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47th Annual Delaware Powwow May 27-29 FallLeaf Campground

The 47th Annual Delaware Powwow will be held May 27, 28 and 29 at the Fred Fall Leaf Memorial Campgrounds. The campgrounds are located 3 miles east of Highway 75 on Road 600. Admission and parking are free. This year's head staff includes: Head Singer Steven Byington, Head Man Dancer Jared Liston, Head Lady Dancer Jennifer Tsosie, Master of Ceremonies Brad Kills Crow and Neil Lawhead, Stomp Dance MC David Tyner, Arena Directors Dude Blalock and Chris Soap, Host Northern Drum Red Land Singers. Host gourd dance groups will be Osage Gourd dancers and Lenape Gourd Dance Society, Color Guard units will be Lenape Color Guard and Broken Arrow Color Guard.

The 2011 Delaware Pow Wow Princess will be Larissa Belle Wikel of Copan. On Friday, May 27, Gourd Dancing begins at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Grand Entry is at 8 p.m. Contests will be held each night in the various age groups. Stomp Dancing will be held Friday and Saturday nights following the Pow Wow. On Saturday and Sunday, gourd dancing will be from 3 to 8 p.m. and Grand Entry at 8 p.m.

A fry bread contest will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Walt and Pat Donnell's camp. There will be an Indian football game, Men against the Women on Saturday at 11 am between the Markley Camp and Fred Fall Leaf's home. Sunday morning church service is at 10 am in the area.

Sunday morning Indian football game at 11:30 am with all proceeds going to Relay for Life/Stomp Out Cancer.

All specials will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Anyone caught selling meat pies or other food items will be asked to leave the powwow grounds. A concession stand is available with proceeds going to the powwow. The Powwow Committee is not responsible for accidents or theft. If you are camping, please fill up your water containers before you come out. No chairs are to be set up around the arena prior to approximately 10am, an announcement will be made when it is time to set up chairs.

The Delaware Powwow is the home of the "Dog Pound" and their Princess, LuAnn Hainline. For more information call 918-338-9358.



Ben Affleck, with Chief Paula Pechonick, made a special appearance at Stomp Out Cancer's Gourd Dance in March for an Honor Dance. Stomp Out Cancer is a Relay for Life event for the American Cancer Society.



Assistant Chief Chet Brooks administered the "Oath of Office" to Jenifer Pechonick.

Pechonick was selected by the Council to the Tribal Council on January 24, 2011 by the Tribal Council members. She took the seat left vacant by the resignation of Raymond Cline.

Delaware Tribe of Indians Receives ICDBG Grant from HUD

By Sherry Rackliff, Director Delaware Child Development Department

The Delaware Tribe of Indians received notification of an award of \$800,000 from the Indian Community Development Block Grant / Housing and Urban Development office for construction of a Social Services Building. The building will house programs for Delaware Tribal members who are in need of referrals or direct services. There will be a small library that will contain resources for Tribal members on various topics such as health issues, diabetes, and nutrition.

The Delaware Social Services Building will also have a safe room for use by the clients, elders in the nutrition program, and staff in the building. The safe room will be open to anyone on the Lenape

Addition.

The Tribe also plans to develop a long range master plan for the development of economic ventures and services for the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

The building will be located in Bartlesville, Oklahoma at the Lenape Addition.

Overview of the Project

The Delaware Tribe of Indians proposes to submit an [Indian Community Development Block Grant](#) through HUD for the construction of a Social Services Building that will house services for clients needing assistance with utilities, prescription medications, eyeglasses, [dental assistance](#), scholarships, school supplies, other educational needs for

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Trust Election Coming in November

For Everyone's information, this is a Trust Board Election Year, the Office of Chairman and three members are up for election. Details on candidate declaration will be in the July 2011 DIN.

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A Moment with Chief Paula Pechonick



During the first quarter of 2011, I, along with Tribal Council and staff worked diligently to move the Tribe forward in a positive and progressive way. We continue to make progress daily. The Tribe rolled out a new website. You may visit www.delawaretribe.org for current information, applications and events for the Tribe. We do our best to keep this information current. If you notice a missing item or have information to post, please email lharris@delawaretribe.org or call 918-337-6595. I am operating as a seven person Council, not a Chief with ultimate power. Maybe I expect too much out of my Council but they are readily available to help with training the office staff, the newspaper and whatever else transpires throughout the day and week. When the issue of paying the Tribal Council came before the Council, I supported it. The Council works hard behind the scenes, not just at a meeting once-a-month. The

Council and staff are helping uncover the misappropriation of money that has occurred over the last several years. We are now asking for a federal investigation.

I have asked that the Constitution be included in part in this issue to help understand what a Council member's responsibilities are constitutionally. We have money available for this purpose and I feel like this is money well spent.

Councilmen Jan Brown and Jenifer Pechonick went to Tulsa with me and met with the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. We picked up two checks totaling \$338,000. One was for Direct and Indirect Cost, \$154,000 and Indian Health Services for \$184,000. The IHS monies were left over from our Health and Wellness Center. This was monies the Cherokee Nation owed the Delaware Tribe.

Since November 15, 2010, this administration has:

- rejuvenated the EPA program
- made tribal community and education programs more accessible
- hired Delawares
- supported staff in being helpful to Tribal Members
- reduced the number of holidays for the office
- went back to a full work week
- answered the telephones
- revitalized Economic Development program
- rolled out new website www.delawaretribe.org
- continue to update website
- pond revitalization is underway
- successful at managing snow removal during record blizzard
- Community Center roof repaired
- ongoing organization of stored file
- submitted a list of after-borns for checks, after 3 years of inactivity
- grant applications turned in or underway: Wetlands, library, museum,

Title VI, SEDS

I attended RES 2011, an economic development summit hosted by NCAIED. There were many classes throughout the week, speakers and meetings with department heads from Washington, D.C. as well as meetings with financial advisors from Wall Street and explored money available for economic development. I hope to report good news as a result of these meetings in the next issue.

I appreciate your support and input. I need your support and input to continue to move the Tribe forward. Wanishi!



Delaware Tribe Constitution ARTICLE IV – Governing Body

Section 1. There is created by this Constitution a governing body which shall be known as the Delaware Tribal Council. The Tribal Council shall consist of seven (7) members; a Chief, Assistant Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) members, all of whom must be eligible voters within the Delaware Tribe.

From Article V – Powers of the Tribal Council

The Delaware Tribal Council shall have the following powers:

- A. To represent the Delaware Tribe and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of the tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this Constitution and Bylaws or the Constitution and laws of the United States of America.
- B. To negotiate and make contracts with Federal, State, and Local Government and individuals, firms or companies.
- C. To advise and consult with the Secretary of Interior or his representative on all matters and activities that may affect the Delaware Tribe and to make appropriation requests to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on any project / program beneficial to the Delaware Tribe.
- D. To employ legal counsel, the choice of counsel and fixing fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative if required by Federal law.
- E. To cultivate, promote and encourage the culture and crafts of the LENNI LENAPE.
- F. To administer charity.
- G. To negotiate permits and leases, subject to approval of the Secretary of the Interior, if required by Federal Law, for business, homesite and other purposes, and generally to provide for the proper use and development of all Tribal lands, natural resources, and other Tribal property.
- H. To appropriate Tribal funds for Tribal purposes.
- I. To mortgage or otherwise encumber Tribal land and to borrow money from any source and pledge or assign chattels of future tribal income as security therefore with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative if required by Federal Law.
- J. To enact ordinances to regulate the use of all tribal lands through zoning, taxation, or otherwise.
- K. To manage and control community / tribal property, enterprises, and other economic projects and programs of the Delaware Tribe, including, but not limited to, the establishment of housing and rental authorities, education programs and elderly programs, and appointment of planning, programming, and development committees.
- L. To authorize, charter, establish and regulate associations and corporations formed for the benefit of the Delaware Tribe of doing business upon Delaware lands.
- M. To establish rules to regulate its own proceedings, to appoint subordinate committees, commissions, boards, tribal officials, and employees not otherwise provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws and to prescribe their duties, salaries, and tenure.

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Monday -- Friday
8:00 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m.

Note:

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

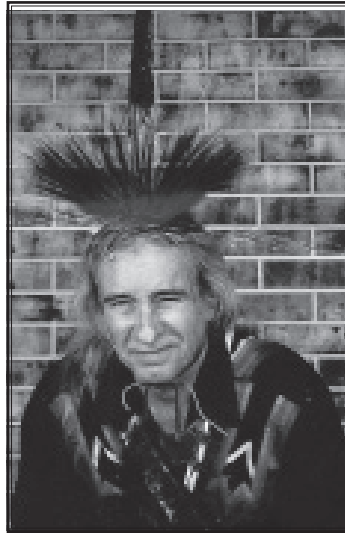
Assistant Chief Chet Brooks Seeks Opinion of Delaware Tribal Members

On January 24, 2011 the Tribal Council, by two separate motions, voted to pay a regular fixed allowance (stipend by definition of Webster's Pocket Dictionary - 2001 Edition) to Council Members and to Council Officers other than the Chief who already received a stipend. The amount of the stipends was voted as \$160.00 per week for each Council Member and Officer and the stipend would increase 12.5% (\$20.00) for each

additional year the Council Member had served beyond their first year on the Council. The funds to pay these stipends were stated to come from Oklahoma Fuel Tax Compact or other available funds and a cap of \$1,500 per month for any one Council Members stipend.

At the March 7th Council Meeting a former Delaware Tribe Chief presented his objections to these stipends being paid in the form of a February 16, 2011 letter which had already been circulated at Elder Nutrition Lunch and circulated to some degree on the worldwide web. Basics of the Former Chief's complaint are 1. that Council Members knew they would receive a small stipend when they ran for office, 2. salaries were not brought before the General Council in November 2010, and 3. where would we get the money since we had no income from Tribal businesses. He requested that his February 16th letter be posted in this DIN and I respectfully ask you read his letter before hearing my response to his complaints.

I can agree with the Former Chief that every one of our 3 Council Members and 3 Council Officers knew that a \$25.00 stipend for each meeting



attended was being paid when each ran for office. However, I totally disagree with the incorrect implication that "They voted themselves a salary of \$7,680 per year." That would have been a direct violation of our Tribal Constitution & By-Laws - Section 6 of By-Laws, Page 13. Speaking of Delaware Constitution and By-Laws all Tribal Members can find

them on line at <http://www.delawaretribe.org> under Tribal Documents Tab. You can also find the minutes of the January 24th, 2011 Council Meeting on said web site and the minutes of the March 7 Council Meeting should be on line shortly after you receive this DIN. I ask our Tribal Members to read these documents and feel that when you have read them you will understand that it is the adult voter members (all of you that vote) who are the supreme authority in our Tribe, not the General Council as our Former Chief complains. As a matter of fact had this been addressed at General Council 2010 it would be moot. No Quorum of 100 voters was present and there hasn't been a quorum for the past several years. Yes a General Council vote of 67 out of 100 quorum can override any action of the Tribal Council (governing body) accepts said vote. If Council does not accept then it must go out for referendum to all voters. And yes 100 voters can sign a legal initiative petition and force a referendum, but referendum votes are expensive to conduct unless they are held with regular elections.

I do agree with the former chief that

we very much need tribal income from businesses and we have paid exorbitant attorney fees (approx. \$155,000 paid 2 attorneys in 2010). On the other hand the real question is do we have the money to pay Council Members stipends? I have found within the last few days that we have \$677,402.34 in Tribal Council bank accounts (can't count \$3.3+ million in Trust Accounts which cannot and should not be spent on anything but budgeted Trust Plan line items). In addition our Delaware Enterprise Authority has come into at least \$550,000, in the last 11 months from business developers.

Also, our new Chief's Administration has been able to reduce our employee wage cost by approx. \$3,984 per month. All of our Council members have agreed to roll back the \$1,500 max. stipend to \$1,000 per month which would bring the total stipends for all to \$5,236 per month minus the \$3,984 wage savings and minus the \$150 monthly prior stipends leaves a \$1,102 per month shortfall to come out of Oklahoma Fuel Taxes, 2 Attorneys and any other available funds. Yes I am personally satisfied we can come up with the \$1,102 shortfall and if the two attorneys, and other sources can't take a small hit then I'm sure each and every council member would take a \$184/month decrease in stipend to make up shortfall. The opinions expressed in this article are strictly my own. Please do our Tribe the favor of expressing your opinion on this subject. My e-mail address is <achilenape@yahoo.com>. I prefer e-mail responses to this subject but you can also phone me on cell # 918-331-6212. If you get my voice mail, please leave your name & Phone #, state you are a Tribal Member and I will return your call as soon as possible..... WANISHI

For your information:

Minutes of both Tribal Council and Trust Board are posted monthly on the official Tribal Web site:

www.delawaretribe.org.

