davis, Lacey Davis, Justin Davis, Allanah Davis and an adopted granddaughter Stacy Dawson and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and three sisters.

Robert E. "RE Bob" Gillman

Robert E "RE Bob" Gillman of Nowata died Saturday October 4, 2008. Grave side services were held at the Mt. Washington cemetery in Lenapah with Chaplin Alvie Thornton officiating.

Survivors include his wife Charlene of the home; two sons, James Robert of Alluwe and Montgomery Wayne of Delaware; two sisters, Violet Nicholson and Veronica Sue Thomas both of Nowata; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



Alene Frances Hicks

Alene Frances Hicks 84, of Bartlesville passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at the Jane Phillips Medical Center

Funeral services for Ms. Hicks were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 30, 2009 at the Benjamin Funeral Chapel in Nowata. Online condolences may be left for the Hicks family at www.honoringmemories.com. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Martin Cemetery, 105 N. Maple, Vinita, OK 74031.

Alene was born on October 7, 1924 in Ranger, Texas to Alfred Frank and Lugie (Holland) Hicks. She received her education from a Portland, Oregon Catholic School. Alene attended college where she graduated with her degree and began her career as an accountant. She loved to travel visiting several countries around the world. She (Continued page 12 see: Hicks)

Arlene Hicks

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enjoyed watching football so much that she visited the Football Hall of Fame, where she could name everyone honored and their accomplishments. Alene was very active in the Methodist Church and their women's group; she never missed an opportunity to get together with the ladies to play cards or various other games. She enjoyed watching soccer and even traveled as far as Canada to watch a game.

Alene is survived by 2 cousins John Ann Dunbar and Jess Townsman. She was preceded in death by her parents Alfred and Lugie Hicks.

Ms. Joy Ann (Burnett) Hoyer 1955-2009

Ms. Joy Ann (Burnett) Hoyer retired LPN passed away on Monday, June 15, 2009 in Bartlesville.

An Oklahoma native, Joy Ann Burnett was born March 7, 1955 in Bartlesville. She was the daughter of Kenneth Clayton Burnett Sr and Genavieve Pearl (Wilson) Burnett. She was reared and received her education in the Dewey Public Schools and graduated with the Senior Class of 1973 from the Dewey High School. Joy continued her education and completed the Licensed Practical Nursing program at the Tri County Technology School in Bartlesville. She and Mark Norman Hoyer were married in 1982 in Tulsa. Joy had been a nurse for the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) at Galveston Texas and worked for the Nurses Registry near Clearwater FL and completed her employment at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville in 2000.

She was a member of the Delaware and Cherokee Tribes, the New Hope Indian Methodist Church and the American Nurses Association.

Survivors are her daughters Wahnee Burnett Leach and husband David and Kelley Michelle Burnett of Bartlesville; grandchildren Kacey Dawn Burnett, Nicole Raye Leach, Kane Ice Leach, Seth Trenton Dale Rogers, Jace Jeffery Allen Revellette and Kamora Ann Marie Manuel; a

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brother Kenneth Clayton Burnett Jr of Bartlesville; nephews Steve Burnett and Kenneth Burnett III; and nieces Angela Ridenhour and Cherie Burnett; two great nephews and two great nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Clyde Earl Burnett and Frank Eugene Burnett.



Billie Jean James

Billie Jean James 82 year old Chelsea resident died Thursday February 26, 2009 at St Francis Hospital in Tulsa. She was born February 19, 1927 in Big Cabin to O L 'Ras' Epperson and Ludie Nell (Ketchum) Epperson. Billie graduated from Big Cabin High School in 1944 and was valedictorian of her class. On February 1, 1947 she married Melvin James in Columbus, Kansas. Billie worked many places including manager of the Chelsea Gas Company, the old Vinita Stockyards, Southwestern Bell, PSO, the Glass House, Secretary of Chelsea and White Oak Schools. She served on many boards, including the Delaware Tribe Housing Authority, founding and current member of the Chelsea Boys & Girls Club. Billie loved to go to Colorado, do crossword puzzles, watching sports and especially being with her grandchildren.

