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New Chief Takes Office

History was made in the November election of the Delaware Tribe when Paula Pechonick was elected Chief. The Tribes first woman elected Chief. Her opponents were Chief Jerry Douglas, Titus Frenchman and Arther Stull, Jr. Chief Pechonick is determined to take the Tribe forward to prosperity and unity.

Councilmembers candidates in order of votes were Jan Brown, Verna Crawford, Raymond Cline, Bertha Jenan Alderman, Larry Joe Brooks, Daniel Cass Smith, John Sumpter, Nicky Michael and Sidney Barnes.

New Tribal Judges are Rick Barnes and William Crawford.

The Trust Budget passed easily.

The Chief and Council have many challenges before them to secure the future of the Tribe. They are determined to work together and build a solid foundation for the Delaware people.

Chief Justice Art Stull administered the Oath of Office to Chief Pechonick, Councilmembers and Justice Rick Barnes at General Council Nov. 13. Justice William Crawford was sworn in by Chief Pechonick at the December Council meeting.

(See photos page 12)



Delaware Chief Justice administers Oath of Office to Chief Paula Pechonick. Past Chief Dee Ketchum looks on.

<u>Chief</u>	
Paula Pechonick	677
Jerry Douglas	586
Titus Frenchman	193
Arthur Stull, Jr.	70
<u>Councilmember</u>	
Janifer Brown	683
Verna Crawford	663
Raymond Cline	641
Bertha Jenan Alderman	533
Larry Joe Brooks	488
Daniel Cass Smith	413
John Sumpter	368
Nicky Michael	354
Sidney Barnes	218
<u>Tribal Judge</u>	
Rick Barnes	1275
William Crawford	1163
<u>2011 Trust Budget</u>	
Yes	1270
No	165



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 15, 2010

Dear Chief Pechonick of the Delaware Tribe of Indians

On behalf of President Obama, the White House Domestic Policy Council and the Office of Public Engagement cordially invite you to join him and senior members of his Administration for the 2010 White House Tribal Nations Conference. The Conference will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2010, in Washington D.C., at the Department of the Interior's Sidney R Yates Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This conference will build on last year's successful White House Tribal Nations Conference, at which President Obama signed the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation to improve Indian tribal participation in Federal policy decisions that impact them. The goal of this year's conference is to continue the meaningful discussion between tribal leadership and the Administration, which remains committed to strengthening the Nation-to-Nation relationship between the United States and Indian Nations. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to interact with representatives from the highest levels of President Obama's Administration.

Chief Pechonick attended the White House Tribal Nations Conference. Vice Chief Chester Brooks, Trust Board Chairman Wayne Stull, and Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa also traveled to D.C. The group went to the offices of Senator Coburn and Congressman Sullivan. Chief Pechonick was introduced to Congressman Tom Cole. The BIA office of George Skibine was visited, also in attendance at that meeting were Barbara Cohen and Scott Keep who have been a big help to our Tribe over the years. The NIEA had a reception for Tribal Leaders December 14th at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, which our group attended. Former Chief Curtis Zunigha, who works in D.C., came by and visited a while. The airplane flights were uneventful.

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Message from Chief Paula Pechonick



November has been a month of patience and persistence. I was elated and honored by the results of the election. I haven't wiped the smile off my face (or the sweat

off my brow) since approximately 6pm on November 6th. We made history. Our matrilineal tribe now has a female chief.

"Buffalo" Dale Lewis who served as security for the election was the first person to congratulate me. He said, "Enjoy this moment now, because your popularity is at an all-time high." I have not found this to be the case. I have received so much support from many tribal members throughout my first month in office.

The Tribal Headquarters is in the process of much change. We are working on staffing to find the right people for the positions. There has been much transition with finding appropriate office space for personnel. We hope to have a fully trained operating staff very soon. The process of

the transition of the administration is going smoothly but takes time. We appreciate your patience and persistence in helping us help you with your tribal needs. We are taking a look at the 2011 holiday schedule and office hours. I have worked hard in the office daily and plan to continue to do so. I have been away at times for tribal business including:

Councilwoman Jan Brown and I with archaeologist Gregory Brown (not related) traveled to a History conference at the Delaware Nation in Anadarko. I met Chief Kerry Holton, chief of the Delaware Nation and we agreed to work together in the future,

The assistant chief, Chet Brooks and I took a preliminary trip to Ohio to look at possible land parcels and discuss future business develop-

ments in the area. This trip was at no cost to the tribe. This project is a process which has many steps and is slow moving. I will continue to update you,

I traveled to Washington, D.C. to the Tribal Nations Summit at the invitation of the President. An important point of the trip was to discuss legislation being created to keep landless tribes, like ourselves from putting land in trust.

I have been in many committee meetings in my first month and have been working diligently to get up to speed on our tribe's current events. I will continue to work to keep you informed. We are exploring ways for the tribe to be more accessible to the people. Thank you for your patience and persistence.

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The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is March 15, 2011 for the April 2011 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the D.I.N. office or email to officialdelawareindiannews@yahoo.com.

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Other information including Registration, Education, scholarship application forms, job openings and more may also be found on the site.

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Attention Delaware Tribal Members!

Name and Address changes: If you change your name or address, please contact the tribal office at 170 NE. Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006. 918.336.5272. To complete a name change on the tribal roll, you will need to send proper documentation, such as a legal document, stating the change (Example: Marriage License, Adoption Papers, Divorce papers etc.) If your address changes, just drop a note or a post office change card to the tribal office. It is very important to keep all of our tribal members up to date on the tribal registration rolls. We can continue to do this with your help! Death notifications: When a family member is deceased, we need the proper documentation provided to the tribal registration department to remove the individual from the mailing list and current roll. Copy of the death certificate or of the obituary from the newspaper will suffice.



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.

Note:

All Elected Officials are invited to address the people in this forum.

Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office: Update

The Delaware Tribe's Historic Preservation Office (DTHPO) is tasked with protecting and preserving sites of cultural and religious significance to the Delaware Tribe. Such sites would include locations such as current and past cemeteries and grave, archaeological sites, traditional cultural properties and most importantly reburial sites. The DTHPO is funded by the revenue generated from the consultation fees provided by private companies who require our services. A vast majority of our daily time is spent providing formal and timely responses to consultation requests from public and private companies. Beyond such routine work, we have completed the following tasks listed below.

NAGPRA Committee

With the re-organization of the NAGPRA Committee, discussions have begun concerning the structure and purpose of the organization. We are currently looking for models to use in order to create by-laws for the committee that would identify, among others, the rules for membership, authority and mission of the committee. Initially conceived, the committee will exist under the authority of the Delaware Tribal Council and provide oversight and support for the NAGPRA project office. Such oversight would potentially include consultation on future staff additions, major equipment purchases and budgetary requirements. Support could be provided in the acquisition of grants and identifying individuals to represent the tribe at conferences and meetings.

Delaware Burial Practices in the Archaeological Record

As the primary product of our FY2010 NAGPRA Documentation Grant, we have been funded by the National NAGPRA Program to complete a report that documents the archaeological signature of historic Delaware funerary practices. Such a report holds the potential to enable the Delaware Tribe to reclassify certain artifacts in museums as funerary objects

and thus subject to repatriation and reburial.

Preliminary work has already taken place toward the completion of the report and we look forward to collaborating closely with the Elders Committee as we move forward. Such initial research includes a significant literature review on Delaware archaeology carried out by Greg Brown. Through interlibrary loan and visits to several libraries and colleagues, Greg has compiled an exhaustive list of sources on the subject and is now completing a draft report on the literature.