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

From The Desk Of Wayne Stull, Trust Board Chairman

Tribal Members, Family and Friends, the last few months have been difficult and trying. The weather was terrible causing a delay in Council as well as Trust Board meetings. We have a new administration, new Chief and tribal office employees. In December 2010, Raymond Cline



resigned as Trust Board chairman.

As vice-chairman, I took over. Also, in December Rusty Brown resigned from the Trust Board due to relocation to Alaska, leaving a vacancy. At the March Trust Board meeting Doyle Hayes resigned leaving another opening. Before Mr. Hayes resigned, the four remaining Trust Board members voted to appoint Larry Joe Brooks as a member of the Trust Board. (The chairman only votes if there's a tie.) This brought the Trust Board back to five members with the remaining two seats to

be filled at the next scheduled meeting April 4th. At that time, new committee chairs will be appointed. Currently all programs are active and still being funded as our Trust document permits. Your Trust monies are safe and if the economy keeps improving our interest will grow in 2011 which will in turn provide more money for all budgeted Trust programs, Community service, Land

Management, Economic Development, Cultural Preservation, Tribal Operations and Re-investment. With a full Trust Board beginning April 4th, the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board will continue to carry out duties and responsibilities for the Delaware people.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition period. The two new Trust Board members will be announced in the next DIN.

Sincerely, Wayne Stull

Delaware Elder Nutrition Program

By Jan Brown,
Hey, fellow Delawares.

We are still waiting to hear from the Title 6 Grant we applied for in November last year. This grant supplies the food and salaries for our Elder Nutrition Program. I've been on pins and needles wondering why we hadn't heard a word. After talking to the Cherokee Nation and finding they had not heard either I've settled down some. I also learned the Cherokees will continue funding our Elder Nutrition Program until the grant does go through so there shouldn't be a shut down while in transition. This should happen sometime in April this year and it is a three year grant so we won't have to do this again for a while.

A company was found, thanks to Anita Mathis, to finally get the air-conditioner repaired for the kitchen at the Delaware Tribal Center. The cooks were using the dining room air-conditioner and a window fan to combat the heat in the kitchen, making it too cool for the elders in the dining room. Hopefully that will not be a problem this summer and should be much more comfortable for the cooks as well. The unit has been broken for about 4 years. Now we are working to get a replacement window unit

for the food storage building that broke 2 years ago. We thought we had units already bought, but this turned out to be false. Finding one that fits should be simple enough.

The Center's roof has also been repaired. No more leaks when it rains, snows or whatever. The flat roof had been sealed incorrectly from the beginning and no one seemed to know how to fix it. Anita to the rescue again. She knows some very helpful people.

The burned out light bulbs in the dining room have been changed out and a few ballast replaced thanks to a young Delaware man asking to use the building this fall for his wedding. We are so happy for his help and are glad to have the building for his use. Now because of all these repairs we are able to rent out the dining room for gatherings of families or groups without fear of people slipping and falling on wet floors.

Remember; Elders eat 5 days a week at noon at the Center. Come visit.

Wanishi,
Janifer Brown, Delaware Tribal Council
Treasurer

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Notice:
**March 31, 2011 Title VI Grant
awarded to the
Delaware Tribe of Indians.**

A Message to the Delaware People from Councilwoman, Verna Crawford

Spring is almost here; soon there will be powwows every weekend. The first for me is the Annual Delaware Powwow on Memorial weekend. My family and I always enjoy camping and visiting.

The Tribe started the New Year with new personnel. Marilyn Cole, Tribal Manager and Registration Coordinator, was dismissed at General Council in No-



vember. Mary Jo Peterson, Chief Financial Officer, resigned effect December 31, Jamie Weaver, EPA Director also resigned. Anne Swearingin, Accounting Assistant, resigned in mid-March. Gina Parks, Accounting is still on duty. The staff now includes Shirley Moore, Chief's Assistant and Registration Coordinator, Lacey Harris, Receptionist/Committee Liaison, Jade Johnson, accounting, Frank Hensley, EPA Director and Vickie Bratton, EPA Assistant.

The last three months have been busy ones for us all. The regular Council and Trust Board meetings scheduled for January 10

and February 7 were cancelled due to heavy snow.

The council met on January 24. Jenifer Pechonick was appointed to the Council to replace Raymond Cline, who resigned in December. Other action taken at that meeting was to increase the stipend of the Council members from \$25 per meeting attended to \$160 per week plus 12.5% (\$20) per year served on the Council. These funds

are to be taken from the Fuel Tax Compact, (with the state of Oklahoma), or other available funds, (Trust Fund money administered by the Trust Board are NOT available for this use. Trust Board members receive a separate stipend and are NOT INCLUDED in this action.) At \$160 per week working just 20 hours this is \$8 per hour. It was understood that Council members must attend meetings and work for the Tribe at least 20 hours per week with a monthly cap was set at \$1,500 per month. This is not a difficult task, for the Council members have always worked on behalf of the Tribe, mostly away

from the Tribal Office. For example, I Chair the Education Committee, Co-Chair the Community Services Committee, and am a member of other committees including Economic Development, Tribal Operations, and Re-Investment. I work on the DIN doing layout, writing some stories and work with the printer. The layout entails collecting the articles from Tribal Members, Council and Trust Board members and other sources and placing all this on the pages ready to be printed. This usually takes from 80 to 100 plus hours over the quarter. I try to spend two to three days a week at the office and I am available other times when needed. Jan Brown spends most days at the Tribal office assisting the Chief. Chet Brooks and Jenifer Pechonick may also frequently be found working at the office. Wayne Stull and Bill Hatch work mostly from their homes and still put in many hours for the Tribe.

In January Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Brooks, Council member Jan Brown and I attended the BIA Annual Regional Budget meeting in Muskogee, OK. BIA representatives presented an overview of what may be expected in the coming year.

Council members attend meetings and conferences representing the Delaware

Tribe. These include serving on Boards, Chief Pechonick is a Board Member of the Claremore Indian Hospital, and other council members are assigned many other committee or board responsibilities. As elected officials we collect information that may be beneficial to the Tribe, including economic development projects. We help develop projects for grant applications, research and work on developing programs for our youth, elders and all in between. All of this takes time, dedication and work. These are just some of the activities carried out by the Council members.

I ask on behalf of the Tribal Council, that our Tribal Members give us some time to carry out the work we have begun. I would value comments and suggestions from the Delaware people. Send your questions to me at: vcrawford707@yahoo.com, write to me in care of the Delaware Tribe, 107 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006, or Verna Crawford, 529 S. Adair, Nowata, OK 74048. You may also send your comments, family stories, graduations, births, weddings, memorials for loved ones who have died and remember the photos to: officialdelawareindiannews@yahoo.com.

Wanisha (Thank you) and God bless.

Letters to the Editor:

Fund Raisera Success

Dear Delaware Tribe of Indians
As captain of Native Pride Relay for Life team I especially wanted to thank you for your donation this year. As a team we have raised over \$2,000 and are still strong! We could not have done this without you, and for that we say thank you.
Kristin Morrison

Former Chief Speaks

By Dee Ketchum

Because I served this tribe for many years on the tribal council and trust board and served as tribal chief and chairman of the trust board, I am obviously interested and concerned about what happens to this Tribe and how the new administration sets its foundation for a better Tribe.

I have been informed of a recent vote by the tribal council [Bill Hatch was not there). They voted themselves a salary of \$7,680 per year. Each member also receives an additional cell phone benefit of \$600 per year, for a total of \$8,280 annually. There are six members of the tribal council and this amounts to \$49,680 per year, and an additional 12.5%, per year increase for every year of service with a \$1,500 cap. This is well over \$50,000 per year and will supposedly be paid from the quarterly state fuel tax.

In the past each member was paid a \$25 stipend for expenses, if they attended the monthly meeting. No longer will the members receive a "stipend", it is a salary and is not dependent upon attending meetings.

This is troubling for a number of reasons: first, councilmen knew when they ran for office they would receive a small stipend; second the subject of salaries was not brought before the General Council in November 2010; and thirdly, there is no tribal income from businesses.

The tribal council is afforded rights in the Constitution to conduct the routine business of the Tribe. If however, the tribal membership wants their tribal council members to receive a salary, it should be voted by the people as it was for the chief's salary. The previous tribal council believed it was the governing body of the Delaware Tribe, not the people. Has anything changed?

If you are a reader or listener of the congressional problems in America today where people have no jobs, businesses are ailing, and the government provides not solutions, you become very upset when the elected officials vote themselves a raise when the economy is flat. When the Tribe has no money coming in from businesses and the attorney fees past and present are exorbitant and must be paid, and the tribal

council votes itself a raise from a possible \$300 a year stipend to \$7,680 a year salary, it doesn't make sense. If you disagree with the council's voting themselves salaries, call or e-mail them your disapproval.s

Editors Note: See page 2 Article IV Delaware Constitution, columns on pages 3 and 4, and January Minutes on page 12 for related information.

Fuel Tax Monies

To Editor and Councilmembers

It was stated in the last meeting that the Councilors are now going to be paid positions out of fuel tax monies or other available funds. Are there not regulations set on how these fuel tax monies will be used? Normally aren't they earmarked for Scholarships, health funding (eyeglasses, dentures), etc. and not council payment. I could not find a document out on the website to review.

Its not that I don't agree council should be minimally paid positions for their time and attendance. If they do not attend meetings, the stipulation should be that they do not get paid. They should be appointed by the Delaware people and not by Trust Board members or other Councilors as other Nations.

A tribal council is a representative

of the Delaware Tribal members and should not be there to self serve. By paying more than 10% of the budget to Administrative payroll, the Trust document is not being adhered to. Has the budget been posted where the public can see?

I am an accountant and a tribal member. I and other members, I am sure, are very interested to see these items also published on the website, or set up to see within the Delaware paper on a quarterly basis.

Thank you. Please respond accordingly to the peoples' concerns as quickly as you can. We do not want our people's government taken away due to non-compliance with the trust document.

Also spell check of the minutes would be greatly appreciated. Governmental documents should not have grammatical errors or spelling mistakes. Dawn (Goodman-Dry) Kaaihue Delaware Tnbal Membcr

Editors Note: The action taken was by the Tribal Council. None of the stipends paid to Council members will be taken from the Trust Monies governed by the Delaware Trust Board.

Note: This was received by Council member Wayne Stull and requested to be placed in the DIN with his response.

Council Member Stull Responds

Dawn, fuel tax monies can be used for salaries. Tribal Councilors are elected by the people and should be paid. I can not think of any other tribe that does not pay councilors. Fuel tax monies can be used as the administration deems necessary. Our scholarship, health funding, utility help, culture preservation are supported by our Trust yearly earnings of interest which support a number of programs. I also think that if a Council member does not attend meetings, he or she should not be paid. I know of no Council member or Trust board member that self serves. Our Trust budget is voted on yearly at General Council and the Budget is left as a handout at that meeting. I will check on the 10% administration cost out of Trust but to my knowledge this is not correct. I will ask that your questions be addressed on the web as well as the paper. Thank you for your interest in your Tribal government. Council member Wayne Stull



Dear Cheif Pechonick,

I am donating a set of eight framed pen and ink drawings to the Delaware Tribe of Indians. By identified blood relation to a fourth generation, I consider myself to be a decendant of the Catawba Tribe, formerly of North Carolina. My drawings are Native American in theme and have sold well in several western galleries. I am no longer directly involved in the art field and

wish for the drawings to be associated with an appreciative home.

I stayed in Bartlesville for several months in 2004 and learned of your location there at that time. The artwork was placed at Pat's Uptown Gallery, 214 SE. Frank Phillips Blvd.

Sincerely yours, C. Michael Baker

Editors note: Wanishi, Michael. Your generous donation will receive the proper care and respect.

“In Loving Memory”

Shirley Jean Bushyhead

Shirley Jean Bushyhead, 64, of Nowata passed away Sunday, February 20, 2011 at the Nowata Nursing Center.

The family held private family services. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home, Bartlesville.

Shirley was born April 7, 1946 in Chelsea, OK to Charles Arthur and Cleo (Zulkey) Whitwell. She received her education in the Chelsea Public School system.

October 5, 1963 she married James Bushyhead in White Oak, Oklahoma. While James was in the US Military they traveled the United States and made their home in Germany for three years. They returned to the Chelsea-Nowata area in 1977. Mrs. Bushyhead worked in the home health field for eighteen years. She was a past member of the Tulsa Indian Tribal Club and the International Club of Bartlesville. Her Tribal ancestry included both Delaware and Cherokee Indian.

Shirley is survived by her husband Jim of the home in Nowata. One daughter, Tonya Pinkston and husband Kevin of Nowata and one son, Eric Bushyhead and wife Susie of Nowata and granddaughter, Cheyenne Bushyhead of Nowata. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents.

Israel Matthew “Matt” Haff

Israel Matthew “Matt” Haff, 93-year-old lifetime Ketchum resident passed away Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2011 at Rosewood Terrace in Vinita.