The family includes her husband Melvin of the home, her children Nicky Harris and friend Lee Greenwood of Chelsea, Brad James and wife Darla of Ft Gibson Lake, Brent James of Chelsea, Chris James and wife Debbie of Chelsea; sister Norma Blount of Vinita, brothers Jim Epperson and wife

Johnnie of Antlers, Bob Epperson and wife Sonia of Ketchum; an aunt Mattie Harrison of Edmond; her grandchildren Angie Harris of Chelsea, Wendy and Logan Miller also of Chelsea, Erinn Clocker and husband Kevin of Broken Arrow, Lindsey Harris of Dallas Texas, Eric Harris and fiancée Sara Allen of Chelsea, Dusty Gregory of London England, Emily James of Owasso, Callie James and Danielle Gregory both of Ft Gibson Lake, Katy James and Bailey James both of Chelsea and one great-grandchild Rylee Clocker of Broken Arrow. There are numerous nieces, nephews relatives and friends also surviving.

Internment was at the White Oak cemetery. Online obituary www.honoringmemories.com



Stephen Ketcherside

Stephen Kyle Ketcherside of Nowata passed away on April 08, 2009 in the Jane Phillips Nowata Health Center. He was born on August 24, 1972 in Claremore, Oklahoma. Stephen received his education from Alluwe Public Schools. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Nowata. Stephen was very family oriented; he had a large family and every one of them held their special place in his heart. His two greatest joys in life were his two beautiful girls. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing much like his Grandpa Wolf. Stephen was a handy man extra ordinaire; if it was

broke he could fix it and if it wasn't broke he could make it bigger and better.

Stephen is survived by his loving wife Tisha (Baxter) Ketcherside, his two daughters Allysa and Madison Barnes, 3 stepchildren Derek, Jonathan and Katie Hughes, his mother Pam and her husband Steve Landrum, his father Terry and his wife Patricia Barnes, 7 siblings Stacie Dobson and her husband Richard, Misty Lewis and her husband Scooter, Justin Barnes, Jared Ketcherside and his wife Christi, Kim Henry, Mickey Barnes and her husband Doug and Tashena Barnes, his paternal grandparents Bill and Gaynell Barnes, his great uncle John Shipley and his wife Nancy, his friend Timmy Hash, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and a town filled with friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Wolf and Shirley Shipley, his great grandmother Mamie Harrison and one cousin Tristan Tiry. Online obituary www.honoringmemories.com



Franklin J. Malone

Franklin J. Malone was a caring & loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-grandfather, Great-great-grandfather, and brother. Franklin lost his battle with heart disease and passed away on Friday, August 21, 2009, in the presence of his family and friends

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He is survived by Lois Dee, his wife of 66 years; daughter, Sherry Lynn & husband, Mike; daughter, Donna Grieco & husband, Ralph, of Colonial Heights, Virginia, grandchildren: Tiffany Lynn; Jeffrey Grieco & wife, Amy; Lesley Wirt & husband, Jonathan; great-grandchildren: Leigha Graham & husband, Steve; Cole Callahan; McKenna & Brennan Grieco; Michael Joseph Wirt; great-great-grandchildren: Damian, Lillian & Celica Graham; and sister, Betty Lawson, of Great Bend, KS. He enjoyed a long, faithful and fulfilling life. Franklin graduated from Seminole High School, attended Seminole Jr. College until he heeded the call to the Army Air Corps in 1943. Franklin was a pilot in the Pacific Theatre and often reminisced about his many experiences during World War II. Franklin loved being a pilot and was very proud to be in the Army Air Corps and to be an American. He loved his country, family and friends. Franklin joined Lois Dee in real estate in 1969. They both owned and operated Century 21 Malone's Homes until March 1993. Franklin and Lois Dee both then joined their daughter, Sherry, at Malone's Property Management, Inc. that same month, where he remained until his passing. Franklin & Lois Dee often visited daughter & son, Donna & Ralph in Virginia. They made many, lifelong friends there. Franklin was a member of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church. He was very active in the Optimist Club for many years; President and active member of the Century 21 Brokers Council; 1984 National representative for Century 21 for the Oklahoma region to Washington, DC; a member of the Midwest City-Del City-Moore Association of Realtors and served on the Planning Commission in Del City. He touched so many lives with his love and wisdom. He will be greatly missed. We all are so much richer for having known and loved him. Special thanks to the wonderful care given by nurse, Brenda; and caregivers, Crystal & Edy; and by the attending Doctors and Nurses at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital.