A second initial step was our meeting with the Elders Committee on November 5, 2010. During the meeting we provided an introduction to the project and an invitation to the members of the Elders Committee to provide us with direction for carrying out the next phase of the project which is to gather information from contemporary tribal members on current and remembered traditional funerary practices. Some initial suggestions included carrying out interviews with elders and transcribing existing tape recorded interviews in the possession of tribal members. This initial meeting was an important first step and we will return to this question of how best to proceed at the next Elders meeting. We also encourage any tribal member that would like to participate in our collection of information concerning Delaware funerary practices to contact Brice Obermeyer at (918) 335-7026 or bobermey@emporia.edu.

NAGPRA at 20 Symposium, November 15-16, 2010

As part of our requirements under the FY2010 NAGPRA Documentation Grant, Brice Obermeyer and Greg Brown attended the NAGPRA at 20 Symposium in Washington, D.C. This historic event commemorated the twenty year anniversary of the passage of NAGPRA with panel discussion from experts and practitioners in the field on the subject of the past, present and future of NAGPRA. The resounding theme of the symposium

was that although NAGPRA, as civil rights legislation, has done much to correct historic injustices concerning the excavation and curation of American Indian human remains, there is still much more work to be done before the original intent of the movement is met.

Delaware Nation History Summit, November 19-20, 2010

At the invitation of the Delaware Nation in Anadarko, we attended the 5th annual Delaware Nation History Summit with Chief Pechonick and council member Jan Brown. Tribal members, Susan Cade and Levi Randoll, were also in attendance for the two day event. The summit featured speakers on Delaware history and religion as well as an opportunity to reconnect with members and representatives of the Delaware Nation as well as colleagues in the field. As a result of the summit, there was some consideration given to the idea that the Delaware Tribe would either co-host next year's event or host our own event in the spring of next year.

Database of Museum Inventories

The original database of museum inventories, compiled by Levi Randoll under the FY2004 NAGPRA Documentation Grant, has been updated from its 2004 version. The updated version utilizes Microsoft Access software and includes new inventories as well as those that had already been added. The database is quite extensive with inventories from over 80 institutions and includes thousands of items from museum collections.

ArcGIS Digital Map Database
With ArcGIS software provided by the BIA, we continue work on a Digital Map Database that will store the mapped locations of the historic and prehistoric Delaware occupations as well as recent reburial sites and traditional cultural properties. Once completed, the map database will enable the DTHPO to better protect important locations and allow for a readily available user friendly resource for future officers to use.

The Delaware Culture Preservation

Committee Events in 2010

The Culture Preservation Committee was founded in 1991. The goal is to preserve Lenape culture, language, songs and dances. The Committee is involved in a number of activities every year.

The Committee also makes donations to local powwows or dance activities as our funds will allow. The Committee holds Delaware Cultural Night on the night before the Delaware Powwow. Our Committee also holds a two-day event called Delaware Days in September. This is held at the Fall-Leaf Powwow Grounds northeast of Copan, OK. We have always been grateful to the late Fred Fall-Leaf, and now to his family, for allowing our activities to be held there.

Committee meetings are held on

the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Delaware Community Center. Our meetings are open to the public.

The Committee hosted a Christmas Stomp Dance on Dec. 18, 2010 at the Delaware Community Center. The event was well attended. The Committee provided smoked turkey and venison stew and those attending brought side dishes. Everyone enjoyed the dance, dinner and fellowship.

The Committee chairman is Chester Brooks. Members are: Jan Brown, Kenny Brown, Anita Davis-Lewis, Titus Frenchman, Diana Hallman, Jim Hammon, Annette Ketchum, Jenifer Pechonick, Paula Pechonick, John Sumpter, Jack Tatum, and Bonnie Thaxton. Jim Rementer, a non-voting member, is secretary.



Scenes from the Christmas Stomp Dance held by The Cultural Preservation Committee on December 18, 2010.

Delaware In the News



Chief Master Sergeant
Marcus W. Falleaf

Falleaf makes Chief

In the military, less than 2 % of all enlisted members ever make it to the top of their career ladder, a grade called E-9. Whether it is Sergeant Major, Master Chief Petty Officer or Chief Master Sergeant, it's quite an honor and accomplishment.

Marcus W. Falleaf, graduate of Caney Valley High School, Pittsburg State University and member of the Delaware Tribe, recently reached the top of the enlisted ranks when he was selected as the Air National Guard's Human Resource Advisor for the state of Texas. Promoted to Chief Master Sergeant, Falleaf works directly for the Adjutant General in areas of Force Management, Force Development and Diversity Education.

Starting his military career in the Marine Corps in 1975, Falleaf guarded the National Security Agency in Ft. Meade, MD until discharged honorably in 1978.

Joining the Air National Guard in 1986, Falleaf has worked his way up through the ranks in such positions as Command and Control, Public Affairs, Historian, First Sergeant and most recently, State Human Resource Advisor. Traveling with the military, Falleaf visited Saudi Arabia, England, Germany, El Salvador, Jordan and many other places throughout the world.

Currently residing in Houston, TX, Chief Master Sergeant Falleaf attributes most of his success to his family and friends.

"I couldn't have made it without my wife, Vicki",

said Falleaf. "She practically raised our kids by herself."

CMSgt. Falleaf attends drill at Joint Force Headquarters, Camp Mabry in Austin, TX. As a civilian, he is a teacher in the Cypress Fairbanks ISD, Houston.

Delaware Babies

Madeleine Kay Ruegamer

Devon Ruegamer would like to announce the birth of her daughter, Madeleine Kay Ruegamer.

Madeleine was born August 4, 2010 in Chandler, Arizona and is the daughter of Trevor and Devon Ruegamer.

She was welcomed by Grandparents, James and Inge Frye of

Mesa, AZ, and Jim and Jacque Ruegamer of Hardin, MT; and Great-grandmother, Rosalie Frye, of Tulsa, OK and Great-grandfather, Joe Zeiler, of Hardin, MT. Madeleine's great-great Grandmother is Annie Elizabeth Drum, Roll Number 11903.



Korenna Shipley



Greyson Shipley

Bonnie Thaxton's Great Grandchildren

Korenna, five months and Greyson Shipley, two years old are the Great Grandchildren of Bonnie Thaxton of Bartlesville,

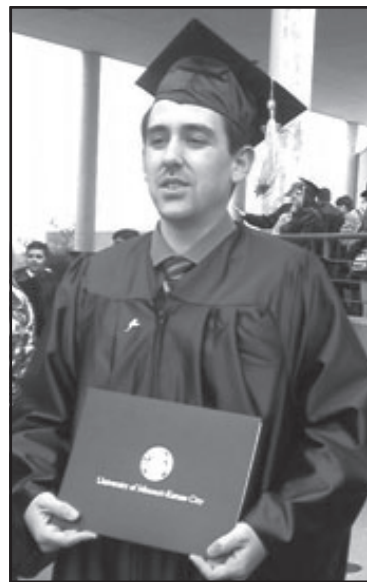
OK. Their Grandchildren of Karen and Dennis Cummings and their parents are Dana and Brandon Shipley all of Ohio.

Denise Neil-Binion Receives Smithsonian Fellowship

Appointments are given to Native American graduate students who are pursuing independent research in association with Smithsonian staff. Denise will be conducting her research at the National Museum of the American Indian Cultural Resources Center in Suitland Maryland. She will be on site for 3 weeks and her research will include examining Prairie Style

beadwork created by the Delaware and other tribes in the mid to late nineteenth century. The purpose of the research is to support her Master thesis. She is currently in her 2nd year of the Master of Art History Program - Native American Emphasis at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Denise is the daughter of Bob and Patricia Neil of Welch, Oklahoma

2010 Graduates



Dustin Alden Kester,

Kester a 2010 Graduate of the University of Missouri

Congratulations to Dustin Alden Kester, 2010 graduate of the University Missouri at Kansas City with a BA in accounting. He had a grade point average of 3.38. He completed his high school education at Bartlesville in 2001. Dustin is the son of Dana Walton of Bartlesville. His father is tribal member Wade Kester and his grandmother is tribal member Pat Johnson both of Bartlesville. Dustin is the great grandson of RW (Bill) Johnson, great

great grandson of Jessie Bullette Holmes, great-great great grandson of Chief George Bullette. Dustin is currently living in Mission, Kansas.