Matt was born July 19, 1917 to William and Maggie (Marlow) Haff in Ketchum. Matt married Mary (Perkins) Haff in 1951. Matt was a master rock mason, and loved fishing, pitching horseshoes and spending time with family and friends. He was a member of the Disney Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and 12 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include: his wife of 60 years, Mary; children, Junior Hefley and wife Beverly of Big Cabin, Beverly Clark and husband Gary of Langley, Jack Hefley and wife Reed of Seattle, Wash., and Steve Haff and wife Susan of Jackson, Mo.; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held February 25, 2011 at the Ketchum First Southern Baptist Church. The Rev. Kevin Lancaster officiated. Pallbearers were Bill Smith, Charley Smith, Bill Sallee, Jim Lewis, Dwight Heltzel, and Bill Reid. Interment was in the Ketchum Cemetery.



Judy K. Harmon

Judy K. Harmon, 64, of Bartlesville, died at 3:23 P.M. Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at her home in Bartlesville.

A Funeral Mass for Mrs. Harmon was held March 26, 2011 at the St. James Catholic Church with Father Mike Cashion and Father Archie Fernandez officiating. Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory. Casket escorts included Cody Harmon, Chase Harmon, Don Makovec, Kim Mabry, Doug Quinn and Wayne Stull.

The family requests that those who wish to make donations in Mrs. Harmon's memory, do so to the charity of the donor's choice.

Judy Harmon was born in Bartlesville on July 16, 1946 the daughter of Marjorie Jane Katherine (Frenchman) Kester and Bryden Kester Jr. She grew up and received her education in Dewey, graduating from Dewey High School in 1964. She was married to John Harmon in Dewey on October 5, 1972. They made their home in Dewey until moving to Bartlesville in 1978. She began her working career with Phillips Petroleum Company in the early 1970's and remained in their employment until the early 1990's. She then became active full time as an antique dealer and conducted estate sales until her recent illness. She enjoyed participating in her grandchildren's various activities, trips and ball games and she enjoyed attending concerts.

Judy was a past member of the Delaware Tribal Council and currently was serving as a tribal judge.

Survivors include her husband, John

Harmon of Bartlesville, two sons, Jon Harmon and his wife Marla of Stilwell, Okla. and Joel Harmon of Bartlesville, four grandchildren, Cody Harmon, Chase Harmon, Cacy Jo Harmon and Layne Harmon and one great grandson, Cooper Harmon, and two special friends Gail Inman and Joyce Stull.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Frank Wayne Leno

Frank Wayne Leno, a long term resident of Oklahoma City, passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2009 in Oklahoma City at the age of 75. Frank was born on November 21, 1934 to Grant and Julia (Reeve) Leno in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Frank moved to Oklahoma City in his youth. He was a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Frank served his country in the U.S. Army and was a self-employed auto body repairman for over 30 years. He enjoyed bluegrass music, surfing the internet, racing and was known for his humor and willingness to help others. Frank is survived by his wife of 53 years, Alice Carlene (Siegenthaler) Leno; his son, Frank “Sonny” Leno, Jr.; daughters: Vicki Leno; Julie Folsom and husband, Douglas; Terri Clark and husband, Ray; 9 grandchildren; and brother, Bennett Lee Leno.

Graveside services were conducted by Resthaven Funeral Home. Burial was at Resthaven Memory Gardens



Anita Rudd

Anita Rudd was born August 25, 1937 in Ochelata, Oklahoma to James and Lucille (Sarcovie) Gardner. She departed this life on February 23, 2011 in Tulsa at the age of 73 years 5 months and 29 days.

Anita attended school in Ochelata and graduated from Ochelata High School with the class of 1955. She had lived in Ketchum for about the last 37 years. Anita was married to Arvil Rudd on September 23, 1957 in Oche-

lata. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting and reading. Her main purpose in life was taking care of her family who meant the world to her.

Anita is survived by her husband Arvil of the home, daughter Angela Rudd of Ketchum, daughter Tabitha Dowd and fiancée Aaron Stites of Pryor, son Lonnie Rudd and wife Gretchen of Kansas City, Kansas, nine grandchildren Amanda, Stephany, James, Lonnie, Sarina, Raegan, Sydney, Ashton, Nathan, three great grandchildren Riley, Sophie, Keagan, three sisters June Young and husband Leroy of Ochelata, Cathy Ward and husband Gary of Stillwater, sister Phyllis Pierce and husband Larry of Cabool, Missouri and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were conducted by Stephens Memorial Chapel of Pryor, OK.

William R. Riley

William R. Riley, Sr., 85, a member of the Delaware Tribe, passed away on January 9, 2011, at his home in Dallas, Texas.

Bill was born in Collinsville, Oklahoma on March 11, 1925 to Earl A and Adenia Riley. His mother instilled pride of his Indian heritage and Bill passed it on to his family. He moved with his family to Kansas City, as a teen. He married Maryanne Baker in 1944.

He is survived by his six children, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and his sister, Betty Layman of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Earl A and Adenia Riley. Memorial provided by Williams's daughter, Mary Jane Riley Brown.

Please send obituaries and pictures to Delaware Indian News at 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006 or email to : officialdelawareindiannews@yahoo.com to have them in the paper.

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.**

Artists, Concessionaires Needed for OK Indian Summer Fest

Oklahoma Indian Summer Festival, northeast Oklahoma's premier Native American festival, is currently looking for artists, vendors and concessionaires for the 2011 festival, scheduled Thursday-Saturday, September 15-17, 2011 at the Bartlesville Community Center located at the corner of Cherokee Ave. and Adams Blvd. in Bartlesville, OK.

By request, the Board has expanded the Native American juried art show to include Western Art. Northeast Oklahoma teachers: please begin preparing for the Youth Art Show. Items crafted by students in Green Country (northeast Oklahoma) from 4th-12th grade will be on display throughout the festival. Green Country students in 9th-12th grade are eligible to participate in scholarship for "Best of Show" for the school of their choice.

Interested teachers, artists, concessionaires and vendors should contact Jenifer Pechonick, festival director at 918-331-0934 for additional information.

Grant for Expansion of Resource, Education Center Approved

By Sherry Rackliff, Director Delaware Child Development Department

The Delaware Tribe of Indians received a grant through the Indian Community Development Block Grant, Housing and Urban Development to expand the space of the Delaware Resource and Education Center. Planning for the project has been underway over the past several months. The new addition is scheduled to begin the construction phase on April 4, 2011. The expansion will include an addition of 11 offices, a safe room, an infant massage area, an increased training space. Services provided by the Delaware Child Development include training for child care providers, resources for parents and providers, technical assistance for child care centers and homes, child nutrition, home visitation, and community outreach regarding early childhood education.

The existing Resource and Education Center was completed in 2006. Addition of programs and services created a shortage of space for parents, providers, and staff. The new space is expected to be completed by December 2011.



Indian Women's Club officers and members from left Mary Kirk, parliamentarian, Joan Dreisker, stage decorating, Judy Roberts, member, Carmen Ketcher, President, Rose Carrier, hospitality and Connie Edwards, treasurer, along with other members contributed to make this year's dinner a great success. Photo courtesy of a club member.

Indian Women's Wild Onion Dinner Great Success

The Bartlesville Indian Women's Club (BIWC) 59th Annual Wild Onion Dinner was held on Saturday, March 26 at the Dewey Fair Grounds Building, Dewey, Ok. After 58 successful Wild Onion Dinners, you would not expect the BIWC to roll out something new, but they did! This year, there were two opportunities to eat wild onions. The ladies along with the help of numerous volunteers hosted lunch and dinner. The come and go lunch was a great success. There were approximately 113 diners for lunch and nearly 500 for dinner. Dignitaries present included: Delaware Tribe of Indians Chief Paula Pechonick and Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Principal Chief Chad Smith as well as several Delaware Tribal Council members, past and present and Cherokee Nation Tribal Council members.

Several vendors had items in their booth for sale throughout the day. The volunteers worked all day to prepare and serve lunch and dinner. The BIWC raffled two blankets and a book donated from Principle Chief Chad Smith. The theme for the event was "Buckskins and Fringe". Several ladies from the club modeled their personal buckskin dresses. The table decorations included natural gourds as well as cedar sprigs and cutouts. Tribal member and BIWC 2nd Vice President, Tonya Anna crafted a gourd presentation projected on the wall to educate people about gourds and gourd art. Operation Eagle, who administers both the Johnson O'Malley

program and Title VII for Bartlesville Public Schools and parents brought the youth to dance. Attendees were able to enjoy the pow-wow drum and dancers. As a grand finale, all the buckskin dancers and the Bartlesville Indian Women wore their shawls and danced.

The Wild Onion Dinner benefits Indian youth who apply for scholarships. Some of the recipients help with the dinner to show appreciation. Each year Bartlesville Indian Women's Club awards eight to ten scholarships and the students may apply every year until graduation from college.

This year's Kitchen Chairman was Sharon Armstrong, Pueblo; Cobblers, Barbara Wallace, Delaware; Tickets, Fondanella Edwards, Cherokee; and Missy Miller, Sac n'Fox; Hospitality, Dee Theis, Osage; Raffle, Marilyn Atterberry, Cherokee; Noon Meal, Tonya

Anna, Delaware; Club Booth and Vendors, Kylee Mooney, Choctaw; Publicity and M.C., Annette Ketchum, Delaware; Stage, Joan Dreisker, Cherokee; Table Decorations, Mary Kirk, Delaware; Servers, Sharon Fouts, Cherokee; Drinks, Freeda Wilcox, Choctaw; and Entertainment, Joanne LittleAxe, Prairie Band Potawatomi. Many of the committee chairs used a younger member to shadow the jobs for the day.

Tonya Anna, who is employed at Tri-County Tech, brought the Graphic Communication class to the Fair Grounds on Friday to decorate the tables. Anna said, "The students must contribute volunteer hours in the community to receive the Technical Honor Society Award and complete 1,050 hours to complete the course. Their design and creativity skills and ideas, plus the school networking with our Indian Women's Club.

Keep that New Year's Resolution at No Cost!

The Delaware Tribe is pleased to remind Tribal members of the workout equipment available 8a-5p Monday-Friday for Tribal members at headquarters located at 170 NE Barbara Ave, Bartlesville, OK. We would like to stay open 2 days until 7 pm a week, please call 918-337-6593 if you are interested in giving your input as to which days would help you in your workout routine. Please consult your doctor prior to beginning any fitness routine. The Tribe is not responsible for accidents.

Delaware In the News



Devon KillsCrow

Devon KillsCrow Wrestling Champion

Devon KillsCrow of Ponca City Wrestling has finished the season with an overall record of 51-8. Devon was crowned the YMCA State Champion, Northeast Oklahoma Regional Champion, Hayesville King of the Ring Champion, Barnsdall Champion, Altus Champion, Blackwell Champion, Ponca City Champion, Skiatook Champion, Tonkawa Champion, Wichita Classic Champion.

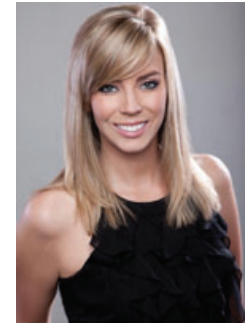
He also placed 2nd at the United States Junior Open Championships, 2nd at Cliff Keen Tulsa Nationals and 3rd at Wichita Sprawl Nationals. Devon finished the season ranked number 3rd in the Nation in Division 1 60 lbs.

Devon is the son of Brad and Whitney KillsCrow, and the Grandson of Linda and Tony KillsCrow. Devon is a Proud member of the Lakota and Delaware tribes.

Whitney Thomas Crowned Miss Placentia



Whitney Thomas receiving crown.



Whitney Thomas was crowned in February as the Winner of the Miss Placentia scholarship pageant which will move her on to the Miss California pageant in June. Thomas was awarded \$4,000 to continue her college education along with complimentary hair care for one year, all her expenses paid for clothing, shoes and jewelry for the Miss California pageant.

The newly crowned Miss Placentia is 23 years old and graduated in December from University of California Fullerton with a School of Business major. Her talent was the flute and her platform was "Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence".

"Throughout this experience I've learned a lot about self-confidence and how to be poised speaking in front of groups." Thomas said. "It's helped prepare me for my life and career."

Whitney is the daughter of Kala Ketchum and the granddaughter of Dee and Annette Ketchum. She is proud of her Delaware heritage and during her personal interview for the pageant, the judges focus was on her being an American Indian. To donate to Whitney's Pageant Pay Pal account please visit the : Miss Placentia Scholarship Program " website: <http://www.missplacentiapageant.org>.

Kelly Simpson in NCAA All-Big West Conference

Delaware tribe member, Kelly Simpson, 21, was recently named to the NCAA All-Big West Conference team for college volleyball. The 6' 1" senior wrapped up a four year career playing volleyball for the University of California Riverside, an NCAA Division 1 university, located in Riverside, CA.