Herman Chief-Miller

Herman T. Chief-Miller Jr of Nowata passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at his home. Herman was born on December 1, 1932 in Claremore, Oklahoma to Herman T. Miller Sr and Bertie Secondine Miller. He married Anna Luella Martin on October 30, 1951. Chief was a member of the Armstrong Community Church. He loved to fish and hunt but especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Chief is survived by his wife Anna Luella Miller of the home, 3 sons Herman T. Miller III of Nowata, Charles F and his wife Cindy Miller of Nowata and Tony Ray Miller of Nowata, 1 daughter Sharon Annette and her husband Roger Laughlin of Goodmen Missouri, 1 brother Kermit Eugene (Gene) Miller of Nowata, 1 sister Phyllis Jo Barrett of Renton Washington, 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Herman and Bertie, 1 stillborn brother Charles Franklin Miller, 1 grandson Kirtley Brian Miller and 1 great granddaughter Mackenzie Carley.

Graveside services were held and internment in the Secondine cemetery. Online obituary www.honoringmemories.com.



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Patsy Ruth Martin

Patsy was born to Edward Miller and Elizabeth Lucas Miller. Survivors include three daughters Rebecca Tuttle of Bartlesville, Marsha Gladden of Joplin Mo and Troy Ann Kidwell of Las Vegas NV; a son Bruce Martin of Lawrence Kansas; a sister Dextral Lambeth of Webb City Mo, six grandchildren, two step grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and four step great grandchildren.



Alfred Joseph Pickett

Alfred Joseph Pickett, 73 year-old Bartlesville resident, passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at his home.

Graveside services for Mr. Pickett were held at 10:00a.m., Saturday, May 23, 2009 at the Silver Lake Cemetery with Roger White officiating. On-line condolences can be left for the family at www.honoringmemories.com. Services were entrusted to the Neekamp-Luginbuel Funeral Home of Bartlesville. Honorary Casket escorts include Kale Pickett, Stephanie Pickett, Heidi Benoit, Kyle Pickett, Brittney Benoit, Kirk Pickett,

Nicholas Benoit and Kasey Pickett. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in memory of AJ Pickett to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Alfred Joseph Pickett was born April 25, 1936 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Alfred Leonard Pickett and Alice Jane (Lucas) Pickett. Mr. Pickett attended schools in Bartlesville and graduated from College High with the Class of 1955. After high school, he served his country in the United States Army Reserves. Mr. Pickett later became employed as a machinist for Cooks Manufacturing, Cessna, Gates Lear Jet and Boeing Aircraft. He worked with Boeing until his retirement in 1992. After retiring, Mr. Pickett drove cars for Hertz for a while. He loved visiting with the neighbors on his patio and especially loved visiting with Mrs. Carol about the Lakers. Mr. Pickett also enjoyed the time he spent gathering scrap metal and junk cars with his son, Joel. Mr. Pickett is survived by his wife Iris Pickett; by his mother, Alice Pickett of the Medicalodge of Dewey; by children, Marilyn and her husband Rick Cole of Bartlesville, Seth Pickett of Denver, Colorado, Joel Pickett and his wife Barbara of Murdock, Kansas, Martha and her husband Nick Benoit of Cheney, Kansas; by Seth's child, Stephanie Pickett of Norman, Oklahoma; by Joel's children, Kale Pickett of Murdock, Kansas, Kyle Pickett of Kingman, Kansas, Kirk Pickett of Hutchinson, Kansas, and Kasey Pickett of Murdock; by Martha's children, Heidi Benoit of Wichita, Kansas, Brittney Benoit of Wichita, Kansas and Nick Benoit of Cheney, Kansas; and by one sister, Emma Jane White and her husband Roger of Collinsville, Oklahoma and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Alice Jane Pickett