Ashley Nicole Huddleston

Ashley Nicole Huddleston 2010 Graduate

Ashley Nicole Huddleston graduated from Cooper High School June 5, 2010. She will attend Paris Junior College for Nursing.

She is a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Ashley is the daughter of Blake and Cindy (Wilson) Huddleston, granddaughter of Dwayne and Marilyn (Hanna) Wilson, great granddaughter of Mary Ruth (Adair) Hanna. She has a brother, Garrett and a sister, Kendy.

Delaware Scholarship Recipients Say Thanks



Whitney Thomas

Dear Education Committee

Thank you so very much for awarding me this scholarship. This significantly helps me with tuition, relieving a great deal of stress! I will keep you posted on my semester! Thank again. God Bless. Whitney Thomas.

Dear Education Committee

Thank you, for the scholarship. It was very useful this semester. I appreciate all that you have done for me. Thank you. Brice Fiddler, Romona, OK

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Delaware In the News

Delaware, Mark Hill, Named Amber Alert Coordinator Of The Year (2009)

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mary Lou Leary, the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and National AMBER Alert Coordinator, presented Mark Hill, with the AMBER Alert Coordinator of the Year Award during the National AMBER Alert Symposium in Tampa, Florida, October 27, 2009.

Hill, the AMBER Alert Coordinator for the Gila River Indian Community, near Sacaton, Arizona, received the award for his committed efforts in developing the first fully functional AMBER Alert program in a tribal community. Despite challenges he encountered, Hill created a program within the Gila River Indian Community that implements the principles and standards of the AMBER Alert initiative while maintaining the integrity of the historical and cultural needs of the community.

"Keeping children safe is our number one priority, and the AMBER Alert System is an important tool for all of us," said Mary Lou Leary. "When a child is lost or abducted we want everyone to be vigilant and aware. We need to be sure that our response is both swift and seamless."

This year, during the National AMBER Alert Symposium, OJP recognized individual or collective efforts to protect children from abduction and to recover missing or abducted children. Award categories are:

- * AMBER Alert Coordinator of the Year
- * AMBER Broadcast/Media Person of the Year
- * AMBER Alert Law

Enforcement Leadership Award

* AMBER Alert Citizen Award

The AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert system began in 1996 when Dallas-Fort Worth broadcasters teamed with local police to develop an early warning system to help find abducted children. The system was created in memory of nine-year-old Amber Hagerman of Arlington, Texas, who was abducted while riding her bicycle and later found murdered. AMBER Alerts are emergency messages broadcast when a law enforcement agency determines that a child has been abducted and is in imminent danger.

Mark Hill is a Delaware Tribal member employed as the Communications Engineer/911 Manager and AMBER Alert Coordinator in the Gila River Indian Police Department.

The Office of Justice Programs, headed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Mary Lou Leary, provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims. OJP has five component bureaus: the Bureau of Justice Assistance~the Bureau of Justice Statistics~the National Institute of Justice~the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention~ and the Office for Victims of Crime. Additionally, OJP has two program offices: the Community Capacity Development Office, which incorporates the Weed and Seed strategy, and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART).

Letters to the Editor:

Looking for picture of Great Grandmother

Dear Editor:

Hello:

My tribal member number is 3557. I am trying to locate a picture of my great grandmother, Elizabeth Silas, who was the mother of my grandmother, Phoebe Whiteturkey Reeve. Can you tell me if Lynette Perry, my aunt who is now deceased, by chance donated some photos to you? My mother, Amy Jean Reeve Bell, says there was a photo of John and Elizabeth Silas (father and daughter) that was in the possession of Lynette Perry, but we do not know who now has it. Lynette Perry wrote a book, and was rather active with the Delaware Tribe, we believe, so we are wondering if perhaps she donated these family photos to the Delaware organization.

I would very much appreciate your help in researching these historical items for me. Please let me know if you need more information. Thank you!

Sincerely, Marilyn Hanson

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Marilyn Hanson

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Looking for a Friend

Dear Editor:

Calling Della!

A girl full of smiles and fun!

You went to Sauds, Arizona to become a nurse and you became a member of the "Hall of Fame" in Oklahoma City! We met at St. Johns Hospital! Many moons ago! Barbeque or frozen chicken. Contact me, Alvah Bryant.

Della if you read contact the Tribal Office at 1-918-336-5272 or Editor at: officialdelawareindiannews@yahoo.com for contact information.

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TRIBE APPLIES FOR TITLE VI GRANT

The Delaware Tribe of Indians has applied for Title VI (6) program for Older Indian Nutrition. April 1, 2011 is the start date for this grant and runs for three (3) years. The grant will pay for food, supplies and salaries needed for running the Title 6 Program. At this time the Program is administered by the Cherokee Tribe.

The Elders are excited at the prospect of the Tribe being respon-

Chief Clairifies DEA Status

The DEA, (Delaware Enterprise Authority), is a group of people appointed by the Chief to oversee Economic Development for the Tribe. The DEA was created because there were several projects on the table for consideration. Since the General Council Meeting, the DEA has become more open to the tribe.

For a Christmas surprise, they donated \$500 for a special meal for the Elder Nutrition program which was enjoyed by many. "The question came at General about the possible need to dissolve the DEA, upon looking at the document and talking to auditors the tribe can only do away with the DEA with a referendum vote. At this time I do not think that will be necessary," stated Chief Paula Pechonick

Note: When a family member is deceased, please send the proper documentation to the tribal registration department to remove the individual from the mailing list and current roll. A copy of the death certificate or obituary from the newspaper will be good. Obituaries and photos, if available, will be printed in the DIN. The Community Services Committee has a Burial Assistance Program. Up to \$300 may be paid on outstanding funeral expenses. See more information on website. delawaretribe.org.



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Paul Edward Conklin

Funeral services for Paul Edward Conklin, 66, was on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010 in the Arnold Moore Funeral Home Chapel in Bartlesville.

Pastor Theresa Brown officiated, interment was in the Dewey Cemetery.

He was born on July 11, 1944 to Cecil Paul Conklin and Rosa Lee "Brown" Conklin in Bartlesville. He died on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010 at the Wichita Nursing Home in Wichita, Kansas.

He worked as a welder and janitor. He was united in marriage with his wife Judy Cox in Nowata. They made their home in the Bartlesville/Nowata area.

He loved his family and friends and he was a devoted caregiver. He attended The Fountain of Life Tabernacle of Dewey. He enjoyed working with leather - belts and wallets, playing guitar and rummy.

Conklin and his son, Tommy Conklin, his wife, Carol of Bartlesville; two daughters, Becky Cecilia Wadsworth and her husband Kenneth of Montana and Rebecca Conklin of Nowata; six grandchildren, Gloria, Crystal, Christina, Joe, Jennifer and Jeremy; and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Judy; and his parents.



Mary Marie Mather

Funeral services for Mary Marie Mather, 88, of Sperry, were held Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at Johnson Funeral Chapel in Sperry, OK. Reverend Doyle Ginn officiated and burial was in Sandridge Cemetery in Collinsville, OK.