Kelly received a full 4-year athletic scholarship and was also named to the

Big West All-Academic team in which student athletes must play in over 50% of the games and maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average. She is a Liberal Studies major and will graduate this June.

After graduation she will coach volleyball while pursuing a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Development with a career goal of teaching Special Education.



Kelly Simpson

Kelly has also been active in the Native American Club on campus.

Kelly is the daughter of Lane Parker Simpson and Cindy Simpson and is from Modesto, CA.

Editors note: Congratulations Kelly, your people are proud of you. Keep us posted on future developments in you athletic and academic careers. Send the DIN a story on your graduation.



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Delaware In the News

Delaware tribal member, SSgt C. A. Griffith is shown proudly displaying the Delaware Tribe of Indians flag, (with the help of two of his buddies) in Afghanistan in January 2011.

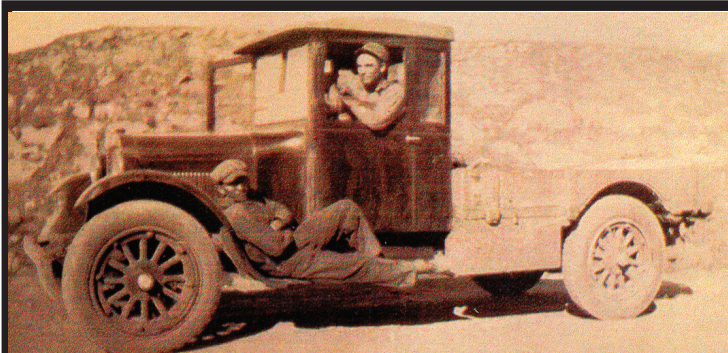


Delaware Warrior in Afghanistan Honors Flag and Tribe

SSgt. Griffith is a native of Washington County, Oklahoma. He grew up in Ochelata, graduating from high school at Caney Valley High School in 1993. He will be returning soon from his fourth tour overseas. He has completed three previous tours in Iraq, beginning when the war began in 2003. This current deployment has been in Kabul, Afghani-

stan. He is a medic with the 101st Airborne Division (Rakkasan) out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His wife, Kim, and three kids reside on base at Fort Campbell. He is the son of tribal member Bonnie Jo Griffith of Bartlesville. His entire family is excited about his return in "late winter". Thanks so much! Bonnie Jo Griffith P.S. I called Jenifer Pechon-

ick before Christmas telling her my desire to get my son a tribal flag for Christmas. The Delaware Tribe graciously stepped up to the plate to make this happen. Thanks so much! Bonnie Jo Griffith Note: Thank you for sharing with us. All Delaware can be proud of SSgt. Griffith and all of our servicemen and woment.



Henry Sarcoxie 1920



Gail and Ida (Sarcoxie) Infield--1982. Both deceased of Bartlesville



Frankie and Johnny Ramsey 1966.

Decendants of John Sarcoxie

Dear DIN, January 30, 2011

I see in your paper you want photos. You can use these if you want or return them. I am Ida Infield's daughter and my son Charles has been fighting cancer since 2007. He is at home in Ontario, California in my care now. He has had pneumonia two times and he may have to get a liver transplant in the near future.

I am cousin to the Brooks family and my Grandparents were John and Dany Sarcoxie. I was born at 924 Seneca, Bartlesville, Oklahoma in 1928. My parents are deceased. My son James W. Ramsey lives in Copan, Ok. Sherrie, my daughter, lives in Virginia and Chuck lives with me. We still use roll number 119 for John Sarcoxie.

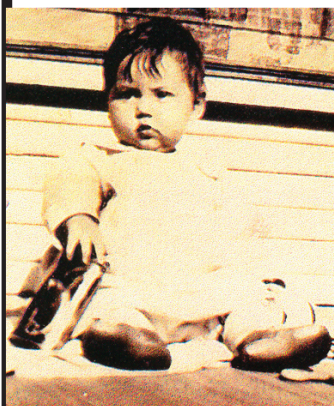
I am proud to be Delaware and wish the tribe was more stable. I live in California so I'm away, but I enjoy the newspaper and all you do. Keep it up. Love, Frankie Ramsey

Dear Frankie,

Thank you for sharing your family with us. Wanishi. Verna Crawford.



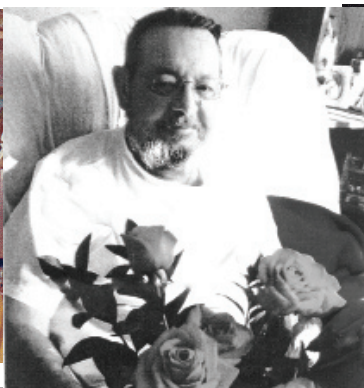
Ida Sarcoxie Infield 1926



Frankie Lou Infield, 1930 at 924 Seneca, Bartlesville, OK.



Frankie Ramsey, top left, retired in 1996 after 12.5 years as a mail carrier. Right, last time to punch the time clock. Below, Francis (Frankie) Ramsey, enjoying retirement.



Bottom left corner, a rose from Frankie's yard in Ontario, CA.; next Kenneth Infield, 1983 (Deceased 2008); then Charles Ramsey with roses in 2007; and last Charles Ramsey and daughter, Yolanda Edwards.

Tribal Council Minutes

Delaware Tribal Council December 20, 2010

The Delaware Tribal Council December 20, 2010 regular meeting was held at the Delaware Community Center. Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Chet Brooks gave the Invocation.

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

Raymond Cline was absent.

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

Nate Young commented that it was a wonderful thing that Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Brooks and Councilman Wayne Stull went to Washington for consultation. This is going in the right direction. He said that they should be commended.

Guests included Karen Wilson, Mary Huddleston, Charles Randall, Don Mason Jr., Priscilla Mason, Nate Young, Luann Hainline, JoAnn Markley, Jenifer Pechonick, Attorney Vicki Sousa. and D. Cass Smith.

Employees present were Anne Swearingin and Mary Jo Peterson.

Verna Crawford moved to accept the agenda as presented. Wayne Stull seconded the motion. All approved.

Wayne Stull moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2010 with corrections, seconded by Jan Brown.

Discussion: Bill Hatch pointed out that in regard to the discussion of who the judges are there was more discussion and it should be included.

Tribal member, JoAnn Markly, commented that at a former meeting it was stated that the judges had no set rules and they should have some rules. She said there used to be rules, a big thick thing.

Verna Crawford stated that the Judges are issued a binder with rules and ordinances. Paula said there are still rules for judges.

See November minutes for all corrections.

Motion to approve the November

22, 2010 minutes carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford and Hatch).

Wayne Stull moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting November 29, 2010 with corrections, seconded by Jan Brown.

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 said the financial report is presented according to the source of the income such as grants. Some grants we get the money up front and others we must spend then request funds. As a new treasurer I have found that there are a lot of interesting things to learn.

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

Bill Hatch commented that Mary Jo notified us at the last meeting that her time with us is short. He said "Mary Jo brought to the tribe a very essential level of professionalism, honesty, and an insight at a time that it was direly needed. I think she deserves a round of applause."

Now having said that, for us none CPA's. The financials are well and good, but what I want to know how much is coming in, how much is going out. What is percentage of the funds are going to professional fees. Who reviews these things. How much money does it take to operate this tribe? How much money went out in salaries, fees, travel or whatever. That is what I call a financial report. How much comes in on November 1 and what is left on November 31 and what is coming on December 1.

Treasurer Jan Brown pointed out that is all in the report we receive. You want it to be simpler, she asked Bill.

Bill said yes it should be very simple, income, outgo, very simple.

Unfinished Business:

Chief Pechonick noted that the

council would now address the recommendations of the Personnel Committee.

Verna Crawford moved to hire Marilyn Coffee for the Library Grant position as recommended by the personnel committee. Wayne Stull seconded the motion.

Discussion: The Library person will scan historical and other tribal documents.

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

Verna Crawford moved to approve the 2011 holiday schedule as recommended by the personnel committee. Allowing Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Holiday on December 26 and one floating holiday as paid holidays. Jan Brown seconded the motion.

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

Verna Crawford Moved to return to a five day work week with hours to be set at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with a one hour lunch break, instead of four ten hour days, as recommended by the personnel committee. Bill Hatch seconded the motion.

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

Verna Crawford moved to remove the provision that the office close for inclement weather if the Bartlesville schools were closed. Snow days will be determined by the ability of the employees to get to work.

Seconded by Wayne Stull.

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

Office Report: Given by Anne Swearingin: Four businesses have been contacted to give bids on roof repair of the Community Center. They have till 5 p.m. on December 23.

Phone system has been up dated.

Web site has been updated.

Verna Crawford commended Anne for picking up the slack and working hard to help keep things

running smoothly.

Chief Pechonick read the resignation of Councilmember Raymond Cline into the record.

Chet Brooks moved to accept the resignation of Councilmember Raymond Cline. Seconded by Jan Brown.

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

Verna Crawford made the motion to reappointment of Janine Alderman to the Delaware Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Seconded by Wayne Stull.

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

Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, and Councilmember Wayne Stull traveled to Washington DC to attend the second Presidential meeting with Tribal Leaders. They also met with important Congressional members and Department of Interior Representatives.

Wayne Stull began the report on the recent trip to Washington. The first day we met with Ernie Stevens, Chairman of the National Gaming Commission, Jackie Johnson, Executive Director of National Congress of American and other gaming people were there, they talked about what President Obama has done for Indians in the past year. Chairman Tracy Stevens, Executive Director of the National Gaming Commission talked about the coming regulations that will affect all Indian Tribes.

The entire first day was spent listening to what progress the tribes have made in the past year under the Obama administration. We were in a Senate room all day.

Chief Paula Pechonick said that Tom Cole was late on the agenda. We were introduced to him. Then leaving we were on the elevator with him.

Chief Pechonick spent most of the second day being instructed on how the meeting with the President will be conducted.

To move projects ahead that need Governmental approval or assistance, the people we met with told us the way to get things done in Washington is to hire a good

lobbyist. If this is not affordable spend the money on ourselves and come to Washington on your on behalf. We were told that in several meetings.

Chief continued saying they had a very good meeting with the BIA, in George Skabine's office. We talked with them about putting land into trust, gaming and other economic development.

Chet Brooks stated that the further we get from home, the harder it will be to do.

Verna Crawford reported on attending National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) with Assistant Chief Chet Brooks. She presented a copy of resolutions passed at the meeting, as well as other information on many government and Business programs available. She noted on a conference coming in March will be the Reservation Economic Summit. Wayne Stull commented that is one of the most important Conferences to attend.

Crawford also noted that NCAI has established the Native American Embassy. Tribe's may use the facility when in Washington. Fundraising is still underway to improve and maintain the Embassy.

Chet Brooks commented that at NCAI there are general sessions in the mornings and breakout sessions in the afternoon. Two people cannot cover all of the sessions. We need to send at least four people to NCAI.

Meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m.

Meeting was called back to order at 7:55 p.m.

Continuing the NCAI report, Verna noted that besides the breakout sessions there are standing committees and subcommittees that review resolutions. The committees give reports on Friday and this is how the resolutions are approved.

This was one of the best meetings I had attended; there were about 3,000 people in attendance.

Wayne Stull noted that a few years ago NCAI, by resolution supported the restoration of the Delaware Tribe. It is unusual for NCAI to come out in support of Tribes seeking recognition.

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Tribal Council Minutes

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Chief Pechonick stated that there is a need to fill the open seat on the Council. There are three people seeking the seat. They are Joe Brooks, Cass Smith and Jenifer Pechonick. Brooks and Smith were candidates in the November election.

Verna Crawford requested an Executive Session.

Chief called Executive Session at 8:15 p.m

Chief Pechonick called the meeting back to order at 8:30 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, a vote was taken by secret ballot. Cass Smith and Jenifer Pechonick both received three votes. There not being a winner the nomination was tabled till next meeting.

Verna Crawford moved to pay Kay Anderson, Title VI cook, \$60 for supervising rental of the Community Center for three days lunch meeting, with the direction she is not authorized to rent the Center. The Center rental is to be through the Tribal office only.

Seconded by Jan Brown.

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

Motion was made for the Tribal Council to meet on the first Monday at 6 p.m. In the Community Center. Jan Brown seconded the motion.

Discussion: The meeting will be held after the Trust Board meeting.

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

Bill Hatch moved to adjourn. Jan Brown seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Delaware Tribal Council
January 24, 2011**

Respectfully Submitted by Verna Crawford, Secretary

The January 24, 2011 meeting of the Delaware Tribal Council was called to order by Chief Paula Pechonick at 6 p.m. at the Delaware Community Center.

Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, present were Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Treasurer Jan Brown, and member Wayne Stull. Bill Hatch was absent. Chet Brooks reported that Bill had an emergency dental appointment.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guest (Jenifer Pechonick, Charles and Mary Randall, Nat Young and Atty. Vicki Sousa). She invited any guest to address the Council.

Employees present were Ann Swearingin, Trona Walls and Lacey Harris.

Chief Pechonick called for a motion to accept the agenda.

Motion was made by Wayne Stull and seconded by Jan Brown to accept the agenda as presented. Motion approved with five yes. (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Crawford, Stull)

Chet Brooks moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2010 and November 22, 2010 meeting with corrections. Wayne Stull seconded the motion. Chief Pechonick noted that the corrected minutes for the November 22, 2010 meeting were attached to the December minutes for clarification.

Vicki Sousa asked if the entire minutes of meetings were presented or if it was just a summary? Secretary Crawford stated that the minutes were a summary of the meeting. Sousa asked weather or not the Council meetings are being taped.

Crawford replied yes, they are audio and video recorded then copied to DVDs. Both the audio and DVD's are kept in a fire proof safe.

Vicki Sousa said she had an issue in Nov 22nd minutes regarding the 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. The suggested correction was, "Vicki advised that we were bound by the Federal Court of Indian Claims historical statements". Verna said the minutes would be corrected as directed and also by reviewing the video.

Verna asked if there were any corrections to the December min-

utes, No corrections were presented to the December minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes passed with five yes. ((Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Crawford, Stull)

Chief Pechonick called for the treasurer's report.

Treasurer Jan Brown gave the report, stating that a page added at the end of the financials was prepared to give a basic account of where the money comes from and where it goes as requested at the last meeting. I am not completely happy with this, but it is a work in progress, Brown stated.

Anne Swearingin suggested presenting year to date and monthly information. Ann and Financial Director Trona Walls will work on that in January.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the treasurer's report pending audit, Wayne Stull seconded.

Motion passed with five yes. (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Crawford, Stull).

Anne Swearingin gave office report. She stated that 14 new people have applied for enrollment.

Wayne Stull moved to approve Resolution 2011-01 to accept the 14 new Tribal Members, seconded by Chet Brooks.

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

Chief Pechonick asked if this brings our enrollment up to date? Ann replied yes.

Continuing with the office report, Ann said Trona Walls has been getting bids for the concrete and other work around the pond for the walking path. She has also been supervising a crew to clean out and organize the materials stored in the poolroom and the storage barn. Everyone has been working hard on this project in addition to their regular duties. We are in the process of finishing up the Tribe's audit and starting the Trust audit this week.

Ann advised the Council that Brice Obermyer, Director of the Historic Preservation Department, would like to hire a part-time bookkeeper for 10 hours a week at \$10 per hour. He has a person he would like to hire. She announced that the contract cleaning person, who has worked for the Tribe for four years,

has requested to be hired as a part-time employee. His reason for requesting the change is so taxes may be held out of his pay and he will not have to deal with paying his own taxes. Ann said that she would ask him if he would agree to have a backup withholding. It was decided that both positions would be addressed in Executive session.

Chief Pechonick stated that this bunch has been cleaning house. One longtime problem has been that the enrollment files have been in the storage barn. Now we are cleaning out a room in the office building to have better access to them.

Wayne Stull commented that people keep contacting him about enrollment. Discussion established that we do not have a genealogy department at this time. It is the current policy to send an enrollment form to applicants and they provide the genealogy information.

Moving on to unfinished business, Chief Pechonick noted the need to appoint a new Council member. She opened the floor for nomination. Verna Crawford nominated Cass Smith. Wayne Stull nominated Jenifer Pechonick. Chet Brooks nominated Joe Brooks. The vote was taken by secret ballot. Jenifer Pechonick was elected by three votes; both Smith and Brooks received one vote.

Assistant Chief Chet Brooks administered the oath of office to Jenifer, who than took her seat at the Council table.

Moving on to new business, Ann Swearingin introduced the new employees present, Trona Walls, Financial Director and Lacy Harris, receptionist. Other new employees are Shirley Moore, administrative assistant, Frank Hensley, EPA Director and Vicki Bratton, EPA assistant.

Don Mason was on the agenda to address the possible startup of a Veterans affairs Committee. This was tabled till Mr. Mason is in attendance. The Delaware Color Guard addressed General Council requesting funding. Cass Smith has previously submitted a similar plan. The council agreed that all the parties, Mr. Mason, Mr. Smith and John Sumpter, Color

Guard representative, need to get together and come up with one plan. The Delaware War Mothers should be consulted also.

Addressing payment of the bill to Dorsey and Whitney, an attorney firm that was employed by the Tribe a few years ago. At one time we were paying them \$500 per month. The balance is about \$35,000. Vicki Sousa was directed to contact the firm and make an offer and report to the Council at the February 7 meeting.

Chief Pechonick moved on with a discussion sending representatives to RES 2011, (Reservation Economic Summit) in Las Vegas, Nevada in March. The Conference will be held March 13 to 17. The estimated cost per person will be \$1,700 including air fair.

Jenifer Pechonick made the motion to make preparations for 10 people including Chief Pechonick, Chet Brooks, Wayne Stull, Jan Brown, Verna Crawford, Trona Walls and Vicki Sousa, to attend RES 2011 and ask DEA (Delaware Economic Authority) and the Trust Board to assist with the expenses. Wayne Stull seconded the motion.

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

Chief Pechonick asked who would be interested in attending NCAI mid year conference in Milwaukee June.

Verna Crawford moved to send Tribal Representatives to NCAI mid-year. Wayne Stull seconded the motion.

Motion passed with six yes. (Chief Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Crawford, Stull, J. Pechonick).

Chief Pechonick asked if there was other business to address.

Jan Brown noted that changes will be made to the website. She said the changes will appear in February, including the color and new drop downs menus will be added.

February 7 meeting will be attended by Ken Belmar and Dick Willard addressing the Bond issue.

The Delaware Housing Authority will also be on the agenda.

Chet Brooks moved to go into executive session at 7:30

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p.m., seconded by Wayne Stull.

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

Council returned from Executive Session at 8 p.m.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to offer the position of bookkeeper to the person recommended by Brice as a contract employee at \$10 per hour and 10 hours per week. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

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

Jenifer Pechonick moved to offer our current janitor a \$1.50 per hour raise and offer backup withholding. Wayne Stull seconded the motion.

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

Discussion on Fuel Tax monies indicated the need to confirm when the compact will be renewed.

Chet Brooks moved that the non-officers (Wayne Stull, Bill Hatch, Jenifer Pechonick) be paid \$160 per week stipend plus 12.5% per year served up to \$1,500 per year. To be paid from fuel tax or from other available funds. Payments to co-inside with current pay schedule. Verna Crawford seconded the motion.

Motion carried with four yes, (Chief Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Crawford), two abstain (Stull, Pechonick)

Jenifer Pechonick moved that the officers (Chet Brooks, Jan Brown, Verna Crawford) be paid \$160 per week stipend plus 12.5% per year served up to \$1,500 per month. To be paid from fuel tax or from other available funds. Payments to coincide with current payroll schedule. Wayne Stull seconded the motion.

Motion carried with three yes (Chief Pechonick, Stull, Pechonick) and three abstentions (Brooks, Brown, Crawford).

Ann asked what to do about the council person that will not turn in paperwork. Consensus was that he couldn't be paid with-

out the proper paper work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Delaware Tribal Council February 14, 2011

Prepared by Lacey Harris

Chief Paula Pechonick calls meeting to order at 6:15 pm

Innovation by Chet Brooks

Roll call is taken at 6:20, members included Chet Brooks, Wayne Stull, Jan Brown, Jenifer Pechonick, Verna Crawford.

Verna advises the council that Bill Hatch is absent due to a recent fall on the ice, and is recovering from blood clots in his arm.

Guest in the audience included Ken Bellmard, Dick Lillard, Rich Lillard, Priscilla Mason, Don Mason, and Nate Young. Tribal employees included Vicki Sousa, Lacey Harris and Greg Brown.

Chief Pechonick to accept agenda, Wayne advises to suspend agenda for guest presentation.

Chief Pechonick then welcomes guest.

- **Motion by Verna** to move new business above the approval of minutes, Jan Brown seconded. All in favor and passed.

Don Mason mentions internship program in the RSU building, 6th floor on Wednesday at 3:00pm. All council members invited to join.

Wayne Stull addresses Chief Pechonick that at this time the Tribal Attorney should introduce the guest.

Vicki Sousa introduced Dick Lillard, Rich Lillard, and Ken Bellmard.

Dick Lillard stands to speak and thanks the council, mentioning a previous conversation involving the 275 acres and the advantages the land could give us. He mentions he is the broker on the land, and introduces Ken Bellmard to speak on the private placement and bond issue's for buying the land.

Ken Bellmard- introduces himself and begins to talk about our acquisition of 2.5 million in tax exempt bond issue allocation. He mentions that for 20 years they have been trying to get the IRS to reauthorize Tribes to use the tax exempt bonds to finance projects.

This would be a bond, not a grant, so the money would have to be repaid. He calls it a debt instrument. Ken remarks a year and a half ago there was a window of opportunity, to make these applications for several tribes in Oklahoma including the Delaware tribe. Although it was not funded, it was authorized. 33 million was asked for in bond allocation, and what the IRS did was reduce every Tribes amount. Even though 33 million would probably not be used, knowing it would be reduced, they asked for the whole amount and got 22.5 million in tax exempt allocation. The bonds are made to finance anything except a Casino, it is only for economic development.

Verna Crawford- brings to notion the projects currently placed, are ones that were developed and were trying to get funded previously. Ken replies that it was a neat deal and they were going to be happy to do it, but at the same time nothing was heard to move on.

Jenifer Pechonick- asked if repayment would start right immediately. Ken responded to Jenifer, it would depend on how you negotiate. He anticipates its something that is going to be bridge financing. Until the actual money from the bond comes into the project, you would have to get another source that would do the bridge financing.

Verna- addresses Ken with some concerns about getting ratings, and the Tribe hurting financially if the project fails. Ken advises that the project will sell its self. The bank will determine if they think there is definable money that will come out of the project. With that, they will fund the project with a private placement.

Jack Tatum- asked if the project does not work, what happens if you cannot repay the bond, and can they go after the treasury. Ken- replies that if the bond goes into default, then we would owe the bond holders. He also says he would not suggest putting up the tribal treasury on a bond project. He states the bond holders will make a decision based on weather or not it makes since and if it will for sure pay out.

Verna- said when they were looking at this before, one of the things to get the bridge money was to put up property, and when it got to the people they were upset. Ken says it would never go towards putting property up.

Dick- stands and says that the project is a very unique project and it makes since. Wayne Stull continues to agree and say as a Tribe we need to move forward and do something.

Don Mason asks Dick the name of his law firm and if he works for the bank. Dicks answers no he does not work for a bank, and speaking to Don, Wayne say that he has spoke with Dick previously and they do know details in everything they are doing.

Jenifer- says to Don his questions are legitimate and she wants to hear from someone who is just coming into this. Don continues with he would like to see references from previous groups they have worked with who have had successful projects.

Vicki Sousa- to Don saying she does understand what he is saying but dose not understand, what he is asking Mr. Lillard. She states it is not Mr. Lillards project, and that he did not bring this project to us. He is just the broker who is in the middle. Jenifer says to Don that Earnest or Wayne could give him more information, because they have previously spoken with Mr. Lillard.

Jack Tatum- asked if there is any hidden cost. Ken said once the project is started, any fees will be combined with the bond. Private placement will cut cost.

Jenifer- asked, if we go forward with the private placement and go to the bank and they give us a interest rate that is double, can we say we are going to go after a different place. Ken replies that we are not locked into anything, and once it gets out, banks will be calling trying to offer us a lower rate, and we can negotiate from there. He said we are the negotiators. Dick and Ken ask for any further questions, then thanks the Council.

- 7:23 pm Motion by Wayne Stull to accept the minutes with corrections. Jan Brown seconded.

All in favor and passed.

Chief calls for the Treasurers report from Jan Brown

1. Audit is a re-peat there is no updated audit, awaiting a new audit to come in the mail.

Chief states we did the audit after October, and used the same company. Also asked Verna if she got faxed the financials, Verna says yes she did received them.

Jan confirms Verna's email address.

- Chief Pechonick entertains a Motion to except the Treasures report and pending audit, Verna makes the Motion and Wayne Stull seconds. All in favor and passed.

UN-FINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Pechonick addressed Tribal attorney Vicki Sousa on the Dorsey and Whitney bill, Vicki said she called their office and talked to someone in billing but then decided it would be better to talk to the attorney who would be handling this. The next phone call that was made was to Eric Eberheart's office, who is the attorney for Dorsey and Whitney. There she was informed he is retired now. Next called the main office in Minnesota and left message with the accounting department to please contact her back about the outstanding balance. Chief advised we have been sending them \$500.00 a month.