Alice Jane Pickett, 93, passed away Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at Medicalodge of Dewey.

Graveside services for Mrs. Pickett were held at 2:00p.m., Friday, September 4, 2009 at the Silver Lake Cemetery with Rev. Chris Tiger officiating. On-line condolences can be left for the family at www.honoringmemories.com. Services entrusted to the Neekamp-Luginbuel Funeral Home of Bartlesville.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Carter Hospice.

Alice Jane Pickett was born June 7, 1916 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Joseph Lucas and Emma (Wilson) Lucas. She was raised and educated in the Bartlesville area and attended school at the Chilocco Indian School. Alice married Alfred Leonard Pickett in February of 1933 in Ponca City, Ok. They made their home in Bartlesville. During World War II they made their home in San Francisco, Ca. where Alfred worked in the shipyards furthering the war effort. After the war they moved back to Bartlesville and lived in the home Alfred had built. Alice worked for several years as a nurse aide at the Jane Phillips Hospital. Alfred preceded her in death in 2000.

Alice was a member of the Highland Park Baptist Church. She was proud of her Delaware Indian heritage. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed.

Mrs. Pickett is survived by her daughter Emma Jane White and

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her husband Roger of Collinsville, OK., a daughter-in-law Iris Pickett, grandchildren Jolene Schmidt and her husband Glen of Wyandotte, Ok, Jane Daugherty of Bella Vista, AR, Mark White and his wife Margo of Kansas City, MO., Marilyn Cole and her husband Rick of Bartlesville, Seth Pickett of Denver, Colorado, Joel Pickett and his wife Barbara of Murdock, KS. and Martha and her husband Nick Benoit of Cheney, KS., several Great Grandchildren who she loved dearly and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Alfred Leonard Pickett, one son Alfred J. Pickett, her parents, three brothers and one sister.

Karen Dee Roberts

Karen Dee (White) Roberts passed away October 14, 2008, she was 58. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 18th at the Ramona Cemetery in Ramona, OK. Reverend Raymond Henson officiated.

Karen was a native of Oklahoma. She was born March 18, 1950 in Ponca City, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Walter E. White and Mary D. (Secondine) White. She was raised in the communities of Nowata and Dewey, Oklahoma. She graduated with the senior class of 1968 from Dewey High School in Dewey, Oklahoma. She married James L. Roberts on November 18, 1971 in Sante Fe, New Mexico. The married couple made their first residence in Ramona, OK until 1978 when they moved to Dewey. She was a very caring and giving person who devoted her life to caring for her family. She was exceptionally loving mother and grandmother.

Surviving Mrs. Roberts are her husband, Jim, her daughters Robin Baughn and husband David, Dewey; Laura Roberts, Oklahoma City; her sons Matt and wife Lily Roberts, Chelsea and Joe Roberts, Oklahoma City; seven grandchildren, Lacy Dawn, JR, Austin, Toby, Caden and Brydan; her sisters Debbie Brown, Dewey and Annetta Christenson, Ochelata; her brothers Rick White, Dewey and Walter

White, Woodward. She was preceded in death by her father Walter White, her mother Mary White, brother Ralph White, sister Sandy Jones and brother in law and good friend Bob Brown



Jessie Lou Smart

Jessie Lou Smart was the last remaining child of the five children born to Fortner Gordon and Mary Katharine Cushenberry Lane, died early Tuesday morning, April 18, 2006 in Claremore.