Mary was born February 18, 1922 in Sperry, OK to Jess and Jessie (Spybuck) Chisholm. She passed away December 16, 2010 in Skiatook, OK.

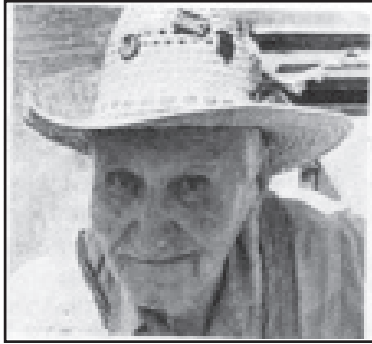
She is survived by her sister, numerous nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

"In Loving Memory"

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and Jessie Spybuck.

Arrangements and services were entrusted to Johnson Funeral Home, Sperry.

Online condolences to the family can be made at johnsonfhsperry.com.



Leo Paul Reno

Leo Paul Reno died September 26, 2010, after a prolonged illness. He was born April 24, 1922, the eight son in the 11 children family of William Lewis Reno and Alma Ett Smith-Reno, near Ketchum, Oklahoma; Paul was 88. He was preceded in death by all of his siblings and is survived by a myriad of cousins, nieces, and nephews scattered across the United States. Funeral services for Paul were held at the Ketchum Cemetery, on October 2, 2010, with his nephew, Dr. Harley W. Reno, presiding.

Paul attended public school in northeastern Oklahoma, eventually graduating from Cleora High School in 1942. Shortly thereafter, Paul was inducted into the Army, where he served three years, the last two of which were in the service of the 8th Air Force stationed in southeastern England. He was part of the ground crew which serviced heavy bombers flying over Europe. He was honorably discharged in the fall of 1945. In late 1945, Paul visited an aunt, brother and sister, and their families in Oakland, California. His intention was to make the visit brief, before returning to Oklahoma, where he dreamed of farming his family's homestead in Delaware County with mules. His brief visit lasted for the next 65 years; yet, he never abandoned the dream, even though, day-by-day, he became more integrated in the social life of the Bay Area. Ironically, the one thing he never surrendered to language of California was his Oklahoma accent-the unmistakable trade mark

of his persona that endeared him to everyone he met and knew.

During his tenure in California, he worked 35 years as a hydraulic mechanic for the Navy Supply Center of Oakland, before retiring in 1982. That was just the beginning of the rest of his life. He enjoyed three more careers, all of which contributed to his being recognized as a Living Legend by several regional, national, and international organizations.

His second career began in 1953, when he moved into a home on Kansas Street in Oakland and started growing flowers-especially Dahlias in the backyard. Over the next 35 years, he won many thousands of ribbons showing and competing in regional flower shows throughout Central California. His gardening prowess became so familiar to Dahlia enthusiasts that his yard routinely was featured in flower magazines and newspapers throughout the State. When he began closing his "flower career," he mused that he would like to have his many ribbons sewn into a queensized quilt which depicted an Indian war chief in full war bonnet, so that he could enter the quilt in the State Fair at Sacramento and, "beat those old biddies at their own game." The quilt, made from 1,717 ribbons, has been displayed in quilt shows in Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, and California, where it repeatedly won acclaim and blue ribbons.

Beginning in about 1980, Paul started his third career, when he developed an interest in steam-powered machinery, especially steam-powered tractors. At that time, the City of Oakland had in storage an inoperable Best 5 steam tractor. Paul and some colleagues asked the City of Oakland for permission restore that steam tractor to full operational capability. Permission was granted and, over the next several years, those retired mechanics restored the tractor. Today, there are only two functional Best 5 Steam Tractors in existence. For his work on the Best Steam Tractor and contributions to the restoration of other kinds of steam and gasoline engines, Paul was awarded membership in the Hall of Fame of the Early Day Gasoline Engine & Tractor Association in 1989. To date, he is

the only member of that Hall of Fame from the West Coast.

Paul's last career began in childhood, but lain fallow for 50 years, because mule- and horse-drawn farm machinery long ago was replaced by steam and gasoline powered systems. In 1987, he started restoring discarded animal-powered equipment, demonstrating and operating such equipment at public "gas-ups" and "trashing bees" on ranches and farms in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys, and building horse and mule hitching systems for pulling antiquated equipment.

His many restored pieces have been donated to and on display at worthy organizations like Ardenwood Historic Farm of Alameda County, Koster Ranch of San Joaquin County and Cabral Farms of Stanislaus County. He routinely corresponded with "horse and mule men" around the world, answering their many questions about restoration of machinery, operation of equipment, and organizing "big hitches" for public viewing and entertainment. Paul also contributed articles and technical commentary to periodicals like the Small Farmer Journal, Farm and Ranch Living, and Engineers and Engines Magazine, to name a few.

Paul was a person who impacted-indeed, sometimes drastically changed-a person's life. He affected positive change in people sometimes with a smile, a soft spoken word of encouragement, a subtle wink of a sparkling blue eye, or a calculated gesture accented by boundless wit. He was magnetic! Indeed, those of us privileged to have called him uncle, mentor, and friend are better individuals today because he nourished in each person those qualities requisite to good citizenship. A long time will pass before there is another person like Leo Paul Reno of Oakland, California.

Bill D. Stevens

Funeral services for Bill D. Stevens, 85, of Nowata was on Dec. 30, 2010 in the Benjamin Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Waymon Hunt of Arkansas officiating.

Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Nowata under the direction of the Benjamin

Funeral Home of Nowata.

Bill was born on Nov. 29, 1925 in Greeley, Colo., to Roy Stevens and Lusena (Miller) Stevens. He died on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2010 in the Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville.

He attended Nowata High School and was a WWII vet. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in January 1945 and served aboard the USS Munda Bay CVE-I 04 baby flat-top aircraft carrier as a watertender second class. The Munda participated in the Asiatic-Pacific campaign shuttling supplies and transporting wounded from Iwo Jima. He was awarded one Gold Battle Star, a Victory Medal and the American Area Campaign Metal.

He married Allene Briggs on April 22, 1947 in Independence, Kan., and they made their home in Nowata. He retired from Reda Pump on Dec. 13, 1985 after 37 years. He helped build the pump that Reda donated for national display in the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

He raised purebred Santa Gertrudis cattle for 15 years, winning many first place and grand champion awards at livestock shows. One of his skills was welding, and he built his own livestock trailer, pens and barns. He had a special interest in cars and tractors, and was a proud member of the Delaware Indian Tribe and the VFW.

What gave him the most sense of pride in his life were his grandchildren. He loved family gatherings and sharing stories with one another. He had a strong Christian faith. He was also a spirited OU football fan, who was looking forward to the Fiesta Bowl in January.

He is survived by his wife, Allene of Nowata; one son, Jerry Stevens and wife Pam of Nowata; one daughter, Judy Gerken and husband, Fred of Liberty, Mo.; three grandchildren Eric Gerken of Liberty, Mo., Carissa Stevens of Oklahoma City and Melissa Stevens of Edmond; nieces, Denise Stevens, Pam Maddux and Charlotte Yirsa of Nowata, Janet Fuller of Grove, Marlene Swigart of Choctaw and Shari Sherrick of Bartlesville; nephews, John, Jim and Jake Myers of Nowata, Richard Briggs of Texas City; and many more cousins and friends.

Online condolences may be left at www.honoringmemories.com.

Tribal Council Minutes

The Tribal Council Monday June 28, 2010.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Assistant Chief Wayne Stull. Members present included Annette Ketchum, Wayne Stull, Bill Hatch, Chet Brooks, Raymond Cline, Verna Crawford arrived late. Absent was Chief Douglas. Present in the audience was Cass Smith. Tribal employees Mary Jo Peterson and Marilyn Cole were present. Tribal attorney Vicki Sousa was also present. Invocation was given by Wayne Stull. Guest was welcomed by Wayne.