Chief Pechonick asked Lacey Harris for the office report

1. Lacey reports that Greg Brown is working on the new Delaware Tribal website, and the goal is to have it done by Friday the 24th. Greg advised maybe he can work on it all day the following day and have it done by the end of the week.

2. Wayne asked Lacey, if there were any new tribal enrollments, she states that yes there had been two more received since the last meeting. Did not know the names of the enrollees and advised Wayne would have those at the next meeting.

3. Due to the snow storm there was damage to the Head quarters. Two estimates were taken by both Farris heat and

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air, and Ernest heat and air. Earnest was the lowest quote, so the Tribal Staff voted to have Ernest fix the damage the same day. Farris charged \$75.00 for a service call for the estimate.

4. Needs council's approval for Assistant Shirley Moore to attend the Enrollment conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 3rd- 5th. Wayne Stull makes a Motion to send Shirley to the 3 day school, Jan Brown seconded. All in favor, and passed.

5. Needs council's approval for CFO Trona Walls to attend indirect cost training in Phoenix, Arizona March 30th – 31st. Jenifer Pechonick makes a Motion to send Trona to the 2 day school, Wayne Stull seconded. All in favor, and passed.

Verna requested to have copies of the office report at the next meeting. Also Verna asked Greg if it would be difficult to place the Council meetings on the website for others to view. Greg said that would not be a problem, but should probably test it first. Jan mentioned Lacey Harris would also be helping Greg with the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Delaware Housing Authority

A discussion was started, but it was tabled due to the Housing Authority canceling their report till next month.

Chief Pechonick calls for Resolutions

Resolution 2011-2 EPA poll vote

Outdoor classroom on Delaware Tribal land

Vote was taken February 8th-11th ALL voted yes, poll taken by Shirley Moore

- **Verna motioned** to accept the poll vote, Wayne seconded

All in favor, and passed

Resolution 2011-3 To retain attorneys Ken Bellmard and Vicki Sousa, proceed with the issuance of the bond, and seek to extend the bond to December 31st, 2011

- **Jenifer makes** a motion to accept resolution 2011-3 Jan Brown seconded.

All in favor, and passed.

Resolution 2011-4 Re-authorize the DEA to move forward with business development plans. Wayne advises that the council will ultimately be in charge of the money. DEA will be in charge of any projects, but will present those projects to the council.

- **Jenifer makes** a motion to accept resolution 2011-4, Wayne Stull seconded. All in favor, and passed.

Resolution 2011-5 Historical Preservation Fund Grant

- **Wayne makes** a motion to approve resolution, Jenifer seconded.

All in favor, and passed.

Verna Crawford adds the Mid-Year conference is June 13th

– 16th in Wisconsin. Host hotel will be the Regency. Verna advises she checked the NCAI website and the location is not yet posted, and can not register at this time.

Chief calls for any other questions for the council.

Jack Tatum questions the financial statements, in reference to the parenthesis around the numbers. Wayne advises Jack, that the numbers in parenthesis are positive amounts. Vicki also agrees that the dollar amounts are positive. Jenifer advises Jack to take his financial packet into the CFO Trona Walls, and have her go over it with him.

9:00 Jenifer calls to adjourn, and go into a personnel meeting.

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



Trust Board Minutes

Trust Board Meeting

December 6, 2010,

Nowata Library

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Chairman Raymond Cline. At roll Call all Trust Board Members, Raymond Cline, Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford, Bill Hatch, Doyle Hayes, Rusty Brown and Chet Brooks were present and a quorum was declared. Chief Paula Pechonick, Council Member Janifer Brown, and Tribal Members Nate Young and Mary Jo Peterson were also present.

A Prayer was given and Chairman Cline then entertained a motion to suspend the agenda. Motion was made and seconded and passed with all members in favor.

Chairman Cline then asked Assistant Chairman Wayne Stull to read a letter for Chairman Cline. Assistant Chairman Stull read the letter, a formal letter of resignation from Raymond Cline's Chairman of

Trust Board and Tribal Council Seats. Resigned Chairman Cline then shook hands with everyone present and left the meeting. Several Trust Board Members commented they were very sorry to see him resigned.

New Chairman Wayne Stull took the meeting back to the regular agenda. Minutes of last meeting were approved with corrections.

Financial reports were given by Mary Jo Peterson. Member Bill Hatch praised Mary Jo Peterson for the good job and made comments about how he thought financials should be presented. The Financial Report was approved, pending audit.

No old business was discussed.

Under new Business, Rusty Brown announced that he is resigning his Trust Board Seat immediately as he is moving to Alaska to accept a new job with Conoco-Phillips.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:35 PM.

Delaware Trust Board meetings scheduled for January 3, and February 7, 2011 were canceled due to severe weather.

Office Update

By Shirley A. Moore

Improvements to the daily workings of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Headquarters in Bartlesville are continuing as the tribe's newest leader, Chief Paula Pechonick, council and staff has been in office since Nov. 2010.

Enrollment Department files will now be easily accessible, as all cabinets have been moved from the shed to the "pool room" area. The tribe is also working to update any information for the Enrollment Data Base. If you have a relative that is deceased, please contact Shirley at 918-337-6570 or submit a death certificate or a copy of an obituary for legal purposes.

Many of the forms for enrollment can be found on the delawaretribe.org website homepage. Or if you wish, contact Shirley for information and help.

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 website for more information. www.delawaretribe.org.

Operation Eagle Stomp Dance

April 16, 2011

Dewey-Washington County Fair Grounds.

News from the Housing Authority of The Delaware Tribe

By Joyce Smith, Housing Officer

The Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe is seeking low income Native American families in need of housing. Currently, the HADT has vacancies available in the Rental Program in Rogers and Washington Counties. We also have several rental units coming available in the Chelsea and Claremore areas, including units at the elder complex at Delaware Acres.

The HADT is also in the process of purchasing additional units within our service area. The location of these units is based on the need of our people within the local communities. 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.

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 \$51,500. 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 and three and bedroom units with central heat and air, 1 or 1-1/2 baths (depending upon unit size) washer & dryer hook-ups, most have a fenced back yard

and a single or double garage.

Rent is based on 25% (not to exceed 30%) of the family's adjusted income and the ceiling rents currently range from \$200 to \$400 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. Feel free to contact the HADT office for more information regarding our housing programs or for help if assistance is needed in completing the housing application. The HADT phone number is 918/789-2525 and the office hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

When Lightning Or A Hail Storm Strike Take precautions for Safety

By Melonie Downs, Procurment Officer Delaware Housing Authority

There are three main ways lightning enters homes and buildings: (1) is a direct strike, (2) through wires or pipes that extend outside the structure, and (3) through the ground.

- A. Unplug any appliances or electronic equipment from all conductors well before a thunderstorm threatens-do not unplug equipment during a thunderstorm as there is a risk you could be struck.
- B. Don't touch electrical equipment or cords. Unplug electronic equipment before the storm arrives.
- C. Avoid plumbing. Do not wash your hands, take a shower or wash dishes.
- D. Stay away from win-

dows and doors, and stay off porches. Do not lie on concrete floors and do not lean against concrete walls.

- E. When hail hits, it can shred roof coverings and lead to water damage to your ceilings, walls, floors, appliances and personal possessions. It can also break the windows throughout your home.
- F. Attach window shutters to the outside of the home to protect windows from breaking. Because large pieces of hail can shatter windows, close your drapes, blinds or window shades to prevent the wind from blowing broken glass inside.
- G. Stay away from skylights and doors.

Summer Heat Safety Tips

By Rick Adair, Assistant Director Delaware Housing Authority

During late spring and summer many people like to spend time outside in the sun for fun. But overexposure to the sun can damage the skin and could cause skin cancer. Heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat rash are possible when you become overexerted in the heat. Put your health first in order to enjoy the summer. Here are a few safety tips:

- Wear a wide-brimmed hat to keep your head and face cool. This will also provide added protection from damaging sun exposure. Baseball caps provide little protection except to the

face. A hat should protect the neck, face and ears.

- Wear a long-sleeved shirt at all times. It should be light colored and loose fitting except when working around machinery.
- Carry a source of water with you. Take drinks frequently-every 15 minutes.
- Take frequent breaks in the shade or in a cool environment during the hottest times of the day.
- Adjust gradually to working in the heat over a period of 10-20 days.
- Someone suffering from heat exhaustion or heat stroke should be moved to a cool environment, offered sips of water, if conscious, and provided with attention from emergency medical personnel.
- Wear sunscreen that has an SPF of at least 15. Make sure children are also adequately protected.

Keep in mind these questions before going outside: Is fresh water available? Is sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 on hand? Is protective clothing available and being worn?

Enjoy the season and be safe.

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.

Board of Commissions
 Joanne Burger, Chairman
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 Mary Huddleston, Secretary/
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 Members Bob Barnes, and
 Karen Wilson
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 Joyce Smith, Housing Officer,
 Melanie Downs, Procurement
 Officer,
 Susan Hefner, Receptionist,
Maintenance Crew:
 Kyle Morrision, Caleb Green,
 Alan Tatum, and Ben Kelley

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.

Education Committee Update

By Education Committee Chair Verna Crawford

Trust Education Committee in the first quarter of 2011 has awarded six scholarships, three education assistance, two athletic assistance and one drivers education assistance request.

The first half of the year usually has fewer applications. School supply vouchers are distributed in late August and early September to students in pre-K through sixth grade. The education and athletic assistance request

are higher in the first semester. Attention, 2011 seniors

Academic Achievement Awards of \$100 is given to any graduate with a 3.5 or better GPA this includes high school, college or Vo-Tech.

Seniors send us a story and picture of your graduation to share with all the Delaware people in the DIN. We are proud of you and are interested in your successes. Let us know what you plan to do after graduation.

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LIHEAP Assistance Available



Attention Tribal members! With the hot, sweltering summer approaching, you may want to start thinking about applying for our Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program offered by the Delaware Tribe of Indians. This program has already helped several members of our Tribe, and we want to continue helping. Please feel free to come apply at the Tribal Headquarters located at 170 NE Barbara Bartlesville Ok, 74003. Those who qualify can receive assistance of up to \$150 per year for cooling assistance. For information and questions on LIHEAP, please contact Lacey Harris at 918-337-6595.

Youth Justice Leadership Institute Seeks Applicants

The National Juvenile Justice Network seeks applicants for the pilot year of its Youth Justice Leadership Institute. The Institute's mission is to create the foundation for a more effective juvenile justice reform movement by developing a strong base of well prepared and well trained advocates and organizers who reflect the communities most affected by juvenile justice system practices and policies. The Institute's inaugural year will focus on cultivating and supporting professionals of color. The Institute is a robust, yearlong program that includes

leadership development, training in juvenile justice system policies and practices, and advocacy skills development. The Institute will bring fellows together twice during the year, attach each fellow to a mentor and envelope fellows within the larger juvenile justice reform community. If you are a professional of color and are interested in applying for the Institute, please visit our [web site](http://www.juvjustice.org) to download our application packet or contact the Institute's Coordinator, Diana Onley-Campbell, at diana@juvjustice.org. Applications are due on April 26, 2011.

After Three Years Inactivity, the

Afterborn List is Revisited

The office has been working diligently on the "afterborns" list. This is a list of tribal members born between October 3, 1972–August 01, 1980 and was compiled for a per capita payment. Years ago, tribal members received a judgment from trust settlements, but the "afterborn" list includes tribal members that were born after these disbursements. Many checks were mailed in 2007 to this age group. Some of the checks that went out were returned with bad addresses and we still have members

for which we are searching. Please contact the tribal office at 918-337-6595 or email lharris@delawaretribe.org if you have information about missing "afterborns". If you have confirmed a correct address in recent months, you should receive a check within the next 60 days. The checks are not mailed out from the tribal office and go through two offices and a court system to be mailed. If you move, you need to change your address with the post office or your check will be returned.



Community Service Program

The Delaware Tribe of Indians offers a wide range of assistance through our Community Service Program. Tribal members can apply for the following Tribal Programs: Eyeglass Assistance (Elder & Student), Utility Assistance, Housing Assistance, Burial Assistance, Dental Assistance, Medical Bill Assistance, and Hospital Equipment Assistance. Most programs offer \$100.00-\$150.00 annually. Elder programs include: Prescription Medication Assistance.

Community Service has expended \$684.23 for services to tribal members as of March 17, 2011.

You can come apply at the Tribal Headquarters 170 NE Barbara Bartlesville, Ok 74006. For information and questions about Community Service, please contact Lacey Harris at 918-337-6595.