She was born March 3, 1920 in Owalla and graduated from Claremore High School in 1936. On January 19, 1941 she married Ernest Leo Smart Jr. They made their home in Claremore where they were both actively involved in church and community activities. Jessie Lou retired in 1991 from C R Anthonys. She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church, a 50 year member and past matron of OES Chapter #92, member, past president and district director of Claremore Business and Professional Women's Club, Claremore Hospital Auxillary, past board member of Meals on Wheels, Claremore Ellette, Book Club, Historical Society member and had been a member of Pocahontas Club since 1951 and served as president. The recently published Pocahontas Spirit history book was dedicated to Jessie Lou in 1999 for keeping the Pocahontas spirit alive her entire adult life.

Family members surviving are her sons Ernest Smart III and wife Beverly of Tulsa and Dan Smart and wife Debi of Verdigris; grandchildren Melody Framel and Ernie Smart IV both of Tulsa, Stephanie and husband

Bryant Opela of O'Fallon MO and Adam Smart of Stillwater; 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Also nephews Ron & Sherril White of Azusa CA and John and Diane Lane of Arlington TN and a niece Kathy and Doug Simpson of Bells TX and special lifetime friends Juanetta Marshall Carter and Rena Lindemann of Claremore.

Evelyn Mae (Jackson, Scott) Thomas

Evelyn Mae Thomas, 76, is celebrating her first Christmas in Heaven. She was welcomed through the gates on December 24, 2008. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 27th at the First Assembly of God Church with Pastor Darryl Wootton and Rev. Ralph Dershem officiating. Interment is in the Dewey cemetery.

Casket escorts included Johnney Tucker, Homer Scott III, Rodney Scott, Thomas Alsup, Scott Finney and Brandon Cranor. Honorary casket escorts were Lance Scott, Dwayne Cranor, Vern Cook and Chad Scott and Honorable mentions Bo Scott, Cody Scott and Tommy Sunday.

Mrs Thomas was born at Dewey, Oklahoma on February 8, 1932 to James Harold and Emma Mae (Weber/Hill) Jackson. She received her education through the Dewey public school system and the southeast Kansas vocational nursing school; which led her to a lifelong career until she was forced to retire in 2001. She married Homer Edward Scott Sr in 1948 and William "Bill" Thomas in 1975. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her family and was very pleasant to be around. She had a spice for life and pure determination in all situations. She was a full blood Delaware and a member of the Delaware War Mothers and the First Assembly of God Church.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by seven children: Evelyn Kay Anderson of Bartlesville, Homer E Scott Jr and wife Holly of Bartlesville, William 'Bill' Scott and wife Sandy of Caney Kansas, Tommy Lee Scott and wife Linda of Copan OK, Janice Sue Finney and husband David of Niotaze Kansas, Dale Ray Scott of Dewey, (Continued page 15 see: Thomas

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Carol Weaver and husband Chip of Bartlesville and a son-in-law Jerry Cook of Rowlett Texas; four sisters Rosetta Coffey of Dewey, Jean Kirkendall of Dewey, Betty Notah of Lawrence Kansas and twin sister Elgia Bryan of North Dakota; one brother James 'Jamie' Jackson of Catoosa; 25 grand children; 40 great-grandchildren and 2 great- great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter Gina Scott Cook, granddaughter Helen Burnett, grandson Tommy Lee Scott, her mother Emma Jackson, her father James Jackson, two brothers Marion 'Cowboy' Jackson and John Jackson and her husband Bill Thomas in 1994.



Bobby Wilson

Bobby Wilson passed away February 12, 2009 at Baxter County Regional Medical Center in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

He was born July 11, 1934 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma the son of Gilbert and Pearl Wilson. He received his degree from Oklahoma State University.

Bobby and Elizabeth Wilson were married April 3, 1981 in Luckenbach, Texas.