Mary Jo gave the financial report. She reported that the audit is clean with no findings.

Motion to go into executive session was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion to recess the meeting and reconvene July 19 at 3:00 p.m. meeting was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Bill Hatch. Vote Verna, Yes; Bill Hatch, Yes; Wayne Stull, Yes; Raymond Cline, Yes; Annette Ketchum, Yes; Chet Brooks, No. Motion carried. Meeting recessed.

Delaware Tribal Council Monday, August 30, 2010

The Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, August 30, 2010 in the East Room of the Nowata Public Library. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chief Jerry Douglas. The meeting was reconvened from the June meeting. This meeting was adjourned and roll call was done for the August meeting. Members present included Chief Douglas, Chet Brooks, Wayne Stull and Annette Ketchum. Councilwoman Verna Crawford arrived at 4:08 p.m. Members absent were Bill Hatch and Raymond Cline. Tribal employee's Marilyn Cole and Mary Jo Peterson were present as was Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa. Present in the audience were Paula Pechonick, Jan Brown, Bon-

nie Thaxton, Art Stull, Don Mason, Nate Young and Buck Young.

No meeting minutes for the June meeting was available for review.

Discussion of the twenty questions passed out to council members from Art Stull followed at length. Motion to answer the questions in the next DIN was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Wayne Stull. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report was given by Mary Jo Peterson. She discussed the \$121,883.77 of Judgement fund monies that had been received by the tribe and requested direction from the council as to the investment or use of the monies. Discussion followed on attorney bills owed by the tribe and the issue of buying land with the monies and its possible restricted status. The land claim suit was also discussed at length. Motion to put the \$121,883

.77 in Arvest Bank in a 13-month two phase CD was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Annette Ketchum. The authorized signatory on the CD will be the council officers who are Chief Douglas, Asst. Chief Wayne, Treasurer Raymond Cline and Secretary Verna Crawford.

The land claim issue was again discussed by Vicki Sousa, Council and audience members. Motion was made that a proposed Journal Entry be done by Vicki and with Tom Peckham's comments concerning language to purchase land with the settlement monies be done within thirty days and the draft approved by Tribal Council then forwarded to Dept. of Interior and advising them when tribal officials will be in Washington, D.C. to discuss the issue was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Further discussion of the process was held. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion of the Fuel Tax funds, attorney balances on present and past billings that are owed by the tribe were held. Motion to pay \$70,248 toward Nordhaus Law Firm back bill was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor.

Office report was given by Marilyn Cole. Motion to approve the res-

olution approving the new enrollees was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion of the walking path and funding sources followed. The first steps will be site preparation followed. The trees on the pond dam will need to be removed as well as some of the trees around the pond. A bid for \$3000 has been received. Motion to allow the removal of the trees from the pond area was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

A possible ombudsman for tribal members who attend the Cherokee clinic was discussed.

Discussion of the meeting locations followed. Motion to meet in Bartlesville for the month of September at 3:00 p.m. The date is scheduled for Sept. 20 was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

The update and addition of equipment at the Well ness center were discussed. This funding will come from the Diabetes Grant. Motion to repair and purchase the suggested fitness equipment was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

The Lenape Veterans Society proposal was discussed. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

Delaware Tribal Council Monday, September 27, 2010

Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday September 27, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 2:36 p.m. by Chief Jerry Douglas. Members present at roll call included Chief Douglas, Wayne Stull, Raymond Cline, Chet Brooks, Bill Hatch, Verna Crawford, and Annette Ketchum. Audience present included Joe Brooks, Paula Pechonick, Titus Frenchman, Doyle Hayes, Jan Brown, Art Stull, AE Stull, Cass Smith and Dee Ketchum. Invocation was given by Dee Ketchum. Guests were welcomed.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. The June minutes were discussed, no business was done at this meeting as executive session and recess of meeting was done. Minutes to reflect this will be included at the next meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor. Raymond Cline and Bill Hatch abstain from vote.

Treasurer's report was given by Mary Jo Peterson. She reviewed the August financial statements with the members and requested direction as to the tribe's CD that is up for renewal. Discussion followed. Motion to let the CD at Exchange bank rollover and review in 6 months was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion to accept the financial report pending audit was made by Verna Crawford, second by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

Old Business:

Discussion of the Trust Monies that the tribe has been trying to obtain since 2003 was held. Discussion of attorney fees the tribe still owes followed. We have received itemized billings for the current attorneys. Discussion of the per capita to be received, a writ of mandamus, Congress 'earmark' our payments was held. Bill Hatch stated he wants to put all efforts to obtain our per cap monies and attorney actions on hold.

Bill Hatch moved to halt all work on settlement agreement and legislative bill until the Dec. 6, 2010 Delaware Tribal Council meeting. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

The motion passed with four yes, (Annette Ketchum, Chet Brooks, Bill Hatch, Wayne Stull), and three no, (Chief Douglas, Raymond Cline, Verna Crawford).

Bill Hatch moved to remove the confidentiality clause to allow open discussion. Seconded by Wayne Stull. All approved. Discussion followed.

New Business

Tribal member Cass Smith presented information regarding the establishment of a Lenape

Warrior Society. He was asked if he had met with the Veterans Committee, or the Lenape Color

Guard members. Since he had not met with the whole committee this discussion was tabled.

Bill Hatch moved to approve resolution 2010-12, approving new members. Seconded by Annette Ketchum. All approved.

Annette Ketchum moved to have the Delaware Tribe enter into a new contract and take the Title VI (elder nutrition program) back from the Cherokee Nation. Seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried- four yes, (Annette Ketchum, Chet Brooks, Bill Hatch, Wayne Stull), and two no, (Chief Douglas, Verna Crawford). Councilman Cline had to leave the meeting prior to this motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Delaware Tribal Council Monday, November 22, 2010

The Delaware Tribal Council November 22, 2010 regular meeting was held at the Delaware Community Center. Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Bucky Buck gave the Invocation.

Present at roll call were Chief Paula Pechonick, Assist Chief Chet Brooks, members, Wayne Stull, Jan Brown, Bill Hatch and Verna Crawford.

Raymond Cline was absent.

Chief Paula Pechonick stated that Raymond sent an email to notify the Council that he would not be at the meeting. Verna Crawford stated that due to health problems his doctor directed him not to drive.

Motion by Jan Brown to make Raymond Cline's absence unexcused, seconded by Chet Brooks passed. Five yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Bill Hatch), one no (Crawford).

Chief Pechonick welcomed the guests and asked if anyone would like to address the Council.

Charles Randall said thank you for moving the meetings back to Bartlesville.

Guests included Annette Ketchum, Jack Tatum, Nancy Sumpter, Charles Randall, Mary

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Randall, LM Truslus, Levi Randall, Sky Taylor, Nate Young, Bruce Martin, Evelyn Kay Anderson, Jean Kirkendall, Barbara Wallace, Tonya Anna, James Jackson, Mary Huddleston, William Crawford, Joyce A. Stull, Bucky Buck, Ben Thaxton and Joe Brooks.

Employees present were Anne Swearingin, Mary Jo Peterson, and Attorney Vicki Sousa.

Chief Pechonick introduced William Crawford, a newly elected judge. At this time she called him forward and administered the Oath of Office.

Bill Hatch asked who are the sitting judges.

Discussion: It was stated that Judy Harmon intended to resign and Seth Pickett had moved to Texas and was going to resign. Secretary Verna Crawford stated that she had not received any resignations from any of the judges.

It was concluded that they are Chief Justice Art Stull, William Crawford, Rick Barnes, Judy Harmon, and Seth Pickett.