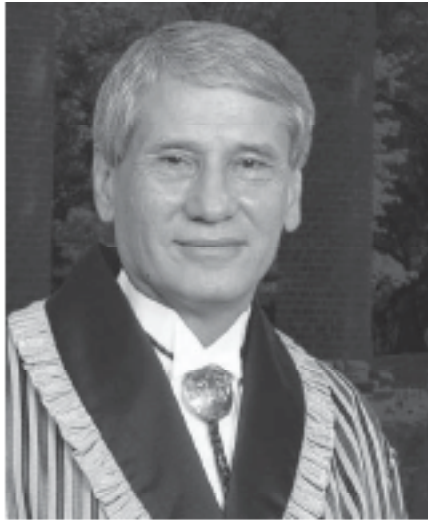


Delaware Tribal Education Programs

- College Scholarships are awarded in August for the Fall Semester. Deadline for applications is July 30. The Spring Scholarships are awarded in February. Deadline for applications is January 30. Students are given \$800 total for lifetime. This is distributed \$400 per semester. Applicants must provide proof of enrollment, maintain a 2.5 GPA and be a Delaware Tribal member. Applications may be obtained on line at the Tribal Web site, www.delawaretribe.org or contact Tribal office.
- 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 918-336-6595.



**RE-ELECT
CHEROKEE NATION
PRINCIPAL CHIEF**

**Chad "Cocuttassel"
SMITH**



RIGHT DIRECTION

"We are building an economy in northeastern Oklahoma, creating jobs in our local communities and keeping our culture strong. We are maturing as a nation, and as a people. We have worked hard, accomplished much and the stars have never been higher when it comes to the future of the Cherokee Nation and our people. As Cherokee people it is our legacy and duty to take the resources we have, nurture them and pass something worthwhile on to our children. "Di ni yo ti u na li s do iv do di," we do that so our children can help themselves. By working together the Cherokee Nation today has become a thriving economic powerhouse built upon a foundation of Cherokee values, culture and language, enabling us to leave a legacy for future generations. There's still a lot of work to do as we prepare the next generation of Cherokee. We need continue making strides in a positive direction by pressing on to finish what we started. We have come to far to turn back now."

- Principal Chief Chadwick "Cocuttassel" Smith

A Long Line of Cherokee Service...

Principal Chief Smith comes from a long line of Cherokee patriots and leaders. He is the great grandson of Redbird Smith, a Cherokee Senator and traditionalist who resisted the federal policy of forced allotment at the turn of the century. His grandmother, Rachel Johnson Quinton, worked tirelessly throughout her life to enable the Cherokee government to recover from the devastating effects of that policy. As Principal Chief, Chad has carried on that legacy, fighting to uphold the inherent rights and sovereignty of the Cherokee Nation. Chad has served the Cherokee people in many capacities since the early 1970's, including as a Tribal Planner, Educator, Attorney, Director of Justice and Historian. As Principal Chief, he has overseen an unprecedented growth in economic development, job creation, education and tribal services.

Chief Smith holds a B.A. in Education from the University of Georgia; a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Wisconsin and a Juris Doctorate, Law from the University of Tulsa. He recently earned an additional Master's Degree in Hospitality Management from University of Nevada, LV.

Principal Chief Smith Has Done What He Said He Would Do...

- Championed a Free Press newspaper, open records and transparent government with print and video annual reports to the Cherokee people
- Provided for a fiscally responsible government, with the Cherokee Nation earning nine consecutive awards for Excellence in Government Accounting
- Encouraged the development of Cherokee communities with self help projects including 30 community buildings, 122 miles of water lines, and a partnership to build 650 miles of rural roads.
- Created over 5,000 jobs
- Promoted education with \$20 million contributed to public schools and 23,000 college scholarships
- Honored our elders with repairs for 4,200 homes, the construction of three elderly housing facilities, and the delivery of more than 384,000 meals for the Cherokee elderly

- Worked to preserve our language and culture with 80 children in the Cherokee immersion school, over a thousand history and language classes, restored the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court building, dedicated money to purchase Cherokee art for all new construction, organized nationally acclaimed art markets, released eight youth Choir CDs exclusively in the Cherokee language and secured release of an application for the Cherokee syllabary on the iPhone.
- Improved health care by tripling the patient visits per year and building or expanding clinics in Muskogee, Vinita, Bartlesville, Salina, Iry, Nowata, and Sallisaw, as well as taking over management of Hastings Hospital with \$9 million in improvements.
- Insured a stable and productive government as recognized with countless awards in Veterans Affairs, Social Work, Health, Community Development and Education

And He Will Continue Leading The Tribe In The Right Direction

- Provide honest leadership and administer an open government
- Respect and uphold the Cherokee Nation constitution and laws
- Listen to and understand the needs of Cherokee people
- Encourage participation and engage Cherokee communities in their government
- Create jobs and grow our economy
- Preserve and Promote the Cherokee language, history and culture

The Cherokee Nation has made good strides under its current administration. We take great comfort in the strength of our Creator and in the values of our ancestors. They led by example in working together and doing what is right for one another and our nation. It is in this spirit of "ga du gi" that we will find the strength to accomplish something worthwhile. With Chad and Chris we have the continuity, strength and dedication in leadership needed to keep moving forward in a positive direction.

-Benny Smith



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DEPUTY CHIEF**

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SOAP**



RIGHT DIRECTION

"Growing up we were taught that it is the Cherokee way to be industrious, self-sufficient, and responsive in the service of our families, and our Cherokee communities. Demonstratively Cherokee people take pride in the cultural values and principles inherited from our ancestors. Today we have become leaders in open government and financial responsibility while creating thousands of new jobs and helping Cherokees to help themselves more. I think it's obvious to anyone who looks at how far the Cherokee Nation has come since Chad Smith became Chief that he's done a great job. I'm glad to have been a part of it the past few years on the Tribal Council. I look forward to working with the Cherokee people and Chief Smith as Deputy Chief to continue building on a strong foundation that began a short decade ago. Improving efficiency in delivery of services to Cherokee citizens, identifying community economic development opportunities and dedication of more resources toward educational and career development opportunities will be my focus as we continue moving forward in the right direction." - Chris Soap

A Long Line of Cherokee Service...

Deputy Principal Chief candidate Chris Soap was born and raised in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and comes from a family of traditional public servants. Like his dad, Charlie Soap, his mother Lyn Whittington, and his step-mother, Wilma Mankiller, Chris has devoted his life to community service. Since 2007, he has served as a Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilor, serving as co-chair of the Community Services committee and the Resource committee. He also serves on the Health, Education and Culture, Rules and Executive Finance committees. Chris brings a common sense approach to problem solving, using the lessons he learned from his parents, teamwork, self-reliance, trust and faith in his ability to improve the lives of Cherokee people. He represents a bright new generation of educated, experienced and dedicated Cherokee leadership.

Chris has a B.S. in Biology from Northeastern State University. He began in an entry level position with an international company located in the Mid-America Industrial Park and worked his way up to plant manager responsible for 80 employees. These years of experience have given Chris a firm foundation in business management. Chris has been married to his wife, Sylvia, for seventeen years and they have a son, Corey. Chris, Sylvia and Corey live in Pryor.

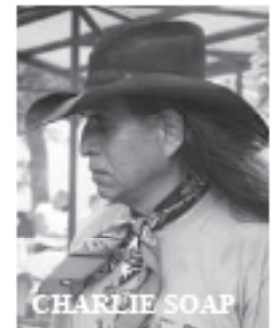
As Deputy Chief, Chris Soap will focus on:

- Education, Jobs and Self-sufficiency
- Scholarships for Higher Education
- Efficiency in delivering tribal services
- Economic development opportunities for Cherokee communities
- Cultural Preservation, including historic sites, language, history and traditional arts and crafts

Chris and Chad have a great track record of working in Cherokee communities, and serving the Cherokee people. I've been with Chad eight years and I'm proud of what we've accomplished in that time. I look forward to being a part of what he and Chris do in the coming years. - Joe Grayson, Jr., Deputy Chief 2003 - 2011

I am very proud of the things that Chris has accomplished. I know that he will continue to be of great service in doing the Cherokee people's work as Deputy Chief. Chris and Principal Chief Chad Smith have my full support as they did from Wilma. It was very important to Wilma that I share with you her letter of support for Chris below. It is the very last official document that Wilma signed before her passing last year. Wade!

-Charlie Soap



CHARLIE SOAP

WILMA MANKILLER

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Endorsement of Chris Soap for
Deputy Chief of the Cherokee Nation
April 4, 2010

I am endorsing Chris Soap for Deputy Chief of the Cherokee Nation in the 2011 election. Here are the reasons why:

Chris is an extraordinary young man by any measure. He has wisdom way beyond his years. He is polite and respectful, but also his own man. If he believes in something, he stands up for it.

Chris is also a successful businessman who entered the company at the bottom and worked his way up. He works hard and humbly in the community.

Chris Soap is the real deal - genuine, gentle, strong, of good mind and heart. I've seen him work late into the night in the furthest reaches of our communities when people needed his help. He has his father's people skills and heart, but the truth is that I would be endorsing him whatever his family. I hope everyone may come to know and trust Chris just as I have done on his path to becoming a Tribal leader.

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Grant Received

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students.

The office will provide space for an intake specialist to be able to assist and refer clients in need of housing and provide them with information and referrals on work related needs. Space will also be set aside to provide a computer for use by the elders in the Tribe for elder education services. Training and resources will be available in the library for elders on health issues, [diabetes](#), and nutrition.

Services and information will also be provided for clients on environmental concerns such as recycling, lead hazards, mold, etc. Staff will be able to assist clients with an assessment of their home on energy/utility cost saving strategies and improvements that can be made to increase the efficiency of their utility usage. Staff will also be able to make assessments and recommendations on lead hazards and mold infestations in clients' homes. Trainings for clients will be conducted on lead hazards, [energy efficiency](#) of the home, water quality, air quality, and other environmental concerns.

The [Delaware Social Services Building](#) will also have a safe room for use by the clients, elders in the nutrition program, and staff in the building. The safe room will be open to anyone on the Lenape Addition.

Programs and services for the Delaware Tribe of Indians continue to increase with the restoration of their federal recognition in 2009. Services will be added as needed to benefit the people of the Delaware Tribe. A library/resource room will be established for clients that will provide them with needed resources and information. Accounting staff that will be specific to the services provided will also be housed in the Social Services building as well as an IT room that will serve the building.

Services provided through the programs established in the Social Services building must meet income eligibility guidelines established by the Tribe to be eligible for services. All of the clients using the services will fall within the categories of the low to moderate income eligibility criteria and/or will be elder Tribal members.

The Tribe also plans to develop a long range master plan for the development of economic ventures and services for the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Delaware Tribe EPA Program Update

By Frank Hensley - Director

The US EPA General Assistance Program Grant (GAP) was awarded to the Delaware Tribe for \$130,000.00 in May 2010. This is a 19 month grant, (usually they are a fiscal year 12 month grant cycle). The grant's time period is from May 3, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

The EPA GAP Grant is for the Tribe to administer its own integrated environmental program, develop the capability to manage specific programs and establish a core program for environmental protection.

Within these guide lines, previous work was completed and the required reports were submitted to the Delaware Tribe and EPA officials. This left an amount of \$105,000.00 for the full (12 month) fiscal year 2010/11.

I washed as the Environmental Director on January 24, 2011 to date. Since that time I have:

1. Made contact with Dallas Region 6, officials notifying them of my new

position here at this Tribe and getting updated as to where the Delaware Tribal Environmental Program (DTEP) is in its compliance.

2. Purchased a used four wheel drive extended cab pickup truck for the delivery of GAP objectives was done.
3. And other office supplies and hardware/software were purchased for use, such as a network color laser printer, scanners, printer paper, pens, etc.

The US EPA Air 103 grant also was evaluated and US EPA Region 6 officials were contacted and updated on the DTEP' status. The EPA Air 103 grant has a funding amount of \$87,000.00 for fiscal year 2010/11. Hiring of an EPA Air personnel has been posted online on the Tribe's website to carry out Air work plan deliverables. To date, this deliverable has not been achieved.

Contact was made with Tribal Air

Monitoring Support (TAMS) officials, Christopher Lee and Farsi Shahid, in obtaining particulate Hi-Vol samplers to be donated to the Tribal EPA Air program. We also discussed a training agreement to be supplied by the TAMS University of Arizona outreach department.

Other efforts discussed were the Delaware Tribe's certification into another SBA 8(a) company to be developed.

There is an investigation into a previous multi-Tribal lawsuit/litigation with the Osage, Cherokee, BIA and Oklahoma Fish and Wildlife damage award search from a superfund site from a zinc smelting plant in the Bartlesville area.

The information Technology (IT) evaluation of the Tribe's network, hardware, software and other peripherals to streamline and target cost saving changes is underway.

Deadline Approaches For Native Americans In Indian Trust Settlement Certain Class Members Must Act By April 20, 2011

Washington, D.C. – March 29, 2011 – The Court-ordered process of notifying individual Indians of their legal rights in the historic \$3.4 billion class action Settlement, *Cobell v. Salazar*, is coming to a close. The Settlement resolves claims related to Individual Indian Money (or IIM) accounts and interests in land held in trust or restricted fee by the federal government for the benefit of individual Indians.