Bobby worked as an Electrical and Instrumentation Engineer for 35 years. Some of the places he worked were the Great Plains Coal Gasification Plant in North Dakota, NASA Space Center in Houston, Texas, Brown and Root, Fleur Daniels, Bechtal, Salem and Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

He was an active member in

the Lions Club and was the Charter President of the Flippin Lions Club since it's inception. He was a longtime member of the Spring Branch Non-Denominational Church in Houston, Texas and attended the Methodist Church in Bull Shoals and Mountain Home.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Wilson of Bull Shoals, AR, three sons, Paul Peveto (Belinda) of Mountain Home, AR, Kenneth Peveto (Cindy) of Bull Shoals, AR and Ricky Peveto (Debbie) of Lufkin, TX, three daughters, Ellen Jo of Tulsa, OK, Cheryl Lynn Wilson (Kelley) of Tulsa, OK and Kymberli Wilson of Cape Girardeau, MO, many grandchildren, Michelle and Jamie Peveto both of Bull Shoals, AR, James Ray Peveto of Oakland, AR, Christina Peveto of Mountain Home, Jennifer Peveto of Lufkin, TX, Ricky Peveto, Jr. of Lufkin, TX, many other grandchildren in Texas and Oklahoma and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral: Funeral services for Bobby Gene Wilson, III, of Bull Shoals were Tuesday February 17, 2009 at the Kirby & Family Funeral Home Chapel, Bull Shoals.

Burial: Burial was in Newton Flat Cemetery, Bull Shoals, AR.

Memorials: Memorials may be made to the Flippin Lions Club.

Active Bearers: Paul Peveto, Kenneth Peveto, Richy Peveto, James Ray Peveto, Jerry McCurry and Derrick Foster as pallbearers.

Gordon Tyler Everett

Gordon Tyler Everett, was born January 17, 1953 in Santa Cruz, CA to Jack Edward and Bonnie Lee Everett. He died August 16 2009 at his home in Central Point, after a brave and admirable battle with lung cancer. In addition to his family and parents he also is survived by his two sisters, Janet and Georgia Everett, as well as many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

After being diagnosed with polio at nine months old, Gordon overcame

seemingly insurmountable odds and developed a positive, courageous and fighting spirit that would become a common theme throughout his life. Gordon didn't see limitations only possibilities. Challenges were merely something to be overcome and he inspired others to do the same.

In high school, Gordon excelled as one of Southern California's top gymnastic athletes and went on to compete at the collegiate level earning all conference honors at San Jose State college three times. His prowess on the pommel horse, parallel bars and rings led his squad to a second place finish in Southern California. Gordon loved the out doors and treasured the trips and adventures he shared with family and friends over the years. He had a passion for cycling and down hill skiing. Gardening was a favorite past time that he enjoyed and passionately shared with his step daughter Karli.

After earning a bachelor's degree in nursing from San Jose State University, Gordon began a successful career. Well known for his humor, compassion and skill he was admired and appreciated by his patients and his colleagues alike. He became the emergency room manager while living in San Jose, CA. In 2000, Gordon relocated to Southern Oregon to be closer to his parents and accepted a position at Providence Medford Medical Center as the emergency department director.

Gordon's dream of having a family was fulfilled when he and Tonya Lynn Woodruff were married on March 23, 2002. He became Tonya's best friend and the love of her life as well as a devoted and loving stepfather to Tonya's children Alexis Dawn and Karli Amber. The family grew when daughter Piper Simone was born in 2004 and in June they celebrated the adoption of a son Lucas Tyler.

In 2005, Gordon accepted a position at Bay Area Hospital and the Everett-Woodruff family moved to North Bend shortly after. Gordon continued his commitment to outstanding medical care as the emergency room manager and in 2008 became the director of critical care services. Gordon truly

felt that his coworkers at Bay Area Hospital were an extended family.