Chief Pechonick asked if anyone else wanted to address the Council.

Nancy Sumpter told the Council that the kitchen in the Community Center needed a dishwasher and that she recommends leasing one because the company would service it.

Jan Brown moved to accept the agenda as presented. Wayne Stull seconded the motion. All approved.

Wayne Stull moved to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Chet Brooks.

Discussion both Annette Ketchum and Bill Hatch stated they had notified the office or another Council member that they would not be at the last meeting. It was directed to have the statement, "No call as to why they were absent" removed.

Motion carried with five yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford) and one abstention (Bill Hatch).

Verna Crawford moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented pending Audit. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Treasurer Jan Brown asked Mary Jo Peterson (Delaware Tribe Chief Financial Officer/CPA) to give the report this time since she has recently taken office. She plans

to give the reports in the future.

Discussion: Mary Jo Peterson stated that the October financials were in the packet and asked if there were any questions.

Bill Hatch asked how many checks, how much and where is the money received from our Trust Fund settlement funds?

The money was placed in CD's #12566 in the amount of \$337,209.17 and # 2257269 in the amount of \$121,883.77 for a total of \$459,092.94 as shown in the Tribe's October 2010 Financials stated Mary Jo Peterson.

Bill Hatch said that is over half a million dollars. He asked if any been spent? Have we received any other money since this report? Peterson said no to both questions.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented pending Audit was approved with six yes. (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Bill Hatch).

Unfinished Business:

Draft proposal of a Final Settlement Agreement Regarding Certain Claims, Docket No. 02-26L to be presented to the United States Court of Federal Claims presented for review of the Council by Vicki Sousa.

Bill Hatch asked whose work product the document was? Sousa answered, "Mine and Tom Peckum".

Bill Hatch asked if Louis Figireto had any input into this document?

"Tom Peckam and I had a phone conference with Louis and discussed the land claim provisions in sections V E, F and G" answered Ms. Sousa.

Bill Hatch asked Chet Brooks to point out the flaws in the document.

Chet Brooks pointed out errors in the Tribal Historical statements. Vicki stated that she would like to set down with Chet and go over the document to make the appropriate changes.

Chief Pechonick asked if there is a certain timeline to get this done?

Ms. Sousa said no, at the September meeting Tom and I were not to do anything on this until December 3.

Verna Crawford asked Vicki if she and Chet could make the corrections and present the finished product to the Council at our next meeting or should it be done sooner?

Bill interjected that there was an immediacy to get the

document moved forward and thirty days was too long.

Crawford said that was the reason for her question.

This shoddy work from the past administration is why we are in the shape we are in. This should have been done weeks if not months ago stated Bill Hatch.

You told her to quit stated Chief Pechonick.

Hatch said "No we did not. We told her to stop working on legislation."

It was my understanding that they were to stop all work on this, both legislative and judicial, stated Crawford.

Verna Crawford moved to have Chet Brooks and Vicki Sousa meet and revise the document. Call for a special meeting for next Monday, November 29, 2010 for the purpose of approving this document. Jan Brown seconded the motion.

Discussion: Bill presented a document titled "Primary Source Document in Reference to Ohio, Indiana Land Area Judicially established and proposed for the Delaware and Eastern Shawnee Tribes. He said Vicki should review it.

Levi Randall asked if the Louis Figueredo, that I have been hearing about doing business with the Delaware, was same one convicted of embezzlement in Florida? This information is on the Internet. I do have his department of Corrections photo. He has approached Western Delaware Nation also and they turned him down. They are sending me a dossier on him.

The Council responded that to the best of their knowledge it was not the same person.

Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).

Nate Young pointed out the importance of this settlement. He said that this document provides that any land purchased with Trust money will be automatically place into Trust. Which will be of great value to the Tribe.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-16 for application for Title VI Elder Nutrition program. Motion seconded by Bill Hatch.

Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).

Direction was given to the staff to get bids for roof repair on the Community Center.

Jan Brown moved to have the Tribal Council to be the Personnel Committee. Bill Hatch seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).

Wayne Stull moved to approve Resolution 2010-17 to accept eleven New Tribal members. Seconded by Chet Brooks.

Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).

Secretary Verna Crawford read into the minutes a poll vote taken to provide lunch at General Council. The poll received six yes votes (Ketchum, Brooks, Douglas, Stull, Hatch and Cline), one no (Verna Crawford because no dollar amount was stated in the motion).

Bill Hatch moved to accept the Poll Vote as read, seconded by Chet Brooks.

Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).

Bill Hatch asked Vicki Sousa if she was aware of the language of the Diane Feinstein proposal.

Wayne Stull said during a consultation he, Vicki and Nate Young had with the Interior last week the proposal was addressed.

Nate Young stated that he asked if there would be surprises regarding the Feinstein proposal. Are there secret negotiations going on by Feinstein that will hurt us? We did not get a definite answer.

Feinstein's proposal will keep any land going into Trust from being used for gaming.

Vicki was requested to provide a sample letter to our Congressmen for us to send and also be put on the Web.

Chief Pechonick stated that Council meetings will be held at the Delaware Community Center in Bartlesville. If the Trust Board moves it's meetings to Bartlesville the Council will change it's meetings to the first Monday of each month following the Trust Board.

Verna Crawford stated that at General Council that the December Trust Board meeting will be December 6, 2010 in Nowata at 4:00 pm.

Verna Crawford moved to table the Holiday schedule for 2011 till next meeting.

Chet Brooks moved to have Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, and other representatives accept the Invitation to meet with the President in Washington and to carry the letter we wrote and try to the speak to the President about it. Wayne Stull seconded the motion.

Discussion: Vicki Sousa suggested taking advantage of the time in Washington to set up meetings with people in Interior and other departments.

Levi Randall asked that the Council keep the Tribal members informed regarding the trips taken and meetings attended by Tribal Leaders.

Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).

Verna Crawford moved to lease a dishwasher for the Community Center kitchen and for the Chief to review the bids with consultation with Nancy Sumter to enter into a lease for the best agreement. Bill Hatch seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).

Verna Crawford presented the Council with copies of the Resolutions addressed and passed at National Congress of American Indians. She stated that there would be a more detailed report at the next meeting.

Anne Swearingin stated she has tried to obtain bids to fix the streetlights at the Tribal Complex Elder Units. The lights are wired directly into the Wellness Center and contractors refuse to bid.

EPA report. Bids have been requested for a truck for the EPA. None of the bids received were acceptable. The EPA will use the truck for any grant requirements. The truck will be used for radon testing, recycling and more. EPA requested to follow the same process used by the Historic Preservation Department. They purchased a preowned vehicle.

There are two or three positions available for EPA, which

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will be posted on the web and advertised. Delaware preference will be considered.

Joe Brooks stated his opinion that the Tribal office needs to be open five days per week instead of four.

Verna Crawford stated that the main reason we went to a four-day workweek was to save money. This did prove to be the case.

Chief Pechonick said options would be reviewed, with one being to arrange for the staff rotate and have every other Friday off. The office would still be open and staffed.

Mary Jo Peterson addressed the council, saying, "When I came to work for the Tribe I had certain goals I wanted to reach. One was to get the audits caught up they were a couple years behind, they are up to date and clean. Another was to get our indirect cost rate back and functioning, that has happened. I have given it a lot of thought and I have decided to submit my resignation effective 30 days from this day."

The Council expressed their appreciation for all the work Mary Jo has done and expressed our regrets that she has decided to leave.

Chief Pechonick announced that Jamie Weaver, the EPA Director, has also submitted her resignation. There are several job openings at this time.

Chief Pechonick set a personnel meeting for 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 29, 2010 followed by the special Council meeting.