Class Members all over the country have received detailed information about their legal rights and options via U.S. Mail and through an extensive media campaign, which included Native American print media, television and radio ads, and online advertising.

Class Members who received a formal notice in the mail about the Settlement and who are currently receiving IIM account statements do not have to do anything to receive payment. Individuals who believe they should be part of the Settlement but did not receive a notice in the mail or are not receiving IIM account statements need to fill out a Claim Form as soon as possible, available at the Indian Trust website or by calling the toll-free number.

Class Members who wish to keep their right to sue the federal government over mismanagement claims covered by the Settlement must exclude themselves from the Settlement by April 20, 2011. Class Members can also submit written comments or objections about any Settlement terms that concern them by April 20, 2011.

The Settlement provides a \$1.5 billion

fund to compensate an estimated 500,000 affected individual Indian trust beneficiaries who have or had IIM accounts or hold an interest in trust or restricted land. The Settlement creates two groups of Class Members eligible to receive money from the fund—the Historical Accounting Class and the Trust Administration Class.

- The Historical Accounting Class comprises individual Indians who were alive on September 30, 2009, who had an open IIM account anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and whose account had at least one cash transaction.

- The Trust Administration Class comprises individual Indians alive on September 30,

2009, who had an IIM Account at any time from 1985 through September 30, 2009, recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems, as well as individual Indians who, as of September 30, 2009, had a recorded or demonstrable interest in land held in trust or restricted status.

Under the Settlement Agreement, \$1.9 billion will fund a Department of the Interior program to buy fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers to benefit tribal communities and aid in land consolidation. Depending on the level of participation in the land consolidation pro-

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Lenape Language Preservation Project

By Jim Rementer, Project Director

Project History: In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the National Science Foundation to produce a dictionary database of Lenape. We had the database built to create a Lenape Talking Dictionary. Much of the funding went to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes which were made in past years with native speakers of Lenape. Please visit the dictionary at www.talk-lenape.org.

Additional Information: The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress. At present the number of Lenape words in the Dictionary is about 14,000, and we have many more to add. Of these words almost 5,500 have sound files, and over 1,400 have sample sentences. We continue to have our audiotapes of Lenape speakers converted to digital format, which then need to be edited to extract the Lenape words. These are then entered into the Dictionary database and become immediately available on the Internet. We should mention that the sound files are not all of studio quality. Most were recorded whenever and wherever possible – sitting in someone's living room, on their porch, in a classroom, etc., so you may hear a dog barking in the background, or a baby crying, or people talking.

We would appreciate comments on the Lenape Dictionary. We hope you will find this useful as a learning tool. We will continue adding to the Grammar and Lessons sections so you can start learning how to construct sentences in Lenape. It is now up to you, the Lenape people who want to learn the language of your ancestors, to make good use of this material the Lenape elders left for your benefit. We agree with linguist Dr. Wes Leonard of the Miami Tribe that well documented languages such as Lenape are not extinct, just "sleeping." Wanishi!

Editors note: Jim Rementer just received word the Tribe was awarded a National Sciences Foundation Grant for a Language Database Project for \$ 46,830.00.

Settlement

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gram, up to \$60 million will be set aside to provide scholarships for higher education for American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

The website www.IndianTrust.com and toll-free number 1-800-961-6109 are available to provide more information about the Settlement and the legal rights of Class Members. Individuals who are unsure whether they are included in the Settlement should visit the website or call the toll-free number for more information.

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 also have the following news and items of interest to share.

NAGPRA Seminar: Delaware Burial Practices in the Archaeological Record, May 27, 2011

The Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office will be hosting a NAGPRA Seminar on the topic of Delaware Burial Practices in the Archaeological Record on May 27, 2011. This one-day event will bring together archaeologists, museum representatives and tribal members to share their experiences and research on the topic. The goal of the presentations is to incorporate contemporary tribal perspectives with the ways in which archaeologists interpret the artifacts found at past Delaware gravesites in order to better access the funerary nature of such objects. The seminar will be held at the Delaware Community Center in Bartlesville and is free and open to the public. The presentations will begin at 8:30am and conclude at 4:30pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for those who attend.

Beyond this one-day seminar, we continue to encourage any tribal member that would like to provide us with their experiences at traditional Delaware funerals to contact Brice Obermeyer at (918) 335-7026 or bobermey@emporia.edu. Participation is voluntary and the information provided will be used to help our office in our ongoing repatriation efforts to rebury Delaware human remains and funerary objects housed in museum collections.

Lenape Culture Day, March 19, 2011

The Delaware Nation and the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office co-sponsored the Lenape Culture Day at the Delaware Nation tribal headquarters in Anadarko. The event featured speakers from both the Delaware Tribe and the Delaware Nation who gave presentations on the Big House Ceremony, Delaware language, history, song and dance. Among the presenters from the Delaware Tribe were Titus Frenchman, James Jackson, Nicky Michael, Levi Randall, Lyndsey Trusler and John Sumpter. Participants also enjoyed an afternoon of Delaware, Euchee and Caddo social dances

at the outdoor ground next to the Delaware Nation's replica Big House building. Plans are currently underway to host a similar event in Bartlesville during the coming year.

The Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office invites applications from undergraduate and graduate students interested in an internship opportunity for the Summer and Fall 2011 semesters. Two interns will be accepted with one serving in the summer and one in the fall. The selected interns must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program and will need to enroll in an internship course that is offered by their educational institution. This an unpaid opportunity that will provide valuable on the job experience in, and familiarity with, the growing field of tribal historic preservation. To apply, please submit a brief letter of interest addressing the qualifications below and an unofficial transcript to Dr. Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribal Historic Preservation Office, 1420 C of E Drive, Emporia, KS. Electronic (e-mailed to bobermey@delawaretribe.org). We are particularly interested in students who meet or exceed the following qualifications:

1. Holds a 3.2 or higher cumulative G.P.A from a four year institution
2. Has successfully completed, or is currently enrolled in, a course related to Native American Studies (History, Anthropology, Literature, etc.)
3. Has a flexible schedule with time to work 10 hours/week in our Emporia based office
4. Holds a Junior status or higher for undergraduates
5. Has a particular skill, background or training that may enhance our program
6. An interest in pursuing a career or graduate work in Historic Preservation, Native American studies, Cultural Resource Management or Anthropology

Preference will be given to Native American students. If wishing to be considered under this preference, please include a photocopy of your CDIB and/or tribal membership card.

THPO and IMLS Grants submitted

The Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office submitted two grants during this past winter with the considerable assistance from our collaborators at Missouri State University and staff at the Delaware Tribal Headquarters. The first is a Historic Preservation Fund grant that provides up to \$40,000 for tribe's to undertake specific projects related to identifying and protecting important historic sites. This year's proposal is to partner with the Center for Archaeological Research at Missouri State University in Springfield to survey and inventory the historic Delaware

sites in the James River Valley that date to the tribe's early nineteenth century occupation of the region. If funded, the added support would allow us to survey an additional 500 acres in the James River Valley while also providing training to tribal members with an interest in archaeology. The grant would also allow us to nominate two Delaware occupation sites to the National Register of Historic Places and expand our GIS map database to include the Delaware sites in southwest Missouri. We should know by June of this year if the proposal is funded.

The second grant is a much more modest proposal (\$7,000) to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to provide a basic library services. As was submitted last year, we requested support to allow us to continue to scan and digitize important tribal documents. This project would continue in collaboration with the Bartlesville Library and the Bartlesville History Museum who are providing training and technical support for the project. We will know if the funds are awarded in June of this year. The successful submission of this grant will allow us to apply for an additional \$150,000 to enhance and expand our project goals. The deadline for the enhancement proposals is May of this year and we plan to submit an application.

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

The Denver Museum of Nature and Science held a consultation meeting with representatives from all of the federally recognized tribes with an ancestral connection to the state of Pennsylvania. The consultation was an effort to document and repatriate three sets of human remains that were excavated from a well-known historic Susquehannock village. As a result of loans made from a private collection, the Denver Museum is now in possession of the remains and is working to return the remains to the appropriate tribe.

The challenge has been that the remains are known to be Susquehannock and there is no Susquehannock Tribe today. Thus, according to the law, the remains were previously considered "culturally unidentifiable." Following the consultation and in collaboration with the related tribes, the Denver Museum has now been convinced that the closest affiliated tribe is the Onondaga Nation while also recognizing that some Susquehannocks merged with the Delaware Tribe during the removals from Pennsylvania. This historic turn of events presents a milestone for our efforts and the efforts of other Delaware, Shawnee and Iroquoian tribes who can now begin the important task of repatriating and reburying human remains and funerary objects throughout the state of Pennsylvania that are identified as culturally unidentifiable.



Chief Paula Pechonick, Council Members Jan Brown and Jenifer Pechonick and Attorney Vicki Sousa (not pictured) meet with Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith, Melanie Knight and Paula Ragsdale (not pictured) to receive two checks totaling \$338,000.00



Above: Ben Affleck and The Stomp Out Cancer Team,

From left are Mickey Morrison, Jenifer Pechonick, Ben Affleck, David Tyner, Dude Blalock, Terri Buffalohead, LuAnn Hainline, Kristin Morrison, Committee Chairperson, and Walter Dye get together for a group picture. Walter Dye, Ben Affleck and Dude Blalock during an honor song, at right. Ben Affleck was in Bartlesville, Oklahoma shooting scenes for a movie recently, joined a stomp dance being held as a fund raiser for Stomp Out Cancer. The film used the main room of the Delaware Community Center for lunch.



Ben Affleck's participation was appreciated

Bright Beginnings Celebrates NAEYC Accreditation and 3 Star Status!

On February 1st, 2011, Bright Beginnings, a Delaware Child Development program in Claremore OK, became accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). On April 1st, 2011, Bright Beginnings will be recognized by State Licensing as a 3 Star Center, as well. These two high achievements mark the level of excellence at which Bright Beginnings operates daily.

National accreditation is an optional achievement for child development centers, requiring daily practices superior to that which local agencies mandate. Several national organizations are recognized to accredit early childhood programs and NAEYC is regarded as one of the best. Achievement of accreditation through NAEYC comes after a lengthy and difficult process of meeting each criterion expressed as best practice for children. This lengthy process, along with successful evaluation by a NAEYC assessor, earns accreditation for a child development center. Bright Beginnings completed this process and became accredited February 1st, 2011. The center will hold this credential for five years. This makes Bright Beginnings the first full-day child development program in Claremore, OK to be NAEYC accredited.

Bright Beginnings then applied to be recognized as a 3 Star Center in the state of Oklahoma. This application was approved for April 1st, 2011, making Bright Beginnings one of only two, 3 Star full-day

programs in Rogers County, OK. The only other full-day, 3 Star Center is Secondine Child Development Center (a Delaware Child Development program) in Chelsea, OK. The Oklahoma Reaching for the Stars Program offers star ratings of 1+, 2, and 3, with 3 Star being the highest level possible. These two Delaware Child Development centers have achieved and maintain the highest level of performance recognized by State Licensing.

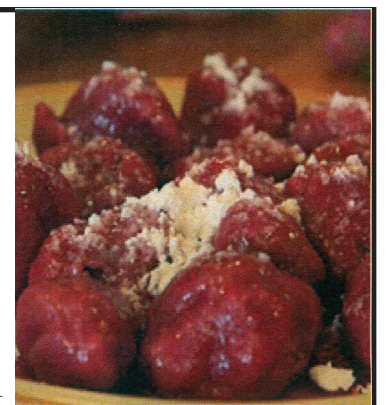
Bright Beginnings is proud to be a NAEYC accredited, 3 Star Center. These achievements provide concrete evidence of the quality of care offered at this center. Currently, Bright Beginnings has 52 children enrolled and several more on a waiting list. The center is active in the community, bringing awareness to the crucial role of quality childcare for families and children. Bright Beginnings employs many bachelor degreed staff and offers strong provider/parent relationships. Varied learning activities, guided by a play-based curriculum called Creative Curriculum, are offered every day to all ages. Family meetings, trainings and special events are regularly scheduled at the center. Children and families throughout Claremore, Oklahoma are proud to call Bright Beginnings their school and to make it an extension of their home.

Three of four of the Delaware Child Development centers are nationally accredited centers. The other centers are located in Bartlesville, OK and Caney, KS.

Grape Dumplings

A traditional Delaware Dish

- 1 cup flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp shortening
- 1/2 cup grape juice



Mix flour, baking powder, sugar, salt. Add shortening. Add juice and mix into stiff dough. Roll dough very thin on floured board and cut into strips 112" wide (or roll dough in hands and break off pea-sized bits). Drop into boiling grape juice and cook for 10 - 12 minutes. By Susan Hefner (Reprinted from the Housing Authority Quarterly Newsletter)