Friends, family and colleagues rallied around Gordon when he was diagnosed with cancer in February 2009, offering priceless love and support. He was honored as the Grand Marshal of the 2009 Coos Bay-North Bend Relay for Life and proudly donned his "cancer sucks" tie-dye shirt during the festivities. He was committed to increasing public awareness of the lethal hazards that accompany smoking and chose to openly share his story in the hopes that it might spare others the pain and suffering of lung cancer.

Gordon's life made a positive and lasting impact on his family and friends, but never as much as during his last months. Regardless of the many challenges that cancer presented, Gordon's warm, courageous and loving spirit was irrepressible. Abraham Lincoln once said, "In the end, It's not the years in your age that count. It's the life in your years." Gordon made every moment count and left a loving and lasting legacy.

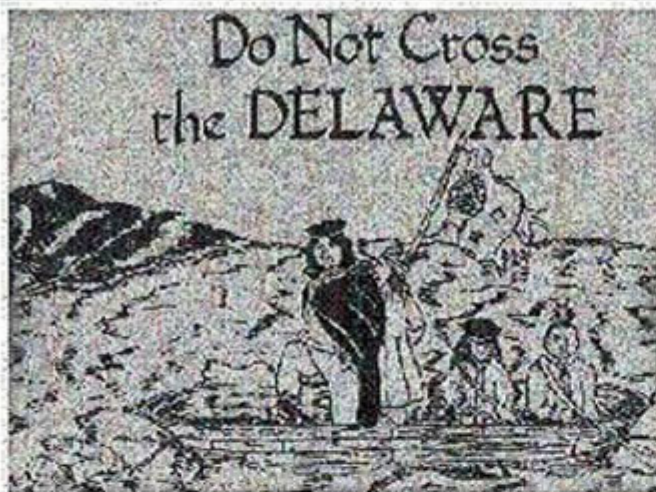


Jimmie Lee Yelton Jr.

Jimmie Lee Yelton Jr., born May 22, 1973 entered into rest on May 28, 2009 at the age of 36.

He is survived by his daughters, Autumn, Adrianna & Allison Yelton, his parents, Jimmie Lee Sr. & Marsha Yelton, brothers Gene Yelton & wife Julie, Steven Yelton & wife Kelly, fiancé, Denise Billings and children, Brittany, Jessica & Shane, numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles & other relatives & friends.

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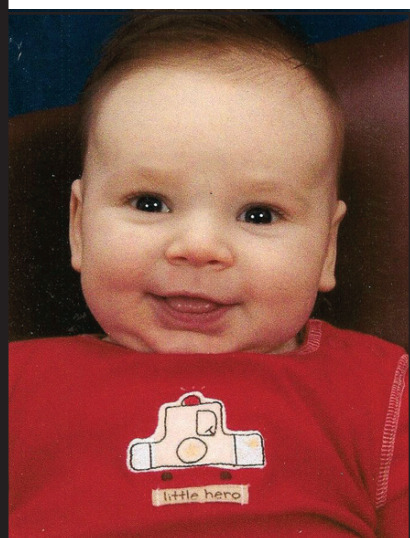
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Carter Matthew Schmidt.

Matthew and Elizabeth Schmidt of St. Charles Missouri would like to announce the birth of their son, Carter Matthew Schmidt. He was born December 1, 2008. He weighed 8 lbs 15oz and was 21.25 inches. Carter is the grandson of Bill & Patsy Schmidt & the great Grandson of Dortha Reavis & the late Everette Reavis of Savannah MO. Matthew is a former resident of Savannah Mo & is a Missouri State Trooper serving the St Charles Missouri area. Carter is the Great-Great Nephew of Chief Jerry Douglas.

Thomas Russell Topping, Jr.

Thomas Russell Topping Jr, was born to Rusty and Billie Topping of Bartlesville, November 5, 2008 at the Jane Phillips Medical Center. His maternal grandparents are Bobby and Cheryl Ford of Dewey and Paternal Grandparents are Larry and Judy Topping of Bartlesville.

Things to ponder on:

Four things you can't recover:

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The Occasion.....after it is missed

The Word.....after it is said

The Time.....after it's gone

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