Charles Randall offered to help up date the Web. Everyone agreed that several staff members should learn to work on the Web.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Delaware Tribal Council Special Meeting

Monday, Nov. 29, 2010

The Delaware Tribal Council November 29, 2010 special meeting was held at the Delaware Community Center. Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Chet Brooks gave the Invocation.

Present at roll call were Chief Paula Pechonick, Assist Chief Chet Brooks, members Raymond Cline, Wayne Stull, Jan Brown and Verna Crawford.

Bill Hatch was absent.

Employees present were Human Resources officer, Anne Swearingin and Attorney, Vicki Sousa. Guest were Verna Artherton and Marilyn Coffee.

Chet Brooks moved to approve the "Final Settlement Agreement" as presented with corrections. Wayne Stull seconded motion.

Discussion: Chet stated that he and Vicki Sousa had reviewed and corrected some inconsistent historical facts.

All approved, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Verna Crawford on Monday, December 20, 2010.

Agreement as presented with corrections. Wayne Stull seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Verna Crawford moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Trust Board Minutes

Delaware Trust Board

Monday, June 28, 2010

The Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, June 28, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond Cline at 4:31 p.m. Members present at roll call were Chet Brooks, Wayne Stull, Bill Hatch, Raymond Cline and Verna Crawford. Absent were Doyle Hayes and Rusty Brown. Tribal Employees present were Mary Jo Peterson and Marilyn Cole. Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa was present. Guest in the audience was Cass Smith. Invocation was given by Wayne Stull.

Minutes of the previous meeting (4-26) was reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes with correction was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor. No corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report was given by Mary Jo Peterson. She stated that the audit is unqualified. And that we are awaiting the Asset Management report. This should be received by the second week in July. Discussion of the Nordhaus billing followed. The total bill owed to the firm is \$200,000. The amount owed to the Dorsey & Whitney firm is approximately \$30,000. Motion to continue to pay \$2,000 to the Nordhaus firm or a maximum of 10% of the trust funds we receive was made and died due to lack of second. Discussion of our investments followed. Motion to approve the report pending audit was made by Bill Hatch, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports are in the packets.

Community Service - in the packet.

Cultural Preservation was given by Chet Brooks he stated that the committee is meeting monthly. They are discussing the lease for Eagle Ridge as this expires on June 30. There is some trouble in obtaining a right of way to the property.

Education has not had a meeting but will meet after the July 31 deadline for scholarships. Land Management, Reinvestment, and Economic Development Committees didn't have meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Delaware Trust Board

Monday, September 27, 2010

The Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, September 27, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Asst. Chair Wayne Stull. Members present at roll call included Wayne Stull, Chet Brooks, Bill Hatch, Verna Crawford, Doyle Hayes. Raymond Cline arrived at 1:15 pm. Absent was Rusty Brown. Invocation was given by Dee Ketchum. Audience included Annette and Dee Ketchum, Art Stull and son AE, Joe Brooks, Chief Douglas, Paula Pechonick, Nancy Sumpter, Titus Frenchman and Jan Brown. Tribal employees Marilyn Cole and Mary Jo Peterson were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the June minutes was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor. Doyle Hayes abstain from vote.

Treasurers Report was given by Mary Jo Peterson. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit was made by Chet Brooks, seconded by Raymond Cline. Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports:

Education - no meeting help budget was approved at last meeting.

Cultural Preservation - Met last Tuesday. Delaware Day was a success. Two elders were honored. Working on the right of way for Eagle Ridge.

Land Management - meet-

ing held no business discussed.

Community Services - tribal members are being assisted as applications are received and are approved. Li-Heap funds are available. Committee has approved their annual budget.

Tribal Operations - no meeting held

Reinvestment - no meeting held

Economic Development - no meeting held. The committee will now be chaired by Bill Hatch. Discussion of ideas for this committee was held with audience and board.

Unfinished business: None

New Business: The budget for 2011 has been sent to the chair of all committees several times since May. This budget should of been reviewed by committees. Motion to approve the 2010 budget was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Discussion followed as some committees have neglected to approve their budgets. The \$ amount has only changed by \$700 from the 2010 budget. Motion fail with all vote no 1 yes Verna Crawford.

Motion to table the 2011 budget until the October meeting was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting for October will be Oct. 4 @ 1:00 pm at the Delaware Community Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

**For your information:
Minutes of both Tribal Council and
Trust Board are posted monthly on
the official Tribal Web site:
www.delawaretribe.org.**



Delaware Housing Authority News

Delaware Applicants Needed

Safety Tips For Home, Children, Roads

By Melanie Downs, Delaware Housing Authority Safety & Procurement Officer.

By Delaware Housing Authority Housing Officer

The Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe (HADT) is currently seeking low income Native American families in need of housing. We are asking that if you, or someone you know, are interested in the possibility of receiving housing assistance to contact the HADT so that an application may be sent to you. We also have several rental units coming available in the Chelsea and Claremore areas, including units at the elder complex at Delaware Acres. The qualifications for assistance through the HADT housing programs are: the family must have at least one member who is a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe and the family's combined income cannot exceed the Nation Median Income limit established by HUD. Currently the income limit for a family of four is \$51,200. The current chart is posted

in the HADT lobby or you may call the office for this information. All information submitted on the application will be subject to third-party verification and all applicants 18 years and older must pass a criminal background check.

The HADT has one, two, three and four bedroom units with central heat and air, 1 or 1-1/2 baths (depending upon unit size) washer & dryer hookups, fenced back yard and most have a single or double garage. Rent is based on 25% (not to exceed 30%) of the families' adjusted income and range from \$200 to \$375 per month. A security deposit of \$100 per bedroom is required at move in. Program participants will have a yearly recertification for continued occupancy and an annual inspection of the rental unit is also a requirement of the program.

Applications are available at the HADT office located at #6 Northview Drive, Chelsea, OK, or by visiting the HADT's website at hadt.org.

Keep in our kids safe

No one wants anything to happen to kids but unfortunately accidents do happen. Please do not speed through our neighbors. The speed limit at Secondline I & II & Delaware Acres is 15 mph. Please observe & follow the speed limit posted & if you have visitors that are not following the speed limit please explain to them that there are children of all ages living there and to please slow down. Please watch your children while they are playing outside. The HADT has taken measures to keep the kids safe by having providing fenced yards & playgrounds. However, older children like to ride their bikes on the roads. This is not much of a problem with the older children but young want to do what the big kids are doing & play in the road which is very dangerous. Parents please do not allow young children to play out in the front yard without supervision, we would all be devastated if something happened to a child that could have been avoided.

Home Safety

In one year, falls in the home and community caused or led to 15,900 deaths. All age groups are vulnerable but elders are most at risk. In fact, 80% of those receiving fatal injury are over the age of 65. Falls continue to be the major reason for injury related death, injury and hospital admission for older adults. Follow these tips to prevent slips and falls in your home:

Keep the floor clear. Reduce clutter and safely tuck telephone and electrical cords out of walkways .

Keep the floor clean. Clean up grease, water and other liquids immediately. Don't wax floors.

Use non-skid throw rugs to reduce your chance of slipping on linoleum.

Install handrails in stairways. Have grab bars in the bathroom (by toilets and in tub and shower.)

Make sure living areas are well lit. We can all trip and fall in the dark.

Be aware that climbing and reaching high places of a fall. Use a sturdy step stool with hand rails when these tasks are necessary.

Follow medication dosages closely. Using medication incorrectly may lead to dizziness, weakness and other side effects. These can all lead to a dangerous falls.

Road Safety

Winter road conditions require your extra attention. Staying off the phone, driving at a safe and legal speed, driving alert and sober and buckling up will ensure that you safely make it to your destination.

- Drive with your headlights on.
- Slow Down!

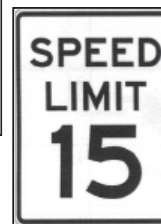
Give yourself extra time to reach your destination when roads are slick.

- leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows - stay at least 15 car lengths back.
- Watch for icy surfaces on bridges, even if the rest of the road seems to be clear of ice.
- Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra seconds to react.
- Trucks take longer to stop, so don't cut in front of them and give them space.
- Don't use your cruise control or overdrive when it's freezing (or colder).
- Don't get overconfident with four-wheel drive. It helps you get going quicker but won't help you stop any faster.

Safety is no accident!



Delaware Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioner meeting are the Second Tuesday of each Month at 1:00 at the Housing Authority's office in Chelsea. Date and Time may change due to unforeseeable conflicts.



Delaware Tribe of Indians Address Correction Form

Address changes: Use this form, drop a note or a post office change of address card to the tribal office

**Delaware Indian News
170 N.E. Barbara
Bartlesville, OK 74006**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

To have a name changed on the tribal roll, send proper documentation, such as a legal document, stating the change (examples: marriage license, adoption papers, divorce papers, etc.) Be sure to include your previous name or names since that will be the way it is listed on the role. Including Tribal Registration number is helpful, but not required.

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Delaware Tribal Education Programs

- **Education & Athletic Assistance:** This program is for registered Delaware Tribe of Indians students who need some type of assistance for students ages 6th grade and up while enrolled in school, such as graduation expenses, ACT exams, summer school, athletics, etc. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year. However, the Education Committee reserves the right to change this amount on an individual basis. *Vo-Tech on an individual basis.
- **Academic Achievement Award:** Available on a one-time basis to registered Delaware Tribe of Indians that have graduated in the current fiscal year/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 GPA, (grade point average)
- **Driver's Education Assistance:** Can be used to help defray costs of driver's education classes through an accredited training facility. This program has a maximum of \$75.00 per applicant per fiscal year. The assistance will be made based on funding availability.
- **Adult Vocational Training Assistance:** Can be used to help with costs of short-term vocational training classes. They are limited to out of school students who wish to learn new or upgrade current skills. This program has a maximum of \$100.00 per applicant per fiscal year. The assistance will be made based on funding availability.

For more information on these programs or other available programs and forms go to delawaretribe.org or call Delaware Tribal Offices at 918-336-5272.



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Delaware Chief Looks to Future for Tribe



Newly-elected Delaware Tribe of Indians Chief Paula Pechonick stands by the seal of her tribe at the Delaware Tribal Headquarters Bartlesville. BeckyBurch/Examiner-Enterprise

By Abigail Singrey asingrey@examiner-enterprise.com

Newly-elected Delaware Tribe of Indians Chief Paula Pechonick isn't impressed by the historical significance of being the first woman chief.

Instead, she is concerned with building up the tribe after it survived past difficulties. "I thought our tribe needed some new blood," Pechonick said. "Never in my wildest dreams was I going to run for chief."

"I had kind of a low profile." When she found out that the past chief was running again, Pechonick felt led to oppose him in the race.

"I prayed and talked to the Creator a long time. I've been asking this question for years: What is it that I'm supposed to be doing?" Pechonick said.

She felt called to lead the tribe into a new era following the end of the Delaware's difficult fight to be officially recognized as a tribe by the federal government.

The tribe's difficulties began as far back as 1979, when the

United States Bureau of Indian Affairs revoked the tribal status of the Delaware living among the Cherokee. They began to count them as part of the Cherokee tribe.

This decision was overturned in 1996, when the Delaware was again recognized as an official tribe.

However, the Cherokee INation filed a lawsuit to i overturn the Delaware recognition. The Delaware again lost its federal recognition in 2004, when a court ruled in favor of the Cherokee Nation. As a result of losing its recognition and all its government funding, the tribe had to sell buildings and other assets to survive.

The Delaware Tribe officially regained its recognition on July 28, 2009.

"We've won it and lost it, won it and lost it," Pechonick said. "It's just ridiculous ...

When the tribe regained its recognition 18 months ago: Pechonick did not think that the current leadership took full advantage of the new opportunities.

Pechonick lived in Kansas for 18

years, then moved back to become more involved with the tribe. She became involved in the tribal government, serving around 15 years on the tribal council as well as serving as a judge for four years.

As a moccasin-maker, Pechonick was instrumental in preserving the craft within the tribe.

"I didn't really have political aspirations but it just became necessary," Pechonick Said. "I seemed to have grassroots support. People were calling from as far away as New York and California to say they were voting for me."

While her biggest goal for the tribe is to focus on economic development, so far she has had her hands full getting used to running the tribe.

She hopes eventually to work with the Delaware Nation - based in Anadarko - to preserve their joint culture. After visiting with its chief at a recent history summit, Pechonick thinks that perhaps the two tribes could begin to work together frequently in the future.

Pechonick is aware that the Delaware Tribe of Indians will still face challenges. The Delaware Tribe has around 10,500 people, who are scattered across the U.S., she said.

"Being absolutely a landless tribe is a drawback for economic development," Pechonick said.

But she sees opportunities through grants and other federal programs to benefit her people, including doing business with the government and possibly developing some solar and wind power with the Environmental Protection Agency.

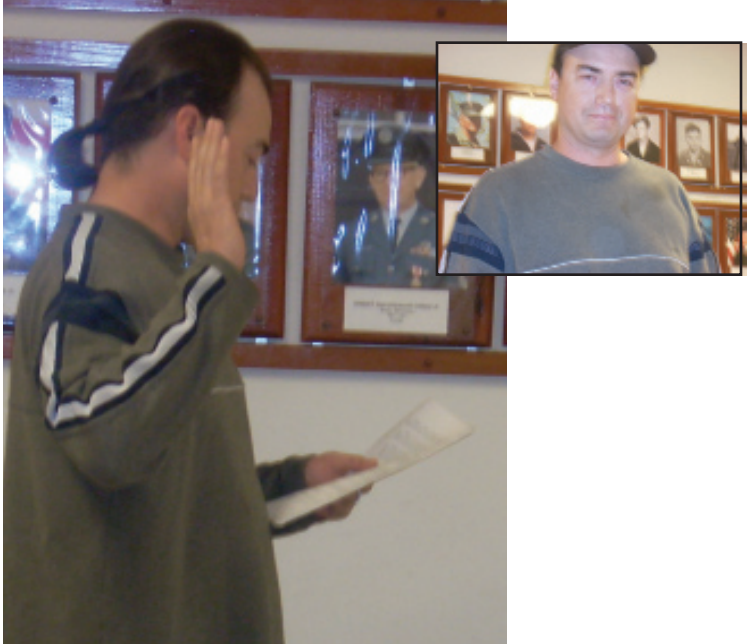
"Maybe when we become more active we can attract some of our people back to this area," Pechonick said.

The idea of being able to influence the direction of the tribe as chief excites her, she said.

"It just seems like it was meant to be," Pechonick said.

The 2011 Tribal Council and Trust Board meeting schedule has been set for the First Monday of each Month, unless unforeseen events cause them to be postponed to the following week. Times to be announced. Location will be the Delaware Tribal Community Center. Check the Tribal web sight for more information. www.delawaretribe.org.

Chief, Council and Judges take Office



Above left: Chief Justice Art Stull administers the Oath of Office to Chief Paula Pechonick with Former Chiefs Dee Ketchum and Joe Brooks in attendance.

Above right Councilmembers Jan Brown, Raymond Cline, Verna Crawford and Justice Rick Barnes are sworn in.

right: Justice William Crawford takes Oath.

Below:A look at General Council.At

